

To complete each item, choose the best word or phrase from among the four choices. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and mark your answer.

- (1) A: I heard you met with the CEO about the proposal. How did it go?  
B: It was a bit frustrating; he was so ( ) that I couldn't gauge his actual thoughts or concerns about the project.
- 1 idyllic      2 zingy      3 laconic      4 convivial
- (2) After their long hike, they were ( ) and ate the sandwiches they had packed. The fresh mountain air had certainly stimulated their appetites.
- 1 ravenous      2 morbid      3 vehement      4 sketchy
- (3) When he tried to explain the complex scientific theory, it came out as complete ( ), leaving everyone in the room completely confused.
- 1 zesty      2 anemic      3 gibberish      4 plumb
- (4) With a mighty swing of his axe, he ( ) the log in two, the chips scattering in all directions. It was a display of his incredible strength and precision.
- 1 impugned      2 muffed      3 expounded      4 cleaved
- (5) A: I can't believe how ( ) he was during the meeting, making those inappropriate jokes.  
B: Yeah, it was really embarrassing. Some people just don't know how to be polite.
- 1 crass      2 stolid      3 omniscient      4 whimsical
- (6) The powerful nation sought to establish its ( ) over the region by influencing neighboring governments. This dominance was maintained through economic pressure, military strength, and strategic alliances.
- 1 philanthropy      2 hegemony      3 aspersion      4 quirk
- (7) A: Why do you look so ( ) today, lost in thought?  
B: I was just thinking about my childhood and all the adventures we had; it brings back a flood of memories and some bittersweet nostalgia.
- 1 pensive      2 concave      3 berserk      4 sodden

- (8) Facing a formidable opponent in the championship match, Mark couldn't help but feel like he had met his ( ) on the court.
- 1 nemesis      2 stint      3 miscue      4 nook
- (9) Despite the seriousness of the situation, his ( ) nature and witty remarks never failed to lighten the mood during meetings.
- 1 veritable      2 sardonic      3 jocular      4 perfunctory
- (10) The confident musician took the stage with a ( ), commanding the audience's attention before he even played a single song.
- 1 catalyst      2 swagger      3 furlough      4 rectitude
- (11) Tammy delivered a passionate speech in favor of the new policy but later decided to ( ) her support after listening to the opposing arguments. Her decision to change her mind surprised many of her colleagues.
- 1 abrade      2 creak      3 amble      4 recant
- (12) During the war, the enemy forces would often ( ) the villages, taking everything of value and leaving a trail of destruction in their wake.
- 1 forebode      2 reprobate      3 allay      4 pillage
- (13) The small company was ( ) with financial difficulties and struggled to stay afloat in a competitive market. Despite the challenges, the dedicated employees continued to work hard, hoping to overcome the obstacles and succeed.
- 1 honed      2 beleaguered      3 forged      4 obfuscated
- (14) A: I can't believe she ( ) on your feelings and didn't even apologize.  
B: I know, it's frustrating how she could be so thoughtless about something that meant so much to me.
- 1 trampled      2 exhorted      3 leached      4 mutilated

- (15) After years of hard work, she expected a substantial raise, but instead, she received ( ) wages that barely covered her expenses.
- 1 cheeky      2 measly      3 wayward      4 blithe
- (16) The workload kept piling up, creating an ( ) burden on Edward's shoulders. It felt like the weight of the world was pressing down on him.
- 1 akin      2 imperious      3 insufferable      4 offbeat
- (17) The ( ) crown worn by the queen was a symbol of her authority. It was adorned with precious gems and intricate work, making it a magnificent piece of royal jewelry.
- 1 vincible      2 fraught      3 ornate      4 feisty
- (18) His sudden illness ( ) a challenging year ahead, but he remained optimistic and determined to overcome any obstacles in his path.
- 1 propitiated      2 disparaged      3 presaged      4 instated
- (19) The region's rapid growth led to the formation of a vast metropolitan area of cities and towns. This ( ) became a hub of economic activity and innovation, attracting people from all over the country.
- 1 scruple      2 pore      3 caveat      4 conurbation
- (20) A: Why is it important to teach history?  
B: Teaching history is crucial because it allows us to learn from the past and avoid the cycles of violence ( ) by previous generations.
- 1 groused      2 reviled      3 postulated      4 perpetuated
- (21) While the negotiations began amicably, tensions rose, and the both sides stared at each other with ( ) eyes. The atmosphere became hostile as a result.
- 1 truculent      2 superlative      3 palliative      4 provident

(22) The couple spared no expense on their wedding, ensuring that every detail was perfect. They didn't want to ( ) creating beautiful memories for their special day.

- 1 farm out      2 cave in      3 rat out      4 scrimp on

(23) Yuna decided to ( ) her precious memories in a hidden corner of her heart, protecting them from the passage of time.

- 1 whisk away      2 ebb away      3 lock away      4 waste away

(24) A: Did you manage to open the locked drawer?

B: Yes, I ( ) the wooden panel, and inside, I found a hidden stash of vintage coins.

- 1 came around      2 chewed out      3 pried out      4 shoved around

(25) Richard watched his dog ( ) water from the clear stream, her thirst finally quenched after a long walk in the sun.

- 1 lap up      2 summon up      3 sober up      4 sew up

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