

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: Could you ( ) some cheese for the pasta, please?  
B: Absolutely, I'll get right on it. I think it'll give the pasta the perfect finishing touch.
- 1 articulate      2 grate      3 suffocate      4 ramble
- (2) As the sun began to set, couples strolled hand in hand along the ( ), enjoying the romantic atmosphere of the tranquil evening.
- 1 tartar      2 carcass      3 mezzanine      4 promenade
- (3) Tim felt something ( ) in his left eye, like a tiny grain of sand. He tried to blink it away, but it seemed to be stuck, making his eye feel uncomfortable.
- 1 gritty      2 tart      3 optimal      4 robust
- (4) While hiking through the dense forest, Brett's jacket got ( ) on a thorny bush and made a small hole. Fortunately, it didn't ruin the whole trip, and he enjoyed the rest of the hike without any further mishaps.
- 1 fermented      2 diverted      3 sterilized      4 snagged
- (5) A: Could you add a ( ) of salt to the soup?  
B: Of course, a small amount of salt can make a big difference in bringing out the flavors.
- 1 hump      2 pinch      3 stall      4 viscosity
- (6) The artist mixed different colors to create a beautiful painting. She carefully mixed different shades of blue to create the perfect ( ) for the sky.
- 1 apparatus      2 pinnacle      3 denomination      4 pigment
- (7) A: Did you clean the kitchen thoroughly?  
B: Yes, I ( ) the dirty sink, scrubbed the fan, and even cleaned the oven. It's spotless now.
- 1 toppled      2 scoured      3 ventilated      4 fluctuated

- (8) The pushy salesperson at the mall would not take no for an answer and continued to ( ) the products, explaining numerous benefits and discounts in an attempt to make a sale.
- 1 tout                      2 detangle                      3 dismount                      4 forge
- (9) The old bookshelf in the school library was slightly ( ), making it precarious and in need of some repairs to ensure the safety of students.
- 1 busked                      2 affixed                      3 trespassed                      4 tilted
- (10) When Tammy took a bite of the freshly baked pie, her eyes lit up with delight. The sweetness and the ( ) taste of the warm pie were simply irresistible.
- 1 translucent                      2 luscious                      3 equine                      4 colossal
- (11) A: Have you ever gone camping in the deep woods?  
B: Yes, I have. Sometimes the forest can be incredibly ( ) at night, with all the rustling leaves and mysterious sounds.
- 1 transparent                      2 spooky                      3 irresistible                      4 antiseptic
- (12) As the guard observed the suspicious individuals ( ) near the entrance, he became increasingly concerned about the security of the building. To ensure safety, he decided to alert the authorities.
- 1 sprouting                      2 unleashing                      3 loitering                      4 flicking
- (13) The air mattress gradually lost its firmness, so I had to use a pump to ( ) it and make it comfortable for sleeping.
- 1 inflate                      2 rejuvenate                      3 demolish                      4 gauge
- (14) A: Have you tried the fresh lemonade from the stand down the street?  
B: Indeed, I tried it yesterday. It's incredibly ( ), with just the right balance of tartness and sweetness that makes it so refreshing on a hot day.
- 1 stringent                      2 combustible                      3 zingy                      4 pediatric

- (15) The young child began to ( ) across the lush green grass of the backyard, her tiny feet taking unsteady but determined steps as her parents watched with smiles.
- 1 ingress      2 spout      3 horseplay      4 toddle
- (16) As the debate team prepared for their final competition for a long time, their arguments were structured and their rebuttals were ( ), reflecting hours of meticulous preparation.
- 1 impeccable      2 liable      3 immune      4 citric
- (17) A: Have you ever had a nosebleed?  
B: Yes, once. The bleeding was heavy at first, but it eventually ( ), and it stopped after a while.
- 1 sizzled      2 clotted      3 intruded      4 tumbled
- (18) The traveler ( ) his thirst with the cool, refreshing water from the mountain stream, feeling revitalized after the long trek. At that moment, his satisfaction was as perfect as the clear blue sky above him.
- 1 cambered      2 quenched      3 engraved      4 inducted
- (19) The main engines suddenly failed, leaving the ship adrift in the cold space. Fortunately, the ( ) systems were designed for such emergencies, providing life support and basic functions until the crew could make repairs.
- 1 tranquil      2 desiccated      3 compostable      4 auxiliary
- (20) A: I think this sandwich needs a little more flavor, maybe a spicy ( ) or a tangy sauce.  
B: I have some homemade mustard and a chipotle mayo.
- 1 blemish      2 migraine      3 leftover      4 condiment
- (21) The ( ) on the wall exaggerated the chef's smile and a large hat, making everyone chuckle as they entered the restaurant.
- 1 gratuity      2 caricature      3 apprentice      4 plinth

- (22) The security team carefully reviewed the surveillance footage, looking for any irregularities in the overnight activity at the office. Upon closer inspection, it became apparent that the lock on the main entrance had been (      ).
- 1 topped up      2 pitched in      3 tampered with      4 used up
- (23) The curious puppy began to (      ) the corner of the pillow. His tiny teeth barely made a mark on the soft fabric.
- 1 nibble at      2 bundle up      3 lean over      4 iron out
- (24) A: You're smoking a lot today. Are you okay?  
B: Yes, I'm just stressed. But you're right, I need to cut down. Let me just (      ) this cigarette and we can go for a walk to clear my head.
- 1 stub out      2 butt in      3 stir up      4 farm out
- (25) Mary had been feeling stressed for weeks, but didn't want to burden anyone with her problems. Finally, she decided to share her thoughts because she realized she couldn't keep her feelings (      ) forever.
- 1 tipped off      2 botched up      3 nosed out      4 bottled up

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