

English Exam Preparation

Vocabulary & Word Meaning — Multiple Choice Questions

In each of the following questions, out of the given alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the italicised bold part of the sentence.

1 Ahmed has a *penchant* for fine poetry.



A. **desire**

B. bias

C. liking

D. training

2 The defendant was grateful for the judge's *clemency*.

A. patience



B. **mercy**

C. relaxed attitude

D. politeness

3 He *hardly* works.

A. strenuously



B. **scarcely**

C. mostly

D. arduously

4 This machine was *fabricated* in our own workshop.

A. operated



B. **constructed**

C. installed

D. designed

5 The number of *aboriginal* inhabitants in Australia is considerable.



A. **primitive**

B. ancient

C. unoriginal

D. irrational

6	The quiz game <i>comprises</i> three rounds.	
A. involves	B. incorporates	
C. retains	✓ D. consists of	

7	Haris <i>ran</i> the marathon race in less than two hours.	
A. succeeded	B. rushed	
✓ C. completed	D. scored	

8	Since he promised to do so, I <i>presume</i> he will come.	
A. think	B. guess	
✓ C. suppose	D. believe	

9	The inspector was a <i>vigilant</i> young man.	
A. smart	✓ B. watchful	
C. ambitious	D. intelligent	

10	The American policy did much to <i>escalate</i> the conflict.	
A. to spread in a wider area	✓ B. to scale up	
C. to reduce in intensity	D. to put an end to	

11	Ahmed did not <i>admit</i> his mistake in the beginning.	
A. commit	B. apologize	
✓ C. accept	D. realise	

12	Man has to <i>encounter</i> many hardships in life.	
A. solve	✓ B. face	
C. bear		D. overcome

13	His wife <i>enjoined</i> him to change his ways.	
A. asked		B. pleaded
✓ C. urged		D. threatened

14	He would have been successful, but for his lack of <i>temerity</i> .	
✓ A. audacity		B. sincerity
C. confidence		D. strength

15	That was the time when there was a <i>hunger</i> for foreign knowledge and foreign thought.	
A. wish	✓ B. appetite	
C. desire		D. greed

16	I could achieve success through <i>conscious</i> efforts.	
A. efforts done after gaining consciousness	✓ B. efforts made with critical awareness	
C. efforts done without any desire		D. tremendous efforts

17	He is quite <i>meticulous</i> in his dealings with others.	
A. reserved		B. haughty
C. indifferent	✓ D. very careful	

18	Fahim is going to <i>foot</i> the bill for the repairs.	
A. Own	✓ B. pay	
C. bear		D. stand

19	He used to <i>regale</i> us with anecdotes.	
A. bore		B. flatter
✓ C. entertain		D. tire

20	Different races follow different <i>modes</i> of living.	
✓ A. ways		B. standards
C. customs		D. attitudes

21	The operator was commended for his <i>dexterity</i> .	
A. cooperation		B. courtesy
C. punctuality	✓ D. skill	

22	Millionaires become <i>eccentric</i> in their old age.	
A. irritable	✓ B. peculiar	
C. dull		D. miserly

23	She would take a deep sigh and <i>lapse</i> into silence.	
A. pass	✓ B. revert	
C. turn		D. get

24 His *judicious* handling of the matter saved the situation from going out of control.

A. nervous

B. helpful

✓
C. **sensible**

D. cautious

25 The prisoners of war were subjected to bestial *atrocities*.

A. hardships

B. punishments

✓
C. **cruelties**

D. jobs

26 We didn't believe in his statement, but *subsequent* events proved that he was right.

✓
A **later**
.

B
earlier
.

C
many
.

D
few
.

E
conclusive
.

27 The *lurid* details of the murder in broad day light sent chilling sensations down the spine of everybody.

A. realistic

B. vivid

C. bleak

✓
D. **ghastly**

28 The sight moved him to pity and *compunction*.

A. confusion

B. wonder

✓
C. **regret**

D. anger

29

Few teachers have been spared the problem of an *obstreperous* pupil in the class.

A. awkward

B. lazy



C. unruly

D. sullen

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Ali Ahmed does *unpaid* work for the charity school.

A. honourable



B. honorary

C. honest

D. honorific