

English Exam Preparation

Vocabulary & Synonyms — Multiple Choice Questions

In each of the following questions, out of the given alternatives, choose the one which can best replace the *italicised* word in the sentence without changing the meaning of the sentence.

1 Many species of animals have become *extinct* during the last hundred years.

A. feeble

B. aggressive

C. scattered

✓
D. **non-existent**

2 Fifty years after independence there can be no *alibi* for not providing basic amenities to every citizen.

A. cause

✓
B. **plea**

C. factor

D. reason

3 The community is *agog* with speculation about the fate of the money collected.

✓
A. **excited**

B. worried

C. depressed

D. annoyed

4 The President of the party *deprecated* the move of the Government to introduce electoral reforms in a haste.

A. extricated

B. humiliated

C. denied

✓
D. **protested**

E. welcomed

5	He was drawn to the <i>vortex</i> of politics at a very early age.	
✓ A.	whirlpool	B. field
C.	arena	D. hell

6	Quite often parents have to cut a sorry figure when their children display <i>fractious</i> reaction over trifles.	
A.	pleasing	
B.	absurd	
C.	comic	
✓ D.	irritable	
E.	disheartening	

7	He enjoys <i>vicarious</i> authority.	
A.	tenuous	B. limited
✓ C.	delegated	D. wide

8	He has <i>propensity</i> for getting into debt.	
A.	characteristic	B. quality
✓ C.	natural tendency	D. aptitude

9	If you lack in <i>magnanimity</i> , all your wealth and luxury is useless.	
A.	planning	B. purposiveness
C.	management	✓ D. generosity

10 Seeds need sufficient water and air to *germinate*.

A. grow

B. reproduce

C. breed

✓ sprout
D.

11 They tolerated him though they disliked his *craven* behaviour.

A. silly

✓ B. cowardly

C. indecent

D. mean

12 For quick promotion, he hit on a plan to *propitiate* the Manager.

A. evict

B. incite

C. praise

✓
D. **conciliate**

13 The *antidote* to these problems is hard to find.

✓
A. remedy for

B. consequence of

C. cause for

D. result of

14 Poets and writers are *sensuous* by nature.

A. sensible

B. sentimental

✓ C. sensual

D. sensitive

15 I am quite *content* to stay here.

A. eager

✓ B. happy

C. frightened

D. determined

16 The petals of the flowers are usually *conspicuous* to attract birds for pollination.

✓
A. prominent

B. beautifully shape

C. colourful

D. scented

17 The man *vehemently* denied all the charges of corruption that were leveled against him.

A. devoutly

B. hysterically

✓
C. forcefully

D. serenely

18 The artists worked with tremendous *felicity* in expressive poetic language.

✓
A. zeal

B. excitement

C. happiness

D. expertise

19 Those who *man* government-run shops also have their palm greased.

A. control

✓
B. operate

C. administer

D. rule

20 The cyclone had blown some of the cars on to *funny* places.

A. humorous

B. cranky

C. irregular
.

✓
D. odd
.

E. unconventional

21 Despite his pompous style and gestures, the audience failed to *evince* any interest in his lecture.

✓
A. display

B. hide

C. develop

D. take

22 I have worked in this organization for five years trying to check the *erosion* of ethical values.

✓
A. decay

B. corrosion

C. misuse

D. expansion

23 When he returned he was accompanied by a *sprightly* young girl.

A. sportive

B. intelligent

✓
C. lively

D. beautiful

24 The story which Ali *narrated* was very exciting.

A. disclosed

✓
B. told

C. revealed

D. explained

25 It was *presumptuous* of him to make a remark in the assembly.

A. ridiculous

B. unthoughtful

✓
C. self-confident

D. ambiguous

26 The earth from here is a grand *oasis* in the vastness of space.

A. greenland

✓
B. landscape

C. waterhole

D. wetland

27 It is quite *unseemly* that person should so behave with his elders.

A. childish

B. ugly

C. discourteous

✓
D. improper

28 The police need *tangible* proof of his guilt before they can act against him.

✓
A. convincing

B. strong

C. emphatic

D. clear and certain

29 It is a popular *fallacy* that all man-eaters are old and mangy.

A. observation

✓
B. belief

C. fact

D. illusion

30 Her new glasses make her look rather *owlish*.

A. foolish

✓
B. solemn

C. silly

D. stupid