

**Section 1**  
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**PART ONE: SYNONYMS**

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## 1. SPONTANEOUS:

- (A) impulsive
- (B) excitable
- (C) ingenious
- (D) dazzling

## 2. APPARITION:

- (A) clothing
- (B) ghost
- (C) guard
- (D) wall

## 3. BENEVOLENT:

- (A) disobedient
- (B) charitable
- (C) sensitive
- (D) widespread

## 4. LAMENT:

- (A) support
- (B) decline
- (C) solidify
- (D) grieve

## 5. REIMBURSE:

- (A) punish
- (B) divert
- (C) compensate
- (D) recollect

## 6. DECEIT:

- (A) civility
- (B) trickery
- (C) rudeness
- (D) despair

## 7. DESPONDENT:

- (A) heightened
- (B) annoyed
- (C) relaxed
- (D) depressed

## 8. SATIATE:

- (A) prolong
- (B) elongate
- (C) seal
- (D) satisfy

## 9. ADAMANT:

- (A) thin
- (B) enlarged
- (C) admiring
- (D) stubborn

## 10. PIETY:

- (A) rarity
- (B) smell
- (C) faith
- (D) meal

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11. LAUD:

- (A) touch
- (B) praise
- (C) insult
- (D) hear

12. AVERT:

- (A) vindicate
- (B) prevent
- (C) explain
- (D) dislike

13. HAUGHTINESS:

- (A) heat
- (B) height
- (C) opulence
- (D) arrogance

14. APPREHENSION:

- (A) appreciation
- (B) worry
- (C) aggravation
- (D) elevation

15. WARINESS:

- (A) extremity
- (B) caution
- (C) superiority
- (D) mobility

16. SCARCE:

- (A) delicious
- (B) afraid
- (C) thin
- (D) rare

17. PERCEPTIVE:

- (A) confused
- (B) round
- (C) observant
- (D) imbued

18. VERIFY:

- (A) complete
- (B) prove
- (C) violate
- (D) consume

19. CANDOR:

- (A) odor
- (B) honesty
- (C) ability
- (D) wealth

20. ABHOR:

- (A) despise
- (B) horrify
- (C) avoid
- (D) deny

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## PART TWO: SENTENCE COMPLETIONS

Select the word or word pair that best completes the sentence.

21. The ----- writer was on her 12th novel.
- (A) myopic
  - (B) prolific
  - (C) nefarious
  - (D) elusive
22. The advent of the computer chip made Armando's job -----.
- (A) exuberant
  - (B) eminent
  - (C) belligerent
  - (D) obsolete
23. All efforts to save the nature preserve proved -----.
- (A) inextricable
  - (B) insular
  - (C) glib
  - (D) futile
24. In spite of her ----- work, Priyanka did not receive a promotion.
- (A) tardy
  - (B) industrious
  - (C) irate
  - (D) occasional
25. After the military government banned the opposing political party, its members continued to meet in ----- groups.
- (A) clandestine
  - (B) amicable
  - (C) sanctioned
  - (D) elaborate
26. Sheri showed genuine ----- when she was caught: she cried and promised never to hurt anyone again.
- (A) remorse
  - (B) melodrama
  - (C) wit
  - (D) enthusiasm
27. Highly influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright's principles of design, the architect E. Fay Jones has built homes reputed to equal—even -----—Wright's successes at building in harmony with natural surroundings.
- (A) echo
  - (B) question
  - (C) reconstruct
  - (D) surpass
28. The captain demonstrated her ----- for the crew by bellowing her commands in a harsh voice.
- (A) admiration
  - (B) contempt
  - (C) reverence
  - (D) affinity

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29. Caleb never failed to charm listeners with his ----- stories.
- (A) lethargic  
(B) wan  
(C) insufferable  
(D) engaging
30. Trumpets, including Pacific conch-shell trumpets, African ivory trumpets, orchestral valve trumpets, and tubas, comprise one of the most ----- categories of wind instruments.
- (A) excessive  
(B) discordant  
(C) coherent  
(D) diverse
31. The powerful forest fire, which ----- the mountains of Indonesia, was the most severe ----- disaster the region has ever experienced.
- (A) destroyed . . . inflammable  
(B) devastated . . . environmental  
(C) singed . . . intangible  
(D) burned . . . scientific
32. At one time, historians spoke of ancient Greece as though its cultural and scientific achievements were wholly -----, whereas it is now generally recognized that at least some Greek science and culture was -----.
- (A) primitive . . . simple  
(B) original . . . derivative  
(C) mistaken . . . dubious  
(D) successful . . . significant
33. Rahul danced with such ----- that no one could ----- his talent any longer.
- (A) speed . . . ascertain  
(B) grace . . . affirm  
(C) agility . . . question  
(D) melancholy . . . deny
34. Once a ----- propagated only by science fiction movies, the possibility of life on Mars has recently become more -----.
- (A) wish . . . doubtful  
(B) myth . . . plausible  
(C) story . . . impossible  
(D) hypothesis . . . empty
35. Screaming and laughing, the students were ----- by their ----- experience on the white-water raft.
- (A) amused . . . tepid  
(B) irritated . . . continued  
(C) exhilarated . . . first  
(D) frightened . . . secure
36. Many writers of the 20th century were influenced by Hemingway's ----- writing style and consequently discontinued the ----- language characteristic of the 19th-century novel.
- (A) sparse . . . verbose  
(B) dull . . . insipid  
(C) peaceful . . . descriptive  
(D) complete . . . florid

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37. The ----- journey ----- us all; even my dog sat down to take a rest.
- (A) panoramic . . . exhausted
  - (B) tortuous . . . invigorated
  - (C) strenuous . . . fatigued
  - (D) arduous . . . rejuvenated
38. That Chinese pieces of silk dating over 1,500 years old have been found in Egypt is ----- because the landscape between these two countries includes both arid deserts and several ----- mountain ranges.
- (A) known . . . required
  - (B) impressive . . . reduced
  - (C) predictable . . . steep
  - (D) incredible . . . massive
39. Once a(n) ----- gathering, the Greek festival has, in recent times, become highly -----.
- (A) urban . . . contemporary
  - (B) religious . . . commercialized
  - (C) mournful . . . gloomy
  - (D) parallel . . . transformed
40. The volunteer association ----- people with a wide range of ----- to staff their offices.
- (A) recruited . . . attributes
  - (B) fired . . . skills
  - (C) rejected . . . experiences
  - (D) hired . . . tendencies

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**1. EXCESS:**

- (A) exit
- (B) surplus
- (C) disorder
- (D) end

**2. ASTOUND:**

- (A) stun
- (B) laugh
- (C) suspend
- (D) scold

**3. MASSIVE:**

- (A) high
- (B) inferior
- (C) huge
- (D) ancient

**4. BLEAK:**

- (A) charming
- (B) warm
- (C) drowsy
- (D) dreary

**5. AMORAL:**

- (A) unethical
- (B) lovable
- (C) transparent
- (D) imaginary

**6. HARDY:**

- (A) healthy
- (B) mysterious
- (C) firm
- (D) obese

**7. METAMORPHOSIS:**

- (A) change
- (B) compliment
- (C) rejection
- (D) meeting

**8. NEUTRAL:**

- (A) inventive
- (B) foreign
- (C) unbiased
- (D) detailed

**9. TOLERANT:**

- (A) open-minded
- (B) friendly
- (C) grave
- (D) ambitious

**10. VIGOROUS:**

- (A) robust
- (B) hungry
- (C) destructive
- (D) lovely

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11. DIN:

- (A) departure
- (B) clamor
- (C) code
- (D) supper

12. HALLOWED:

- (A) carved
- (B) distinguished
- (C) empty
- (D) sacred

13. OFFEND:

- (A) divulge
- (B) betray
- (C) soothe
- (D) insult

14. WAN:

- (A) short
- (B) pale
- (C) foreign
- (D) insincere

15. ARID:

- (A) light
- (B) clean
- (C) worried
- (D) dry

16. DECEIVE:

- (A) trick
- (B) empty
- (C) dye
- (D) view

17. FICTION:

- (A) presumption
- (B) growth
- (C) falsehood
- (D) wound

18. DOCILE:

- (A) old
- (B) tame
- (C) active
- (D) rare

19. LYRICAL:

- (A) mythical
- (B) bright
- (C) musical
- (D) wet

20. DESECRATE:

- (A) defend
- (B) deny
- (C) describe
- (D) defile

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## PART TWO: SENTENCE COMPLETIONS

Select the word or word pair that best completes the sentence.

21. The company employed many unproductive employees who had a(n) ----- approach to their work.  
(A) creative  
(B) discontented  
(C) independent  
(D) lackadaisical
22. Except for periods where they function as “loners,” wolves are generally ----- animals, living in packs.  
(A) carnivorous  
(B) fearsome  
(C) social  
(D) wild
23. The ballet dancers performed with a grace and a(n) ----- that left the audience breathless.  
(A) hilarity  
(B) ineptitude  
(C) elegance  
(D) reserve
24. The puppy was ----- to discipline and whined when reprimanded by its new owner.  
(A) anxious  
(B) unaccustomed  
(C) jovial  
(D) used
25. Liam has a(n) ----- personality and is very uncomfortable in social situations.  
(A) jolly  
(B) introverted  
(C) outgoing  
(D) gregarious
26. Although Jayla was an interior decorator, her home was ----- decorated.  
(A) sufficiently  
(B) impressively  
(C) modestly  
(D) amply
27. Raccoons are -----: they come out at night to look for food and sleep during the day.  
(A) nocturnal  
(B) friendly  
(C) precocious  
(D) monolithic
28. Mason not only respected his grandfather, but he also ----- his grandfather.  
(A) feared  
(B) retired  
(C) resembled  
(D) revered

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29. At first the empty house seemed frightening with all its cobwebs and creaking shutters, but we soon realized that it was quite -----.
- (A) benign  
(B) deceptive  
(C) affluent  
(D) obliterated
30. Though underfunded, the school made the best of its ----- resources.
- (A) meager  
(B) emphatic  
(C) acrid  
(D) belittled
31. Beneath the calm surface of the ocean, marine creatures ----- continually for food.
- (A) qualified  
(B) survived  
(C) contested  
(D) gathered
32. The soap opera regularly dwells on the ----- aspects of life; just last week two characters died.
- (A) morbid  
(B) presumptuous  
(C) exciting  
(D) expensive
33. The candidate changed his positions on so many issues that people began to think he was -----.
- (A) reliable  
(B) dependent  
(C) aloof  
(D) flighty
34. The sky jumper was ----- to survive after his parachute operated -----.
- (A) unable...perfectly  
(B) anxious...instinctively  
(C) surprised...adequately  
(D) fortunate...improperly
35. Despite his ----- beginnings as the son of a minor tribal chieftain, the warrior became one of the greatest ----- in Asia.
- (A) humble...rulers  
(B) luxurious...leaders  
(C) innocent...monarchs  
(D) regal...kings
36. Normally -----, Charlotte lacked her usual ----- when I called her and invited her to a movie.
- (A) absurd...severity  
(B) scornful...predilection  
(C) amiable...enthusiasm  
(D) distraught...cheeriness
37. Weighing more than 70 tons, brachiosaurus was a(n) ----- creature, yet its brain was quite -----.
- (A) intelligent...enormous  
(B) gargantuan...small  
(C) minute...tiny  
(D) prodigious...extant

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38. I did not set out to ----- my classmate; I meant well, but my words came across as -----.
- (A) irk...affable
  - (B) offend...gauche
  - (C) ostracize...sincere
  - (D) impress...confused
39. Relying on every conceivable gimmick and stereotype, the latest Hollywood movie is not only ----- but also -----.
- (A) dull...ambivalent
  - (B) predictable...absurd
  - (C) complete...erudite
  - (D) boring...enlightening
40. The ----- nature of the platypus makes it difficult to spot, even in the ----- space of a zoological exhibit.
- (A) elusive...confined
  - (B) crafty...massive
  - (C) playful...structured
  - (D) slothful...open

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## Part One - Synonyms

Each question in Part One has a word in all capital letters with four answer choices after it. Choose the answer choice with the word that comes closest in meaning to the word in all capital letters.

### SAMPLE QUESTION:

1. SPEEDY:

- (A) loud
- (B) messy
- ☒ (C) quick
- (D) small

## Part Two - Finding the Best Word

The questions in Part Two each have a sentence with one or two blanks. Each blank takes the place of a word that is missing. The sentence has four answer choices after it. Choose the answer choice with the word or word pair that best completes the sentence.

### SAMPLE QUESTION:

1. Since the weather is getting warmer every day, it is particularly important to ----- more water.

- (A) create
- ☒ (B) drink
- (C) leave
- (D) waste

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Part One - Synonyms

**Directions:** Choose the word that is closest in meaning to the word that is in all capital letters.

1. ADVANTAGEOUS:

- (A) devout
- (B) overdue
- (C) positive
- (D) willowy

2. TREACHEROUS:

- (A) deceitful
- (B) earnest
- (C) obedient
- (D) simple

3. MEEK:

- (A) controversial
- (B) familiar
- (C) literal
- (D) shy

4. PIOUS:

- (A) beneficial
- (B) domestic
- (C) occasional
- (D) religious

5. PROSAIC:

- (A) absent
- (B) dull
- (C) lanky
- (D) sturdy

6. TRANSLUCENT:

- (A) clear
- (B) exaggerated
- (C) humorous
- (D) rugged

7. INGENIOUS:

- (A) brilliant
- (B) disagreeable
- (C) nervous
- (D) relieved

8. RENOWN:

- (A) absence
- (B) damage
- (C) fame
- (D) jubilation

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9. ONEROUS:

- (A) able
- (B) burdensome
- (C) gruesome
- (D) monotonous

10. CAPER:

- (A) disgrace
- (B) prank
- (C) reminder
- (D) tablet

11. PREPOSTEROUS:

- (A) flourishing
- (B) hospitable
- (C) mournful
- (D) ridiculous

12. HOODWINK:

- (A) deceive
- (B) employ
- (C) observe
- (D) smear

13. DILIGENT:

- (A) dreary
- (B) necessary
- (C) responsible
- (D) typical

14. INANE:

- (A) definite
- (B) meager
- (C) silly
- (D) tawny

15. PEDESTRIAN:

- (A) boring
- (B) flawless
- (C) objective
- (D) remorseful

16. FANATIC:

- (A) adviser
- (B) emigrant
- (C) phantom
- (D) zealot

17. DEBACLE:

- (A) amusement
- (B) catastrophe
- (C) innovation
- (D) leader

18. BOISTEROUS:

- (A) fearless
- (B) graceful
- (C) loud
- (D) ordinary

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19. RIGHTEOUS:

- (A) important
- (B) moral
- (C) possessive
- (D) trespassing

### Part Two - Sentence Completions

**Directions:** Choose the word or word pair to best complete the sentence.

20. Fertilizer runoff from farms has led to algae bloom in waterways, which means that the abundant growth of algae has ----- the growth of other plants and reduced food available to aquatic life that does not consume algae.
- (A) curbed
  - (B) immersed
  - (C) misguided
  - (D) tolerated
21. Jackson Pollock revolutionized the art world when he started producing abstract paintings instead of the ----- pictures that more conventional artists had been creating.
- (A) borrowed
  - (B) larger
  - (C) majestic
  - (D) realistic

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22. When Richard Drew visited an automobile painting shop in 1925 and witnessed the difficulty the painters were having painting two differently colored sections without an adhesive strip, he came up with the ----- of masking tape.
- (A) calamity
  - (B) examination
  - (C) innovation
  - (D) sequence
23. Styrofoam is often used in surfboards and boats because it is a lightweight material with a high level of -----.
- (A) agreement
  - (B) buoyancy
  - (C) harmony
  - (D) mythology
24. When animals are released into the wild after being in captivity for an extended period of time, it can be difficult for them to adapt because they are ----- to having food provided for them.
- (A) accustomed
  - (B) employed
  - (C) perplexed
  - (D) treated
25. Because the Galapagos Islands are highly secluded, species survive there that have long ago ----- in other locations.
- (A) assisted
  - (B) declined
  - (C) maximized
  - (D) thrived

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26. Martha Graham considered dancing to be a(n) ----- part of her life that could not be avoided.
- (A) aggressive
  - (B) dignified
  - (C) inevitable
  - (D) unusual
27. Clearly the conditions for growing corn on the plains were ----- given the tremendous harvest that was produced.
- (A) delicate
  - (B) favorable
  - (C) static
  - (D) tapering
28. During World II, the supply of natural rubber from Southeast Asia was cut off and American scientists had to quickly develop a ----- replacement.
- (A) backward
  - (B) fragrant
  - (C) lagging
  - (D) synthetic
29. It can be difficult to treat diseases that are ----- because symptoms often go away and then reappear later.
- (A) chronic
  - (B) humbling
  - (C) lazy
  - (D) questionable

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30. Opponents of the bridge project had to be ----- before construction could begin on the massive span crossing the Ohio River.
- (A) explained
  - (B) fortified
  - (C) pacified
  - (D) replaced
31. Although it is possible to ----- a quick fix during a race, it is better for a sailing team to plan ahead for potential problems they might encounter during a long race.
- (A) appreciate
  - (B) improvise
  - (C) pronounce
  - (D) shelter
32. Although many people consider air conditioning to be essential, it is often ----- if a house is built to capture surrounding winds and be ----- from the sun by tall trees.
- (A) complimented... protected
  - (B) fraudulent... faded
  - (C) protective.... hidden
  - (D) superfluous... sheltered
33. When pure olive oil has been ----- by other oils it must be ----- so that consumers do not pay more for a product that has been mixed with other ingredients.
- (A) adulterated... relabeled
  - (B) eclipsed... poured
  - (C) hosted.... limited
  - (D) thawed.... simulated

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34. Although many people believe that voter turnout was reduced by the ----- weather, the effect of the rain on the number of voters was actually -----.
- (A) sunny... flattering
  - (B) inconsistent... massive
  - (C) inclement... negligible
  - (D) blustery... requested
35. Before the Great Depression in America, there was great ----- in income with some Americans experiencing tremendous wealth and others confined to a life of -----.
- (A) compatibility... affluence
  - (B) disparity... penury
  - (C) equality... poverty
  - (D) performance... mediocrity
36. Before the Pilgrims came to North America, they fled from the ----- political situation in England to the relatively ----- environment in Holland.
- (A) conscientious... responsible
  - (B) experimental... unstable
  - (C) misguided... chaotic
  - (D) volatile... calm
37. When too much ----- builds up in a river bed, the river must be ----- in order to keep water flowing in the same path.
- (A) algae... waded
  - (B) garbage... neglected
  - (C) sediment... dredged
  - (D) water.... flooded

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38. Bonnie and Clyde were famous for their ----- bank robberies, often entering a bank in broad daylight without wearing -----.
- (A) brazen... disguises
  - (B) honest... shoes
  - (C) mystical... hats
  - (D) vivid... masks
39. Despite the words of ----- that the director received from movie critics, she still felt ----- every time she released a new film.
- (A) astonishment... placid
  - (B) encouragement... apprehensive
  - (C) praise... confident
  - (D) wistfulness... timid
40. The downtown area became a far more attractive place to spend time when ----- buildings were ----- and replaced by small parks.
- (A) derelict... razed
  - (B) historic... restored
  - (C) new ... constructed
  - (D) residential... painted

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