

1. Primary education in the U.S. is **compulsory**.
  - a. Free of exchange
  - b. Required
  - c. Excellent
  - d. Easy
  
2. During the Great Depression, there were many **vagabonds** who traveled on the railroads and camped along the tracks.
  - a. Wanderers
  - b. Tyros
  - c. Zealots
  - d. Veterans
  
3. The Civil War in 1863 **severed** the United States into two nations-a southern Confederacy and a northern Union.
  - a. Integrated
  - b. Acknowledged
  - c. Cut
  - d. Alienated
  
4. The National Institute of Mental Health is conducting **far-reaching** research to determine the psychological effects of using drugs.
  - a. Tentative
  - b. Prevalent
  - c. Refined
  - d. Extensive
  
5. A monument was erected in memory of those who died in the **cataclysm** at Johnstown, Pennsylvania.
  - a. Prison
  - b. Skirmish
  - c. Disaster
  - d. Frontier
  
6. The openings at the front and rear of the shell are usually neatly closed by the retracted limbs, on which the enlarged scales may be defensively **augmented** with still larger spines.
  - a. Contained
  - b. Added
  - c. Restricted
  - d. Enhanced

7. There were also **financial** reasons why veterans supported a strong national government.
- Important
  - Military
  - Monetary
  - National
8. Tan close her business and wrote the remaining stories for the Joy Luck Club. It was a **resounding** success, well received by the critics and appearing on the New York Times bestseller list.
- Certain
  - Minimal
  - Potential
  - Huge
9. Sometimes items are put on sale because they have **imperfections** on them.
- Defects
  - Mileage
  - Signatures
  - Installments
10. In Benjamin Franklin's almanac, he warns against making **hasty** decisions.
- Expensive
  - Unhealthy
  - Firm
  - Quick
11. A good student is eager to learn and does not need to be **admonished** for being absent too often.
- Warned
  - Punished
  - Belittled
  - Spanked
12. An appendectomy is a **routine** operation.
- Cheap
  - Small
  - Usual
  - Quick

13. Pipes may be painted to keep them from getting **oxidized**.
- Rusty
  - Soaked
  - Misplaced
  - Frozen
14. An understudy performs when the lead singer's voice becomes **hoarse**.
- Fatigued
  - Thin
  - Famous
  - Rough
15. Rain **abates** in the fall throughout most of the Appalachian Mountain region.
- Pours
  - Accumulates
  - Lessens
  - Evaporates
16. Several members of the royal family have been held **captive** in the Tower of London.
- For protection
  - Prisoner
  - By request
  - Briefly
17. Although monkeys occasionally **menace** their enemies, they are usually not dangerous unless they are provoked.
- Pursue
  - Threaten
  - Consume
  - Kill
18. Many of the first histories of the New World were written by monks and **published** by the Catholic Church.
- Put away
  - Approved of
  - Brought out
  - Thrown out

19. Valium is a strong drug that can cause a driver to **doze** at the wheel.
- Dream
  - Sneeze
  - Sleep
  - Snore
20. Thomas Edison's office was always **cluttered** with books and papers.
- Decorated
  - Disorganized
  - Sorted
  - Stacked
21. When a hurricane is **imminent**, the National Weather Bureau issues a warning.
- Adjacent
  - Perilous
  - About to occur
  - Gigantic
22. Unless the population growth stabilizes, environmentalists predict a worldwide **famine** by the year A.D. 2000.
- Starvation
  - Flood
  - Rebellion
  - Disease
23. The **annual** growth of the gross national product is often used as an indicator of a nation's economy.
- Sluggish
  - Haphazard
  - Routine
  - Yearly
24. The rate of inflation in the United States has not **fluctuated** more than 10 percent in the 1980s.
- Hesitated
  - Gone up and down
  - Alternated
  - Lingered

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**Answers:**

Test No.	Key Answer	Word	Synonym
1	B	compulsory	Required
2	A	vagabonds	Wanderers
3	C	severed	Cut
4	D	far-reaching	Extensive
5	C	cataclysm	Disaster
6	B	augmented	Added
7	C	financial	Monetary
8	D	resounding	Huge
9	A	imperfections	Defects
10	D	hasty	Quick
11	A	admonished	Warned
12	C	routine	Usual
13	A	oxidized	Rusty
14	D	hoarse	Rough
15	C	abates	Lessens
16	B	captive	Prisoner
17	B	menace	Threaten
18	C	published	Brought out
19	C	doze	Sleep
20	B	cluttered	Disorganized
21	C	imminent	About to occur
22	A	famine	Starvation
23	D	annual	Yearly
24	B	fluctuated	Gone up and down

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