

1. A coconut palm's **blossom** is the main ingredient in several soft and alcoholic drinks.
 - a. Root
 - b. Flower
 - c. Fruit
 - d. Fresh

2. The **parched** landscape of salt flats is often used to break world land speed records.
 - a. Dried
 - b. Soaked
 - c. Sultry
 - d. Chilly

3. Freshwater turtles can survive in **frigid** waters for three months without oxygen.
 - a. Balmy
 - b. Sultry
 - c. Sweltering
 - d. Freezing

4. The almond, **native** to the Mediterranean, grows abundantly in California.
 - a. Relative
 - b. Pioneer
 - c. Original
 - d. Immigrant

5. F.D Roosevelt was the only man to have been elected president of the United States four **successive** times.
 - a. Significant
 - b. Consecutive
 - c. Notable
 - d. Symmetrical

6. Chloroform was **simultaneously** invented by the American Samuel Guthrie and the German Justus Liebig in 1830.
 - a. Now and then
 - b. In earlier times
 - c. At the same time
 - d. Little by little

7. The value of the company's stock **plunged** after its chief executive was arrested on charges of embezzlement and fraud.
- Inhabited
 - Decreased
 - Detained
 - Exchanged
8. Populations spread through the diverse regions of the Americas (grasslands, eastern forests, coastal swamps) and needed to **adapt** to their new environments.
- Implement
 - Boost
 - Adjust
 - Inhabit
9. When picking tea leaves, the **bud** and the two or three leaves below it are removed.
- Old seedling
 - Husk
 - Rind
 - New leaf
10. **Previously**, the economy of the United States was agrarian.
- Occasionally
 - Formerly
 - Eventually
 - Frequently
11. Sedatives calm a person without actually **inducing** sleep.
- Prolonging
 - Subsiding
 - Getting
 - Causing
12. European cave **dwellers** depicted herds of mammoths with humps on their backs.
- Inhabitants
 - Immigrants
 - Foes
 - Skins

13. Guam, is island in the West Pacific, was **ceded** to the United States.
- Given over to
 - Attacked by
 - Ruled by
 - Influenced by
14. **Aqueducts** built during the Roman Empire may still be seen in many parts of Europe.
- Baths
 - Water canals
 - Roads
 - Air pipes
15. Paul Revere **daringly** rode through the New England countryside to warn the colonists.
- Benevolently
 - Apprehensively
 - Courageously
 - Mercilessly
16. Bats are **timid** creatures.
- Confineable
 - Audacious
 - Petrified
 - Shy
17. Few boxers have been as **outstanding** as the present heavyweight, champion.
- Powerful
 - Excellent
 - Handsome
 - Talkative
18. In the United States, a party can **nominate** a single candidate for office.
- Refuse
 - Keep
 - Change
 - Name

19. Apples not only contain several **essential** vitamins but have been proven to aid digestion and help keep teeth healthy and clean.
- Extra
 - Common
 - Important
 - Unusual
20. After years of work and **contemplation** the Native American Sequoyah single-handedly invented a written language for his people.
- Deep thought
 - Sickness
 - Worry
 - Loneliness
21. A **benign** lesion usually has a regular border.
- Human
 - Petrified
 - Congenial
 - Harmless
22. Ketchup was developed from a tasty, **spicy** Chinese sauce made of pickled fish and shellfish in the 17th century.
- Inspid
 - Flavored
 - Bland
 - Sour
23. **Specimens** of bone are used for DNA typing.
- Samples
 - Spots
 - Units
 - Discoloration
24. Harriet Beecher Stowe was an **obscure** writer until the publication of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.
- Anonymous
 - Infamous
 - Unknown
 - Eminent

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Answers:

Test No.	Key Answer	Word	Synonym
1	B	blossom	Flower
2	A	parched	Dried
3	D	frigid	Freezing
4	C	native	Original
5	B	successive	Consecutive
6	C	simultaneously	At the same time
7	B	plunged	Decreased
8	C	adapt	Adjust
9	D	bud	New leaf
10	B	Previously	Formerly
11	D	inducing	Causing
12	A	dwellers	Inhabitants
13	A	ceded	Given over to
14	B	Aqueducts	Water canals
15	C	daringly	Courageously
16	D	timid	Shy
17	B	outstanding	Excellent
18	D	nominate	Name
19	C	essential	Important
20	A	contemplation	Deep thought
21	D	benign	Harmless
22	B	spicy	Flavored
23	A	Specimens	Samples
24	C	obscure	Unknown

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