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Synonym Replacement

Select the closest meaning to match the underlined word or phrase.

1. ACQUIRE may mean
 - A) retell
 - B) gain
 - C) lend
 - D) concentrate

2. ALLAY may mean
 - A) govern
 - B) soothe
 - C) assail
 - D) befriend

3. APPROXIMATE may mean
 - A) suitable
 - B) near
 - C) abridged
 - D) horizontal

4. BATCH may mean
 - A) quantity
 - B) rapture
 - C) bring out of shell
 - D) spoil

5. BORE may mean
 - A) pierce
 - B) cohere
 - C) fill
 - D) recede

6. CELEBRITY may mean
 - A) fame
 - B) courtesy
 - C) speed
 - D) health

7. COARSE may mean
 - A) subject
 - B) spotted
 - C) rough
 - D) track

8. CONGENITAL may mean
 - A) credible
 - B) inborn
 - C) innocent
 - D) graceful

9. CORROBORATION may mean
 - A) legal activity
 - B) confirmation
 - C) attraction
 - D) unfulfilled expectation

10. DANK may mean
 - A) noisy and dangerous
 - B) moist and chilly
 - C) dark and windy
 - D) short and stocky

11. DEPEND may mean
 - A) rely
 - B) protect
 - C) survival
 - D) help

12. DISPENSE may mean
 - A) distribute
 - B) fling
 - C) disgust
 - D) desert

13. ENERGY may mean
 - A) ability to do work
 - B) slowness
 - C) unwillingness
 - D) speed

14. EVADE may mean
A) blind
B) help
C) sidestep
D) take from
15. FIERY may mean
A) angry
B) stern
C) blazing
D) reliable
16. GNAT may mean
A) wingless insect
B) wingless animal
C) two winged insect
D) two-winged animal
17. HEIR may mean
A) predecessor
B) successor
C) hither
D) dam
18. IMPACT may mean
A) impression
B) argument
C) braise
D) consideration
19. ENSURE may mean
A) add to
B) assure
C) take in
D) run from
20. FALTER may mean
A) fall
B) hesitate
C) break
D) stumble

Analogies

Select the best match for each of the following analogies.

21. Betty : name = _____
 A) pins : needles
 B) spring : season
 C) girl : boy
 D) November : cold
22. hopscotch : game = _____
 A) ball : bat
 B) jump : leap
 C) rooster : male
 D) baseball : football
23. Everest : mountain = _____
 A) wheat : grain
 B) tacks : tax
 C) sea : ocean
 D) Paccific : island
24. bulldozer : machine = symphony : _____
 A) music
 B) sympathy
 C) crane
 D) violin
25. peaceful : calm = disturbed : _____
 A) warning
 B) upset
 C) relaxed
 D) cheerful
26. red : green = niece : _____
 A) relative
 B) yellow
 C) nephew
 D) uncle
27. hero : villain = friend : _____
 A) heroine
 B) pal
 C) foe
 D) classmate
28. ore : or = higher : _____
 A) lower
 B) hire
 C) hi
 D) tall
29. detective : sleuth = shack : _____
 A) spy
 B) mansion
 C) hut
 D) shark
30. bead : necklace = dial : _____
 A) watch
 B) neck
 C) earring
 D) diagram
31. giant : dwarf = liquid : _____
 A) wet
 B) solid
 C) water
 D) ice
32. duck : goose = plate : _____
 A) bowl
 B) place
 C) bird
 D) fork
33. shingle : roof = brick : _____
 A) window
 B) red
 C) house
 D) stone

34. weave : we've = rose : _____
A) fell
B) rows
C) rode
D) flower
35. hungry : full = surplus : _____
A) shortage
B) extra
C) meal
D) excess
36. camel : horse = slide : _____
A) side
B) seesaw
C) slip
D) park
37. ruler : tool = lettuce : _____
A) leaf
B) fruit
C) vegetable
D) apple
38. thief : robber = child : _____
A) adult
B) youngster
C) family
D) mother
39. spine : cactus = quill : _____
A) porcupine
B) quilt
C) fur
D) gill
40. peaceful : calm = probably : _____
A) most likely
B) perhaps
C) unlikely
D) frequently

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41. The onset of some diseases come without warning.
 A) termination
 B) beginning
 C) infection
 D) spread
42. People often marvel over the intense colors in tropical sunsets.
 A) penetrating
 B) harsh
 C) vivid
 D) glowing
43. Everyone would like a panacea for health problems.
 A) protection against
 B) a cure-all for
 C) a decrease in
 D) advice for
44. Alaska makes up the greater portion of the total area of the United States.
 A) creates
 B) requires
 C) constitutes
 D) indicates
45. Such odious practices as the debasement of currency increase widespread discontent among the citizens of struggling nations.
 A) hateful
 B) ridiculous
 C) odd
 D) scandalous
46. New machines have made duplication an easy job.
 A) filing
 B) writing
 C) copying
 D) typing
47. A sealed bottle thrown into the ocean often floats aimlessly before it reaches land.
 A) sinks
 B) leaks
 C) disintegrates
 D) drifts
48. It is futile to argue with him once he has made up his mind.
 A) unpleasant
 B) encouraging
 C) useless
 D) helpful
49. A member of a religious order may be sequestered in a monastery, but a hermit seeks seclusion for its own sake.
 A) recluse
 B) fugitive
 C) heretic
 D) monk
50. The sculptor, Lorenzo Ghibeni, blended medieval grace with Renaissance realism.
 A) invented
 B) discovered
 C) combined
 D) produced
51. Tigers may become man-eaters when they have hunted fruitlessly due to injury or old age.
 A) violently
 B) at length
 C) in vain
 D) desperately

52. In the 1970's, many governments' efforts to curb inflation were unsuccessful.
- A) control
 - B) resist
 - C) sustain
 - D) induce
53. Where did she acquire all her wealth?
- A) hide
 - B) lose
 - C) steal
 - D) gain
54. George Washington resolutely turned down suggestions that he become a king.
- A) irritably
 - B) haughtily
 - C) surprisingly
 - D) firmly
55. It is ridiculous to become angry about such an insignificant matter.
- A) unpardonable
 - B) absurd
 - C) sinful
 - D) tragic
56. She is a contemporary writer who has received much critical acclaim.
- A) realistic
 - B) colorful
 - C) modern
 - D) witty
57. The popularity of Japanese products has caused some American industries to call for restrictive import quotas.
- A) dangerous
 - B) illegal
 - C) limiting
 - D) ineffective
58. U.S. car manufacturers have frequently recalled defective models over the past decade.
- A) discarded
 - B) abandoned
 - C) rejected ,
 - D) flawed
59. The occurrence of water rushing over rocks in a river renders it too dangerous for recreational rafting.
- A) boulders
 - B) storm
 - C) landslide
 - D) rapids
60. The U.S. government has special funds to offer to destitute people after major catastrophes.
- A) sad
 - B) poor
 - C) lonely
 - D) sick

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61. Pilfering by company employees costs many businesses thousands of dollars each year.
 A) Tardiness
 B) Stealing
 C) Ignorance
 D) Absenteeism
62. He hurled the statue to the floor with such force that it shattered.
 A) pushed
 B) pulled
 C) dropped
 D) threw
63. California “windmill farms” have become a lucrative venture.
 A) an agrarian
 B) a subsidiary
 C) a profitable
 D) a ludicrous
64. Ignoring something will not make it go away.
 A) Paying no attention to
 B) Looking closely at
 C) Taking an interest in
 D) Studying the causes of
65. The rivalry between the two construction companies was obvious.
 A) competition
 B) compromise
 C) campaign
 D) cooperation
66. He is infamous for his dishonesty in business matters.
 A) dreaded
 B) notorious
 C) loathed
 D) investigated
67. The last weeks before Christmas are usually hectic, as people rush to get last-minute gifts.
 A) very busy
 B) exciting
 C) very expensive
 D) happy
68. Argon, a colorless, odorless, rare inert gas in the atmosphere, is used in electric light bulbs and radio tubes.
 A) inflammable
 B) tasteless
 C) inactive
 D) colorful
69. In order to be a good cheerleader, one must be very enthusiastic.
 A) strong
 B) limber
 C) excited
 D) healthy
70. Many businesses provide a kind of retirement benefit which is paid until the death of the former employee.
 A) pension
 B) subsidy
 C) patent
 D) bargain
71. Often parents are more confused by instructions for assembling toys than are the children.
 A) battled
 B) baffled
 C) battered
 D) bargained

72. The president appears to have been in earnest when he promised to try to balance the national budget.
 A) joking
 B) dreaming
 C) lying
 D) serious
73. Among its other evils, a forest fire destroys the shelter used by thousands of wild animals.
 A) undesirable
 B) savage
 C) undomesticated
 D) shrewd
74. The extensive droughts these past few years have caused widespread famine in many parts of Africa.
 A) locusts
 B) dry periods
 C) precipitation
 D) high temperatures
75. Punctuality is imperative in your new job.
 A) Being courteous
 B) Being efficient
 C) Being cheerful
 D) Being on time
76. He was greatly vexed by the new and unexpected development.
 A) enlightened
 B) astonished
 C) contented
 D) annoyed
77. The scientist examined the fossils closely to determine their age.
 A) processed
 B) cleaned
 C) compared
 D) inspected
78. Compulsory laws must be obeyed.
 A) Mandatory
 B) Important
 C) Reasonable
 D) Safety
79. A boa constrictor regularly eats animals the size of small pigs.
 A) hesitantly
 B) routinely
 C) periodically
 D) hungrily
80. After perusing the books for hours, the customer left without buying a single one.
 A) studying
 B) holding
 C) ignoring
 D) hiding

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81. The exchange of goods for services is a concept that developed during primitive times.
 A) gathering
 B) trade
 C) influence
 D) stockpiling
82. The boy felt disgraced because he knew that he had been wrong to steal.
 A) ashamed
 B) tempted
 C) phony
 D) worried
83. The chairman did not rule out the possibility of an agreement.
 A) forestall
 B) promise
 C) reject
 D) accept
84. Movie studios often boost a new star with guest appearances on television talk shows.
 A) attack
 B) promote
 C) watch
 D) denounce
85. The new contact lenses made the woman blink her eyes much more than usual.
 A) open and close
 B) strain and stretch
 C) rub
 D) shade
86. Can this be a duplicate of the document?
 A) an outline
 B) a copy
 C) a revision
 D) a summary
87. Gas stations are often situated on busy intersections.
 A) placed
 B) secluded
 C) requested
 D) founded
88. It is in the nature of man to continually strive to achieve an ever higher goal.
 A) aspire
 B) attest
 C) admonish
 D) aggregate
89. After extended periods of hospitalization, patients find that their muscles are flaccid.
 A) tough
 B) liquid
 C) flabby
 D) solid
90. The smell of leaking gas easily penetrates a building.
 A) spreads through
 B) overlaps
 C) reaches
 D) retreats from
91. The camelia is a tree or shrub with glossy evergreen leaves and waxy, roselike flowers.
 A) shiny
 B) thorny
 C) sticky
 D) scaly

92. Teachers despair of training children to have legible handwriting.
A) readable
B) Personal
C) graceful
D) feminine
93. Many wealthy investors were ruined by the stock market crash which ushered in the Great Depression.
A) depressed
B) retarded
C) destroyed
D) delayed
94. High mountain regions are usually covered with ice and snow in the winter.
A) peaks
B) areas
C) rocks
D) valleys
95. The jeweler reported that the diamonds were genuine.
A) perfect
B) valuable
C) real
D) imitations
96. Because of financial considerations, inventors forsake their exciting research.
A) continue
B) resume
C) delay
D) abandon
97. The hoof of a horse is actually an enlarged, tough middle toe.
A) hard
B) rough
C) long
D) heavy
98. The tunnel was so dark and clammy that we became frightened.
A) long corridor
B) underground passageway
C) center aisle
D) open ditch
99. Avalanches not only endanger life, but they block important avenues of communication and disrupt commercial activity.
A) obstruct
B) reproach
C) lapse
D) cast
100. The man neglected to file his income tax and therefore had to pay a fine.
A) hoped
B) promised
C) refused
D) failed

Answer Key

1. B	43. B	85. A
2. B	44. C	86. B
3. B	45. A	87. A
4. A	46. C	88. A
5. A	47. D	89. C
6. C	48. C	90. A
7. C	49. A	91. A
8. B	50. C	92. A
9. B	51. C	93. C
10. B	52. A	94. B
11. A	53. D	95. C
12. A	54. D	96. D
13. A	55. B	97. A
14. C	56. C	98. B
15. C	57. C	99. A
16. C	58. D	100. D
17. B	59. D	
18. A	60. B	
19. B	61. B	
20. B	62. D	
21. B	63. C	
22. C	64. A	
23. A	65. A	
24. A class and example	66. B	
25. B synonyms	67. A	
26. C same class	68. C	
27. C antonyms	69. C	
28. B homophones	70. A	
29. C synonyms	71. B	
30. A part/whole	72. D	
31. B antonyms	73. C	
32. A same class	74. B	
33. C part/whole	75. D	
34. B homophones	76. D	
35. A antonyms	77. D	
36. B same class	78. A	
37. C class and example	79. B	
38. B synonyms	80. A	
39. A part/whole	81. B	
40. B	82. A	
41. B	83. C	
42. C	84. B	