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Synonym Replacement

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

1. ADAGE may mean
 - A) addition
 - B) link
 - C) leader
 - D) proverb

2. ALLEGE may mean
 - A) blackmail
 - B) deny
 - C) vow
 - D) claim

3. APTITUDE may mean
 - A) mistake
 - B) ability
 - C) difficulty
 - D) reason

4. BEFRIEND may mean
 - A) sever ties
 - B) assist
 - C) enjoy
 - D) close down

5. BOULDER may mean
 - A) rock
 - B) rasher
 - C) rugged
 - D) persistent

6. CELESTIAL may mean
 - A) heavenly
 - B) earthy
 - C) watery
 - D) tempting

7. COLLIDE may mean
 - A) crash
 - B) glide
 - C) hunt
 - D) hurting

8. CONSOLE may mean
 - A) hide
 - B) preserve
 - C) protect
 - D) comfort

9. CORSAIR may mean
 - A) officer
 - B) ship
 - C) pirate
 - D) guard

10. DATA may mean
 - A) money
 - B) facts
 - C) appointments
 - D) accident

11. DEPLORE may mean
 - A) rejoice
 - B) lament
 - C) mitigate
 - D) imply

12. DISTRUST may mean
 - A) friendship
 - B) dishonesty
 - C) suspicion
 - D) hatred

13. ENGAGE may mean
 - A) employ
 - B) date
 - C) train
 - D) dismiss

14. EXECUTIVE may mean
A) official killer
B) hero
C) see through
D) high officer
15. FLOURISH may mean
A) prosper
B) flee
C) feed
D) foil
16. GOBBLE may mean
A) talk a lot
B) mix up
C) rinse
D) eat greedily
17. HERITAGE may mean
A) old age
B) picket
C) things inherited
D) real estate
18. IMPAIR may mean
A) force
B) contest
C) damage
D) correct
19. DIALOGUE may mean
A) conversation
B) monologue
C) speech
D) sermon
20. ELUCIDATE may mean
A) show off
B) send away
C) free from
D) clear up

Analogies

Select the best match for each of the following analogies.

21. grass : scythe = beard : _____
 A) hair
 B) face
 C) skin
 D) razor
22. cricket : bat = hockey : _____
 A) field
 B) stick
 C) player
 D) ball
23. mature : childish = various : _____
 A) rhythmic
 B) monotonous
 C) decorous
 D) obsolete
24. Cochise : Apache = Crazy Horse : _____
 A) Sioux
 B) Inuit
 C) Navajo
 D) Custer
25. coddle : comfort = nourish : _____
 A) feed
 B) sleep
 C) growth
 D) wheat
26. architect : building = sculptor : _____
 A) museum
 B) statue
 C) chisel
 D) stone
27. truffle : pig = clue : _____
 A) detective
 B) hog
 C) chocolate
 D) France
28. colossal : enormous = constant : _____
 A) huge
 B) time
 C) faithful
 D) lapsed
29. rain : drizzle _____
 A) swim : dive
 B) hop : shuffle
 C) juggle : bounce
 D) run : jog
30. facilitate : make easier = expedite : _____
 A) conscript
 B) make harder
 C) stretch
 D) hasten
31. pond : lake = cottage : _____
 A) hamlet
 B) camp
 C) tent
 D) mansion
32. sunflower : light = _____
 A) torch : battery
 B) scholar : books
 C) ink : print
 D) mold : humidity
33. business : logo = nation : _____
 A) anthem
 B) ruler
 C) animal
 D) emblem

34. phenomenon : phenomena = die :

- A) heaven
- B) miracle
- C) dice
- D) phenomenal

35. accident : carefulness = disease : _____

- A) sanitation
- B) treatment
- C) medicine
- D) doctor

36. desert : arid = space : _____

- A) night
- B) western
- C) vast
- D) star

37. scalpel : incision = plow : _____

- A) soil
- B) clearing
- C) furrow
- D) earth

38. scrub : wash = sob : _____

- A) cry
- B) water
- C) sad
- D) tease

39. finch : bird _____

- A) frog : toad
- B) elephant : reptile
- C) Dalmatian : dog
- D) collie : marsupial

40. food : stomach = fuel : _____

- A) plane
- B) truck
- C) engine
- D) automobile

Synonym Replacement

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41. The officer compelled the suspect to wait at the scene of the crime.
 A) forced
 B) hired
 C) allowed
 D) beseeched
42. Over the centuries there were gradual movements of the earth's tectonic plates.
 A) small
 B) sudden
 C) indivisible
 D) frequent
43. We will wind up our business on Friday and take the weekend off.
 A) continue
 B) conclude
 C) detail
 D) discuss
44. The hunter carefully stalked the deer.
 A) shot
 B) aimed at
 C) skinned
 D) tracked
45. The noisy throng of teenagers jammed the hall to hear the rock concert.
 A) class
 B) quartet
 C) crowd
 D) parents
46. No remnants of the settlement of Roanoke, Virginia, were found by the next group of colonists.
 A) implements
 B) traces
 C) survivors
 D) buildings
47. It is impossible for parents to shield their children from every danger.
 A) protect
 B) free
 C) conserve
 D) relieve
48. Scientists around the world are working on methods of predicting earthquakes.
 A) advocating
 B) foretelling
 C) surmising
 D) verifying
49. If a vote is deadlocked in Congress, the vice president casts the deciding vote.
 A) tilted
 B) tied
 C) legacy
 D) inequality
50. From an airplane, farms dotting the countryside look like toys.
 A) bordering
 B) separating
 C) running into
 D) scattered across
51. Buildings planned for earthquake zones need to allow for lateral movement.
 A) sideways
 B) violent
 C) incredible
 D) front to back

52. Grain is stored in large circular buildings called elevators.
A) found
B) placed
C) sold
D) bought
53. Science researchers are looking into ways to extend human life.
A) dissecting
B) impeding
C) investigating
D) anticipating
54. The child groped for the light switch.
A) reached confidently
B) listened attentively
C) searched blindly
D) stretched up
55. The new tax law is explicit; that type of certificate is tax-exempt.
A) imprecise
B) definite
C) deficient
D) harsh
56. The political leader was revered by the people of his country.
A) loved
B) detested
C) assassinated
D) distrusted
57. Before the U.S. entered World War II, a motley group of American pilots volunteered to fly for England's air corps.
A) an indolent
B) a fierce
C) a heterogeneous
D) an aggressive
58. The old woman is too feeble to cross the street without her nephew's help.
A) tired
B) weak
C) timid
D) blind
59. The collapse of the stock market in 1929 signaled the beginning of the Depression.
A) failure
B) debt
C) rise
D) rebirth
60. The letters of Cicero range from the banal to the sublime.
A) exalted
B) lethargic
C) trite
D) incomplete

Sentence Completion

61. The rock is _____. I cannot lift it.
 A) somewhat light
 B) not large
 C) too heavy
 D) very smooth
62. Even though they have been working on it for three years, the bridge is still _____ completion.
 A) close to
 B) near
 C) far from
 D) at
63. Teddy found it terribly difficult to write his novel. Nevertheless, he managed to _____ it in less than two years.
 A) forget
 B) plan
 C) begin
 D) complete
64. Jordan is a very _____ person. She doesn't talk very much to anyone.
 A) shy
 B) hungry
 C) generous
 D) social
65. Plants will die _____ they get sunlight.
 A) unless
 B) whenever
 C) while
 D) if
66. Unlike the _____ water conditions common at northern beaches, southern beaches are relatively _____.
 A) pure ... clean
 B) salty ... cool
 C) windy ... shallow
 D) violent ... calm
67. Gloria does not know how to _____ her shoes yet, but she is _____.
 A) wear ... barefoot
 B) buy ... trying
 C) tie ... learning
 D) find ... hiding
68. The museum groups artifacts with respect to age; an ancient sculpture is likely to be placed near _____ painting.
 A) a beautiful
 B) an old
 C) a special
 D) a rare
69. Although most Japanese maple trees don't get very tall, some can reach astounding _____.
 A) heights
 B) varieties
 C) abilities
 D) colors
70. Brian was worried that he would be late for school, so he _____ out the front door.
 A) wandered
 B) ran
 C) danced
 D) drove
71. Not only do roses smell good, but they are also very _____.
 A) ugly
 B) disgusting
 C) weak
 D) beautiful
72. Since you were _____ from school yesterday, you _____ our math lesson.
 A) suspended ... learned
 B) absent ... missed
 C) home ... taught
 D) present ... disliked

73. Even though Jack's presentation was _____, his message was _____.
- A) interesting ... funny
 - B) comical ... serious
 - C) long ... complicated
 - D) new ... strange
74. Pour the _____ very carefully. You do not want to _____ it.
- A) wine ... spill
 - B) juice ... drink
 - C) milk ... cook
 - D) coffee ... burn
75. I am almost done with school. I will _____ next week.
- A) fail
 - B) quit
 - C) succeed
 - D) graduate
76. Marvin told me the store was _____. However, it was _____.
- A) organized ... great
 - B) open ... closed
 - C) cheap ... inexpensive
 - D) popular ... large
77. The shirt costs thirty dollars, but Jaime only has _____.
- A) twenty-five
 - B) thirty
 - C) thirty-five
 - D) forty
78. Ruben is a _____. He works for the _____ and votes on new laws.
- A) janitor ... cafeteria
 - B) father ... children
 - C) musician ... orchestra
 - D) senator ... government
79. Tabitha asked for _____ ketchup for her French fries. She really likes ketchup.
- A) no
 - B) less
 - C) extra
 - D) red
80. Today the weather is rainy. However, yesterday it was _____.
- A) stormy
 - B) sunny
 - C) cloudy
 - D) cold

Answer Key

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| 1. D | 43. B |
| 2. D | 44. D |
| 3. B | 45. C |
| 4. B | 46. B |
| 5. A | 47. A |
| 6. A | 48. B |
| 7. A | 49. B |
| 8. D | 50. D |
| 9. C | 51. A |
| 10. B | 52. B |
| 11. B | 53. C |
| 12. C | 54. C |
| 13. A | 55. B |
| 14. D | 56. A |
| 15. A | 57. C |
| 16. D | 58. B |
| 17. C | 59. A |
| 18. C | 60. C |
| 19. A | 61. C |
| 20. D | 62. C |
| 21. D | 63. D |
| 22. B | 64. A |
| 23. B | 65. A |
| 24. A | 66. D |
| 25. C | 67. C |
| 26. B | 68. B |
| 27. A | 69. A |
| 28. C | 70. B |
| 29. D | 71. D |
| 30. D | 72. B |
| 31. D | 73. B |
| 32. D | 74. A |
| 33. D | 75. D |
| 34. C | 76. B |
| 35. A | 77. A |
| 36. C | 78. D |
| 37. C | 79. C |
| 38. A | 80. B |
| 39. C | |
| 40. C | |
| 41. A | |
| 42. A | |