**VOCABULARY PRACTICE TEST QUESTIONS**

**1. The prince abdicated the crown and returned to his castle. *Abdicated*means…**

1. Gave up.
2. Sold.
3. Reinvested into.
4. Auctioned.

**2. The convicted criminal absconded prior to the sentencing phase of the trial. *Absconded* means…**

1. Touched the jury.
2. Reported immediately.
3. Left after discussion.
4. Departed secretly.

**3. The aural component of balance is critical for postural control during ambulation. *Aural* means related to the…**

1. Eye.
2. Ear.
3. Nose.
4. Mouth.

**4. The old man was benevolent with his fortune. *Benevolent* means…**

1. Secretive.
2. Stingy.
3. Kind.
4. Careful.

**5. The extra dirt was a key buttress to the foundation. *Buttress* means…**

1. Limiting factor.
2. Support.
3. Overwhelming condition.
4. Obstacle.

**6. The cathode of a battery was removed. *Cathode* means…**

1. Positive pole.
2. Negative pole.
3. Neutral pole.
4. Opposite pole.

**7. The doctor was known as a charlatan over the years of his practice. *Charlatan* means…**

1. Quack.
2. Knowledgeable physician.
3. Procedural physician.
4. Medical examiner.

**8. The wound exhibited signs of copious drainage requiring medical intervention. *Copious* means…**

1. Minimal.
2. Clear.
3. Maximal.
4. Foul.

**9. The attorney accused the witness of defaming the defendant. *Defaming*means…**

1. Killing.
2. Badgering.
3. Suffocating.
4. Slandering.

**10. The detective was able to derive the facts of the case. *Derive* means…**

1. Desist.
2. Deter.
3. Devise.
4. Deduce.

**11. The scientist was able to evoke powerful emotions from her audience. *Evoke* means…**

1. Sell.
2. Calm.
3. Call forth.
4. Exaggerate.

**12. The judge was fallible during deliberation. *Fallible* means…**

1. Careful not to err.
2. Falsely accused.
3. Loyal to his supporters.
4. Capable of mistakes.

**13. The chemist collected the germane data during the experiment. *Germane*means…**

1. Relevant.
2. Obscure.
3. Limited.
4. Usual.

**14. The desperados held up in a grotto in New Mexico during the escape. *Grotto* means…**

1. Large cave.
2. Small cavern.
3. Hotel.
4. Motel.

**15. The official exhibited a heedless attitude when dealing with the dignitaries. *Heedless* means…**

1. Thoughtless.
2. Pleasant.
3. Friendly.
4. Bitter.

**16. The Sherman tank commander noted innumerable troops moving forward against his position. *Innumerable* means…**

1. Limited.
2. Weary.
3. Countless.
4. Harmless.

**17. The general tried to instill in his troops the hope of victory. *Instill* means…**

1. Infuse.
2. Delay.
3. Inscribe.
4. Indict.

**18. The winning team of the World Series often has a jovial attitude. *Jovial*means…**

1. Merry.
2. Sad.
3. Somber.
4. Laborious.

**19. The plant entered the latent phase of development in the fall. *Latent*means…**

1. First.
2. Growth.
3. Last.
4. Dormant.

**20. The yacht club members were excited about conditions on the loch. *Loch* means…**

1. Water.
2. Lake.
3. Gulf.
4. Ocean.

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21. I bought a **beautiful** dress at the mall.

 preposition  
 adjective  
 noun

22. What did **she** ask you to do?

 conjunction  
 preposition  
 pronoun

23. I left my shoes **under** the kitchen table.

 adjective  
 preposition  
 pronoun

24. If we finish our work **quickly** we can go to the movies.

 adverb  
 conjunction  
 verb

25. On Saturdays I **work** from nine to five.

 verb  
 preposition  
 adverb

26. I want to go to a **university** in the United States.

 adjective  
 preposition  
 noun

27. I'm sure I've **met** your girlfriend before.

 verb  
 preposition  
 interjection

28. **Well**, I don't think I'll be home before 6.

 interjection  
 preposition  
 pronoun

29. Andy knocked on the door **but** nobody answered.

 adverb  
 adjective  
 conjunction

30. **After** lunch let's go out for a coffee.

 pronoun  
 preposition  
 verb

31. The collective term for sheep is

 a colony  
 a flock  
 a pen

32. A young bear is

 a cub  
 a kitten  
 a bear pup

33. A fully-grown male horse is

 a colt  
 a filly  
 a stallion

34. The collective term for fish is

 a swarm  
 a pod  
 a school

35. What does a tadpole turn into as it grows?

 a frog  
 a larva  
 a dolphin

36. Which word means "a young goose"?

 gander  
 gosling  
 gaggle

37. What's a drake?

 a male duck  
 a female owl  
 a young bat

38. Did you count the lions in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you saw?

 pride  
 pack  
 herd

39. Our oldest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has given birth to dozens of kids.

 billy  
 nanny  
 joey

40. A filly is no longer a foal, but it's still not a

 colt  
 stallion  
 mare

41. My mother's daughter is my

 aunt  
 cousin  
 sister

42. My mother's mother is my

 auntie  
 great aunt  
 grandmother

43. My father's son is my

 uncle  
 cousin  
 brother

44. My step-mother's son is my

 step-brother  
 brother-in-law  
 step-son

45. My brother's daughter is my

 nephew  
 niece  
 cousin

46. My aunt's children are my

 step-children  
 cousins  
 nephews and nieces

47. My grandpa's father is my

 great uncle  
 great grandpa  
 great great grandpa

48. My dad's brother is my

 uncle  
 cousin  
 brother-in-law

49. My sister's husband is my

 brother-in-law  
 sibling  
 husband-in-law

50. My female spouse is my

 grandmother  
 mother-in-law  
 wife

51. The rain's nearly stopped. It's only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ now.

 a drought  
 drizzling  
 raining cats and dogs

52. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a tropical storm with very strong winds.

 blizzard  
 hurricane  
 precipitation

53. I stepped in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and got the bottom of my pants all wet.

 puddle  
 piddle  
 poodle

54. We didn't use the airconditioner at all during that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ last summer.

 forecast  
 cold spell  
 sunburn

55. You can get struck by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during an electrical storm.

 thunder  
 sunshine  
 lightning

56. It was too \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the pilot to land the plane.

 mild  
 sunny  
 foggy

57. If you let me put your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on I'll be able to see better.

 thermometer  
 shades  
 degrees

58. There's often a light \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the afternoon on this island.

 shower  
 tornado  
 heat stroke

59. When I looked at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it said it was ten degrees.

 scorcher  
 thermometer  
 meteorologist

60. Putting on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is supposed to prevent sunburn.

 sunscreen  
 suntan  
 sunglasses

61. He arrived at exactly 11am, \_\_\_\_\_ on time.

 right  
 straight

62. What do you do in your \_\_\_\_\_ time?

 free  
 loose

63. We couldn't finish because we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ time.

 ran through  
 ran out of

64. If we take this short cut we'll \_\_\_\_\_ some time.

 keep  
 save

65. We \_\_\_\_\_ time sitting in a traffic jam. We should've taken the train.

 damaged  
 wasted

66. There have been several robberies in the \_\_\_\_\_ weeks.

 past few  
 few past

67. The Internet was developed in the \_\_\_\_\_ century.

 last 20th  
 late 20th

68. They're really busy. They work \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dusk.

 from dawn to  
 from day to

69. You'll forget all about it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by.

 when time comes  
 as time goes

70. Can you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to meet us this week?

 make time  
 do time

71. Liverpool has quite a few South American players, including three from

 Brazil  
 Brazilian  
 Brazilians

72. Carlsberg is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ beer, isn't it?

 Dane  
 Danish  
 Denmark

73. A person from Nigeria is a

 Nigerien  
 Nigerese  
 Nigerian

74. Frankie loves French wine and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cheese.

 Swiss  
 Switz  
 Suisse

75. Yasmin is an Iranian, and her friend Sara is an

 Iraq  
 Iraqi  
 Iraqian

76. Mr Erdoğan's a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , isn't he?

 Turk  
 Turkey  
 Turkish

77. Musicians like Björk and Sigur Rós are among the most famous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the world right now.

 Icelandics  
 Icelanders  
 Icelandians

78. In 1973 the USA helped \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ military dictator Augusto Pinochet stage the coup that ended democracy in Chile.

 Chile  
 Chilean  
 Chilenian

79. Marie Curie was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ chemist who discovered the element Polonium and named it after her country.

 Pole  
 Polar  
 Polish

80. In 2018, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ model, singer and artist Catriona Gray won the Miss Universe crown for the Philippines.

 Philippino-Australian  
 Filipinan-Australian  
 Filipino-Australian

Are the following statements True or False?

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81. It is common for people who are waiting together to engage in small talk.  
True    False

82. Religion is usually considered a "safe" topic for small talk.  
True    False

83. Children are taught not to speak to strangers who engage them in small talk.  
True    False

84. It is rude to make small talk with someone who's delivering your mail.  
True    False

85. Sport is not usually a "safe" topic for small talk.  
True    False

86. When making small talk, complimenting someone's clothes or hairstyle is usually acceptable.  
True    False

87. Divisive topics like politics are usually considered unsuitable for small talk.  
True    False

88. It is common to talk about the weather while sharing an elevator.  
True    False

89. It is polite to interrupt a conversation in order to make small talk.  
True    False

90. People often use small talk to fill an uncomfortable silence.  
True    False

91. Many factories \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ harmful pollutants into the atmosphere.

 minimize  
 donate  
 emit

92. You can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ plastic bags again and again until they get holes in them.

 reuse  
 resume  
 reduce

93. Americans \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ many products that are sold with excess packaging.

 consume  
 protect  
 pollute

94. Burning fossil fuels can cause \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to fall from the clouds.

 smog  
 carbon footprints  
 acid rain

95. You can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ organic household waste by having a compost bin in the garden.

 protect  
 recycle  
 fertilize

96. Instead of throwing away old clothes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them to organizations that help poor people.

 consume  
 donate  
 emit

97. The company is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an ancient forest in order to sell the wood.

 clear-cutting  
 reducing  
 recycling

98. Which is an example of climate change?

 reforestation  
 global warming  
 air pollution

99. Environmentalists understand the importance of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ forests and wetlands.

 minimizing  
 banning  
 preserving

100. We will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ if the government supports fossil fuel companies instead of tackling global warming.

 prevent  
 protest  
 protect