

15-MINUTE TEST

Find the word or phrase that is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word (s) in each question.

Question 1: A number of wildlife habitat reserves have been established so that a wide range of endangered species can have a chance to survive and develop.

- A. removed B. set up C. disorganized D. confused

Question 2: There was an abrupt change in her attitude towards me when she heard that I was Alan's girlfriend.

- A. unanticipated B. continual C. laudable D. careless

Question 3: These fanatics are in deadly earnest when they say they want to destroy all forms of government.

- A. mean B. cheap C. serious D. frivolous

Question 4: The whole play was executed with great precision. The audiences seemed to be completely silent.

- A. decided B. performed C. wondered D. dismissed

Question 5: With rare exceptions, the families in this town have lived here for generations, usually three and more.

- A. ordinary B. sufficient C. typical D. uncommon

Question 6: He wasn't in when I got there, so it was a completely wasted journey. I couldn't get the money he promised to turn back to me.

- A. exciting B. extremely thin C. badly used D. completely drunk

Question 7: In her last difficult years, she depended completely on her husband to look after her.

- A. stood on B. separated from C. suffered from D. argued with

Question 8: They live in densely populated, racially segregated neighbourhoods.

- A. crowded B. invaded C. developed D. occupied

Question 9: High blood pressure is almost invariably accompanied by high blood cholesterol.

- A. continually B. always C. essentially D. readily

Question 10: The new range of engines all had a generic problem with their fan blades.

- A. cheap B. difficult C. serious D. general

Question 11: Ruth simulated pleasure at seeing Sam, but really she wished he hadn't come.

- A. excited B. imitated C. tricked D. predicted

Question 12: James sometimes seems quite unfriendly but at heart he's a good person.

- A. frankly B. consequently C. basically D. generally

Question 13: Fresh evidence has recently come to light that suggests that he didn't in fact commit the murder.

- A. become publicly B. kept the secret
C. become well-known D. become weak

Question 14: He's just putting on an act for the boss's benefit so that their family and friends will forget his laziness.

- A. terminating B. destroying C. inventing D. failing

Question 15: You have to be very careful because he flies off the handle very easily.

- A. becomes delighted B. lose one's temper C. becomes surprised D. becomes excited