

Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) or phrase(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each sentence.

1. Some of the newer plants in the garden died during the **drought**.  
A. heatwave  
B. harvest  
C. summer  
D. aridity
2. Can you give me some **suggestions** on what to bring to the party tonight?  
A. effects  
B. symptoms  
C. hints  
D. demonstrations
3. The fall of the Berlin Wall marked the **dawn** of a new era in European history.  
A. outcome  
B. continuation  
C. beginning  
D. expansion
4. How did he come from a rich kid to a street **wanderer**?  
A. veterans  
B. tyros  
C. vagabonds  
D. zealots
5. Many people say that he is always a good **plumber**.  
A. a person who picks plums  
B. a person who makes water pipes  
C. a person who supplies water  
D. a person who repairs water pipes
6. Nuclear weapons pose great **threats** to everyone.  
A. risks  
B. annoyances  
C. fears  
D. irritations
7. Further information is required to determine the correct answer in any given **instance**.  
A. situation  
B. attention  
C. place  
D. matter
8. They felt they had been treated with **discourtesy** which was unacceptable.  
A. politeness  
B. rudeness  
C. encouragement  
D. measurement
9. The city has an exceptionally rich **heritage** of historic buildings.  
A. heredity  
B. tradition  
C. endowment  
D. bequest
10. A major **obstacle** to finding a job is a lack of qualifications.  
A. impediment  
B. encouragement  
C. impetus  
D. assistance

11. A lot of women are victims of aesthetic **bad treatment**.  
A. mistreatment  
B. malpractice  
C. misdemeanor  
D. maltreatment
12. Your newly-published novel has enjoyed a great **review** from critics.  
A. viewing  
B. regard  
C. look  
D. opinion
13. The dog is sick. We have to take it to the **vet** as soon as possible.  
A. zoologist  
B. horticulturist  
C. veterinarian  
D. veteran
14. What do you call a **cycle with three wheels**?  
A. tricycle  
B. unicycle  
C. bicycle  
D. motorcycle
15. The United States has the most **centenarians**, with an estimated number of about 80,000.  
A. people who live to be 100 or longer  
B. people who are vegetarians  
C. people who want to be fruitarians  
D. people who are extraordinary
16. I could follow the **main idea** of their conversation.  
A. fist  
B. twist  
C. gist  
D. list
17. Freud argues that a dream is the **fulfillment** of a wish.  
A. attainment  
B. completion  
C. performance  
D. conclusion
18. The fact that he lost both of his arms was no **impediment** to his career as a professional swimmer.  
A. help  
B. impotence  
C. hindrance  
D. impossibility
19. The **combustion** of solid waste creates yet another environmental problem.  
A. ignition  
B. contamination  
C. decomposition  
D. reconstruction
20. Many corporations have offered retirement plans as an **incentive** for older workers to retire to recruit a younger workforce.  
A. reward  
B. opportunities  
C. encouragement  
D. motives
21. We've just had a new wool **carpet** fitted in our bedroom.  
A. Artifacts  
B. Pottery  
C. Rugs  
D. Textiles