

Exercise 1. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word or phrase that is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following questions.

1. The film is not worth seeing. The plot is too **dull**.
A. simple B. complicated C. boring D. slow
2. In rural Midwestern towns of the USA, the decisions that affect most residents are made at general **assemblies** in schools and churches.
A. concerts B. public libraries C. gatherings D. prayer services
3. I hope to have the **privilege** of working with them again.
A. honor B. advantage C. favor D. right
4. Everything was in a **thorough** mess.
A. utter B. full C. complete D. appalling
5. The **service station** at Shiel Bridge has a good range of groceries.
A. coach station B. railway station C. power station D. petrol station
6. He **didn't bat an eye** when he realized he failed the exam again.
A. didn't want to see B. didn't show surprise C. wasn't happy D. didn't care
7. The notice should be put in the most **conspicuous** place so that all the students can be well-informed.
A. easily seen B. beautiful C. popular D. suspicious
8. If the headmaster were here, he would sign your papers **immediately**.
A. right ahead B. currently C. formerly D. right away
9. Living in the central Australian desert has its problems, of which **obtaining** water is not the least.
A. controlling B. storing C. purifying D. getting
10. Thirty minutes after the accident, the captain still refused to **abandon** the burning ship.
A. sail B. get on C. leave D. come to
11. It will be fine tomorrow. But if it should rain tomorrow, the match will be **postponed**.
A. taken off B. sold off C. put off D. turned off
12. Many scientists agree that global warming poses great **threats** to all species on Earth.
A. annoyance B. risks C. irritations D. fears
13. The works of such men as the English philosophers John Locke and Thomas Hobbes helped **pave the way for** academic freedom in the modern sense.
A. initiate B. lighten C. terminate D. prevent
14. E-cash cards are the main means of all transactions in a **cashless** society.
A. cash-free B. cash-starved C. cash-strapped D. cash-in-hand
15. For a long term period, Lizzie Magie has been battling against the **vicissitudes** of life.
A. mutability B. caprice C. ups and downs D. determination
16. The aim of University education is to **inure** students to hardship, trials and adverse situations in life.
A. accustom B. obliterate C. shun D. estrange.
17. Those girls are totally unaware that they are being **made use of** by this organization.
A. taken for granted B. spoken ill of C. made fun of D. taken advantage of
18. In life, Ray always **gives me a hand with** repairing the broken things in my house.
A. assists me by B. asks me to help with C. pleases me by D. serves me with
19. I just want to stay at home and watch TV and **take it easy**.
A. sleep B. sit down C. eat D. relax
20. The rains of 1993 causing the Missouri river to overflow **resulted in** one of the worst floods of the 20th century. A. stopped B. lessened C. caused D. overcame