

IFL SYNONYMS PRACTICE 4

A: Choose the correct synonym of the following words.

1. Welcome to my humble **abode**. Please make yourself at home, everyone.
A. home
B. party
C. banquet
D. housewarming
2. Slavery was **abolished** in the United States in the 19th century.
A. established
B. eliminated
C. condemned
D. introduced
3. I think everyone here is not ready for such an **abrupt** change of plan. They should have been well informed about the change.
A. big
B. sudden
C. significant
D. extensive
4. It seems quite **absurd** to expect everyone to drive for 3 hours just for a 20-minute meeting. Believe me, I don't think everyone is going to like this idea.
A. serious
B. tough
C. ridiculous
D. funny
5. He became famous because of his work, which was **acclaimed** as a masterpiece. He is now one of the prominent figures.
A. accepted
B. praised
C. criticized
D. misjudged
6. I think there should be a law governing the sale of alcoholic **beverages** if we want to reduce the number of road accidents caused by drunk driving in our country.
A. goods
B. containers
C. drinks
D. contents

7. The burglar **bound** the old lady's arms and legs with rope, and he began to ransack the house, looking for her valuable items.
- A. fastened
 - B. chained
 - C. handcuffed
 - D. beat
8. Be careful! Don't step on those branches, for they are dry and **brittle**. They cannot support your weight.
- A. overhanging
 - B. unbreakable
 - C. low
 - D. fragile
9. Two gangsters carried out a **brutal** attack on a defenseless old woman last night. The local police are now investigating the case.
- A. sexual
 - B. racist
 - C. cruel
 - D. unprovoked
10. Evidence given by convicted criminals should always be treated with the utmost **caution**.
- A. investigation
 - B. curiosity
 - C. suspicion
 - D. carefulness
11. The country was plunged into economic **chaos**. The prices of goods went up while the government civil servants' salary remained low.
- A. boom
 - B. recession
 - C. downturn
 - D. confusion
12. His father **chided** him for spending time hanging out with friends instead of studying hard for his coming secondary school leaving examinations.
- A. praised
 - B. rewarded
 - C. questioned
 - D. scolded
13. The **coarse** sand was hot and rough under Navy's feet. After walking along the sandy beach for a short while, she decided to stop for a short rest under a shady coconut tree.
- A. fine
 - B. rough
 - C. dry
 - D. wet

14. The newly adopted law will **compel** employers in all economic sectors to provide their employees with health insurance.
- A. encourage
 - B. persuade
 - C. force
 - D. permit
15. She tried to **conceal** the fact that she was pregnant from her parents, for they would be hopping mad at her once they had learned about her pregnancy.
- A. reveal
 - B. prove
 - C. hide
 - D. explain
16. The travel agency near my house attracts many customers because of its hospitality. The staff are always **courteous** and helpful.
- A. polite
 - B. friendly
 - C. cheerful
 - D. punctual
17. Farmers in many developing countries work very hard to feed their families. They get up **at dawn** to go to rice fields and do not get back home until dusk.
- A. sunset
 - B. daybreak
 - C. twilight
 - D. nightfall
18. One of the disadvantages of this school is that its compound is small. There is a **deficiency** of safe play areas for children.
- A. sufficiency
 - B. shortage
 - C. crisis
 - D. facility
19. Both freshwater and saltwater fish populations worldwide have been severely **depleted** because of overfishing to meet the growing demand of human populations.
- A. reduced
 - B. increased
 - C. caught
 - D. consumed
20. You shouldn't **deride** these people's efforts. Although they have failed this time, their constant efforts may bring them success later.
- A. resist
 - B. admire
 - C. mock
 - D. underestimate