

15-MINUTE TEST

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

- Question 1:** The nationalists are very eager to conserve their customs and language.
A. silence B. waste C. liberal D. complicate
- Question 2:** Wind and rain have eroded the statues into shapeless lumps of stone.
A. composted B. ignored C. clarified D. restored
- Question 3:** Those explosions must have been subsequent to our departure, because we didn't hear anything.
A. following B. consecutive C. previous D. successive
- Question 4:** He persuaded the delegates to waive their objections which may cause the decrease of customers to the restaurant.
A. give up B. retain C. postpone D. surrender
- Question 5:** She recalled seeing him outside the shop on the night of the robbery.
A. remembered B. resented C. forgot D. complained
- Question 6:** The government is to enact a law aimed at improving safety on construction sites.
A. represent B. personate C. execute D. hinder
- Question 7:** I seriously think she'll go crazy if she doesn't have a holiday soon.
A. gravely B. sincerely C. actively D. funnily
- Question 8:** Most roses being sold now are dormant, and without any soil around their roots.
A. active B. passive C. asleep D. inoperative
- Question 9:** Although the issues you raise are important, they are not really our primary concern.
A. fundamental B. inessential C. dominant D. principal
- Question 10:** We benefit greatly from the many medicines and other products that biodiversity provides.
A. unremarkably B. incredibly C. immensely D. hugely
- Question 11:** Please don't beat around the bush and say what's on your mind.
A. talk about lots of unimportant things B. talk about main things
C. talk about mysterious things D. talk about future things
- Question 12:** He worked off and on as a bicycle messenger, but he never found permanent work.
A. rarely B. occasionally C. sometimes D. frequently
- Question 13:** The rest of the team complained that Sarah wasn't pulling her weight.
A. irresponsible B. dependable C. qualified D. careful
- Question 14:** The environment is bound to be endangered if humans don't know how to protect it.
A. isn't sure to B. is likely to C. is possible to D. is certain to
- Question 15:** During difficult economic times, many people have to make do with less.
A. endure B. muddle C. stagger D. fail

