

Read the sentences and determine the meaning of the highlighted words. Choose the most suitable option:

- 1) She showed a blatant disregard for the rules.
a. obvious b. hidden c. last-minute d. rebellious
- 2) Her fashion sense was usually described as flamboyant, but on the night of the party, Tanya's outfit was uncharacteristically modest.
a. impeccable b. showy c. sloppy d. unassuming
- 3) Mr. Powers was so gullible that he believed even the most outlandish excuses of his insincere employees.
a. intelligent b. naïve c. dishonest d. critical
- 4) You cannot become a certified teacher without completing the prerequisite student-teaching assignment.
a. required b. optional c. preferred d. advisable
- 5) Charles, aware of his susceptibility to gum disease, is diligent about flossing.
a. uncomfortable b. excited c. thorough d. ambivalent
- 6) Even though she'd read her supervisor's memo four or five times, she still found his rambling message ambiguous.
a. profound b. inspiring c. ridiculous d. unclear
- 7) Excited about winning the award, Marcia walked up to the podium and delivered an animated acceptance speech.
a. abbreviated b. courteous c. reserved d. lively
- 10) The intermittent rain soaked the garden many different times during the day.
a. protracted b. periodic c. incredulous d. light
- 11) I got a vicarious thrill watching you on the diving board.
a. shared b. unpleasant c. adventurous d. evil
- 12) After several small brushfires at the campground, officials felt the need to augment the rules pertaining to campfires.
a. criticize b. retract c. consider d. expand
- 13) As soon as the details of the election were released to the media, the newspaper was inundated with calls—far too many to be handled effectively.
a. provided b. bothered c. rewarded d. flooded
- 14) The doctor got to the crux of the issue.
a. outline b. opposite c. crucial point d. unhealthy
- 15) When people heard that timid Bob had taken up skydiving, they were incredulous.
a. fearful b. outraged c. convinced d. disbelieving
- 16) The technical department enthusiastically hired Ms. Long because she was proficient in the use of computers.
a. sincere b. adequate c. competent d. skilled