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1. HISTORIC / HISTORICAL

1. Is it a _____ fact that Washington slept in this house?
2. Many important _____ documents were destroyed when the library was bombed.
3. She's an avid reader of _____ novels.
4. Modernizing _____ buildings can often do more harm than good.

2. IMPLY / INFER

1. I _____ from her expression that she wanted to leave.
2. I'm not _____ anything about your cooking, but could we eat out tonight?
3. What can be _____ from the Minister's remarks?
4. The speaker or writer _____ something, and the listener or reader _____ it.

3. LICENCE / LICENSE

1. This restaurant is _____ to sell alcohol.
2. As parents they allowed their children very little _____.
3. He was copped for driving without a _____ last week.
4. Edward didn't have a fishing _____ - the council had decided not to _____ anyone new this year to conserve stocks.

4. MASTERFUL / MASTERLY

1. By your _____ speech I can tell you are an expert on teaching students.
2. He has a deep, _____ voice.
3. She gave a _____ performance as Kate in 'The Taming of the Shrew'.
4. Once she became a prosecutor, she quickly established herself as a _____ trial lawyer.

5. MORAL / MORALE

1. A couple of victories would improve the team's _____ enormously.
2. It's her _____ obligation to tell the police what she knows.
3. How on earth can you say that? Do you have no _____ values?
4. There have been a lot of job losses recently so _____ is fairly low.

6. OPPORTUNITY / OPTION / POSSIBILITY

1. I was never given the _____ of going to college.
2. The best _____ would be to cancel the trip altogether.
3. This walk provides the _____ of seeing some beautiful countryside.
4. Is there any _____ that you could pick me up from the station?
5. They didn't leave him much _____ - either he paid or they'd beat him up.
6. It's not likely to happen but I wouldn't rule out the _____.

7. PRACTICABLE / PRACTICAL

1. She is _____ and buys only what she can afford.
2. The troops will be brought home as soon as _____.
3. It's simply not _____ to divide the work between so many people.
4. It is not _____ to complete the tunnel before the end of the year.

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5. I tend to wear clothes that are _____ rather than fashionable.

8. PRINCIPAL / PRINCIPLE

1. He refused to give me any more money as a matter of _____.
2. Schools try to teach children a set of _____.
3. A small school with just three teachers and the _____ is just what we need.
4. He can't give up teaching, it's his _____ source of income.

9. REGRETFUL / REGRETTABLE

1. It is most _____ that Mr Johnson has decided to resign.
2. I'm _____ that our relation ended this way.
3. Your choice of friends is most _____.
4. We are not _____ about leaving this town.

10. SENSIBLE / SENSITIVE

1. I am very _____ to cold. I prefer warm temperatures.
2. Of course what you say is right. Any _____ person would agree with you.
3. This seems to be a _____ way of dealing with the problem.
4. Her reply showed that she was very _____ to criticism.

11. TESTAMENT / TESTIMONY

1. Some doubts have been expressed about his _____.
2. The detail of her wildlife paintings is a _____ to her powers of observation.
3. The reports are _____ to the many hours of research completed by this committee.
4. This article will give clear instructions for making a last will and _____.

12. HOMEWORK / HOUSEWORK

1. A lot of students in the UK get too much _____.
2. I never seem to have enough time to do the _____. There's always something that needs dusting or polishing.
3. I do all the _____ while he just does the dishes now and again.
4. You can't watch TV until you've done your _____.

13. IN TIME / ON TIME

1. The bus was late this morning but it is usually _____ time.
2. The ambulance got the hospital just _____ time to save his life.
3. Why are you never _____ time? You always keep everybody waiting.
4. I got home just _____ time - it's starting to rain.

14. INTENSE / INTENSIVE

1. The course compresses two year's training into six _____ months.
2. _____ bombing had reduced the city to rubble.
3. She was a very _____ person, who seemed to care deeply about everyone.
4. No, I was not always so disciplined or serious, _____ or passionate, but now I am.

15. LAST / LATEST / LATTER

1. You can go there either by plane or train. The _____ costs less.
2. The next meeting will be held in the _____ week in June.

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3. His _____ film is one of the funniest he's ever made.
4. The _____ version of their graphics package was handed out today.
5. Total profit was £550 million in the _____ half of 2003.
6. I swear this is the _____ cigarette I will ever smoke.

16. MEASURE / MEASUREMENT

1. Which _____ should I take first - the width or the length of the room?
2. There was a large _____ of agreement between the candidates.
3. What _____ do they use for diamonds?
4. The machine makes thousands of _____ every day.
5. These _____ were designed to improve car safety.

17. OFFICIAL / OFFICIOUS

1. Yesterday I received an _____ letter concerning my income tax.
2. He is an _____ little man and widely disliked in the company.
3. Number Ten Downing Street is het British prime minister's _____ residence.
4. Bustling about self-importantly he was making an _____ nuisance of himself.

18. OUTBREAK / OUTBURST

1. Last month there was an _____ of the bird flu.
2. Her comments provoked an _____ of anger from the boss.
3. Forgive my _____ last week.
4. On the _____ of war he expected to be called up.

19. RELATION / RELATIONSHIP

1. Studies show that there is a strong _____ between income and mental health.
2. _____ between China and the United States are tense at the moment.
3. How is your _____ with your father?
4. All our friends and _____ came to our wedding.

20. URBAN / URBANE

1. Do you enjoy _____ life, or would you prefer to live in the country?
2. Herschel was an _____, kindly, and generous man.
3. In conversation, he was suave and _____.
4. The speed limit is strictly enforced on _____ roads.

21. HAVEN / HEAVEN

1. They wanted to provide safe _____ for the refugees.
2. I just lay in the sun for a week and did nothing - it was _____.
3. He'll move _____ and earth to get it done on time.
4. The garden was a _____ from the noise and bustle of the city.

22. HORSE / HOARSE

1. My _____ is a bit timid and is easily frightened by traffic.
2. The jockey went _____ telling the _____ to giddy up.
3. This came straight from the _____'s mouth.
4. You'll make yourself _____ if you keep shouting like that!

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23. ISOLATED / INSULATED

1. The infected patients were _____ immediately.
2. Your drink stays hot for hours in this _____ bottle.
3. A high wall _____ the house from the rest of the village.
4. Children should be _____ from the horrors of war.

24. LUXURIANT / LUXURIOUS

1. I've always wanted to drive big _____ cars.
2. Her _____ hair fell around her shoulders.
3. We've bought a wonderfully _____ carpet for our bedroom.
4. We spent a _____ weekend at a country hotel.

25. PACKAGE / PACKET

1. The courier has just delivered a _____ for you.
2. Don't forget to buy 2 _____ of biscuits.
3. He wrote the number on the back of a cigarette _____.
4. Tom opened the brown paper wrapped _____ slowly, and undid the tape on a box inside of it.

26. POLITIC / POLITICS

1. You're right and my articulation of what I wanted to say was not _____.
2. She's not interested in _____. She never votes in the elections.
3. Her _____ have become more liberal over the past few years.
4. It was not _____ to ask any more questions at that point.

27. REMEMBER / REMIND

1. She _____ seeing him leave an hour ago.
2. I need the notes to _____ me what to say.
3. That song always _____ me of our holiday in Mexico.
4. I _____ that I was really nervous on my first day at school.

28. SCENERY / VIEW

1. They stopped at the top of the hill to admire the _____.
2. The cloud lifted, and the tops of the mountains suddenly came into _____.
3. This postcard doesn't do justice to the wonderful _____.
4. The _____ from the top of the mountain is breathtaking.

29. SHADE / SHADOW

1. Would you like to eat in the sun or in the _____?
2. The _____ of the trees slowly move across the lawn.
3. Our dog like to chase its own _____.
4. It's much too hot. Let's go and sit in the _____ for a while.

30. WIDELY / WIDESPREAD

1. Prices vary _____ from shop to shop.
2. There are reports of _____ flooding in northern France.
3. The incident has been _____ reported in the press.
4. The next 36 hours will be even colder with snow showers becoming more _____.

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