

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