

C1 Vocabulary Test (50 Questions)

Choose the best answer (A, B, C, or D)

1. What does “be stuck in a rut” mean?

- A. To be highly motivated
- B. To be trapped in an unchanging routine
- C. To be physically exhausted
- D. To make rapid progress

2. Which sentence best illustrates “cut out the dead wood”?

- A. The company hired twenty new employees.
- B. The manager removed unproductive staff and outdated procedures.
- C. The carpenter trimmed a tree branch.
- D. The team celebrated a successful year.

3. What does “take a toll on” mean?

- A. To improve significantly
- B. To have a damaging effect on
- C. To charge a fee for a service
- D. To postpone a decision

4. Which sentence uses “chisel smth down”?

- A. We chiselled down the proposal until only the essential points remained.
- B. We chiselled down the wall by painting it blue.
- C. She chiselled down her friend to help her.
- D. They chiselled down the meeting until 5 p.m.

5. “Fearmongering” refers to:

- A. Creating unnecessary fear to influence people
- B. Conducting scientific research
- C. Offering emotional support
- D. Avoiding difficult topics

6. “By and large”, the event was a success.

- A. Occasionally
- B. In theory
- C. On the whole
- D. At first glance

7. Which word is closest in meaning to “negligible”?

- A. Significant
- B. Trivial
- C. Urgent
- D. Expensive

8. Which sentence best demonstrates the meaning of “pivotal”?

- A. Her role was interesting but unnecessary.
- B. The decision played a crucial role in the company's future.
- C. The meeting lasted longer than expected.
- D. The project was postponed indefinitely.

9. Someone with a “guilty conscience” is:

- A. Proud of their actions
- B. Unsure about the future
- C. Feeling bad about something they did
- D. Easily distracted

10. If you're “strapped for time,” you:

- A. Have plenty of free time
- B. Are under pressure due to a lack of time
- C. Work remotely
- D. Have poor time-management skills

11. What does “ditch the idea” mean?

- A. Develop it further
- B. Share it publicly
- C. Abandon it
- D. Defend it

12. Which sentence correctly uses “depleted”?

- A. After working twelve days in a row, she felt completely depleted.
- B. The depleted weather improved quickly.
- C. He depleted to the office at nine.
- D. The speech was depleted with enthusiasm.

13. The “sweet spot” is:

- A. A dangerous situation
- B. The ideal balance
- C. A hidden weakness
- D. A financial problem

14. Which word is closest to “feasible”?

- A. Practical
- B. Ridiculous
- C. Uncertain
- D. Expensive

15. A “tenacious” person is:

- A. Easily discouraged
- B. Extremely persistent
- C. Highly emotional
- D. Naturally talented

16. Which sentence correctly uses “give someone a heads-up” about?

- A. Thanks for giving me a heads-up about the schedule change.
- B. She headed up the report about marketing.
- C. He gave a heads-up of his manager.
- D. They headed up because of the rain.

17. If someone says, “I don't have the bandwidth”, they mean:

- A. They have internet issues.
- B. They lack the time, energy, or capacity.
- C. They don't understand the topic.
- D. They disagree with the proposal.

18. Which adverb is closest in meaning to “seamlessly”?

- A. Effortlessly
- B. Suddenly
- C. Roughly
- D. Reluctantly

19. "Freebies" are:

- A. Luxury items
- B. Discounted products
- C. Things given away for free
- D. Counterfeit goods

20. Which word is closest in meaning to "exquisite"?

- A. Ordinary
- B. Beautifully crafted
- C. Functional
- D. Affordable

21. "To crack down on" something means to:

- A. Encourage it
- B. Ignore it
- C. Deal with it more strictly
- D. Study it carefully

22. If you "write someone off," you:

- A. regard smb as unimportant or irrelevant
- B. Recommend them for promotion
- C. Forgive their mistake
- D. Offer financial support

23. If you "have a hunch", you:

- A. Have a strong intuition without proof
- B. Have conducted thorough research
- C. Feel physically unwell
- D. Have changed your opinion

24. Which sentence best uses "on a whim"?

- A. She spent six months planning the trip.
- B. He booked a flight spontaneously.
- C. They carefully reviewed all options.
- D. The committee voted unanimously.

25. To "nudge" someone means to:

- A. Force them aggressively
- B. Slightly encourage or push them in a direction
- C. Ignore their concerns
- D. Criticize them publicly

26. What does "take smth at face value" mean?

- A. To question it carefully
- B. To accept it without further examination
- C. To reject it immediately
- D. To analyze it scientifically

27. If a product "lives up to the hype", it:

- A. Receives negative reviews
- B. Is more expensive than expected
- C. Meets the high expectations surrounding it
- D. Becomes unpopular quickly

28. What is "gibberish"?

- A. A formal speech
- B. Language that is meaningless
- C. A foreign accent
- D. Technical terminology

29. Which word is closest to "impeccable"?

- A. Flawless
- B. Suspicious
- C. Average

D. Temporary

30. "Repercussions" are:

- A. Unexpected rewards
- B. Long-term consequences, usually negative
- C. Business opportunities
- D. Personal opinions

31. "Emotional leverage" is best defined as:

- A. Emotional intelligence used for self-development
- B. Using someone's emotions to influence their decisions or behaviour
- C. The ability to remain calm under pressure
- D. Strong emotional support from others

32. Which sentence best demonstrates the meaning of "eerie"?

- A. The abandoned hospital felt strangely frightening and mysterious at night.
- B. The conference room was crowded and noisy.
- C. The garden looked bright and welcoming.
- D. The film was informative and educational.

33. Which word is closest to "unsettling"?

- A. Comforting
- B. Disturbing
- C. Predictable
- D. Humorous

34. If someone tends to "downplay their achievements", they:

- A. Exaggerate their success
- B. Ignore feedback

- C. Make accomplishments seem less important
- D. Publicize every accomplishment

35. Which correctly uses "steer clear of"?

- A. I'd steer clear of that investment if I were you.
- B. I steered the clear of my car yesterday.
- C. She steered clear into the building.
- D. We steered clearly the project.

36. A "dealbreaker" is:

- A. A compromise solution
- B. A factor that makes an agreement or relationship impossible
- C. A successful negotiation tactic
- D. A financial incentive

37. Which sentence uses "moan" correctly?

- A. He spent the entire trip moaning about the weather.
- B. She moaned the project successfully.
- C. We moaned a solution to the problem.
- D. They moaned the report before submitting it.

38. If someone is "babbling", they are:

- A. Speaking clearly and logically
- B. Speaking rapidly and often incoherently
- C. Remaining silent
- D. Giving a formal presentation

39. What does "in proximity" to mean?

- A. In opposition to
- B. Far away from
- C. Close to or near
- D. Directly behind

40. "Unsolicited advice" is advice that:

- A. Has been requested
- B. Comes from an expert
- C. Is offered without being asked for
- D. Is legally required

41. Which term best replaces "visually impaired"?

- A. Unable to hear
- B. Having a reduced ability to see
- C. Unable to speak
- D. Experiencing memory loss

42. Which adjective is closest to "pungent"?

- A. Bland
- B. Fragrant
- C. Sharp-smelling
- D. Tasteless

43. Which sentence correctly uses "succulent"?

- A. The restaurant served a succulent roast lamb.
- B. The succulent lecture lasted three hours.
- C. Her succulent opinion changed everything.
- D. The succulent traffic delayed us.

44. A "half-baked idea" is:

- A. A fully developed and practical plan
- B. An innovative and profitable proposal
- C. A poorly thought-out or incomplete idea
- D. A secret strategy

45. If a situation "goes downhill", it:

- A. Improves steadily
- B. Remains unchanged

C. Deteriorates over time

D. Becomes more expensive

46. Someone with a "sour face" looks:

- A. Delighted and enthusiastic
- B. Angry, unhappy, or disapproving
- C. Nervous but excited
- D. Relaxed and content

47. A "hoarder" is someone who:

- A. Frequently donates possessions
- B. Collects and keeps excessive amounts of things
- C. Travels lightly
- D. Lives a minimalist lifestyle

48. If the effect of a medicine "wears off", it:

- A. Becomes stronger
- B. Causes side effects
- C. Gradually disappears
- D. Stops being available

49. If it "doesn't cut it", it:

- A. Is more than sufficient
- B. Meets all expectations
- C. Is insufficient
- D. Requires modification

50. If you are "in awe of someone or something", you:

- A. Feel indifferent toward them
- B. Feel deep admiration and wonder
- C. Strongly disagree with them
- D. Feel sorry for them

