

## 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

