TYPE of reading: **DETAILED READING**
TEXT No.: **1**

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

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