III. ĐỒNG NGHĨA - TRÁI NGHĨA

Mark the letter A, B, Cor D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

1. I am very **ambitious.** Nothing means more to me than winning.
   A. hopeless **B.** determined **C.** unenthusiastic **D.** impressive
2. David is a **mischievous** boy who is always annoying and playing tricks on his parents.
   A. obedient **B.** generous **C.** respectable **D.** naughty
3. The only way to improve is through hard work and dogged **perseverance.**
   A. idleness **B.** achievement **C.** persistence **D.** reputation
4. She's **wavering** between buying a house in the city or moving away.
   A. hesitating **B.** persisting **C.** encouraging **D.** enduring
5. The players like the coach because he's **down-to-earth** and honest with them.
   A. practical **B.** insensible **C.** unrealistic **D.** ordinary
6. I was **overwhelmed** by all the flowers and letters of support I received.
   A. overtaken **B.** overcome **C.** overdone **D.** overpaid
7. From the garden there was a **marvellous** view over open countryside which took my breath away.
   A. ordinary **B.** chaotic **C.** wonderful **D.** informal
8. There was no food in the refrigerator, so I had to visit the grocery store to **replenish** our supplies.
   A. install **B.** renovate **C.** purify **D.** refill
9. The company cannot preserve its **dominant** position in the market.
   A. inferior **B.** superior **C.** unimportant **D.** trivial
10. Before the **advent** of the railways, communications were slow and difficult.
    A. disappearance **B.** popularity **C.** occurrence **D.** departure
11. The Pope's speech will be **broadcast** on all channels at 6.00 this evening.
    A. turned on **B.** kept up **C.** gone off **D.** sent out
12. John can speak five foreign languages fluently because he has an **aptitude** for learning languages.
    A. interest **B.** talent **C.** difficulty **D.** sorrow
13. With the advent of mobile technology, people have come to expect a response **immediately.**
    A. gradually **B.** slowly **C.** instantly **D.** hurriedly
14. He's more **vulnerable** to infection because of his injuries.
    A. susceptible **B.** secure **C.** protected **D.** robust
15. Some animals have a remarkable ability to **adapt** to changing environments.
    A. rescue **B.** adjust **C.** threaten **D.** expire
16. Shortly before the crash the pilot had reported a **malfunction** of the aircraft's navigation system.
    A. perfection **B.** precision **C.** advantage **D.** breakdown
17. The Internet and all sorts of **high-tech** gadgets are changing the way children learn.
    A. cutting-edge **B.** out-of-date **C.** old-fashioned **D.** far-fetched
18. He has succeeded in **resurrecting** his career in television.
    A. restoring **B.** renovating **C.** reviving **D.** reminding
19. Millions of Jewish people were **exterminated** in concentration camps in the Second World War.
    A. brought back **B.** wiped out **C.** gone off **D.** pulled away
20. The child was unable to offer an **articulate** description of what she had witnessed.
    A. vague **B.** ambiguous **C.** obvious **D.** unintelligible
21. Our kitchen counters are always **cluttered.** How can I keep them looking neater?
    A. shipshape **B.** untidy **C.** ordered **D.** intact

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22. Despite being a big star, she's very **approachable** and hospitable.

A. unfriendly **B.** impolite **C.** selfish **D.** amiable

23. Candidates who are **shortlisted** for an interview will be contacted by the end of the week.

A. selected **B.** rejected **C.** denied **D.** blamed

24. If you **tailor** your CV to suit the job requirements, you can increase your chances of getting an interview.

A. refuse **B.** subscribe **C.** modify **D.** maintain

25. Our journey to the Yukon was a very **rewarding** experience and helped us relax after a hard-working week.

A. worthless **B.** worthwhile **C.** reliable **D.** terrible

26. The council has spent an **enormous** amount of money on this project.

A. immense **B.** trivial **C.** minor **D.** moderate

27. The team was unable to **secure** a victory because they lacked an excellent goalkeeper.

A. fail **B.** achieve **C.** surrender **D.** managed

28. This chapter is so difficult to **digest.** I'll have to read it again later.

A. confuse **B.** ignore **C.** succeed **D.** understand

29. Don't think your hard work has gone **unnoticed** because it will benefit you later on.

A. disregarded **B.** valued **C.** discouraged **D.** appreciated

30. They snatched a dramatic 7-7 **tie** with Wales in the final match.

A. equality **B.** failure **C.** draw **D.** injustice

31. It's not a big salary but it's **adequate** for our needs.

A. scarce **B.** sufficient **C.** unacceptable **D.** incapable

32. Chimps are able to manipulate objects with a high degree of **precision.**

A. drawback **B.** defect **C.** mistake **D.** accuracy

33. The new system offers a much greater degree of **flexibility** in the way work is organized.

A. adaptability **B.** responsibility **C.** abnormality **D.** rigidity

34. We were delighted by the wonderful **hospitality** of the local people.

A. aggression **B.** friendliness **C.** timidity **D.** anxiety

35. His favorite childhood **pursuits** were sailing, swimming, and cycling.

A. hobbies **B.** objections **C.** hostilities **D.** memories

36. As a lifelong learner, you can also choose what and how to study. This type of learning is **self-directed.**

A. reluctant to learn new things **B.** able to make your own decisions

C. eager to motivate others **D.** anxious about the future

37. They use chemical treatments to **accelerate** the growth of crops.

A. slow down **B.** keep on **C.** get over **D.** speed up

38. Judges are **imposing** increasingly heavy fines for minor driving offenses.

A. admitting **B.** forcing **C.** adapting **D.** removing

39. From the **viewpoint** of teachers, there has been a great increase in work.

A. opinion **B.** compassion **C.** objection **D.** value

40. We met a young businesswoman, **elegant** in a black suit.

A. delicate **B.** casual **C.** stylish **D.** scruffy

41. Single parents have to be **self-reliant,** which means that they are capable of doing or deciding things by themselves, rather than depending on other people for help.

A. well-informed **B.** autonomous **C.** decisive **D.** reliable

42. Effective action is needed to **eradicate** terrorism, drug trafficking, and corruption.

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A. keep out **B.** go on **C.** turn down **D.** wipe out

43. They use **creative** ways to market their services to customers.

A. athletic **B.** critical **C.** imaginative **D.** uninspired

44. There's no point buying him expensive wines because he doesn't **appreciate** them.

A. criticize **B.** value **C.** disrespect **D.** refuse

45. She wants to stay at home and **nurture** her children.

A. take after **B.** grow up **C.** look after **D.** turn up

46. It's difficult to persuade him to believe us because he's a **narrow-minded** person who isn't willing to accept new ideas.

A. dedicated **B.** fortunate **C.** helpful **D.** intolerant

47. The new design of this equipment is lightweight, **portable,** and easy to store.

A. heavy **B.** generous **C.** convenient **D.** bulky

48. Governments have been slow to **address** the problem of global warming.

A. solve **B.** sue **C.** force **D.** affect

49. She's extremely well **qualified** for the job because she has many good qualities.

A. abundant **B.** eligible **C.** remarkable **D.** incapable

50. The closure of the factory is a **tragedy** for the whole community.

A. comedy **B.** advantage **C.** hardship **D.** fortune

51. Many people in stressful jobs find it difficult to **switch off** when they come home.

A. pay attention to their jobs **B.** stop thinking about their jobs

C. worry too much about their jobs **D.** feel pleased with their jobs

52. He never uses that bike anymore, but he's very reluctant to **dispose of** it.

A. get rid of **B.** get away with **C.** get by **D.** get on

53. They **called for** the immediate release of the hostages.

A. declined **B.** admitted **C.** appealed **D.** declared

54. She's **come up with** some amazing scheme to double her income.

A. approved **B.** discovered **C.** concealed **D.** involved

55. She couldn't bake a cake because she had **run out of** sugar.

A. sustained **B.** replenished **C.** collected **D.** exhausted

56. On the way back, we **dropped in on** my parents.

A. visited **B.** attended **C.** presented **D.** escaped

57. I'm not going to **put up with** their smoking any longer because it makes me feel dizzy.

A. encourage **B.** prohibit **C.** tolerate **D.** satisfy

58. She's going to have to **face up to** the fact that he's not going to marry her.

A. deny **B.** disagree **C.** insist **D.** accept

59. You can use a calculator to **work out** the solution.

A. reveal **B.** express **C.** discover **D.** expose

60. David wishes to **set off** for his remote farmhouse in Connecticut.

A. begin a journey **B.** have a picnic **C.** go on a voyage **D.** take a cruise

61. He tried to **tidy up** because he didn't want the maid to see the disarray.

A. purify **B.** disorganize **C.** litter **D.** neaten

62. The internet has **opened up** new opportunities for cost-effective brand building.

A. created **B.** subtracted **C.** prevented **D.** protested

63. Many of those old buildings will soon be **pulled down** to make way for the new school.

A. renewed **B.** destroyed **C.** constructed **D.** upgraded

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64. I wrote a letter of complaint, and the airline has promised to **look into** the matter.

A. investigate **B.** neglect **C.** overlook **D.** respond

65. Her singing career **took off** after her TV appearance and she struck it rich easily.

A. became successful **B.** seemed hopeless

C. was unfortunate **D.** looked serious

66. I think the problem can be **got over** without too much difficulty.

A. surrendered **B.** resorted **C.** overcome **D.** estimated

67. In the winter we should take vitamin C to **ward off** colds.

A. prevent **B.** contract **C.** increase **D.** achieve

68. The job **turned out** to be harder than we thought.

A. arrived **B.** proved **C.** required **D.** changed

69. He knew he could **depend upon** her to deal with the situation.

A. blame **B.** deceive **C.** advise **D.** trust

70. He has been **turned down** for ten jobs so far, which made him feel depressed.

A. accepted **B.** rejected **C.** recruited **D.** employed

71. I got bored with the job once the novelty **wore off.**

A. appeared **B.** developed **C.** disappeared **D.** emerged

72. She gave him a bottle of wine to **make up for** missing his birthday.

A. compensate for **B.** congratulate on **C.** accuse of **D.** blame for

73. I can't **make out** what he is saying because he always beats about the bush.

A. accept **B.** concentrate **C.** imitate **D.** understand

74. The film was so intriguing that the audience was all **glued to** the screen until the end.

A. paid attention to **B.** lost interest in **C.** got fed up with **D.** put up with

75. David has a cozy birthday party at home last Friday **in the company of** his close friends.

A. apart from **B.** together with **C.** except for **D.** near to

76. Christmas is **around the corner** and I still haven't bought any presents.

A. distant **B.** approaching **C.** remote **D.** previous

77. Laura feels like her boss is **taking her for granted.** She works harder than anyone else but her salary is still below average.

A. overpaying her **B.** underestimating her value

C. proving her worth **D.** depending on her ability

78. The president has failed to **come to grips with** the two most important social issues of our time.

A. cope with **B.** look forward to **C.** turn down **D.** bring in

79. He wanted to **follow in his mother's footsteps** and be a ballroom dancer.

A. get on well with his mother **B.** keep up with his mother

C. lose touch with his mother **D.** do the same job as his mother

80. I think you should ask Linda for advice because she always **lends a sympathetic ear** if you have problems.

A. feels anxious **B.** listens attentively

C. ignores entirely **D.** lends a lot of money

81. We will be back **on air** on Channel 4 at 7 am tomorrow.

A. disappearing **B.** publishing **C.** advertising **D.** broadcasting

82. Laura passed the exam **with flying colors,** which made her really delighted.

A. badly **B.** successfully **C.** disappointingly **D.** poorly

83. The showroom was **in ruins** after the flood, which cost a huge amount of money to renovate.

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A. upgraded **B.** remained **C.** damaged **D.** intact

84. It's not easy to **make ends meet** with a big family, so everyone has to tighten their belt.

A. get on **B.** get over **C.** get up **D.** get by

85. I don't know about you but I'm **in need of** a drink because I'm really thirsty.

A. wanting **B.** requiring **C.** ordering **D.** requesting

86. The governor's speech will **set the tone** for the whole conference with some good financial news.

A. establish the mood **B.** change the subject

C. discuss the problem **D.** break the record

87. Mr. Knight cannot be here, so his wife will accept the prize **on his behalf.**

A. in the absence of him **B.** in advance of him

C. as the representative of him **D.** as the substitution for him

88. I can't **make up my mind** whether to go or not because I have a lot of assignments.

A. waver **B.** hesitate **C.** decide **D.** determine

89. The plant closed in November 2010, leaving 400 people **out of work.**

A. unemployed **B.** recruited **C.** hired **D.** interviewed

90. The company can't expect me to move my home and family **at the drop of a hat.**

A. gradually **B.** slowly **C.** originally **D.** immediately

91. **A chill runs down my spine** every time I walk by that creepy old house.

A. I feel excited **B.** I feel frightened

C. I feel comfortable **D.** I feel delighted

92. Being recognized in the street is **part and parcel** of being a celebrity.

A. a feature **B.** a talent **C.** a privilege **D.** a role

93. She's **in two minds** about accepting his invitation.

A. sure **B.** uncertain **C.** confident **D.** undoubted

94. Frank and I will never get along. We're **chalk and cheese.**

A. different **B.** similar **C.** equal **D.** same

95. One day, **out of the blue,** she announced that she was leaving without a specific reason.

A. unsurprisingly **B.** unexpectedly **C.** hopefully **D.** fortunately

96. She's been in the same job **for donkey's years** and she really wants to try something different.

A. for a short time **B.** in the nick of time

C. for a long time **D.** in the meantime

97. The investment has been **a chapter of accidents** from start to finish and we're in big debt now.

A. a series of unpleasant events **B.** a series of expected events

C. a series of normal events **D.** a series of important events

98. I **had butterflies in my stomach** as I went to get my exam results.

A. felt confident **B.** felt happy **C.** felt excited **D.** felt anxious

99. I can't give **chapter and verse,** but that's the rough outline of our legal position.

A. layouts **B.** drafts **C.** details **D.** plans

100. It is a very hard assignment, and I had to **burn the midnight oil** to get it completed on time.

A. study late at night **B.** give up halfway

C. become lazy at night **D.** burn off calories

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

101. We need to recognize that we live in a culturally **diverse** society.

A. different **B.** various **C.** similar **D.** major

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102. The University has a **well-established** tradition of welcoming postgraduate students from overseas.

A. prestigious **B.** famous **C.** secure **D.** temporary

103. Refusing to eat what was offered would be **impolite.**

A. rude **B.** courteous **C.** disrespectful **D.** sensitive

104. I went through about four years of being **addicted** to computer games.

A. absorbed **B.** engrossed **C.** indifferent **D.** attached

105. School uniform is no longer **compulsory** in many British schools, so students can wear clothes that they like.

A. mandatory **B.** required **C.** imperative **D.** optional

106. This amount of exercise is **equivalent** to walking about three miles.

A. unequal **B.** similar **C.** comparable **D.** parallel

107. The competition is held with the aim of demonstrating **solidarity** with fellow students.

A. teamwork **B.** harmony **C.** disagreement **D.** alliance

108. It is important to **maintain** the culture of your country because it reflects your national identity.

A. preserve **B.** continue **C.** protect **D.** abandon

109. There's a **tremendous** amount of information that is available on the internet, so you can take advantage of it for the report.

A. terrific **B.** remarkable **C.** limited **D.** worldwide

110. The lower primary pupils are well **integrated** into the life of the school.

A. combined **B.** assimilated **C.** blended **D.** segregated

111. These orangutans are critically **endangered** due to habitat loss.

A. dangerous **B.** protected **C.** threatened **D.** extinct

112. The speed of her recovery seemed almost **incredible** because she had been in a critical condition.

A. wonderful **B.** astonishing **C.** believable **D.** strange

113. Her request won an **unexpectedly** large amount of support.

A. suddenly **B.** accidentally **C.** surprisingly **D.** predictably

114. Doctors are **pessimistic** about his chances of making a full recovery because he's in bad condition.

A. optimistic **B.** hopeless **C.** gloomy **D.** upset

115. Once we have all the **relevant** information, we can make a decision.

A. proper **B.** inappropriate **C.** related **D.** significant

116. Learning a new computer program can be a **tedious** process because it's repetitive.

A. boring **B.** dreary **C.** interesting **D.** monotonous

117. Unemployment, inflation, and greater inequality are often the **downside** of a market economy.

A. defect **B.** advantage **C.** weakness **D.** drawback

118. It was an interesting book, full of **fascinating** insights into human relationships.

A. absorbing **B.** compelling **C.** glamorous **D.** tedious

119. Sarah was finally **reunited** with her children at the airport.

A. separated **B.** reconciled **C.** rejoined **D.** involved

120. Smoking in restaurants is now **prohibited** by law.

A. banned **B.** forbidden **C.** permitted **D.** restricted

121. The home team had the support of the **overwhelming** majority of the spectators.

A. dominant **B.** superior **C.** inferior **D.** overpowering

122. The use of computers has greatly **facilitated** the firm's ability to keep accurate records.

A. supported **B.** deterred **C.** enhanced **D.** promoted

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123. The outdoor center organizes lots of **energetic** activities for the kids, like cycling and canoeing.

A. dynamic **B.** strenuous **C.** powerful **D.** lethargic

124. The driver was more than three times over the **legal** limit.

A. lawful **B.** illicit **C.** legitimate **D.** valid

125. Our country has enjoyed a long period of peace and **stability.**

A. balance **B.** security **C.** variability **D.** constancy

126. He seemed **sincere** enough when he said he wanted to help.

A. dishonest **B.** selfish **C.** modest **D.** generous

127. I'd like to thank everyone for helping to make this day **memorable** for us.

A. meaningful **B.** terrifying **C.** respectful **D.** forgettable

128. During the emergency, many staff **volunteered** to work through the weekend.

A. were willing **B.** were forced

C. were prepared **D.** were available

129. The law bans discrimination against anyone with a mental or physical **impairment.**

A. degradation **B.** disability **C.** wreckage **D.** fitness

130. He urged better **coordination** between NATO and the United Nations.

A. collaboration **B.** cooperation **C.** agreement **D.** separation

131. She was gazing at him with a soft, **contented** smile on her face.

A. pleased **B.** cheerful **C.** upset **D.** satisfied

132. New developments in research could prove directly **applicable** to the treatment of some cancers.

A. irrelevant **B.** practical **C.** useful **D.** efficient

133. Man is still far more **intelligent** than the cleverest robot.

A. intelligible **B.** studious **C.** clever **D.** stupid

134. I had obtained **authentic** details about the birth of the organization.

A. genuine **B.** accurate **C.** realistic **D.** counterfeit

135. The Taj Mahal is a **magnificent** building that attracts millions of visitors every year.

A. splendid **B.** gorgeous **C.** ordinary **D.** impressive

136. I'll send you a map of how to get here. It's a bit too **complicated** to describe.

A. sophisticated **B.** straightforward **C.** complex **D.** advanced

137. We should replace fossil fuels with **renewable** sources of energy such as wind and solar power.

A. sustainable **B.** stable **C.** energetic **D.** depleted

138. The positive change of management has **boosted** morale throughout the company.

A. worsened **B.** improved **C.** increased **D.** endowed

139. It would be **risky** to invest all your money in the project.

A. secure **B.** threatening **C.** disastrous **D.** dangerous

140. **Favorable** market conditions helped him to make a big profit.

A. Beneficial **B.** Adverse **C.** Advantageous **D.** Convenient

141. John and Lien **are two of a kind** - both perfectionists!

A. differ from each other **B.** lead healthy lifestyles

C. overcome cultural differences **D.** share common values

142. My parents wanted me to go to a more **prestigious** university.

A. distinguished **B.** respected **C.** unknown **D.** prominent

143. Doing puzzles and crosswords regularly keeps your mind **alert** and active.

A. mindful **B.** unconscious **C.** cautious **D.** thoughtful

144. Much of the coast has been **contaminated** by nuclear waste.

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A. polluted **B.** damaged **C.** degraded **D.** purified

145. What this country needs is a **long-term** policy for investment in science and technology.

A. constant **B.** continuous **C.** temporary **D.** permanent

146. Normally he was a stickler for **punctuality** but today he was late.

A. not being on time **B.** having responsibility

C. not being responsible **D.** taking a rest

147. He gave a very **vivid** and often shocking description of his time in prison.

A. obvious **B.** bright **C.** detailed **D.** vague

148. The teacher said that he found it difficult to **cope with** a class of disaffected teenagers.

A. deal with **B.** attend **C.** approve of **D.** neglect

149. Large amounts of dangerous waste are **discharged** daily by the factory.

A. released **B.** retained **C.** emitted **D.** dismissed

150. I still find it **terrifying** to find myself surrounded by large numbers of horses.

A. frightening **B.** scary **C.** appalling **D.** pleasant

151. The doctor told him to **cut down on** his drinking to improve his health.

A. reduce **B.** contain **C.** increase **D.** maintain

152. It's important that you **get on** with your colleagues.

A. harmonize **B.** argue **C.** approach **D.** accord

153. She thinks they **look down on** her because she doesn't have a job.

A. despise **B.** underestimate **C.** respect **D.** detest

154. I don't know why you **insist on** talking about the failure although it's over.

A. persist in **B.** keep on **C.** go over **D.** give up

155. Fighting **broke out** in the stands five minutes before the end of the match.

A. finished **B.** exploded **C.** emerged **D.** commenced

156. I **went off** the idea of buying a sports car after I found out how much it would cost.

A. finished thinking **B.** stopped liking

C. felt bored with **D.** became interested in

157. They decided to **break up** just a few years later because of ongoing arguments.

A. be in relationship **B.** come into conflict

C. be on bad terms **D.** get into trouble

158. The police are determined to **find out** who killed Louise.

A. obtain **B.** discover **C.** ignore **D.** reveal

159. He **dropped out of** school when he was 16 to help share the financial burden.

A. abandoned **B.** deserted **C.** withdrawn **D.** remained

160. The prime minister reiterated that he would **stand up for** British interests abroad.

A. defend **B.** support **C.** advocate **D.** oppose

161. They said the operation had been successful and they expected his wife to **pull through.**

A. recover **B.** heal **C.** deteriorate **D.** rejuvenate

162. The mother **told the boys off** for making so much noise.

A. scolded the boys **B.** rebuked the boys

C. criticized the boys **D.** appraised the boys

163. My daughter is **falling behind** with her school work after being absent for two weeks.

A. keeping level **B.** failing to keep up with

C. making less progress **D.** making no difference

164. The telephone system has **broken down,** so I couldn't contact you.

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A. stopped working **B.** functioned well
C. had trouble **D.** caused a malfunction

165. After a heated debate, the employers **gave in** to the union's demands.
A. agreed **B.** surrendered **C.** disapproved **D.** accepted

166. Do **look out for** spelling mistakes in your work.
A. notice **B.** discern **C.** detect **D.** overlook

167. She only bought that sports car to **show off** and prove she could afford one.
A. boast **B.** trumpet
C. display modesty **D.** show arrogance

168. It might help you to understand Julia if you **think back to** when you were her age.
A. forget **B.** remember **C.** remind **D.** reminisce

169. It seemed like a good idea so we just **fell in with** it.
A. agreed with **B.** disagreed with
C. approved of **D.** disapproved of

170. It took firefighters three hours to **put out** the blaze.
A. remove **B.** diminish **C.** ignite **D.** extinguish

171. When I get my first paycheck I'm going to **indulge in** a shopping spree.
A. involve in **B.** focus on **C.** abstain from **D.** crave for

172. They never **put down** other companies in their commercials, which is really fair.
A. underestimate **B.** insult **C.** offend **D.** compliment

173. I hope the children don't **take after** their grandfather, especially their narrow-minded opinions.
A. relate **B.** resemble **C.** contrast **D.** follow

174. Brown felt sick and dizzy and then **passed out.**
A. became conscious **B.** fainted **C.** became unaware **D.** collapsed

175. They moved away five years ago, but we still **keep in touch.**
A. be out of contact **B.** be in contact
C. be on good terms **D.** be on bad terms

176. She **lost her temper** with a customer and shouted at him.
A. stayed calm **B.** got angry **C.** became furious **D.** went crazy

177. If the food doesn't come soon, I'm going to **make a fuss.**
A. complain **B.** overlook **C.** exaggerate **D.** oppose

178. He has **let the cat out of the bag** about the government's true intentions.
A. revealed **B.** discovered **C.** disclosed **D.** concealed

179. She's **gone back on her word** and decided not to give me the job after all.
A. kept her promise **B.** failed to keep her promise
C. revealed her secret **D.** kept her secret

180. We had **grown fond of** the house and didn't want to leave.
A. keened on **B.** felt like **C.** fancied **D.** detested

181. Another trip abroad this year is **out of the question** because of the seriousness of the pandemic.
A. unlikely **B.** impossible **C.** probable **D.** popular

182. This money will **come in handy** when we go on vacation.
A. be useless **B.** be helpful **C.** be convenient **D.** be available

183. I think Mick **hit the nail on the head** when he said that what's lacking in this company is a feeling of confidence.
A. described exactly **B.** said the wrong things

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C. provided reliable information D. discussed effectively

184. Your first drink is **on the house** and if you want to have another, you will pay a small amount of money.

A. expensive **B.** available C. free **D.** unpaid

185. Dad will **hit the roof** when he finds out I dented the car.

A. be furious **B.** be angry C. be insane **D.** be calm

186. Their house is always **spic and span** because the housekeeper always cleans it.

A. neat **B.** untidy C. orderly **D.** uncluttered

187. My sister lives in Alaska, so I only see her **once in a blue moon.**

A. rarely **B.** hardly C. regularly **D.** barely

188. All the police's efforts to find him were **in vain** because of the dense forest.

A. unluckily **B.** successfully C. helplessly **D.** unfavorably

189. Fresh evidence has recently **come to light** that suggests that he didn't in fact commit the murder.

A. become known **B.** been obvious

C. been revealed **D.** become ambiguous

190. My sisters don't **see eye to eye** with me about the arrangements.

A. concur **B.** clash C. agree **D.** ally

191. I can't do everything **all at once**—you'll have to be patient.

A. simultaneously **B.** suddenly C. gradually **D.** immediately

192. You are **at liberty** to make an official complaint if you wish.

A. having no freedom **B.** having no restriction

C. getting approval **D.** getting satisfaction

193. When I suggested he was mistaken he got rather **hot under the collar.**

A. got emotional **B.** became furious C. felt anxious **D.** remained calm

194. Until now, the mayor has **turned a blind eye to** the city's homelessness problem.

A. taken no notice of **B.** had no feeling for

C. showed respect for **D.** paid attention to

195. I took most of the big things to the new house, but there are a few **odds and ends** left to pick up.

A. familiar objects **B.** personal belongings

C. valuable items **D.** trivial things

196. Despite sharing viewpoints on many issues, Linda and her husband are **at odds** when it comes to money.

A. under pressure **B.** in conflict C. in agreement **D.** on purpose

197. Sooner or later, I'm going to have to **face the music** because of my lies and deceit.

A. be criticized **B.** be blamed C. be praised **D.** be scolded

198. We need a **cut-and-dried** decision by the end of the week.

A. unchanged **B.** fixed C. decisive **D.** changeable

199. We've asked the neighbors to **keep an eye on** the house for us while we are away.

A. be alert **B.** be watchful C. be inattentive **D.** be cautious

200. It's a mistake to **sell your audience short** - they're more intelligent than you think they are.

A. underestimate your audience **B.** value your audience too much

C. belittle your audience **D.** look down on your audience

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