WIZARD SCHOOL

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B. The manager removed unproductive staff and outdated procedures.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.

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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

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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

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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

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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

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