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**Part 1**

**Vocabulary**

**Circle the best answer to complete each sentence.**

1. Using recycled materials is a \_\_\_\_ method of green building design.

A) sustainable

B) civil

C) dynamic

D) technical

2. Recycling household items helps to \_\_\_\_ the amount of waste that can harm the environment.

A) refine

B) prohibit

C) minimize

D) intervene

3. In recent years, there has been a \_\_\_\_ improvement in the design of city spaces as urban planners rethink their building practices.

A) precise

B) straightforward

C) capable

D) significant

4. The company decided to \_\_\_\_ when it saw an opportunity to expand into a new market.

A) diversify

B) emerge

C) accumulate

D) contrast

5. The technological \_\_\_\_ of the past fifty years has influenced every aspect of our lives.

A) investment

B) revolution

C) mechanism

D) formula

6. Adam has a full-time job as well as a part-time job. \_\_\_\_, he always finds time to spend with his family and friends.

A) Hence

B) Furthermore

C) Nevertheless

D) Despite

Circle the definition that matches the underlined word in each sentence.

7. Paying taxes on our income is unavoidable. It is one of our civic duties.

A) appropriate

B) irrelevant

C) reinforced

D) inevitable

8. The city started a program where people can rent bicycles in public places.

A) initiated

B) invested

C) assigned

D) imposed

9. As soon as we arrived in Tokyo, we changed $250 into Japanese yen.

A) comprised

B) converted

C) financed

D) equated

10. The new cruise ship can hold 2,000 passengers and 750 crew.

A) acquire

B) accommodate

C) obtain

D) accumulate

11. The device tracks the patient’s heartbeat, detects abnormal rhythms, and sends a small electrical shock when necessary.

A) assigns

B) clarifies

C) attributes

D) monitors

12. Transferring funds between accounts is simple and only takes a few minutes.

A) passive

B) virtual

C) straightforward

D) manual

**Circle the correct word form to complete each sentence.**

13. The smart watch is an amazing technological \_\_\_\_ that has the potential to change the market.

A) innovate

B) innovator

C) innovative

D) innovation

14. To help \_\_\_\_ her studies, Gita works part-time at the college bookstore.

A) finance

B) finances

C) financial

D) financially

15. There was an \_\_\_\_ amount of food at the hotel and many of the guests complained.

A) adequate

B) adequacy

C) adequately

D) inadequate

16. Though some therapies help, it is difficult to \_\_\_\_ the process of neurological degenerative diseases.

A) reverse

B) reversible

C) reversal

D) irreversible

17. Attending the theater as a young child \_\_\_\_ Julia’s desire to become an actress.

A) intense

B) intensely

C) intensified

D) intensity

18. Participation in the wellness program is \_\_\_\_, but employees are strongly encouraged to sign up.

A) volunteer

B) voluntary

C) voluntarily

D) volunteered

**Use six of the words in the box to complete the sentences.**

adapt appropriately assemble capacity component

consent criteria despite displaced element

ethical intervals intervention isolate logic

notion parameters philosophy precise reinforced

ultimate unique utilize validity visually

19. The structure’s steel frame is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with concrete to give it additional strength.

20. Government \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was required to help the victims and prevent a humanitarian disaster.

21. There is an ongoing debate about whether or not it is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to test new drugs on animals.

22. It’s amazing how the human brain can quickly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to changing demands, even in adulthood.

23. The high-tech elevators have the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to transport people to the 95th floor in 43 seconds.

24. The marathon runners were advised to drink water at regular \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to stay properly hydrated.

**Match the word on the left with the dictionary definition on the right. Write the letter on the line.**

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| \_\_\_\_ 25. crucial | A. the only one of its kind |
| \_\_\_\_ 26. component | B. extremely important |
| \_\_\_\_ 27. identical | C. happening at the end of a long process |
| \_\_\_\_ 28. subsequent | D. happening or coming after something else |
| \_\_\_\_ 29. ultimate | E. one of several parts of which something is made |
| \_\_\_\_ 30. unique | F. similar in every detail |

**Part 2**

**Listening**

**Listen to the podcast. Circle the best answer to complete each sentence.**

31. The Tiny House Movement is an emerging \_\_\_\_ movement.

A) urban

B) small

C) social

D) home

32. Tiny House-owners share the philosophy that people \_\_\_\_ too much stuff.

A) accumulate

B) share

C) want

D) recycle

33. Some Tiny House-owners are adventurous and want to \_\_\_\_.

A) help save the environment

B) reduce their carbon footprint

C) stop paying the rent or home loan

D) travel from place to place

**Listen to the podcast again. As you listen, circle the correct answer to each question.**

34. Which statement compares information?

A) Of course, many residents of large cities like New York, Tokyo, and Seoul live in tiny apartments.

B) Despite its size, a well-designed Tiny House can be as comfortable as a larger house.

35. Which statement contrasts information?

A) Most people spend a third to a half of their income on rent or home loans.

B) A Tiny House is between 100 and 400 square feet, whereas the average American home is about 2,600 square feet.

36. Which sentence includes figurative language?

A) During the economic crisis, many homeowners found themselves underwater.

B) Some Tiny Houses can be bought as components and assembled by the owner very cheaply.

37. Which statement expresses a fact?

A) Some of our ancestors probably lived in tiny caves.

B) People are attracted to the movement for all sorts of reasons.

38. Which statement expresses an opinion?

A) The Tiny House Movement is certainly an innovative concept.

B) Only about 1% of the population chooses this route.

39. Which statement expresses a reason?

A) Many of these people walked away because they couldn’t afford to stay in their homes.

B) A lot of these people don’t want to conform to social expectations.

**Match the skill in the first column with the example in the second column. Write the letter on the line.**

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| \_\_\_\_ 40. Uses a signal phrase to introduce an idea | A. For instance, a sleeping area is typically converted into a living area during the day. |
| \_\_\_\_ 41. Uses an idiom | B. The topic of today’s program is the Tiny House Movement. |
| \_\_\_\_ 42. Supports an opinion with data | C. It’s not an option for everyone; only about 1% of the population chooses this route. |
| \_\_\_\_ 43. Gives an example | D. We have to take a short break now, and then we’ll take your questions. |
| \_\_\_\_ 44. Asks for clarification | E. People can hit the road and visit friends in other parts of the country. |
| \_\_\_\_ 45. Signals the end of a speech | F. How small is *small*? |

**Listen to the debate. Circle the best answer to complete each sentence.**

46. The topic of the debate is whether to allow countries to develop \_\_\_\_ energy.

A) renewable

B) alternative

C) nuclear

D) sustainable

47. In the past, humans have depended on fossil fuels such as oil, natural gas, and \_\_\_\_ as our major sources of energy.

A) coal

B) uranium

C) plutonium

D) water

48. The incidents at Chernobyl and Fukushima are examples of \_\_\_\_.

A) old plants

B) nuclear accidents

C) radioactive elements

D) uranium damages

**Listen to the debate again. As you listen, complete the notes in the T-chart.**

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| **For Nuclear Energy** | **Against Nuclear Energy** |
| Fossil (49.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  nonrenewable and finite – they’ll run out | Nuclear energy  also nonrenewable energy source – uranium will also run out |
| Sun, wind + water  not reliable sources of energy. Can’t meet needs of large cities. | (50.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will figure out how solar, wind, hydroelectric + geothermal energy can meet our needs |
| Nuclear energy = cheap, clean + safe | Nuclear energy = dirty, expensive +  (51.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Chernobyl + Fukushima  old plants that failed b/c of v. unusual circumstances. Prob. won’t happen again. | Chernobyl + Fukushima  killed people + devastated (52.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Could happen again. |
| Advances in (53.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will minimize future incidents. | > 100 nuclear incidents worldwide. |
| Amt. of waste is small compared to other energy. | Radioactive waste  contaminates  (54.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, kills animals, and makes urban areas uninhabitable. |

**Circle the best answer to each question.**

55. Which of the following sentences gives supporting information?

A) The accidents at Chernobyl and Fukushima illustrate how unsafe nuclear plants can be.

B) However, fossil fuels are nonrenewable and finite.

56. Which of the following statements is a rebuttal?

A) The sun, wind, water, and the Earth’s heat are not reliable sources of energy.

B) It’s not the case that nuclear energy is a renewable form of energy.

57. Which sentence paraphrases information?

A) According to a study by Dr. Mark Jacobson, there are no technological or economic barriers to converting the entire world to clean, renewable energy sources.

B) While it’s true that accidents have happened, advances in technology will help to minimize the possibility of accidents in the future.

58. Which sentence concisely rephrases the following sentence?

There is simply no safe method to store nuclear waste and your argument that nuclear energy is safe is simply not valid.

A) There is no safe method to store nuclear waste, and nuclear energy is not safe.

B) Although no safe method to store nuclear waste, your argument is not valid.

59. Which of the following statements includes an idiom as figurative language?

A) Scientists will eventually figure out how to make solar, wind power, hydroelectric, and geothermal energy meet our needs.

B) In the past 50 years, there have been a small handful of nuclear incidents.

60. Which of the following is a rhetorical question?

A) Did you say a handful of nuclear accidents?

B) So, who do you think made the best argument?

**Part 3**

**Speaking**

**Write notes for a two-minute speech about downsizing and leading a simpler life. Then present your speech to the class.**

* Why are many people choosing to downsize their living space and the number of things they own?
* Do you think that people accumulate too much “stuff”? Explain your opinion.
* Would it be easy or difficult for you to lead a simpler life? What things could you give up easily? Which would be hard for you to give up?

**Write notes for a two-minute speech about nuclear energy. Then present your speech to the class.**

* In your opinion, who won the debate about nuclear energy, Justin or Lisa?
* Do you agree or disagree that countries should be allowed to develop nuclear energy?
* What are the advantages and disadvantages of nuclear energy?