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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

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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.

___ 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.**

___ 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 <i>small</i> ?

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

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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.

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?