

High School Vocabulary Diagnostic

Note: You will receive one point for each correct answer. You will lose one quarter of a point for each incorrect answer. You will not receive or lose points for questions that are not answered. If you guess, try guessing only when you can eliminate one or more answer choices as wrong.

Each of the following questions consists of one word followed by five words or phrases. You are to select the one word or phrase whose meaning is closest to the word in capital letters.

Q.1) **APATHETIC:**

- A. bubbly
- B. passive
- C. desirous
- D. alert
- E. athletic

Q.2) **FRIVOLOUS:**

- A. precise
- B. deliberate
- C. heedful
- D. hearty
- E. superficial

Q.3) **UTTERLY:**

- A. defective
- B. completely
- C. mitigated
- D. fraudulent
- E. dubious

Q.4) **DISSENT:**

- A. concede
- B. accord
- C. acquiesce
- D. approbate
- E. protest

Q.5) **ACQUAINTED:**

- A. timid
- B. cowardly
- C. grooved
- D. preference
- E. fearful

Q.6) **PHLEGMATIC:**

- A. fervent
- B. ardent
- C. unemotional
- D. dramatic
- E. earnest

Q.7) **SANCTIFY:**

- A. curse
- B. damn
- C. beef
- D. bless
- E. grouse

Q.8) **IMPAIR:**

- A. enhance
- B. fortify
- C. cleanse
- D. worsen
- E. amend

Q.9) **INVEIGH:**

- A. flatter
- B. acclaim
- C. cajole
- D. comfort
- E. denounce

Q.10) **NASCENT:**

- A. emerging
- B. moribund
- C. adult
- D. belately
- E. falling

Q.11) **PRIMITIVE:**

- A. copied
- B. derivative
- C. destructive
- D. hackneyed
- E. original

Q.12) **VERITABLE:**

- A. spurious
- B. illusory
- C. unquestionable
- D. bogus
- E. apocryphal

Q.13) **ASSERT:**

- A. confute
- B. abandon
- C. affirm
- D. gainsay
- E. disavow

Q.14) **IMPUTE:**

- A. absolve
- B. clerical
- C. acquit
- D. ascribe
- E. exculpate

Q.15) **NASTY:**

- A. elegant
- B. vulgar
- C. refined
- D. conventional
- E. courtly

The following questions ask you to find relationships between words. For each question, select the answer choice that best completes the meaning of the sentence.

Q.16) **profusion is to scarcity as amenable is to**

- A. docile
- B. compliant
- C. pliable
- D. submissive
- E. intractable

Q.17) **reference is to reverence as**

- A. retch is to wretch
- B. third is to second
- C. bread is to breed
- D. love is to like
- E. sit is to sat

Q.18) **gang is to hoodlums as cavalcade is to**

- A. snipe
- B. warships
- C. thieves
- D. horsemen
- E. submarines

Q.19) **dapper is to shabby as**

- A. brace is to fingers
- B. yoke is to eggs
- C. celerity is to slowness
- D. cohort is to vegetables
- E. drift is to roads

Q.20) **affirmative is to acquiescent as discourage is to**

- A. deportment
- B. bestow
- C. deject
- D. surmise
- E. conjoin

Q.21) **correctitude is to demeanour as interlude is to**

- A. cessation
- B. endurance
- C. activate
- D. begin
- E. chant

Q.22) **clandestine is to open as dogmatic is to**

- A. opinionated
- B. arbitrary
- C. compliant
- D. emphatic
- E. bigoted

Q.23) **rifle is to riffle as**

- A. clutter is to swans
- B. gun is to powder
- C. bring is to brought
- D. write is to rite
- E. ring is to money

Q.24) **cry is to hounds as**

- A. fall is to salmon
- B. dray is to swine
- C. passel is to hogs
- D. ambush is to tasks
- E. thicket is to toads

Q.25) **precipitate is to wary as**

- A. peremptory is to positive
- B. sententious is to prolix
- C. assertive is to dictatorial
- D. stubborn is to arrogant
- E. leopard is to leap

Q.26) **domineering is to imperious as impoverished is to**

- A. prim
- B. prudish
- C. puritanical
- D. sleazy
- E. dapper

Q.27) **weaking is to craven as malice is to**

- A. alliance
- B. amity
- C. affinity
- D. concord
- E. enmity

Q.28) **stilted is to genuine as**

- A. detach is to separate
- B. boggle is to expect
- C. insane is to silly
- D. jovial is to merry
- E. fecund is to fertile

Q.29) **road is to rode as**

- A. desire is to want
- B. maid is to women
- C. sacred is to temple
- D. role is to roll
- E. feet is to stand

Q.30) **clan is to hyenas as**

- A. pride is to ravens
- B. crew is to seagulls
- C. brace is to pheasants
- D. colony is to prose
- E. minion is to jews

Answer Key
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