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16. Maria was so _____ that she couldn't follow even the simple directions on the cake box.
- a. candid
b. obtuse
c. officious
d. opulent
17. It's not a good idea to take a balloon ride in _____ weather conditions.
- a. adverse
b. affable
c. malleable
d. onerous
18. How my brother ever became a priest is an _____ to all of his high school friends.
- a. antipathy
b. archetype
c. enigma
d. idiosyncrasy
19. Benson's essay was _____ with punctuation errors of all kinds.
- a. opulent
b. replete
c. resolute
d. virulent
20. The prime minister bowed and scraped and behaved _____ before the new queen.
- a. obsequiously
b. ostensibly
c. resolutely
d. sinuously
21. Rhonda's behavior only _____ an already bad situation.
- a. exacerbated
b. flouted
c. obfuscated
d. preempted
22. George had the _____ to suggest that we hire a new coach.
- a. discretion
b. disdain
c. surfeit
d. temerity
23. The philosophy lecture was so predictable, so _____, that everyone fell asleep in five minutes.
- a. ascetic
b. banal
c. astute
d. ineffable
24. The Darwin couple _____ upon their future for months before deciding to get married.
- a. deferred
b. incited
c. precluded
d. ruminated

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25. The _____ of the task before them would prove a challenge to their imagination and patience.
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| a. enormity | c. lethargy |
| b. hiatus | d. omen |
26. The mysterious, _____ music floated through the trees and charmed the listeners.
- | | |
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| a. esoteric | c. sanguine |
| b. ethereal | d. viable |
27. The _____ facts of the matter were obvious to most of the witnesses.
- | | |
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| a. bodacious | c. perfunctory |
| b. gratuitous | d. salient |
28. The first-grade teacher attempted to _____ his pupils in the virtues of playing fair.
- | | |
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| a. comprise | c. exonerate |
| b. edify | d. stipulate |
29. In an attempt to _____ the effects of a bad year, farmers planted a second crop.
- | | |
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| a. censure | c. mitigate |
| b. decimate | d. obliterate |
30. Clarence was well known for his _____, his ability to lie on the couch and watch TV all day.
- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| a. animosity | c. lethargy |
| b. futility | d. reticence |

Analogy

Following are pairs of words that express either a synonymous or an antonymous relationship. From the choices, choose the pair that expresses a similar relationship to the given.

31. cacophony : harmony
- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| a. education : edification | c. miniscule : gargantuan |
| b. equality : order | d. subjugation : labor |
32. vacillating : indecisive
- | | |
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| a. capricious : predictable | b. impecunious : impoverished |
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- c. inept : competent
d. vacant : brilliant
33. disparage : commend
a. auspicious : favorable
b. obscure : hidden
c. relegate : send away
d. surreptitious : candid
34. condone : overlook
a. assiduous : ambitious
b. erudite : scholarly
c. frenetic : serene
d. sagacious : obtuse
35. innate : inherent
a. corporal : spiritual
b. ephemeral : eternal
c. exigent : demanding
d. spurious : authentic
36. scrupulous : lackadaisical
a. extraneous : irrelevant
b. immutable : impermanent
c. impetuous : impulsive
d. inane : senseless
37. abstemious : ascetic
a. amorphous : distinct
b. dubious : positive
c. negligent : conscientious
d. virulent : deadly
38. assuage : provoke
a. abstruse : straightforward
b. belligerent : quarrelsome
c. lugubrious : morose
d. mercurial : unpredictable
39. cryptic : definite
a. arduous : easy
b. diffident : timid
c. gregarious : severe
d. purported : supposed
40. vilify : malign
a. exuberant : ebullient
b. surrogate : original
c. vitiate : purify
d. zealous : indifferent

Error Detection

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Following are statements which may or may not have errors. As you bear in mind the rules of diction, choose the letter corresponding to the word or group of words that make the sentence incorrect. Choose *E* if there's no error.

41. I am quite crabby today so please don't try my patience. No error.
A B C D E
42. Dhona has to make a few adjustments to the product of her baking skills. No error.
A B C D E
43. The secret I have told you should be entre nous only. No error.
A B C D E
44. The next matter under our agenda is the matter about the amount of taxes that shall be levied on each member. No error.
A B C D E
45. What is your domicile made of? I need your answer for my project. No error.
A B C D E
46. Now and then I read poetry, but it has never had any affect on me. No error.
A B C D E
47. Turn at the corner; the store is further down the road. No error.
A B C D E
48. Renesa is an alumnus of the University of the Philippines, and she is coming back to the university to teach. No error.
A B C D E
49. He cited only four sources in his research paper, so his teacher gave him a reprimand. No error.
A B C D E
50. I inferred from his remarks that he was unhappy with my draft. No error.
A B C D E

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