

**SECTION 1**

Time: 25 Minutes  
40 Questions

This section includes two different types of questions: synonyms and sentence completions. There are directions and a sample question for each question type.

**Part One**

**Directions:** Each of the following questions consists of a word in capital letters followed by four words or phrases labeled (A), (B), (C), and (D). Select the one word or phrase that means most nearly the same as the word in capital letters.

**Sample Question:**

ESSENTIAL (A) dire (B) confusing (C) vital (D) expert  Correct Answer: C
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1. NOVICE  
(A) burden  
(B) beggar  
(C) beginner  
(D) expression

2. FABRICATE  
(A) stitch  
(B) falsify  
(C) deter  
(D) decorate

3. FRIENDLY  
(A) amiable  
(B) sanctimonious  
(C) ambivalent  
(D) responsive

4. GENRE  
(A) proposal  
(B) category  
(C) purpose  
(D) generation

5. SUMMIT  
(A) conference  
(B) valley  
(C) essence  
(D) outline

6. DEFTLY  
(A) wilfully  
(B) closely  
(C) quickly  
(D) skillfully

7. PROSPER  
(A) strive  
(B) affect  
(C) gather  
(D) thrive

8. SPURN  
(A) cross  
(B) betray  
(C) reject  
(D) hinder

9. TARDY  
(A) early  
(B) late  
(C) timely  
(D) ancient

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10. RESPITE  
(A) pause  
(B) presumption  
(C) recluse  
(D) blockage

11. REGRETFUL  
(A) credulous  
(B) desultory  
(C) contrite  
(D) dubious

12. INCITE  
(A) insist  
(B) dispel  
(C) assert  
(D) provoke

13. FACET  
(A) goal  
(B) endeavor  
(C) tactic  
(D) aspect

14. ABSOLVE  
(A) admonish  
(B) accede  
(C) clear  
(D) affirm

15. MURKY  
(A) muddy  
(B) clear  
(C) milky  
(D) deep

16. CORROBORATION  
(A) confirmation  
(B) announcement  
(C) bulletin  
(D) ordeal

17. ERRATIC  
(A) mistaken  
(B) unpredictable  
(C) opportune  
(D) inadvertent

18. ABSCOND  
(A) choose  
(B) leave  
(C) remove  
(D) steal

19. IRRITABLE  
(A) voluble  
(B) transitory  
(C) turgid  
(D) petulant

20. LENIENT  
(A) strict  
(B) uncaring  
(C) easygoing  
(D) tilted

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**Part Two**

**Directions:** Each sentence below has one or two blanks. Each blank indicates that something is missing. Following each sentence are four words or sets of words labeled (A), (B), (C), and (D). You are to select the word or set of words that, when inserted in the sentence, best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

**Sample Question:**

Due to the fact that the stray kitten was so \_\_\_\_\_, Ethan's mother allowed him to keep it.

- (A) tardy
- (B) humid
- (C) disobedient
- (D) adorable

Correct Answer: D

21. Due to the strong odor of onions \_\_\_\_\_ through the kitchen, Jason suddenly found himself with tears in his eyes.  
(A) submitting  
(B) surpassing  
(C) wafting  
(D) impeding
22. Despite the donor's self-proclaimed \_\_\_\_\_, the museum's board of directors soon realized they would never \_\_\_\_\_ a dime from him.  
(A) benevolence ... receive  
(B) inhibition ... secure  
(C) generosity ... propose  
(D) stature ... redeem
23. Always \_\_\_\_\_ and outgoing, Maria could liven up any event just by walking through the door.  
(A) agile  
(B) uneasy  
(C) gregarious  
(D) subdued
24. Although her upbringing had been \_\_\_\_\_, Tonya now lived in the most \_\_\_\_\_ neighborhood in the county.  
(A) modest ... dilapidated  
(B) humble ... affluent  
(C) mundane ... oppressive  
(D) ordinary ... sullen
25. Clearly annoyed with their lack of progress, Mr. Ramirez \_\_\_\_\_ the members of the orchestra for their \_\_\_\_\_ approach to practicing outside of school.  
(A) reprimanded ... fervid  
(B) scolded ... belligerent  
(C) berated ... exemplary  
(D) admonished ... lackadaisical
26. Faced with the loss of his blistering fastball, the baseball team's owner finally \_\_\_\_\_ to the pitcher's demand for a guaranteed contract.  
(A) alluded  
(B) sequestered  
(C) reneged  
(D) acceded
27. Carlos knew his goals were not easily \_\_\_\_\_, but he also knew he had the determination to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) deplorable ... succeed  
(B) obtainable ... relinquish  
(C) attainable ... persevere  
(D) approachable ... expel
28. Perhaps the country's most \_\_\_\_\_ female artist, Georgia O'Keeffe's paintings \_\_\_\_\_ landscapes in the American West.  
(A) distinguished ... obscure  
(B) renowned ... depict  
(C) prominent ... conceal  
(D) reviled ... portray
29. An \_\_\_\_\_ test taker, Theo studied hard and seemed to have a knack for always selecting the correct answer.  
(A) ambivalent  
(B) egregious  
(C) impulsive  
(D) astute
30. An \_\_\_\_\_ chef, every meal Andre prepared for his friends left them begging for more.  
(A) adept  
(B) expedient  
(C) affable  
(D) acrid
31. Ultimately, the activists' efforts to \_\_\_\_\_ the historic building proved \_\_\_\_\_ and it was soon demolished.  
(A) preserve ... futile  
(B) save ... inextricable  
(C) restore ... flagrant  
(D) destroy ... abundant

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32. Unwilling to compromise his \_\_\_\_\_, Mario quit the disreputable corporation and started his own consulting firm.  
 (A) representation  
 (B) integrity  
 (C) volition  
 (D) motivation
33. Praised as an \_\_\_\_\_ biographer, Ana's faithful \_\_\_\_\_ left her readers feeling as though they knew the historic figures she wrote of.  
 (A) awkward ... descriptions  
 (B) esteemed ... countenances  
 (C) errant ... portrayals  
 (D) eloquent ... characterizations
34. A devoted fan, Maria showed her \_\_\_\_\_ for the actor by leading the ovation during his curtain call.  
 (A) ascension  
 (B) reluctance  
 (C) reverence  
 (D) disparagement
35. At her going-away party, Ms. Greeley was \_\_\_\_\_ for both her business \_\_\_\_\_ as well as her amiable manner.  
 (A) insulted ... skills  
 (B) honored ... omission  
 (C) lauded ... acumen  
 (D) emulated ... expertise
36. Always the \_\_\_\_\_, Martin realized that he would have to start studying soon in order to do well on the test next week.  
 (A) pragmatist  
 (B) connoisseur  
 (C) rival  
 (D) detractor
37. Many historians agree that the Civil Rights movement \_\_\_\_\_ in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955 when Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus.  
 (A) originated  
 (B) immersed  
 (C) adhered  
 (D) preceded
38. Due to the \_\_\_\_\_ weather, the principal decided to postpone tonight's open house until next Tuesday.  
 (A) serene  
 (B) inclement  
 (C) squalid  
 (D) celestial
39. The scout troop was excited because the money generated by their fund-raiser had \_\_\_\_\_ even the most generous estimates.  
 (A) compensated  
 (B) suppressed  
 (C) subsidized  
 (D) exceeded
40. After several hours of negotiating, the two sides finally reached an \_\_\_\_\_ and were able to move beyond their disagreement.  
 (A) exception  
 (B) accord  
 (C) ambiguity  
 (D) extension

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If you finish before time is up, check your work on this section only.