

Grammar Test

Directions: In the following questions choose the correct options to fill the blanks.

1. The boy _____ broke the chair was punished.
(a) Whose
(b) Whom
(c) Who
(d) None of these
2. He _____ nobody ever loved became a saint later.
(a) Who
(b) Whose
(c) Whom
(d) None of these
3. The snake _____ we saw in the forest was a cobra.
(a) Who
(b) Which
(c) Whom
(d) None of these
4. The books _____ you gave me are interesting.
(a) Which
(b) Whom
(c) Who
(d) None of these
5. The place was so dirty that _____ wished to run away from there.
(a) Everybody
(b) Anybody
(c) Few
(d) None of these
6. _____ was there to help me.
(a) Somebody
(b) Anything
(c) Nobody
(d) None of these
7. Is there _____ to eat ?
(a) Any
(b) Something
(c) Few
(d) None of these
8. _____ of us should try our best to make India a heaven.
(a) Anybody
(b) Somebody
(c) All
(d) None of these
9. _____ of us do not know the real meaning of our lives.
(a) Several
(b) Something
(c) Many
(d) None of these
10. My _____ black.
(a) hairs are
(b) hair is
(c) hair will
(d) None of these
11. She saw two _____ on the last Sunday.
(a) thieves
(b) thieves
(c) theives
(d) None of these
12. Take anything _____ you want.
(a) that
(b) which
(c) than
(d) None of these
13. He is _____ faithful partner.
(a) yours
(b) you
(c) your
(d) None of these
14. Ajay is more smart than _____.
(a) her
(b) herself
(c) she
(d) None of these
15. Vivek works harder than _____.
(a) me
(b) I
(c) his
(d) None of these
16. This is the girl _____ father is a scientist.

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- (a) whose
(b) whom
(c) who
(d) None of these
17. The birds _____ have long tails are liked by all.
(a) who
(b) whom
(c) which
(d) None of these
18. This is the boy _____ uncle is an army officer.
(a) whom
(b) which
(c) whose
(d) None of these
19. That boy _____ father is a doctor is an intelligent one.
(a) whose
(b) which
(c) whom
(d) None of these
20. Those _____ love violence finally bow down to the more powerful.
(a) whose
(b) whom
(c) who
(d) None of these
21. She is the girl _____ we saw in the theater.
(a) who
(b) whom
(c) whose
(d) None of these
22. _____ of the students were making a great noise.
(a) Anyone
(b) Somebody
(c) Many
(d) None of these
23. _____ of the students can solve this sum.
- (a) Someone
(b) Anybody
(c) Somebody
(d) None of these
24. My sister is a _____.
(a) bacheloress
(b) bachelor
(c) spinster
(d) None of these
25. One is supposed to do _____.
(a) our duty
(b) their duty
(c) one's duty
(d) None of these
26. I cannot tolerate _____.
(a) separated you
(b) your separation
(c) separation from you
(d) None of these
27. They should help _____.
(a) the poor people
(b) the poor
(c) the poor persons
(d) None of these
28. _____ are mad.
(a) All his sons
(b) His all sons
(c) Sons all his
(d) None of these
29. The poor fellow _____ to fate.
(a) resigned
(b) resigned himself
(c) resigned itself
(d) None of these
30. Nobody will help you but _____.
(a) I
(b) me
(c) ours
(d) None of these

Answers

1. Who
2. Whom
3. Which
4. Which
5. Everybody
6. Nobody
7. Something
8. All
9. Many
10. hair is
11. thieves
12. that
13. your
14. she
15. I
16. whose
17. which
18. whose
19. whose
20. who
21. whom
22. Many
23. None of these
24. spinster
25. one's duty
26. separation from you
27. the poor
28. All his sons
29. resigned himself
30. I

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Idioms, Phrases & Proverbs

Directions : Pick out from the given alternatives the one that gives the correct meaning of the idiom/phrase/proverb.

1. Above board
 - (a) A voyage
 - (b) Beyond doubt
 - (c) Uncertainty
 - (d) Honest and frank
 - (e) None of these
2. Add fuel to the fire
 - (a) to activate the flames of an existing controversy
 - (b) to spread a rumour
 - (c) to increase the differences
 - (d) to speed up the work
 - (e) None of these
3. A hard nut to crack
 - (a) a difficult problem
 - (b) a difficult situation
 - (c) an intolerable person
 - (d) a skinflint
 - (e) None of these
4. At arm's length
 - (a) one arm distance
 - (b) to keep one at distance
 - (c) to be indifferent
 - (d) an intimate relationship
 - (e) None of these
5. At one's wits end
 - (a) to be in an embarrassing situation

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- (b) to be in a state of utter perplexity
(c) to satisfy one's own desire
(d) to abrogate
(e) None of these
- 6. A black sheep**
(a) scoundrel
(b) ruthless
(c) vagabond
(d) a traitorous person
(e) None of these
- 7. A bolt from the blue**
(a) an unexpected and calamitous blow
(b) a retaliating attack
(c) tumult
(d) a sudden pleasant surprise
(e) None of these
- 8. At the mercy of**
(a) totally in the power of
(b) to leave everything on God
(c) to surrender
(d) the supremacy of God's will
(e) None of these
- 9. At the bottom of**
(a) secret cause of
(b) at another's support
(c) to find a base
(d) a heavy loss
(e) None of these
- 10. At daggers drawn**
(a) a dual
(b) at enmity
(c) a hot debate
(d) one confronted with his rival
(e) None of these
- 11. A man of words**
(a) a garrulous person
(b) a trustworthy person
(c) a gregarious person
(d) a boastful person
(e) None of these
- 12. In open arms**
(a) to welcome cordially
(b) to be brave
(c) fighting openly
(d) ambitions to have all sorts of worldly pleasures
(e) None of these
- 13. Backstairs influence**
(a) improper influence
(b) the ultimate outcome
(c) retarded development
(d) indirect influence
(e) None of these
- 14. Behind the scenes**
(a) the hidden cause
(b) self-contained
(c) influencing events secretly
(d) one's contribution which is yet to be considered
(e) None of these
- 15. Bear the palm**
(a) to help voluntarily
(b) to form a team
(c) to be victorious
(d) a joint venture
(e) None of these
- 16. A bed of roses**
(a) always successful
(b) a comfortable situation
(c) very easy
(d) transient pleasure
(e) None of these
- 17. Apple of discord**
(a) the cause of separation
(b) the basis of differentiation
(c) the cause of friction
(d) the state of confusion
(e) None of these
- 18. A man of straw**
(a) a characterless person
(b) worthless person
(c) an indecisive person
(d) unreliable person
(e) None of these
- 19. Apple of one's eye**
(a) a very loving person
(b) recalcitrant
(c) a person full of malevolence
(d) a person who is very dear to one
(e) None of these

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- 20.** To pin one's faith
(a) to be sure of somebody's favour
(b) to be unsure of favour
(c) to be insincere to others
(d) to deceive a close friend
(e) None of these
- 21.** A fish out of water
(a) a dangerous situation
(b) death
(c) being in a position which is disagreeable
(d) a lonely person
(e) None of these
- 22.** At sixes and sevens
(a) in a state of confusion or disorder
(b) returning to an earlier or primitive form or state
(c) in a state of retrospection
(d) in the days of childhood
(e) None of these
- 23.** A labour of love
(a) a hard-working staff
(b) work done only for love
(c) To believe in work and not in reward
(d) an unpaid servant
(e) None of these
- 24.** A Herculean task
(a) unmanageable assignment
(b) confusing and tiring procedure
(c) work requiring extra ordinary strength to be done
(d) almost impossible to achieve something
(e) None of these
- 25.** At the eleventh hour
(a) at the time of death
(b) moment just after the work is completed
(c) moment just after the work is assigned
(d) at the last moment
(e) None of these
- 26.** A hornet's nest
(a) a dangerous situation
(b) a house built after great difficulty
(c) an unpleasant situation
(d) a difficult task
(e) None of these
- 27.** A man of parts
(a) a man of superior ability
(b) a highly responsible man
(c) a workaholic person
(d) a man of pretension
(e) None of these
- 28.** An out and outer
(a) a traitor
(b) a man living in the border area
(c) a first rate person
(d) at an extreme point
(e) None of these
- 29.** To make an ass of oneself
(a) to behave foolishly
(b) to laugh at oneself
(c) to make someone fool
(d) a ridiculous person
(e) None of these
- 30.** The Augustan Age
(a) an age of great kings
(b) the period of highest purity and refinement in any national literature.
(c) a golden age in music
(d) a period of prudent writers
(e) None of these

Answers

1. Honest and frank
2. to activate the flames of an existing controversy
3. a difficult problem
4. to keep one at distance
5. to be in a state of utter perplexity
6. scoundrel
7. an unexpected and calamitous blow
8. totally in the power of
9. secret cause of

10. at enmity
11. a trustworthy person
12. fighting openly
13. improper influence
14. influencing events secretly
15. to be victorious
16. a comfortable situation
17. the cause of friction
18. worthless person
19. a person who is very dear to one
20. to be sure of somebody's favour
21. being in a position which is disagreeable
22. in a state of confusion or disorder
23. work done only for love
24. work requiring extra ordinary strength to be done
25. at the last moment
26. an unpleasant situation
27. a man of superior ability
28. a first rate person
29. to behave foolishly
30. the period of highest purity and refinement in any national literature.

Sentence Corrections

Directions : Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer will be 'E'.

1. (a) It is essential that
(b) AIDS is diagnosed and treated
(c) as early as possible in order
(d) to achieve a successful cure
(e) No error
2. (a) There has been
(b) little change in the patient's condition
(c) until he was
(d) shifted to the intensive care unit
(e) No error
3. (a) Each of the candidates whom
(b) I have chosen to contest election
(c) have indicated that
(d) he will be happy to do so
(e) No error
4. (a) The alarmed report of
(b) earthquake in Ahmedabad
(c) frightened everyone of
5. (a) While interrogating, he disclosed
(b) that he used to snatch chains
(c) along with his accomplice
(d) who was recently killed in a road accident
(e) No error
6. (a) The decomposed body of a 13-year old boy
(b) who was
(c) suspected to have been kidnapped
(d) was find lying
(e) No error
7. (a) Although the marks
(b) obtained in written examination by both the candidates
(c) are same yet the
(d) differences among them are considerable in the marks obtained in interview
(e) No error
8. (a) Aristotle systematically
(b) set out the various forms of the syllogism
(c) that has remained
(d) an essential reference for logic
(e) No error
9. (a) I don't even
(b) let anyone know
(c) about what
(d) the adjoining region
(e) No error

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- (d) all I am dealing with
(e) No error
10. (a) Today, while standing
(b) at the crossroads of life, and
(c) nowhere to go
(d) I see life to be meaningless
(e) No error
11. (a) You can find many persons
(b) who have made fortunes because
(c) their mind
(d) were well focussed on success
(e) No error
12. (a) The unexpected increased demand of this newspaper everyday
(b) from all over India
(c) is a matter of great satisfaction and motivation
(d) for the editor
(e) No error
13. (a) Was it her
(b) who got injured
(c) when the stove
(d) bursted
(e) No error
14. (a) I have cooked
(b) for two hours
(c) and I am
(d) now tired
(e) No error
15. (a) At the moment Sachin
(b) play
(c) in
(d) the garden
(e) No error
16. (a) Children ran
(b) into the school building
(c) when
(d) the bell started ringing
(e) No error
17. (a) To the volunteers
(b) who worked so hard
(c) on campaigning the election result was profound
(d) disappointing
(e) No error
18. (a) We have heard his speech
(b) many a time
- (c) but today he was
(d) best
(e) No error
19. (a) The people gathered there
(b) were very much surprised
(c) at hearing the news of a child surviving
(d) under the debris
(e) No error
20. (a) The burning of leaves
(b) have been
(c) declared illegal in Delhi
(d) due to the pollution it causes
(e) No error
21. (a) The lucky number will be announced
(b) just one time therefore
(c) you must listen
(d) very careful in order to tally your own number
(e) No error
22. (a) Traveling deep down the memory lane, I find it
(b) fairly difficult
(c) to reach out to the early days
(d) when I was still a toddler
(e) No error
23. (a) Every citizen
(b) should cast vote
(c) for the candidate
(d) of their choice
(e) No error
24. (a) I believe
(b) you to have read
(c) the latest issue
(d) of this magazine
(e) No error
25. (a) He said
(b) he would go
(c) to see a movie
(d) this evening
(e) No error
26. (a) I agree
(b) in part with
(c) many of these arguments and
(d) even at one time endorsed them
(e) No error
27. (a) With
(b) our every acts

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- (c) the world reveals to us
(d) a new face
(e) No error
28. (a) very early
(b) we are
(c) going to
(d) advertise it
(e) No error
29. (a) There is a review of
(b) each and every
(c) articles being published
(d) in our journal
(e) No error
30. (a) being vengeful
(b) will not bring any result
(c) instead
(d) you should keep a cool head
(e) No error
31. (a) The old man was leading
(b) a happy and leisurely
(c) life after his retirement
(d) from service
(e) No error
32. (a) Normally I don't wear spectacles
(b) but today
(c) I wear one
(d) because of the sun
(e) No error
33. (a) A little elder
(b) to myself me
(c) both were devoted
(d) to tennis and football
(e) No error
34. (a) You can get
(b) all the informations
(c) you want
(d) in this book
(e) No error
35. (a) The government has shown
(b) a lukewarm attitude
(c) to the sufferings of
(d) the aged
(e) No error
36. (a) It is the duty of the government
(b) of taking up measures
(c) for providing social care welfare
(d) to the old people
(e) No error
37. (a) The boy sitting
(b) at the corner of the classroom
(c) is constantly
(d) watching at the window
(e) No error
38. (a) Our laxity
(b) in duty increases
(c) with our dislike
(d) for work
(e) No error
39. (a) How to solve the financial crisis
(b) is the main concern
(c) of the government
(d) at the moment
(e) No error
40. (a) Each cigarette
(b) which
(c) a person smokes
(d) does some harm to him
(e) No error
41. (a) The mother as well as
(b) the daughters were
(c) mysteriously missing
(d) from the house
(e) No error
42. (a) The Director has asked that
(b) each clerk and supervisor
(c) sign their name on the attendance register
(d) before leaving the office
(e) No error
43. (a) In India
(b) as early as the nineteenth century
(c) young boys enjoyed
(d) to play cricket
(e) No error
44. (a) Her ability to
(b) interact and communicate with strangers
(c) is one of her
(d) stronger points
(e) No error

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45. (a) If he will follow
(b) his teacher's instructions
(c) he will secure good marks
(d) in his examination
(e) No error
46. (a) This company
(b) manufactures
(c) many
(d) cold drinks
(e) No error
47. (a) He is possessing
(b) this apartment
(c) for the last
(d) five years
(e) No error
48. (a) He was
(b) such a fast writer that
(c) he used to write a story
(d) during two hours
(e) No error
49. (a) Next summer
(b) there is a chance
(c) of my visiting
(d) a hill station
(e) No error
50. (a) He took
(b) computer
(c) coaching for three full
(d) academic years
(e) No error
51. (a) His
(b) knowledge
(c) of English are
(d) very limited
(e) No error
52. (a) This is
(b) the painting
(c) I was
(d) telling you
(e) No error
53. (a) It is
(b) extremely important
(c) for an engineer
(d) to know to use a computer
(e) No error
54. (a) She is
(b) more clever
(c) than
(d) I thought she was
(e) No error
55. (a) On hearing
(b) Gurmeet's screams, surjeet
(c) came rushing
(d) and he too was stabbed
(e) No error
56. (a) The value of the rupee
(b) declines
(c) as the rate of inflation
(d) raises
(e) No error
57. (a) Everybody
(b) was in the lawn
(c) enjoying
(d) themselves
(e) No error
58. (a) Nobody offered to give up
(b) their seat
(c) to the blind man
(d) holding his stick in his palm
(e) No error
59. (a) Subhash Chandra Bose
(b) was a great nationalist
(c) and a
(d) great scholar
(e) No error
60. (a) What we do
(b) has some effect on others
(c) so has their actions
(d) upon us
(e) No error
61. (a) Everyone of the survivors
(b) of the train accident
(c) have told
(d) the same story
(e) No error
62. (a) As soon as the Managing Director

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- (b) entered the factory
(c) all the workers approached him and
(d) report the matter
(e) No error
63. (a) He studied
(b) at
(c) the Medical College
(d) during three years
(e) No error
64. (a) A body of volunteers
(b) have been
(c) organized to assist the committee
(d) in their attempt to collect funds
(e) No error
65. (a) The blue curtain
(b) on the window
(c) provides an appropriate contrast
(d) with the pink wall
(e) No error
66. (a) Sooner than she had arrived
(b) her friends arranged a dinner
(c) in her honour in the
(d) best restaurant in town
(e) No error
67. (a) Ever since this child
(b) was taught by
(c) its new tutor
(d) it has done in exams
(e) No error
68. (a) Before T.V., the common man haven't got
(b) the opportunity
(c) to see his leaders
(d) express their views
(e) No error
69. (a) The new model of the washing machine
(b) costs
(c) twice as much as
(d) last year's model
(e) No error
70. (a) He hoped to finish
(b) the assignment
(c) in the last month
(d) but in fact he could not
(e) No error
71. (a) If you would have seen
(b) yesterday's cultural programmer
(c) I am sure you
(d) would have enjoyed watching the little ones dance
(e) No error
72. (a) In evaluating your progress
(b) I have taken
(c) into account your classroom performance, your attendance, your sincerity and
(d) how you have improved
(e) No error
73. (a) Very few persons march
(b) straight to succeed
(c) without going through
(d) periods of temporary failure and discouragement
(e) No error
74. (a) I doubt
(b) ifVineet
(c) has few
(d) than twenty tatoos
(e) No error
75. (a) As long as
(b) the rain
(c) continued
(d) I stayed at home
(e) No error

Solution

1. AIDS is diagnosed and treated
2. until he was
3. have indicated that
4. The alarmed report of
5. While interrogating, he disclosed
6. was find lying

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- 7.differences among them are considerable in the marks obtained in interview
- 8.that has remained
9. about what
10. Today, while standing
- 11.who have made fortunes because
12. The unexpected increased demand of this newspaper everyday
13. Was it her
14. I have cooked
- 15.play
16. No error
- 17.disappointing
- 18.best
19. at hearing the news of a child surviving
- 20.have been
- 21.very careful in order to tally your own number
- 22.fairly difficult
23. of their choice
24. No error
25. No error
- 26.even at one time endorsed them
- 27.our every acts
- 28.very early
- 29.articles being published
- 30.instead
31. The old man was leading
32. I wear one
33. to myself me
34. in this book
35. No error
36. of taking up measures
37. watching at the window
38. for work
39. No error
40. which
41. the daughters were
42. sign their name on the attendance register
43. to play cricket
44. stronger points
45. If he will follow
46. many
47. He is possessing
48. during two hours
49. No error
50. He took
51. of English are
52. telling you
53. to know to use a computer
54. than
55. On hearing
56. raises
57. themselves
58. their seat

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59. great scholar
60. What we do
61. have told
62. report the matter
63. during three years
64. have been
65. with the pink wall
66. Sooner than she had arrived
67. was taught by
68. Before T.V., the common man haven't got
69. No error
70. He hoped to finish
71. If you would have seen
72. how you have improved
73. straight to succeed
74. has few
75. As long as

one word substitutes

Directions : In questions given below choose the options which can be substituted for the given words/sentences.

1. An assembly of listeners
 - (a) Audience
 - (b) Nostrum
 - (c) Ostracise
 - (d) Obituary
 - (e) None of these
2. A person who hates mankind
 - (a) Philanthropist
 - (b) Misanthropist
 - (c) Nihilist
 - (d) Theist
 - (e) None of these
3. Animals that suckle their young ones.
 - (a) Mammals
 - (b) Pisces
 - (c) Amphibian
 - (d) Birds
 - (e) None of these
4. A truth which is often repeated
 - (a) Aesthetics
 - (b) Truism
 - (c) Verbose
 - (d) Truant
 - (e) None of these
5. Belief in the role of a strong dictator is
 - (a) Fanaticism
 - (b) Fascism
 - (c) Nepotism
 - (d) Dogmatism
 - (e) None of these
6. A person who practices celibacy
 - (a) Celibate
 - (b) Mature
 - (c) Married
 - (d) Widower
 - (e) None of these
7. One who firmly believes in fate or destiny
 - (a) Honorary
 - (b) Gratis
 - (c) Dermatologist
 - (d) Fatalist
 - (e) None of these
8. Allowance due to a wife from her husband on legal separation
 - (a) Wage
 - (b) Compensation
 - (c) Debt
 - (d) Alimony
 - (e) None of these
9. Birds moving from one place to another
 - (a) Migratory
 - (b) Respiratory
 - (c) Obituary
 - (d) Transitory
 - (e) None of these

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- 10.** The study of the art of printing is
(a) Typography
(b) Phenology
(c) Astrology
(d) Graphology
(e) None of these
- 11.** A handwriting which cannot be easily read.
(a) Lucid
(b) Edible
(c) Illegible
(d) Legible
(e) None of these
- 12.** Government in which all religions are honoured is called
(a) Fanatic
(b) Ascetic
(c) Catholic
(d) Secular
(e) None of these
- 13.** A style that is full of words is known as
(a) Elegant
(b) Complicated
(c) Verbose
(d) Bombastic
(e) None of these
- 14.** Those are practised by statesmen is called
(a) Diplomacy
(b) Viewpoint
(c) Statesmanship
(d) Politics
(e) None of these
- 15.** What we say about a man after his death is called
(a) Epitome
(b) Elegy
(c) Posthumous
(d) Epitaph
(e) None of these
- 16.** Murder of infants
(a) Regicide
(b) Suicide
(c) Homicide
(d) Infanticide
(e) None of these
- 17.** Short lived or fleeting
(a) Permanent
(b) Ephemeral
(c) Effeminate
(d) Optimist
(e) None of these
- 18.** A person whose thoughts are turned inward and who never opens his heart to others.
(a) Extrovert
(b) Introvert
(c) Sceptic
(d) Ambivert
(e) None of these
- 19.** Word for word
(a) Verbatim
(b) Compound
(c) Synonym
(d) Oral
(e) None of these
- 20.** A person who does things only for pleasure
(a) Professional
(b) Radical
(c) Amateur
(d) Empiric
(e) None of these
- 21.** That which can be easily carried
(a) Portable
(b) Impregnable
(c) Invisible
(d) Apostate
(e) None of these
- 22.** One who flirts with ladies
(a) Solvent
(b) Gentleman
(c) Philanderer
(d) Popular
(e) None of these
- 23.** An office for which no salary is paid
(a) Hospitable
(b) Free
(c) Honorary
(d) Gratis
(e) None of these
- 24.** A word which has the same meaning as another
(a) Contemporary
(b) Substitute
(c) Synonym
(d) Antonym

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- (e) None of these
- 25.** Four children born at the same time
(a) Forte
(b) Twins
(c) Fortis
(d) Quadruplets
(e) None of these
- 26.** An insect with many legs
(a) Biped
(b) Butterfly
(c) Centipede
(d) Quadraped
(e) None of these
- 27.** To change hostility into friendship
(a) Surrogate
(b) Castigate
(c) Placate
(d) Complicate
(e) None of these
- 28.** One who studies the history of development of mankind is
(a) Anthropologist
(b) Botanist
(c) Economist
(d) Historian
(e) None of these
- 29.** One who does not show favour to anyone is called
(a) Impartial
(b) Unfavourable
(c) Prejudiced
(d) Rude
(e) None of these
- 30.** To throw light on something difficult
(a) Amplify
(b) Expand
(c) Explain
(d) Elucidate
(e) None of these

Answers

1. Audience
2. Misanthropist
3. Mammals
4. Truism
5. Fascism
6. Celibate
7. Fatalist
8. Alimony
9. Migratory
10. Typography
11. Illegible
12. Secular
13. Verbose
14. Diplomacy
15. Epitaph
16. Infanticide
17. Ephemeral
18. Introvert
19. Verbatim
20. Amateur
21. Portable
22. Philanderer
23. Honorary
24. Synonym
25. Quadruplets
26. Centipede

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- 27. Placate
- 28. Historian
- 29. Impartial
- 30. Elucidate

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