

Solutions for Rumack's Preparation Workbook Language Section: 1.3

1. FIGHT:

The correct answer is (c) battle. The words 'fight' and 'battle' are both nouns. In this case, they both mean combat.

2. DILEMMA:

The correct answer is (a) predicament. The words 'dilemma' and 'predicament' are both nouns. In this case, they both mean a problem that seems incapable of a solution.

3. EMBRACE:

The correct answer is (d) entwine. The words 'embrace' and 'entwine' are both present tense verbs. In this case, they both mean to wrap around.

4. OPPONENT:

The correct answer is (b) rival. The words 'opponent' and 'rival' are both nouns. In this case, they both mean a person who is competing for the same object or goal.

5. FLAG:

The correct answer is (b) banner. The words 'flag' and 'banner' are both nouns. In this case, they both mean a symbol of a nation, province, or organization.

6. GAP:

The correct answer is (b) abyss. The words 'gap' and 'abyss' are both nouns. In this case, they both mean an empty space or void.

7. GUIDE:

The correct answer is (a) mentor. The words 'guide' and 'mentor' are both verbs. In this case, they both mean to lead or direct.

8. PROPHET:

The correct answer is (d) seer. The words 'prophet' and 'seer' are both nouns. In this case, they both mean a person who predicts the future.

9. FORESTALL:

The correct answer is (e) preclude. The words 'forestall' and 'preclude' are both verbs. In this case, they both mean to prevent. In addition, the prefixes fore- and pre- both mean *to come before*.

10. TABLE:

The correct answer is (e) chart. The words 'table' and 'chart' are both nouns. In this case, they both mean a graphic representation of information.

11. DEBONAIRE:

The correct answer is (d) suave. The words 'debonaire' and 'suave' are both adjectives. In this case, they both mean charming and confident.

12. DISCOMBOBULATE:

The correct answer is (b) disconcert. The words 'discombobulate' and 'disconcert' are both verbs. In this case, they both mean to upset and confuse. In both words, the prefix dis- means *not*.

13. NOXIOUS:

The correct answer is (e) toxic. The words 'noxious' and 'toxic' are both adjectives. In this case, they both mean poisonous or harmful.

14. TRANSIENT:

The correct answer is (e) temporary. The words 'transient' and 'temporary' are both adjectives. In this case, they both mean lasting only a short time.

15. BILLOWY:

The correct answer is (b) surging. The words 'billowy' and 'surging' are both adjectives. In this case, they both mean swelling or rolling in big waves.

16. PROPENSITY:

The correct answer is (b) proclivity. The words 'propensity' and 'proclivity' are both nouns. In this case, both words mean to have a tendency toward a certain condition. Both words also use the prefix pro-, which means *for* or *to bring forth*.

17. OMNISCIENT:

The correct answer is (d) all knowing. The words 'omniscient' and 'all knowing' are both adjectives. In this case, they both mean to have complete or unlimited knowledge.

18. HAPLESS

The correct answer is (c) unfortunate. The words 'hapless' and 'unfortunate' are both adjectives. In this case, they both mean without luck.

19. UTOPIAN:

The correct answer is (b) idealistic. The words 'utopian' and 'idealistic' are both adjectives. In this case, they both mean perfect.

20. FOREMOST:

The correct answer is (c) preeminent. The words 'foremost' and 'preeminent' are both adjectives. In this case, they both mean ahead in position, more important. In addition, the prefixes fore- and pre- both mean *before*.

21. QUAIN:

The correct answer is (a) charming. The words 'quaint' and 'charming' are both adjectives. In this case, they both mean pleasing.

22. REJUVENATE:

The correct answer is (b) refresh. The words 'rejuvenate' and 'refresh' are both verbs. In this case, they both mean to make new again. In addition, they both contain the prefix re-, which means *again*.

23. ABDICATE:

The correct answer is (a) renounce. The words 'abdicate' and 'renounce' are both verbs. In this case, they both mean to give up or put aside voluntarily.

24. MIDSECTION:

The correct answer is (d) torso. The words 'midsection' and 'torso' are both nouns. In this case, they both mean the center portion of the body. In addition, the prefix mid- means *middle*.

25. NEBULOUS:

The correct answer is (d) vague. The words 'nebulous' and 'vague' are both adjectives. In this case, they both mean hazy or cloudy.

26. PARSIMONIOUS:

The correct answer is (c) frugal. The words 'parsimonious' and 'frugal' are both adjectives. In this case, they both mean stingy.

27. HABITUAL:

The correct answer is (d) chronic. The words 'habitual' and 'chronic' are both adjectives. In this case, they both mean occurring regularly.

28. MACABRE:

The correct answer is (a) ghastly. The words 'macabre' and 'ghastly' are both adjectives. In this case, they both mean gruesome and horrifying.

29. CAPRICIOUS:

The correct answer is (e) impulsive. The words 'capricious' and 'impulsive' are both adjectives. In this case, they both mean acting suddenly without reason.

30. SURFEIT:

The correct answer is (c) excess. The words 'surfeit' and 'excess' are both nouns. In this case, they both mean overabundance.