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21. In addition, there were performers and since considerable importance was attached to avoiding mistakes in the enactment of rites, religious leaders usually assumed that task.

The word "considerable" is closest in meaning to which of following?

- (A) thoughtful
- (B) substantial
- (C) relational
- (D) ceremonial

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The word "enactment" is closest in meaning to which of following?

- (A) establishment
- (B) performance
- (C) authorization
- (D) season

23. Staggering tasks confronted the people of the United States, North and South, when the Civil War ended. About a million and a half soldiers from both sides had to be demobilized, readjusted to civilian life, and reabsorbed by the devastated economy.

The word "Staggering" is closest in meaning to which of following?

- (A) specialized
- (B) confusing
- (C) various
- (D) overwhelming

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The word "devastated" is closest in meaning to which of following?

- (A) developing
- (B) ruined
- (C) complicated
- (D) fragile

25. Some botanists hypothesized that the living cells of plants acted as pumps. But many experiments demonstrated that the stems of plants in which all the cells are killed can still move water to appreciable heights.

The word "demonstrated" is closest in meaning to which of following?

- (A) ignored
- (B) showed
- (C) disguised
- (D) distinguished

26. As water is lost from the surface of the leaves, a negative pressure, or tension, is created. The evaporated water is replaced by water moving from inside the plant in unbroken columns that extend from the top of a plant to its roots. The same forces that create surface tension in any sample of water are responsible for the maintenance of these unbroken columns of water.

The word "extend" is closest in meaning to which of following?

- (A) stretch
- (B) branch
- (C) increase
- (D) rotate

27. By opening vast areas of unoccupied land for residential expansion, the omnibuses, horse railways, commuter trains, and electric trolleys pulled settled regions outward two to four times more distant from city centers than they were in the premodern era.

The word "vast" is closest in meaning to which of following?

- (A) large
- (B) basic
- (C) new
- (D) urban

28. The new accessibility of land around the periphery of almost every major city sparked an explosion of real estate development and fueled what we now know as urban sprawl. Between 1890 and 1920, for example, some 250,000 new residential lots were recorded within the borders of Chicago, most of them located in outlying areas.

The word "sparked" is closest in meaning to which of following?

- (A) brought about
- (B) surrounded
- (C) sent out
- (D) followed

29. Anxious to take advantage of the possibilities of commuting, real estate developers added 800,000 potential building sites to the Chicago region in just thirty years- lots that could have housed five to six million people.

The word "potential" is closest in meaning to which of following?

- (A) certain
- (B) popular
- (C) improved
- (D) possible

30. The quality of preservation is outstanding, but what is even more impressive is the number of ichthyosaur fossils containing preserved embryos.

The word "outstanding" is closest in meaning to which of following?

- (A) extensive
- (B) surprising
- (C) vertical
- (D) excellent

31. The quality of preservation is almost unmatched, and quarry operations have been carried out carefully with an awareness of the value of the fossils. But these factors do not account for the interesting question of how there came to be such a concentration of pregnant ichthyosaurs in a particular place very close to their time of giving birth.

The phrase "account for " is closest in meaning to which of following?

- (A) record
- (B) describe
- (C) equal
- (D) explain

32. Each one was virtually a stone town, which is why the Spanish would later call them pueblos, the Spanish word for towns. These pueblos represent one of the Anasazis' supreme achievements. At least a dozen large stone houses took shape below the bluffs of Chiacco Canyon in northwest New Mexico.

The word "supreme" is closest in meaning to which of following?

- (A) most common
- (B) most outstanding
- (C) most expensive
- (D) most convenient

33. Within a very short time, however, the incongruity of playing lively music to a solemn film became apparent, and film pianists began to take some care in matching their pieces to the mood of the film.

The word "solemn" is closest in meaning to which of following?

- (A) simple
- (B) serious
- (C) short
- (D) silent

34. The Earth comprises three principal layers: the dense, iron-rich core, the mantle made of silicate rocks that are semimolten at depth, and the thin, solid-surface crust.

The word "comprises" is closest in meaning to which of following?

- (A) adapts to
- (B) benefits from
- (C) consists of
- (D) focuses on

35. If at such a spreading contact the two plates support continents, a rift is formed that will gradually widen and become flooded by the sea. The Atlantic Ocean formed like this as the American and Afro-European plates move in opposite directions.

The word "support" is closest in meaning to which of following?

- (A) separate
- (B) create
- (C) reduce
- (D) hold

36. Coincident with concerns about the accelerating loss of species and habitats has been a growing appreciation of the importance of biological diversity, the number of species in a particular ecosystem, to the health of the Earth and human well-being.

The word "appreciation" is closest in meaning to which of following?

- (A) ignorance
- (B) recognition
- (C) tolerance
- (D) forgiveness

37. An alien exploring Earth would probably give priority to the planet's dominant, most- distinctive feature-the ocean. Humans have a bias toward land that sometimes gets in the way of truly examining global issues.

The word "bias" is closest in meaning to which of following?

- (A) concern
- (B) disadvantage
- (C) attitude
- (D) prejudice

38. There seem to have been several periods within the last tens of thousands of years when water accumulated in these basins. The rise and fall of the lakes were undoubtedly linked to the advances and retreats of the great ice sheets that covered much of the northern part of the North American continent during those times.

The word "accumulated" is closest in meaning to which of following?

- (A) dried
- (B) flooded
- (C) collected
- (D) evaporated

39. All living creature, especially human beings, have their peculiarities, but everything about the little sea cucumber seems unusual. What else can be said about a bizarre animal that, among other eccentricities, eats mud, feeds almost continuously day and night but can live without eating for long periods, and can be poisonous but is considered supremely edible by gourmets?

The phrase "bizarre" is closest in meaning to which of following?

- (A) odd
- (B) marine
- (C) simple
- (D) rare

40. A folk culture is small, isolated, cohesive, conservative, nearly self-sufficient group that is homogeneous in custom and race, with a strong family or clan structure and highly developed rituals.

The word "homogeneous" is closest in meaning to which of following?

- (A) uniform
- (B) general
- (C) primitive
- (D) traditional