CHOOSING THE DEFINITION

Fill in the bubble of the word or phrase that best defines the word in **bold** in each sentence.

1. The king ordered the traitor locked in a **dungeon**.
   - a. prison cell  
   - b. library  
   - c. bedroom  
   - d. cage

2. The food at that café will not **disappoint** you.
   - a. surprise  
   - b. excite  
   - c. fail  
   - d. anger

3. Nicolas is too **bashful** to try out for a play.
   - a. sad  
   - b. shy  
   - c. hungry  
   - d. full

4. The team’s **conduct** after the game was unsportsmanlike.
   - a. behavior  
   - b. feast  
   - c. speed  
   - d. trophy

5. That crack in the window is letting in a **draft**.
   - a. noise  
   - b. air current  
   - c. mist  
   - d. insect

6. Grandma claims she can **forecast** tomorrow’s weather.
   - a. prevent  
   - b. enjoy  
   - c. hurry  
   - d. predict

7. The lovely ice sculpture melted into a **formless** puddle.
   - a. wet  
   - b. slippery  
   - c. warm  
   - d. unshaped

8. As the sun grew warmer, the puddle began to **evaporate**.
   - a. disappear  
   - b. boil  
   - c. slide  
   - d. freeze

9. Nathan thanked his hosts for their **hospitality**.
   - a. friendliness  
   - b. cooking  
   - c. loans  
   - d. advice

10. Have you made a **decision** about what to wear to the party?
    - a. mistake  
    - b. plan  
    - c. judgment  
    - d. portion

11. After a hot day of yard work, I **relish** Aunt Margaret’s peach ice cream.
    - a. enjoy  
    - b. avoid  
    - c. demand  
    - d. scoop

12. The cashier made an **error** while ringing up my groceries.
    - a. comment  
    - b. mistake  
    - c. joke  
    - d. request

13. To join the club, I had to **pledge** never to show any outsiders the secret handshake.
    - a. explain  
    - b. invite  
    - c. promise  
    - d. insist
14. I can’t get that popular new melody out of my head.
   a. name  b. rumor  c. tune  d. picture

15. In some countries, all citizens serve in the military.
   a. visitors  b. nationals  c. fans  d. tourists

16. The climate in Seattle, Washington, is usually cool and moist.
   a. weather  b. soil  c. water  d. attitude

17. The house is made of wood, but its foundation is cement.
   a. structure  b. height  c. appearance  d. base

18. Cereal is a satisfactory breakfast, but pancakes taste a lot better.
   a. alright  b. healthy  c. easy to make  d. sweet

19. We watched the flight attendant demonstrate how to put on and inflate the life jackets.
   a. make fun of  b. show  c. mess up  d. enjoy

20. Mr. Marquez is a professional carpenter.
   a. unusual  b. popular  c. expert  d. full-time

21. There were many vacant rooms at the hotel.
   a. expensive  b. noisy  c. empty  d. large

22. The model began to whirl slowly so we could admire her long skirt.
   a. sit  b. spin  c. climb  d. dance

23. The willow tree is flexible enough to withstand strong winds.
   a. bendable  b. straight  c. leafy  d. tall

24. The train arrives at exactly 2:13 p.m. every afternoon.
   a. nearly  b. precisely  c. shortly after  d. close to

25. During the war, gasoline was scarce.
   a. hard to find  b. available  c. expensive  d. plentiful

26. Cameron used Madison’s truck to transport his furniture.
   a. sell  b. carry  c. steal  d. destroy

27. Alexandra made the long journey across the city on her bike.
   a. trip  b. rescue  c. escape  d. motion

28. The vase was made of gold and covered in precious gems.
   a. sparkling  b. antique  c. valuable  d. impressive

29. In early spring, the lake begins to defrost.
   a. turn brown  b. swell  c. thaw  d. dry up
30. What is your sincere opinion of my new hairstyle?
   a. polite  b. sudden  c. expert  d. honest

31. Our car may be old, but it is still dependable.
   a. broken down  b. reliable  c. attractive  d. speedy

32. Devin’s allegiance to his country is praiseworthy.
   a. loyalty  b. resistance  c. return  d. vacation

33. They got into a dispute over whose turn it was to wash the dishes.
   a. race  b. quarrel  c. conversation  d. tale

34. I want only a fraction of that steak.
   a. pound  b. scent  c. imitation  d. part

35. Mr. and Mrs. Blount planned a banquet in honor of the president.
   a. portrait  b. poem  c. speech  d. feast

36. The police officers admitted they had arrested an innocent man.
   a. guiltless  b. dying  c. smart  d. poor

37. The nurse’s duty is to minister to his or her patients.
   a. care for  b. read  c. lecture  d. talk

38. That criminal has no respect for the law.
   a. notice  b. attention  c. consideration  d. understanding

39. Every garment Sibel owns is made of silk.
   a. toy  b. piece of  c. wall hanging  d. sheet clothing

40. We should all recycle aluminum cans and paper.
   a. reuse  b. get rid of  c. increase  d. avoid

41. Eating right and exercising are sensible methods of losing weight.
   a. fast  b. wise  c. nice  d. boring

42. The restrooms in this gas station are quite sanitary.
   a. comfortable  b. modern  c. busy  d. clean

43. The tour guide has knowledge about all the best sights in Boston.
   a. brochures  b. gossip  c. stories  d. information

44. Why did you accuse Edward when you knew Mariah threw the spitball?
   a. defend  b. ignore  c. blame  d. attack

45. The industrious scholar studies for five hours every night.
   a. hard-working  b. nervous  c. successful  d. important
46. Leah talked with such haste I could not understand her.
   a. emotion       b. speed       c. mumbling       d. volume

47. Can you gauge the distance between here and that building?
   a. travel        b. estimate     c. approach      d. erase

48. Erika enjoys the luxury of first-class travel on airplanes.
   a. high cost      b. conversation c. extra comfort d. privacy

49. Brett has the ability to do a perfect ollie on his skateboard.
   a. talent        b. equipment   c. memory       d. desire

50. The fighting dogs made horrid noises that kept us awake half the night.
    a. frightening    b. dreadful    c. musical      d. loud

51. My name is long, so some people abbreviate it.
    a. shorten       b. make fun of c. repeat       d. skip

52. If you don’t brush your teeth, they might decay.
    a. loosen        b. darken       c. rot         d. shine

53. Today in class we learned about the operation of a car’s engine.
    a. workings      b. history     c. invention    d. parts

54. Desiree went to school for many years to become a surgeon.
    a. lawyer        b. pilot       c. doctor      d. explorer

55. Edgar’s boss gives him the liberty to set his own work hours.
    a. freedom       b. responsibility c. command    d. organization

56. I am a loyal consumer of plum tomatoes.
    a. advertiser    b. user        c. seller      d. enemy

57. We became impatient after waiting an hour for the concert to begin.
    a. sleepy        b. chatty      c. short of temper
d. sad

58. For the sake of justice, all the guilty parties must be punished.
    a. publicity      b. honesty     c. fairness    d. improvement

59. My neighbor, Mr. Munsford, has many peculiar habits.
    a. healthy       b. common      c. impressive  d. unusual

60. A thick vapor surrounded the lake this morning.
    a. mist          b. wall        c. crowd      d. swarm