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4. The clown made the little girl *giggle*.
- a. start
 - b. yawn
 - c. laugh
 - d. titter
5. She was a truly *valiant* woman.
- a. brave
 - b. industrious
 - c. intelligent
 - d. crafty
6. If a statement is too direct, it can sound *blunt*.
- a. trivial
 - b. frank
 - c. embarrassing
 - d. sharp
7. They dug out *great amounts* of gravel.
- a. layers
 - b. heaps
 - c. quantities
 - d. volumes
8. They *seldom attempt* to cross that moor.
- a. want
 - b. dare
 - c. try
 - d. plan
9. On hearing the unexpected news, they left *hastily*.
- a. eagerly
 - b. presently
 - c. suddenly
 - d. quickly
10. There was something *defiant* about him that somehow scared me.
- a. challenging
 - b. ill-meaning
 - c. rude
 - d. mean
11. The *harsh* winters in the northern counties make driving difficult there.
- a. severe
 - b. changeable
 - c. oppressive
 - d. cold
12. The delay of the takeoff was *due to* a technical problem.
- a. a cause of
 - b. a reason why
 - c. a result of
 - d. a part of
13. Pollution is unfortunately a present-day *feature* of most of the industrial towns.
- a. attribute
 - b. side
 - c. characteristic
 - d. disadvantage

14. He counted *primarily* on the readiness of his friends' help.
a. exclusively
b. mainly
c. actually
d. heartily
15. Who's the *cute* girl he has dated lately?
a. clever
b. slim
c. cheerful
d. attractive
16. The lake *lured* us with its veil of mystery.
a. drew
b. bound
c. delighted
d. wrapped
17. He's been in a *pensive* mood these last weeks.
a. angry
b. bored
c. idle
d. thoughtful
18. He *ruthlessly* criticized the uselessness of the committee.
a. gradually
b. bluntly
c. mercilessly
d. reluctantly
19. He never complained of his *sad lot*.
a. destiny
b. past
c. chance
d. loss
20. During the Stone Age men *dwelt* in caves.
a. lived
b. hunted
c. slept
d. grew
21. Quinces are generally *harvested* in late autumn.
a. sorted
b. delivered
c. stored
d. gathered
22. Don't be taken in by his big words. The picture is a mere *fake*.
a. bargain
b. fraud
c. imitation
d. trick
23. They say appearances are *deceptive*.
a. false
b. doubtful
c. unpredictable
d. misleading

24. Natural gas is *conveyed* by a national network of pipelines.
- a. transported
 - b. divided
 - c. filtered
 - d. shared
25. What does GMT *stand for*?
- a. estimate
 - b. replace
 - c. measure
 - d. represent
26. We should try to *keep up* this century-old tradition.
- a. settle
 - b. maintain
 - c. impose
 - d. revive
27. Being a *bookkeeper* is boring in my opinion.
- a. assistant
 - b. clerk
 - c. accountant
 - d. librarian
28. The landscape looked much more impressive at *sunset*.
- a. dusk
 - b. nightfall
 - c. twilight
 - d. afternoon
29. There were *scarcely* twenty people in the auditorium.
- a. only
 - b. almost
 - c. exactly
 - d. barely
30. He was *rather* clumsy in handling it.
- a. quite
 - b. somehow
 - c. really
 - d. fairly
31. The necessary goods were not *readily* available.
- a. immediately
 - b. appropriately
 - c. actually
 - d. certainly
32. Two fishing boats *sank* in the storm.
- a. left
 - b. disappeared
 - c. capsized
 - d. went down
33. We need a *score of industrious* people to finish it in time.
- a. crafty
 - b. hard working
 - c. careful
 - d. determined

34. I really pity him ; he's *broke* and nobody can help him.
a. penniless
b. downcast
c. desperate
d. vulnerable
35. They took lots of *snapshots* during the trip.
a. souvenirs
b. evidence
c. photos
d. information
36. There was a *slight* change in his attitude after the talk.
a. sudden
b. striking
c. incredible
d. imperceptible
37. He couldn't help staring at the *gorgeous* woman at the next table.
a. arrogant
b. beautiful
c. mysterious
d. smart
38. He *grabbed* my arm and dragged me after him.
a. twisted
b. pulled
c. snatched
d. seized
39. He was holding two full *pails* in his hands.
a. decanters
b. jugs
c. buckets
d. bowls
40. He aimed at the bird carefully, but it flew so swiftly that his shot *missed*.
a. mistook
b. fell
c. failed
d. faltered
41. It would be *inappropriate* if you asked him about the accident now.
a. impolite
b. foolish
c. awkward
d. unsuitable
42. He's a highly *conscientious* lawyer.
a. careful
b. dedicated
c. reliable
d. scrupulous
43. His *affable* conduct is just a mask. Don't be taken in by it!
a. humble
b. cordial
c. benevolent
d. discreet

44. Such things are not supposed to *mingle*.
a. mix
b. join
c. match
d. fuse
45. I *merely* don't agree with you and that's all there is to it.
a. definitely
b. simply
c. utterly
d. probably
46. They are on the *verge* of finding out the truth.
a. crux
b. edge
c. spot
d. point
47. Which is your favourite *brand* of cigarettes?
a. choice
b. mark
c. kind
d. sort
48. He was a *mighty* ruler everybody feared and respected as well.
a. fierce
b. merciless
c. powerful
d. tyrannical
49. The thief sneaked in while the *usher* was dozing in his chair.
a. guard
b. host
c. tenant
d. doorkeeper
50. It is *unlikely* that they will ever suspect you.
a. impossible
b. inconceivable
c. improbable
d. unsure
51. The *ad* in the newspaper offered me the long-wished for opportunity.
a. article
b. information
c. announcement
d. headline
52. He's a *miser*, that's why I utterly dislike him.
a. coward
b. fraud
c. swindler
d. skinflint
53. The *minister* in that small town is an example for his fellow citizens.
a. mayor
b. constable
c. judge
d. clergyman

54. They asked him to make a *minute* account of all the expenses.
a. complete
b. general
c. detailed
d. strict
55. They were convicts *let loose* from prison.
a. lost
b. freed
c. fled
d. escaped
56. A *vanquished* leader is a pitiful figure.
a. betrayed
b. wounded
c. defeated
d. forsaken
57. The mountain at dusk is a scape of *matchless* beauty.
a. breathtaking
b. timeless
c. unearthly
d. unparalleled
58. He seemed hallmarked by *misery*.
a. fate
b. poverty
c. unhappiness
d. ill-luck
59. The *mob* started shouting threateningly.
a. crowd
b. onlookers
c. audience
d. pedestrians
60. He made no *endeavour* to overcome the difficulties of the moment.
a. attempt
b. effort
c. movement
d. plan
61. He can't accept the idea that his ideal is not *attainable*.
a. possible
b. real
c. plausible
d. achievable
62. He's quite *depressed* as he was fired without any explanation.
a. hurt
b. offended
c. worried
d. dejected
63. Make the report *brief* next time, will you?
a. clear
b. plain
c. concise
d. sharp