

One Word Substitutions and Common Proverbs

A. Tick the most appropriate substitute for the given description:

1. Persons living at the same time-
(a) Colleagues
(b) Contemporaries
(c) Ancestors
(d) Forefathers
2. One who loves one's country-
(a) Revolutioner
(b) Traitor
(c) Patriot
(d) Ambassador
3. Study of the influence of stars on human affairs-
(a) Astronomy
(b) Zoology
(c) Astrology
(d) Biology
4. Speaking aloud while alone-
(a) Prologue
(b) Soliloquy
(c) Dialogue
(d) Epilogue
5. A government by officials-
(a) Democracy
(b) Autocracy
(c) Aristocracy
(d) Bureaucracy
6. One who knows many languages-
(a) Bilingual
(b) Linguist
(c) Philosopher
(d) Narrator
7. The life-history of a man written by someone else-
(a) Autobiography
(b) Biography
(c) Calligraphy
(d) Autography

8. A speech delivered without any preparation-
(a) Debate
(b) Declamation
(c) Extempore
(d) Symposium
 9. Matter written by hand-
(a) Manuscript
(b) Sculpture
(c) Inscription
(d) Monument
 10. A government by one person-
(a) Democracy
(b) Dictatorship
(c) Bureaucracy
(d) Aristocracy
 11. A public show of objects-
(a) Exhibition
(b) Sale
(c) Zoo
(d) Aquarium
- B. Choose the correct option to complete the proverb:**
12. Might is _____.
(a) tight
(b) quiet
(c) right
(d) bright
 13. It is hard to live in Rome and _____ with the pope.
(a) fight
(b) dance
(c) sing
(d) swim
 14. Cut your coat according _____.
(a) to your tailor
(b) to you
(c) to your father
(d) to your cloth

15. Do good and _____.
 (a) sing
 (b) dance
 (c) tell everyone
 (d) forget
16. God's mill grinds slow but _____.
 (a) sometimes
 (b) everyday
 (c) sure
 (d) every week
17. Diamond cuts _____.
 (a) plastic
 (b) diamond
 (c) iron
 (d) copper
18. Haste makes _____.
 (a) fast
 (b) benefit
 (c) waste
 (d) profit
19. Prevention is better than _____.
 (a) invention
 (b) imagination
 (c) cure
 (d) creation
20. There is no rose without a _____.
 (a) thorn
 (b) pot
 (c) gardener
 (d) petal
21. Make hay while the sun _____.
 (a) speaks (b) heat
 (c) sets (d) shines
22. His bread is buttered _____.
 (a) on the edge (b) on both sides
 (c) on the one side (d) on the other side
23. Excess of everything is _____.
 (a) great (b) bad
 (c) progressive (d) success
24. The grass is always _____ on the other side.
 (a) dry

- (b) wet
 (c) shining
 (d) greener

25. Great oaks from _____ acorns grow.
 (a) little
 (b) a lot
 (c) some
 (d) big
26. Pride goes _____.
 (a) before a height
 (b) before a fall
 (c) after a bride
 (d) together with bribe
27. A rolling stone _____.
 (a) gathers no sauce
 (b) goes to the right bird
 (c) gathers no moss
 (d) falls in the well
- C. Match the given proverb with the most appropriate meaning:**
28. Absence makes the heart grow fonder.
 (a) If you do not have a heart, you will still love someone.
 (b) When you are away from someone you love, you love him even more.
 (c) You only love someone when he is absent.
 (d) None of the above.
29. A flower blooms more than once.
 (a) If you miss an occasion, you can avail it at another time.
 (b) Who says that the flowers only bloom once?
 (c) An occasion that is missed will not come another time.
 (d) None of the above.
30. Beauty is only skin deep.
 (a) Beauty is only on the skin.
 (b) A person's character is more important than his appearance.
 (c) Only a person with a beautiful skin is beautiful.
 (d) None of the above.

- 31.** Don't count your chickens before they are hatched.
- (a) You should never count your chickens while they are still in their eggs.
 - (b) You must not be too confident that something will be successful.
 - (c) You should be confident about your success.
 - (d) None of the above.
- 32.** In times of prosperity friends are plentiful.
- (a) You have many friends when you have no difficulties.
 - (b) You should only have friends if you are prosperous.
 - (c) Only prosperous people have several friends.
 - (d) None of the above.
- 33.** Let bygones be bygones.
- (a) Never forgive past quarrels.
 - (b) Never forget past quarrels.
 - (c) You should never remember the past.
 - (d) Let's forgive and forget past quarrels.
- 34.** Necessity is the mother of invention.
- (a) Mothers are the greatest inventors.
 - (b) You cannot be an inventor as well as a mother.
 - (c) Inventors are also mothers.
 - (d) The need for something forces people to find a way of obtaining it.
- 35.** Opportunity seldom knocks twice.
- (a) Don't miss opportunities that come along.
 - (b) Sometimes opportunities knock more than once.
 - (c) Those who miss opportunities are seldom successful.
 - (d) None of the above.

Answer – Key

1. B	2. C	3. C	4. B	5. D
6. B	7. B	8. C	9. A	10. B
11. A	12. C	13. A	14. D	15. D
16. C	17. B	18. C	19. C	20. A
21. D	22. B	23. B	24. D	25. A
26. B	27. C	28. B	29. A	30. B
31. B	32. A	33. D	34. D	35. A