

## One Word Substitutions and Idioms

**A. Mark the most appropriate one word substitution for the given description:**

1. **A school for training in special art -**  
(a) Academy  
(b) University  
(c) Tuition  
(d) None of these
2. **One who is habitually kind to others -**  
(a) Sophisticated  
(b) Altruist  
(c) Habitual  
(d) Monarch
3. **A collection of poems"**  
(a) Epic  
(b) Anthology  
(c) Soliloquy  
(d) Calligraphy
4. **Land on the edge of the sea**  
(a) City  
(b) Island  
(c) Coast  
(d) Iceland
5. **One who is very particular in one's taste and choice -**  
(a) Veteran  
(b) Stoic  
(c) Ascetic  
(d) Fastidious
6. **One who depends on and believes in fate -**  
(a) Anarchist  
(b) Meticulous  
(c) Fatalist  
(d) Iconoclast
7. **Two countries whose frontiers touch -**  
(a) Brittle  
(b) Dynasty  
(c) Contiguous  
(d) Ramified

8. The study of coins -  
(a) Lexicography  
(b) Astronomy  
(c) Numismatics  
(d) Anomaly
  9. **A government by rich and powerful class-**  
(a) Autocracy  
(b) Theocracy  
(c) Aristocracy  
(d) Bureaucracy
  10. **Matter written by hand-**  
(a) Plagiarism  
(b) Entymology  
(c) Autobiography  
(d) Manuscript
  11. **A trade or act prohibited by law -**  
(a) Sin  
(b) Ethical  
(c) Illicit  
(d) Law abiding
  12. **That which cannot be defeated-**  
(a) Invincible  
(b) Incredible  
(c) Incomparable  
(d) None of these
- B. Complete the given idiomatic expressions by choosing the correct alternative:**
13. **A bed of \_\_\_\_\_ (An easy job)**  
(a) roses  
(b) tulips  
(c) daisies  
(d) daffodils
  14. **A feather in one's \_\_\_\_\_ (An achievement that one can be proud of)**  
(a) coat  
(b) shirt  
(c) hat  
(d) cap

15. **A hard\_\_\_\_\_to crack. (A difficult person or problem)**  
 (a) walnut  
 (b) almond  
 (c) nut  
 (d) cashew
16. **A laughing\_\_\_\_\_ (A person who is laughed at)**  
 (a) stock  
 (b) store  
 (c) fund  
 (d) hoard
17. **A man of\_\_\_\_\_ (A scholarly person)**  
 (a) script  
 (b) letters  
 (c) words  
 (d) text
18. **Beat around the\_\_\_\_\_ (To avoid talking about what is important)**  
 (a) bush  
 (b) shrub  
 (c) scrub  
 (d) wild
19. **Live from hand to\_\_\_\_\_ (To have just enough money to live on and nothing extra)**  
 (a) hand  
 (b) leg  
 (c) head  
 (d) mouth
20. **From\_\_\_\_\_to post. (Driven from one place to another)**  
 (a) tower  
 (b) column  
 (c) pillar  
 (d) pole
21. **The gift of the\_\_\_\_\_ (The ability to speak fluently and eloquently)**  
 (a) speech  
 (b) tongue  
 (c) talk  
 (d) gab
22. **Food for\_\_\_\_\_ (Something to think about seriously)**  
 (a) mind  
 (b) ideas  
 (c) thought  
 (d) heart
23. **To get into hot\_\_\_\_\_ (Get into serious trouble)**  
 (a) milk  
 (b) water  
 (c) blood  
 (d) oil
24. **A bitter \_\_\_\_\_ to swallow. (Unpleasant but to be accepted)**  
 (a) pill  
 (b) tablet  
 (c) medicine  
 (d) capsule
25. **Wave a magic\_\_\_\_\_ (Find an easy solution)**  
 (a) twig  
 (b) wand  
 (c) staff  
 (d) stick
26. **To be on the receiving \_\_\_\_\_ (Be the one who suffers something unpleasant)**  
 (a) limit  
 (b) edge  
 (c) point  
 (d) end
27. **The\_\_\_\_\_ test. (Test that gives conclusive proof of something)**  
 (a) acid  
 (b) base  
 (c) caustic  
 (d) acerbic
28. **Throw out the baby with the\_\_\_\_\_ (Foolishly rejecting or discarding something essential with something non-essential.)**  
 (a) bathwater (b) bathtub  
 (c) cold water (d) hot water

29. Have a \_\_\_\_\_ escape. (Escape from being harmed by a narrow margin)

- (a) wide
- (b) narrow
- (c) slim
- (d) big

30. A \_\_\_\_\_ for your thoughts. (A way of asking what someone is thinking.)

- (a) penny
- (b) glimpse
- (d) second
- (d) drop

### Answer – Key

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