**BÀI 7. SYNONYMS & ANTONYMS**

**TỪ ĐỒNG NGHĨA TRÁI NGHĨA**

**Exercise 57*.*** *Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word or phrase**that is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following questions.*

1. The film is not worth seeing. The plot is too **dull**.

A. simple B. complicated C. boring D. slow

1. In rural Midwestern towns of the USA, the decisions that affect most residents are made at general **assemblies** in schools and churches.

A. concerts B. public libraries C. gatherings D. prayer services

1. Helen Keller, blind and deaf from an early age, developed her sense of smell so finely that she could **identify** friends by their personal odors.

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| A. classify | | | B. communicate with | | C. describe | | | D. recognize |
| 4. The life boat **rescued** the crew of the sinking ship. | | | | | | | |  |
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| A. picked up | | | B. provided food for | | C. saved the life of D. looked for | | | |
| 5. The most important thing is to keep yourself **occupied**. | | | | | | | |  |
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| A. busy | | | B. comfortable | | C. free | | | D. relaxed |
| 6. He **didn’t bat an eye** when he realized he failed the exam again. | | | | | | | | |
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| A. didn’t want to see | | | | | B. didn’t show surprise | | | |
| C. wasn’t happy | | |  |  | D. didn’t care | | |  |

1. The notice should be put in the most **conspicuous** place so that all the students can be well-informed.

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| A. easily seen | B. beautiful | C. popular | D. suspicious | |
| 8. If the headmaster were here, he would sign your papers **immediately**. | | | | |
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| A. right ahead | B. currently | C. formerly | D. right away | |

1. Living in the central Australian desert has its problems, of which **obtaining** water is not the least.

A. controlling B. storing C. purifying D. getting

10. Thirty minutes after the accident, the captain still refused to **abandon** the burning ship.

A. sail B. get on C. leave D. come to

11. It will be fine tomorrow. But if it should rain tomorrow, the match will be **postponed**.

A. taken off B. sold off C. put off D. turned off

1. Many scientists agree that global warming poses great **threats** to all species on Earth.

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A. annoyance B. risks C. irritations D. fears

1. The works of such men as the English philosophers John Locke and Thomas Hobbes helped **pave the way for** academic freedom in the modern sense.

A. initiate B. lighten C. terminate D. prevent

14. E-cash cards are the main means of all transactions in a **cashless** society.

A. cash-free B. cash-starved C. cash-strapped D. cash-in-hand

15. For a long term period, Lizzie Magie has been battling against the **vicissitudes** of life.

A. mutability B. caprice C. ups and downs D. determination

1. The aim of University education is to **inure** students to hardship, trials and adverse situations in life.

A. accustom B. obliterate C. shun D. estrange.

17. Those girls are totally unaware that they are being **made use of** by this organization.

A. taken for granted B. spoken ill of

C. made fun of D. taken advantage of

18. In life, Ray always **gives me a hand with** repairing the broken things in my house.

A. assists me by B. asks me to help with

C. pleases me by D. serves me with

19. Human beings are constantly **contaminating** natural habitats of the wildlife.

A. polluting B. promoting C. destroying D. protecting

1. The rains of 1993 causing the Missouri river to overflow **resulted in** one of the worst floods of the 20th century.

A. stopped B. lessened C. caused D. overcame

**Exercise 58*.*** *Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word or phrase**that is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following questions.*

1. I’m becoming increasingly **absent-minded.** Last week, I locked myself out of my house twice.

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|  | A. being considerate of things | | | | | B. remembering to do right things | | |
|  | C. forgetful of one’s past | | | | | D. often forgetting things | | |
| 2. For calculating a calendar, it is **convenient** to use the tropical solar year. | | | | | | | | |
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|  | A. practical | B. critical | | | | C. necessary | | D. appropriate |
| 3. | The medical community continues to **make progress** in the fight against cancer. | | | | | | | |
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|  | A. speed | B. expect more | | | | C. do better | | D. treat better |
| 4. | As all of us cannot be **available** today, let's put off the discussion till later. | | | | | | | |
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|  | A. present for the event | | | | | B. scheduled for the event | | |
|  | C. arranged for the event | | | | | D. appointed for the event | | |

1. As the enemy forces were so **overwhelming**, our troops had to retreat to a safer position.

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A. powerful B. dreadful C. overflowing D. outgrowing

1. We oppose this war, as we would do any other war which created an environmental **catastrophe**.

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| A. pollution | B. disaster | C. convention | | D. epidemic |
| 7. Relaxation therapy teaches one not to **fret over** small problems. | | | | |
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| A. get involved in | B. worry about | C. look for | | D. get angry about |

1. The 1923 earthquake in Japan killed about 200,000 people and left countless **wounded** and homeless.

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| A. poor | | B. imprisoned | C. suffered | D. injured |
| 9. The bomb **exploded** in the garage; fortunately no one hurt. | | | |  |
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| A. put on | | B. went off | C. got out | D. kept up |

10. The number of insect species **is greater than** that of all other animal species.

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| A. equals | | | B. augments | | | C. exceeds | | D. predicts |
| 11. They had to **delay** their trip because of the bad weather. | | | | | | | |  |
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| A. get through | | | B. put off | | | C. keep up with | | D. go over |
| 12. The organization was **established** in 1950 in the USA. | | | | | | | |  |
| A. come around | | | B. set up | |  | C. made out | | D. put on |
| 13. It took me a very long time to **recover from** the shock of her death. | | | | | | | | |
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| A. turn off | | | B. take on | | | C. get over | | D. keep up with |

1. Many young children are spending large amounts of time watching the TV without being aware of its **detriment** to their school work.

A. harm B. advantage C. support D. benefit

1. To prepare for your job interview, you should **jot** down your qualifications and experience as well as some important information about yourself.

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| A. draw | B. place | C. put | D. write |
| 16. The girls were deeply **affected** by that sentimental movie. | | |  |
| A. influenced | B. sad | C. touched | D. annoyed |

1. Helen Keller, blind and deaf from an early age, developed her sense of smell so finely that she could **identify** friends by their personal odors.

A. classify B. communicate with

C. describe D. recognize

18. The whole audience objected to their **foul** play during the football match.

A. clumsy B. dependent C. imperfect D. unfair

1. There are many tours to record them all as a result I will list ones that must appeal more to **adventurous** travelers.

A. ready for danger B. willing to take risks



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C. satisfied with risks D. reluctant to be endangered

20. You can withdraw money from the account at any time without **penalty**.

A. loss B. charge C. punishment D. offense

**Exercise 59*.*** *Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word or phrase**that is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following questions.*

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| 1. **Be careful**! The tree is going to fall. | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | A. Look out | | B. Look up | | | | C. Look on | | | | D. Look after |
| 2. He did not particularly want to **play** any competitive sport. | | | | | | | | | | |  |
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|  | A. use up | | B. do with | | | | C. take up | | | | D. go on |
| 3. I just want to stay at home and watch TV and **take it easy**. | | | | | | | | | | |  |
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|  | A. sleep | | B. sit down | | | | C. eat | | | | D. relax |
| 4. Some experts believe that the **functions** of the print media will be replaced by audio or visual media. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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|  | A. services | | B. influences | | | | C. roles | | | | D. popularity |
| 5. In the end her neighbour decided to **speak his mind**. | | | | | | | | | | |  |
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|  | A. say exactly what he thought | | | | | | B. say a few words | | | |  |
|  | C. have a chat | |  |  |  |  | D. are given the right to | | | | |

6. I'm sorry. I didn't mean to interrupt you. Please, **go on** and finish what you were saying.

A. talk B. quit C. continue D. stop

1. The crew divided the life preservers among the twenty **terrified** passengers as the ship began to sink.

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| A. exhausted | B. surprised | | C. frightened | D. excited |
| 8. Most deserts are **enormous** sandy areas. | | |  |  |
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| A. mysterious | B. narrow | | C. immense | D. aerial |

1. The repeated **commercials** on TV distract many viewers from watching their favourite films.

A. advertisements B. contests C. businesses D. economics

1. As tourism is more developed, people worry about the damage to the **flora and fauna** of the island.

A. fruits and vegetables B. flowers and trees

C. plants and animals D. mountains and forests

1. It is such a prestigious university that only excellent students **are entitled to** a full scholarship each year.

A. have the obligation to B. have the right to refuse

C. are refused the right to D. are given the right to

12. In the future many large **corporations** will be wiped out and millions of jobs will be lost.

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| A. companies | B. services | C. supermarkets D. farms |
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13. Few businesses are **flourishing** in the present economic climate.

A. growing well B. setting up C. closing down D. taking off

1. Being listed as an endangered species can have negative **effect** since it could make a species more desirable for collectors and poachers.

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| A. awareness | B. preservation | | C. support | D. impact |
| 15. My mom is always **bad-tempered** when I leave my room untidy. | | | | |
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| A. feeling embarrassed | | | B. talking too much |  |
| C. very happy and satisfied | | | D. easily annoyed or irritated | |

1. We really **appreciate** your help, without which we couldn’t have got our task done in time.

A. feel thankful for B. depreciate C. require D. are proud of

17. The Bali Tiger was declared extinct in 1937 due to hunting and **habitat** loss.

A. reserve B. generation

C. natural environment D. diversity

1. It is found that **endangered** species are often concentrated in areas that are poor and densely populated, such as much of Asia and Africa.

A. disappeared B. increased C. threatened D. reduced

19. Many species have become extinct each year before biologists can **identify** them.

A. destroy B. drain C. endanger D. discover

20. During the earthquake, a lot of buildings **collapsed**, which killed thousands of people.

A. went off accidentally B. fell down unexpectedly

C. exploded suddenly D. erupted violently

**Exercise 60*.*** *Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word or phrase**that is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following questions.*

1. I hope to have the **privilege** of working with them again.

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| A. honor | | | B. advantage | | C. favor | D. right |
| 2. Everything was in a **thorough** mess. | | | | |  |  |
| A. utter | | | B. full |  | C. complete | D. appalling |
| 3. The **service station** at Shiel Bridge has a good range of groceries. | | | | | | |
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| A. coach station | | | B. railway station | | C. power station | D. petrol station |

1. Humans depend on species diversity to **provide** food, clean air and water, and fertile soil for agriculture.

A. raise B. produce C. supply D. reserve

1. Many schools provide environmental education to increase students' **awareness** of conservation needs.

A. effort B. benefit C. exploitation D. knowledge



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1. You must answer the police’s questions **truthfully**; otherwise, you will get into trouble.

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| A. exactly as things really happen | | | | | | | B. with a negative attitude | |
| C. in a harmful way | | | |  |  |  | D. as trustingly as you can | |
| 7. She got up late and **rushed** to the bus stop. | | | | | | |  |  |
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| A. came into | | |  | B. went leisurely | | | C. went quickly | D. dropped by |
| 8. The **meteorologist** said on TV that it is supposed to rain all day tomorrow. | | | | | | | | |
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| A. astronomer | | | | B. TV anchor | | | C. TV weatherman | D. fortune teller |
| 9. Billy, come and **give me a hand** with cooking. | | | | | | | |  |
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| A. help | |  | | B. prepared | | | C. be busy | D. attempt |

10. Whenever problems **come up**, we discuss them frankly and find solutions quickly.

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| A. happen | | B. encounter | | C. arrive | D. clean |
| 11. It will take **more or less** a month to prepare for the wedding. | | | | |  |
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| A. approximately | | B. generally | | C. frankly | D. simply |

1. Mr. Pike held his wife's hands and talked urgently to her in a low voice, but there didn't seem to be any **response**.

A. feeling B. emotion C. reply D. effect

13. My uncle, who is an **accomplished** guitarist, taught me how to play.

A. skillful B. famous C. perfect D. modest

1. After many year of unsuccessfully **endeavoring** to form his own orchestra, Glenn Miller finally achieved world fame in 1939 as a big band leader.

A. requesting B. trying C. offering D. deciding

15. Professor Berg was very interested in the **diversity** of cultures all over the world.

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| A. variety | | B. changes | | | C. conservation | | D. number |
| 16. Women **liberated from** child care can pursue their own interests. | | | | | | | |
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| A. leisure with | | B. burdened with | | | C. having fun with | | D. freed from |
| 17. I didn't think his comments were very **appropriate** at the time. | | | | | | | |
| A. correct | | B. right | |  | C. exact |  | D. suitable |

18. It was **inevitable** that the smaller company should merge with the larger.

A. urgent B. unavoidable C. important D. necessary 19. This is the **instance** where big, obvious non-verbal signals are appropriate.

A. situation B. attention C. place D. matter

1. When you are in a restaurant, you can raise your hand slightly to show that you need **assistance**.

A. bill B. menu C. help D. food



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**Exercise 61.** *Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word or phrase that is OPPOSITE in**meaning to the italic part in each of the following questions.*

1. We ought to keep these proposals **secret** from the chairman for the time being.

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| A. lively | B. frequented | | C. accessible | | D. revealed |
| 2. They have not made any effort to **integrate** with the local community. | | | | | |
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| A. cooperate | B. put together | | C. separate | | D. connect |

1. There has been **insufficient** rainfall over the past two years, and farmers are having trouble.

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| A. adequate | | | | B. unsatisfactory | | | | C. abundant | | | | | D. dominant | | |
| 4. Now, when so many frogs were killed, there were **more and more** insects. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| A. lesser and lesser | | | | B. fewer and fewer | | | | C. lesser and fewer D. less and less | | | | | | | |
| 5. The young are now far more **materialistic** than their precedents years ago. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| A. monetary | | | | B. greedy | | | | C. spiritual | | | | | D. object-oriented | | |
| 6. One of the key to **successful** business is careful planning. | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |
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| A. falling | | |  | B. victorious | | | | C. faulty | | | | | D. impossible | | |
| 7. Mr. Smith’s new neighbors appear to be very **friendly**. | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |
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| A. amicable | | | |  | B. inapplicable | | | C. hostile | | | | | D. futile | | |
| 8. The clubs meet on the last Thursday of every month in a **dilapidated** palace. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| A. renovated | | | |  | B. regenerated | | | C. furnished | | | |  | D. neglected | | |
| 9. His **extravagant** ideas were never brought to fruition. | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |
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| A. impressive | | | |  | B. exaggerated | | | C. unacceptable | | | | | D. practical | | |
| 10. This shouldn’t be too **taxing** for you. | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| A. comfortable | | | |  | B. demanding | | | C. easy | | | | | D. relaxing | | |

11. The Germany’s war hysteria has accounted for its people’s **hostility** towards foreigners.

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| A. disease | | B. ceremony | C. malaria | D. serenity . |
| 12. He was **ostracize** by his colleagues for refusing to support the strike. | | | | |
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| A. crucify | | B. include | C. patronize | D. lionize. |

1. Population growth rates **vary** among regions and even among countries within the same region.

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| A. fluctuate | B. stay unchanged | | | C. restrain | | | D. remain unstable |
| 14. She could not hide her **dismay** at the result. | | | | | | |  |
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| A. disappointment | B. depression | | | C. happiness | | | D. pessimism |
| 15. Certain courses are compulsory; others are **optional**. | | | | | | |  |
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| A. voluntary | B. free | | | C. pressure | | | D. mandatory |

16. We offer a speedy and **secure** service of transferring money in less than 24 hours.

A. uninterested B. unsure C. slow D. open



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1. The Red Cross is an international humanitarian agency dedicated to reducing the **sufferings** of wounded soldiers, civilians and prisoners of war.

A. worry and sadness B. pain and sorrow C. loss D. happiness

18. After five days on trial, the court found him **innocent** of the crime and he was released

A. innovative B. naïve C. guilty D. benevolent

1. Mr. Brown is a very **generous** old man. He has given most of his wealth to a charity organization.

A. hospitable B. honest C kind D. mean 20. In the first two decades of its existence, the cinema developed **rapidly**.

A. leisurely B. sluggishly C. weakly D. shortly

**Exercise 62.** *Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word or phrase that is OPPOSITE in**meaning to the italic part in each of the following questions.*

1. The earth is being **threatened** and the future looks bad.

A. done B. made C. defended D. varied

2. Thousands are going **starving** because of the failure of this year's harvest.

A. hungry B. poor C. rich D. full

1. I’d like to **pay some money into** my bank account.

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|  | A. withdraw some money from | | | | B. put some money into | | | |
|  | C. give some money out | |  |  | D. leave some money aside | | | |
| 4. | We offer a speedy and **secure** service of transferring money in less than 24 hours. | | | | | | | |
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|  | A. uninterested |  | B. unsure | | C. open | | | D. slow |
| 5. | The International Organizations are going to be in a **temporary** way in the country. | | | | | | | |
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|  | A. permanent | | B. guess | | C. complicated | | | C. soak |

1. My little daughter would spend an **inordinate** amount of time in the shop, deciding exactly which 4 comics she was going to buy.

A. excessive B. limited C. required D. abundant

1. About 95 percent of all animals are **invertebrates** which can live anywhere, but most, like the starfish and crabs, live in the ocean.

A. with backbones B. with ribs

C. without ribs D. without backbones

1. He had never experienced such **discourtesy** towards the president as it occurred at the annual meeting in May.

A. politeness B. rudeness C. measurement D. encouragement

1. We always feel **safe** and secure at home as we are a close-knit family and supportive of one another.

A. uninterested B. unsafe C. open D. slow



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| 10. Why are you being so **arrogant**? | | | | | | | | |  |  |
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|  | A. snooty | | |  |  | B. humble | | | C. cunning | D. naive |
| 11. His policies were **beneficial** to the economy as a whole. | | | | | | | | | |  |
|  | A. harmless | |  |  |  | B. crude | | | C. detrimental | D. innocent |
| 12. The doctor advised Peter to **give up** smoking. | | | | | | | | |  |  |
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|  | A. stop | | |  |  | B. continue | | | C. finish | D. consider |
| 13. **Advanced** students need to be aware of the important of collocation. | | | | | | | | | | |
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|  | A. of high level | | |  |  |  |  |  | B. of great important | |
|  | C. of low level | | |  |  |  |  |  | D. of steady progress | |

1. Fruit and vegetables grew in **abundance** on the island. The islanders even exported the surplus.

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|  | A. excess | | | | | | B. large quantity | | | | C. small quantity | D. sufficiency |
| 15. There is growing **concern** about the way man has destroyed the environment. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | A. attraction | | | |  | | B. consideration | | | | C. ease | D. speculation |
| 16. | The bank announced that it was to **merge** with another of the high street banks. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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|  | A. associate | | | | | | B. separate | | | | C. cooperate | D. assemble |
| 17. | My uncle, who is an **accomplished** guitarist, taught me how to play. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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|  | A. skillful | | | | |  | B. famous | | | | C. perfect | D. unskilled |
| 18. **Affluent** families find it easier to support their children financially. | | | | | | | | | | | |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | | |  | | | |  |  |
|  | A. Wealthy | | | | | | B. Well-off | | | | C. Privileged | D. Impoverished |
| 19. | She had a **cozy** little apartment in Boston. | | | | | | | | | |  |  |
|  |  | |  |  | | |  | | | |  |  |
|  | A. uncomfortable | | | | | | B. dirty | | | | C. lazy | D. warm |

1. A frightening number of **illiterate** students are graduating from college.
   1. able to read and write
   2. able to join intramural sport
   3. inflexible
   4. unable to pass an examination in reading and writing

