

SYNONYMS - 2

In each of the sentences given below a word is printed in bold. Below it four choices are given. Pick up the one which is most nearly the same in meaning as the word printed in bold and can replace it without altering the meaning of the sentence.

1. It is very difficult to **retain** all that you hear in the class.

A. keep
B. recall
C. preserve
D. conserve

Answer: Option A

2. The great artist's life was full of **vicissitudes**.

A. sorrows
B. misfortunes
C. changes
D. surprises

Answer: Option C

3. She has an **insatiable** love for music.

A. unsatisfiable
B. unchanging
C. irreconcilable
D. undesirable

Answer: Option A

4. The great dancer impressed the appreciative crowd by his **nimble** movements.

A. Unrhythmic
B. lively
C. quickening
D. clear

Answer: Option C

5. The visitor had a **bohemian** look.

- A. hostile
- B. unconventional
- C. sinister
- D. unfriendly

Answer: Option B

6. The bullet wound proved to be **fatal** and the soldier died immediately.

- A. grievous
- B. dangerous
- C. serious
- D. deadly

Answer: Option D

7. The attitude of Western countries towards the Third World Countries is rather **callous** to say the least.

- A. passive
- B. unkind
- C. cursed
- D. unfeeling

Answer: Option D

8. In spite of their efforts, the team of scientists could not make much **headway** to solve the problem.

- A. progress
- B. thinking
- C. efforts
- D. start

Answer: Option A

9. On scrutiny the police officer found out that the documents provided by the landlord were totally **fabricated**.

- A. forged
- B. historical
- C. prepared
- D. genuine

Answer: Option A

10. Lack of occupation is not necessary revealed by **manifest** idleness.

- A. easily perceived
- B. easily acquired
- C. easily infected
- D. easily deflected

Answer: Option A

11. The accident occurred due to his **lapse**.

- A. trick
- B. interval
- C. error
- D. ignorance

Answer: Option C

12. Sunlight and shadow made the landscape a **kaleidoscope** of colour.

- A. tube containing mirrors and loose pieces of coloured glass
- B. frequently changing pattern of bright scenes
- C. a mixture of black and white
- D. resembling the seven colours of rainbow

Answer: Option B

13. After the **dismal** performance of the team in the series concluded yesterday, the captain offered his resignation to the president of the club.

- A. poor
- B. sorrowful

C. minimum

D. short

Answer: Option A

14. We didn't believe in his statement, but **subsequent** events proved that he was right.

A. later

B. many

C. few

D. earlier

Answer: Option A

15. The **pioneers** left a blazing trail of courage, manliness and chivalry.

A. inventors

B. explorers

C. colonialist

D. settlers

Answer: Option D

16. He has a **propensity** for getting into debt.

A. natural tendency

B. aptitude

C. characteristic

D. quality

Answer: Option A

17. That young is quite **sanguine** about the result of his competitive examination.

A. depressed

B. pessimistic

C. anxious

D. optimistic

Answer: Option D

18. He is **averse** to the idea of holding elections now.

- A. convinced
- B. angry
- C. agreeable
- D. opposed

Answer: Option D

19. The thief **outwitted** the constable on some pretext and disappeared on the way to the police station.

- A. defeated
- B. be fooled
- C. cheated
- D. outmanoeuvred

Answer: Option A

20. Silence is **mandatory** for meditation to be effective.

- A. compulsory
- B. necessary
- C. required
- D. needed

Answer: Option A

21. We should always try to maintain and promote communal **amity**.

- A. bondage
- B. contention
- C. friendship
- D. understanding

Answer: Option C

22. The soldier displayed **exceptional** courage and saved Major from the enemy's hand.

- A. avoidable

- B. unusual
- C. strange
- D. abnormal

Answer: Option B

23. Public figures should not indulge in **mud-slinging**.

- A. caricatures
- B. mockery
- C. slander
- D. quarrelling

Answer: Option C

24. The notice said that the meeting would begin **precisely** at 9.30 AM.

- A. approximately
- B. exactly
- C. accurately
- D. concisely

Answer: Option B

25. That the plan is both inhuman and **preposterous** needs no further proof.

- A. heartless
- B. impractical
- C. absurd
- D. abnormal

Answer: Option C

26. The prisoner has been **languishing** in the jail for the last many years.

- A. convicted
- B. suffering
- C. attempting
- D. avoiding

Answer: Option B

27. As the driver was **inebriated** he could not control the car.

- A. inexperienced
- B. tired
- C. befuddled
- D. intoxicated

Answer: Option D

28. When the police questioned him, he gave very **incoherent** answer at first.

- A. irrational
- B. inconsistent
- C. irrelevant
- D. irritating

Answer: Option B

29. Even today many people are guided by **abstruse** moral values.

- A. dangerous
- B. impracticable
- C. obscure
- D. irrational

Answer: Option C

30. Instead of putting up a united front against on common enemy, the medieval states frittered away their energy in **internecine** warfare.

- A. mutually destructive
- B. baneful
- C. pernicious
- D. detrimental

Answer: Option A

31. Few teachers have been spared the problem of an **obstreperous** pupil in the class.

- A. sullen
- B. unruly
- C. lazy
- D. awkward

Answer: Option B

32. The story is too fantastic to be **credible**.

- A. believable
- B. false
- C. readable
- D. praiseworthy

Answer: Option A

33. They feel that we should be fully aware of our own **environment**.

- A. nationality
- B. heredity
- C. nature
- D. surroundings

Answer: Option D

34. No one will invite her to a tea party for she is so **garrulous**.

- A. talks a lot
- B. giggles all the time
- C. laughs a lot
- D. repeats gossip

Answer: Option A

35. The **aberration** in the Indian Economy can be attributed to short-sightedness of its political masters.

- A. procrastination
- B. privilege

- C. deviation
- D. steadfastness

Answer: Option C

36. Traffic being what it is, it is **lamentable** that our roads are unable to take the load.

- A. unpardonable
- B. deplorable
- C. inexcusable
- D. terrible

Answer: Option B

37. A **rupture** in the relationship of two brothers is quite apparent.

- A. break
- B. damage
- C. breach
- D. gap

Answer: Option A

38. His visit to foreign countries brought about a **sea-change** in his outlook and his attitude to people.

- A. complete change
- B. partial change
- C. favourable change
- D. unfavourable change

Answer: Option A

39. Only those who are **gullible** take every advertisement seriously.

- A. fallible
- B. enthusiastic
- C. unsuspecting
- D. unrealistic

Answer: Option C

40. Whatever opinion he give is **sane**

- A. rational
- B. obscure
- C. wild
- D. arrogant

Answer: Option A

41. The recent acts of **vandalism** in the country cannot be ignored.

- A. disturbance
- B. ravage
- C. provocation
- D. violence

Answer: Option D

42. It took him a long time to **come round** after the operation.

- A. recover
- B. walk
- C. move
- D. eat

Answer: Option A

43. I don't like **alien** fashions.

- A. foreign
- B. extraneous
- C. unusual
- D. exotic

Answer: Option A

44. Catching snakes can be **hazardous** for people untrained in the art.

- A. tricky

- B. harmful
- C. difficult
- D. dangerous

Answer: Option D

45. The inspector was a **vigilant** young man.

- A. intelligent
- B. ambitious
- C. watchful
- D. smart

Answer: Option C

46. I wrote to him as **lately** as last week.

- A. immediately
- B. early
- C. recently
- D. late

Answer: Option C

47. Many species of animals have become **extinct** during the last hundred years.

- A. aggressive
- B. non-existent
- C. scattered
- D. feeble.

Answer: Option B

48. The tablet **alleviated** the pain, and the patient was soon feeling much better.

- A. mitigated
- B. moderated
- C. removed
- D. lightened

Answer: Option A

49. The International Community may begin to doubt the **credentials** of the largest democracy in the world.

- A. principles
- B. dependability
- C. capacity to return loans
- D. trustworthiness

Answer: Option D

50. They were totally unaware of the **impending** disaster.

- A. threatening
- B. imminent
- C. terrible
- D. possible

Answer: Option B

51. The general policies will **relieve** the sufferings of the common man.

- A. alleviate
- B. mitigate
- C. moderate
- D. abate

Answer: Option A

52. The underworld still makes solid profit out of **illicit** liquor.

- A. indigenous
- B. illegitimate
- C. illegal
- D. country

Answer: Option C

53. True religion does not require one to **proselytise** through guile or force.

- A. translate
- B. hypnotise
- C. attack
- D. convert

Answer: Option D

54. The small boy was able to give a **graphic** description of the thief.

- A. picture
- B. drawing
- C. vivid
- D. broad

Answer: Option C

55. " I have learnt a great deal working factories, and for a time I've never been a weaver. Here are my **testimonials**, Mr. Davis"

- A. witnesses
- B. testaments
- C. tokens
- D. credentials

Answer: Option D

56. The claims of students look hollow when they **attribute** their poor performance to difficulty of examination.

- A. infer
- B. impute
- C. inhere
- D. inundate

Answer: Option B

57. The angry villagers have **lynched** two suspected child-lifters already.

- A. beaten up
- B. captured

- C. killed
- D. mutilated

Answer: Option C

58. Some people just cannot **compromise** where truth is concerned.

- A. adjust
- B. accommodate
- C. yield
- D. conciliate

Answer: Option A

59. He listened of my request with **indifference**.

- A. disinterest
- B. concern
- C. displeasure
- D. caution

Answer: Option A

60. The soldier provided his **mettle** in the battlefield.

- A. persistence
- B. stamina and strength
- C. courage and endurance
- D. heroism

Answer: Option C

61. Japan has been very much **eulogised** in this book.

- A. appreciated
- B. praised
- C. approved
- D. applauded

Answer: Option B

62. The time I spent in the library was a most **rewarding** one.

- A. profitable
- B. paying
- C. serviceable
- D. precious

Answer: Option A

63. The **benevolence** of the God of Rain has seen a very successful monsoon this year too

- A. ill-will
- B. kindness
- C. morbidity
- D. vision

Answer: Option B

64. Whatever the **verdict** of history may be, Chaplin will occupy a unique place in its pages.

- A. judgement
- B. voice
- C. outcome
- D. prediction

Answer: Option A

65. Even though singing of ballads is no longer **lucrative** the Bhopas of Rajasthan continue to sing them in order to cherish the memory of their royal warriors.

- A. tempting
- B. attractive
- C. profitable
- D. honourable

Answer: Option C

66. **Incensed** by his rude behaviour, the manager suspended the worker.

- A. excited
- B. inflamed
- C. enraged
- D. enthused

Answer: Option C

67. The poem is written in a very **lucid** style.

- A. elaborate
- B. clear
- C. noble
- D. intricate

Answer: Option B

68. The base of an Indian Politicians is the group of **sycophants** around them who earn bad name for their leaders.

- A. submissive
- B. foppish
- C. flatterers
- D. jarnor

Answer: Option C

69. He was wanted at the **outset** of his career.

- A. end
- B. beginning
- C. middle
- D. entrance

Answer: Option B

70. When youngsters do not have good role-model to **emulate** they start searching for them amongst Sportsmen of Filmstars.

- A. imitate
- B. modify

C. mollify

D. inhabit

Answer: Option A

71. The novel was so interesting that I was **oblivious** of my surroundings.

A. precarious

B. unmindful

C. aware

D. watchful

Answer: Option B

72. All the characters in this novel are **fictitious**.

A. unbelievable

B. unreliable

C. infamous

D. unreal

Answer: Option D

73. Everyone was listening to the news of earthquake with mounting **anxiety**.

A. curiosity

B. grief

C. uneasiness

D. eagerness

Answer: Option C

74. He **corroborated** the statement of his brother.

A. confirmed

B. disproved

C. condemned

D. seconded

Answer: Option A

75. The prince fell in love with a **comely** young maiden.

- A. delightful
- B. pretty
- C. homely
- D. elegant

Answer: Option B

76. When I look back over there wartime years I cannot help feeling that time is an inadequate and even **capricious** measure of their duration at one moment they seem so long, at another so short.

- A. misleading
- B. whimsical
- C. erratic
- D. unpredictable

Answer: Option B

77. Manish **neglected** to remit the fees in time and therefore had to pay a fine.

- A. refused
- B. failed
- C. promised
- D. obstructed

Answer: Option B

78. Some of the Asian countries have been **enmeshed** in an inescapable debt trap.

- A. entangled
- B. hit
- C. struck
- D. ensured

Answer: Option A

79. She **baffled** all our attempts to find her.

- A. defeated
- B. thwarted
- C. foiled
- D. circumvented

Answer: Option C

80. It is a **scandal** that the murderer was declared innocent.

- A. silly notion
- B. talk
- C. rumour
- D. disgraceful action

Answer: Option D

81. Everybody likes him because he is an **industrious** student.

- A. energetic
- B. prompt
- C. excellent
- D. diligent

Answer: Option D

82. The young man appears to be quite **headstrong**.

- A. thick-headed
- B. obstinate
- C. robust
- D. witty

Answer: Option B

83. As soon as he finished his speech, there was **spontaneous** applause from the audience.

- A. well-timed
- B. willing
- C. instinctive

D. instantaneous

Answer: Option C

84. The president of the party **deprecatd** the move of the Government to introduce electoral reforms in a haste.

A. welcomed

B. denied

C. protested

D. humiliated

Answer: Option C

85. He found a **lucrative** assignment.

A. good

B. profitable

C. excellent

D. significant

Answer: Option B

86. A person unrestrained by the rules of morality or tradition is called a **licentious** person.

A. libertine

B. loafer-type

C. criminal

D. freelance

Answer: Option A

87. The leader nodded his **approbation**.

A. understanding

B. approval

C. admiration

D. appreciation

Answer: Option B

88. When he returned he was accompanied by a **sprightly** young girl.

- A. beautiful
- B. lively
- C. intelligent
- D. sportive

Answer: Option B

89. Being a member of this club, he has certain **rights**.

- A. status
- B. truth
- C. virtues
- D. privileges

Answer: Option D

90. When he could not endure the cruel ragging any longer, the new recruit bravely **stood up to** all his bullying seniors.

- A. challenged
- B. fought back
- C. resisted
- D. defeated

Answer: Option C

91. His style is quite **transparent**.

- A. verbose
- B. involved
- C. lucid
- D. witty

Answer: Option C

92. The invasion force had no artillery and was completely **annihilated**.

- A. dismembered
- B. reduced

C. destroyed

D. split

Answer: Option C

93. The courage shown by the soldiers at this moment of crisis is **exemplary**.

A. suitable

B. clear

C. elementary

D. admirable

Answer: Option D

94. Swift is known in the world of letters for his **misogynism**.

A. hate for mankind

B. hate for womankind

C. love for the reasonable

D. love for the womankind

Answer: Option B

95. The **indiscriminate** demand for mass consumption goods is deplorable.

A. desperate

B. undifferentiated

C. discreet

D. insensitive

Answer: Option B