

Vocabulary Practice

A. Read the text below and choose the correct word A, B C or D to fit the gaps.

The mystique surrounding Henry Ford makes it difficult to (11)..... his true motivations, but the wage increases benefited the company in many ways. In addition to motivating his workers, Ford was, by giving his employees more (12)..... income (or any at all), also creating a consumer base for his product. He later claimed that with the \$5 day "we really started our business, for on that day we first created a lot of customers." But he was also (13)..... by the Progressive and populist movements and may truly have been animated by (14)..... "Our company is making enough money to do some good in the world," he said, "and I'm glad to do it."

Still, his generosity, it soon emerged, came with strings. What few noticed on January 5 was that workers did not automatically (15)..... for the raise just by doing their jobs. Women, who had been earning on average \$2.04 per day, did not qualify at all. "I consider women only a (16)..... factor in industry," Ford explained. "I pay our women well so they can dress attractively and get married." Men would have to live in Detroit and work at the plant for six months before they could (17)..... the full amount.

Even then they had to meet Ford's social standards to (18)..... . He shared the worry of many of the wealthy that laborers would (19)..... their enlarged paychecks on vice and cheap thrills. Lee explained that the money might "work a tremendous handicap along the paths of rectitude and right living and would make them a (20)..... to society, and so it was established at [the] start that no man was to receive the money who could not use it advisedly and conservatively."

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| 11. A. engage | B. pinpoint | C. underestimate | D. favor |
| 12. A. predisposal | B. imposing | C. possible | D. disposable |
| 13. A. influenced | B. touched | C. lead | D. mislead |
| 14. A. ferocity | B. greed | C. generosity | D. malice |
| 15. A. get | B. meet | C. quantify | D. qualify |
| 16. A. strong | B. temporary | C. false | D. unnecessary |
| 17. A. earn | B. deserve | C. score | D. demand |
| 18. A. benefit | B. help | C. advance | D. promote |
| 19. A. invest | B. save | C. squander | D. double |
| 20. A. convenience | B. presence | C. foray | D. menace |

B. Fill the gaps in the following sentences with the correct answer A, B C or D.

- 21 The shop assistant said he would check to see if he had any more copies of the book in _____.
a surplus b stock c supply d store house
- 22 Such relaxed days were few and far _____ in her hectic life.
a between b beyond c past d over
- 23 I was so _____ in the book I was reading that I didn't hear the phone.
a engrossed b gripped c submerged d distracted
- 24 The dealer wanted £40 and I was only willing to pay £30, but we finally agreed to _____ the difference.
a drop b decrease c split d divide
- 25 Far from being plump, she is extremely _____.
a lean b overweight c thick set d obese
- 26 The cowboy had been _____ by the Indians.
a slapped b sculptured c skull d scalped
- 27 The president didn't _____, he was evicted from office.
a abandon b resign c renounce d abdicate
- 28 To what extent is your plan _____?
a palpable b feasible c pliable d absurd
- 29 The Queen appeared reluctant to _____ her long established privileges.
a surrender b relinquish c discard d quit
- 30 In the event of a nuclear accident, huge areas will have to be _____.
a ceded b yielded c evacuated d renounced

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Detroit (11).....St. Patrick's Day in Corktown, a neighborhood named for the many (12)..... workers from County Cork. Some of the original workers' row houses there are being (13)....., and the area is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The parade covers about a dozen blocks along Michigan Avenue, on Sunday, March 12.

The March 12 parade in San Francisco begins at 11:30 a.m. at Second and Market Streets and (14)..... to the Civic Center Plaza. San Francisco's first celebration, in 1851, (15)..... of a small party in Hayes Valley and a Shamrock Ball at a saloon on Pacific Street. Enthusiasm for the holiday waxed and waned over the years, but by 1956 it had become (16)....., with 35,000 marchers.

San Diego (17)..... its twenty-sixth St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday, March 11, at 11 a.m. Glittery Las Vegas, Nevada, will have its fortieth one on Saturday, March 18, at 11 a.m. To the south, the Irish in Tucson, Arizona, will step out at the same time.

(18)..... in bathing suits usually line the parade route in the Waikiki Beach district of Honolulu. (19)..... to Pat Bigold, a writer who is half Irish, his city's St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 17 is the closest to the international (20)..... . It takes place at noon, which is 5 p.m. in Boston.

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| 11. A. commemorates | B. commiserates | C. celebrates | D. participates |
| 12. A. immigrant | B. vagrant | C. destitute | D. hard |
| 13. A. kept | B. flooded | C. demolished | D. preserved |
| 14. A. detours | B. diverts | C. heads | D. retreats |
| 15. A. was | B. consisted | C. devised | D. contrived |
| 16. A. common | B. unpopular | C. localised | D. mainstream |
| 17. A. kicks off | B. forwards | C. redirects | D. hands over |
| 18. A. Audience | B. Addressers | C. Listeners | D. Spectators |
| 19. A. According | B. Assuming | C. Listening | D. Deliberating |
| 20. A. border | B. code | C. dateline | D. season |

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- 21 The ship's masts were all destroyed in the strong _____.
a gales b deluge c famine d eruption
- 22 They were, superficially at any _____, a very unlikely pair to become friends.
a aspect b chance c extent d rate
- 23 The kidnapper had tried to _____ her before.
a speculate b abduct c dispel d infer
- 24 He's a very _____ writer whom few people have ever heard of.
a wrinkled b congested c pale d obscure
- 25 His untimely death _____ the decline of the empire.
a shrank b ameliorated c precipitated d exaggerated
- 26 David was given all the _____ for rescuing the drowning boy.
a merit b blame c credit d reputation
- 27 Empires are born, they _____ and finally fall into decline.
a profit b culminate c deviate d convert
- 28 During the _____, he was afraid none of his family would survive.
a famine b destitution c subsidy d eloquence
- 29 The whole forest area was devastated by _____.
a plague b famine c insanity d conflagration
- 30 Hedgehogs, bears and other animals that hibernate remain _____ during winter.
a superficial b passive c dormitory d dormant