

Word Knowledge

Subtest 3: Word Knowledge

Time: 11 minutes for 35 questions

Directions: This test is about the meanings of words. Each question has a word underlined. You may be asked to decide which one of the four words in the choices *most nearly means* the same thing as the underlined word or which one of the four words means the opposite. If the underlined word is used in a sentence, decide which of the four choices most nearly means the same thing as the underlined word, as used in the context of the sentence. Mark the corresponding space on your answer sheet.

1. Tim promised to meet us at the apex.
(A) top
(B) bottom
(C) canyon
(D) river
2. Assimilate most nearly means
(A) absorb.
(B) react.
(C) pretend.
(D) lie.
3. Brittle most nearly means
(A) soft.
(B) fragile.
(C) study.
(D) hard.
4. Datum most nearly means
(A) fiscal year date.
(B) congruence.
(C) fact.
(D) positive result.
5. The exchange student was proficient in French, German, and English.
(A) poor
(B) knowledgeable
(C) adept
(D) exacting
6. The judge imposed a severe penalty due to Tom's actions.
(A) scheduled
(B) made an example of
(C) levied
(D) questioned
7. Mary went to the store and bought peanuts galore.
(A) abundant
(B) salty
(C) on sale
(D) roasted
8. He ran headlong into the fight.
(A) headfirst
(B) reluctantly
(C) happily
(D) recklessly
9. Frugal most nearly means
(A) quiet.
(B) amazing.
(C) delayed.
(D) economical.
10. The word most opposite in meaning to stimulate is
(A) support.
(B) arrest.
(C) travel.
(D) dislike.

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11. Licit most nearly means
(A) historical.
(B) lawful.
(C) storied.
(D) willfully.
12. Vacate most nearly means
(A) crawl.
(B) impel.
(C) exhume.
(D) leave.
13. The sergeant gave his reasoned opinion.
(A) irate
(B) logical
(C) impressive
(D) uninformed
14. Tacit most nearly means
(A) loud.
(B) understood.
(C) commendable.
(D) transparent.
15. The brass was not burnished.
(A) yellow
(B) dull
(C) expensive
(D) polished
16. The commodity was sold.
(A) product
(B) stock
(C) idea
(D) table
17. Her motives were contrived.
(A) premeditated
(B) emotional
(C) obscure
(D) amusing
18. Supplicate most nearly means
(A) make superior.
(B) to be unnecessary.
(C) to beg.
(D) to be expansive.
19. The word most opposite in meaning to hypocrisy is
(A) honesty.
(B) happy.
(C) angry.
(D) threatening.
20. Bob found the peaches to be extremely succulent.
(A) large
(B) tasteless
(C) old
(D) juicy
21. The Army soldiers were ordered to immediate garrison duty.
(A) field
(B) combat
(C) latrine
(D) fort
22. Furtherance most nearly means
(A) advancement.
(B) finance.
(C) practicality.
(D) destruction.
23. Domicile most nearly means
(A) office.
(B) shopping.
(C) home.
(D) vacation.
24. Abrogate most nearly means
(A) recover.
(B) aid.
(C) foreclose.
(D) abolish.

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25. Compensation most nearly means
(A) religion.
(B) commission.
(C) boathouse.
(D) shower.
26. He gave a brusque account of the events.
(A) passionate
(B) lengthy
(C) uncensored
(D) concise
27. The vote resulted in the demise of the proposed new law.
(A) passage
(B) death
(C) postponement
(D) abatement
28. We commemorated our veterans during the ceremony.
(A) denied
(B) remembered
(C) thanked
(D) took pictures of
29. Bore most nearly means
(A) deepen.
(B) hide.
(C) burrow.
(D) jump.
30. That custom still prevails.
(A) angers
(B) persists
(C) surprises
(D) excites
31. Defray most nearly means
(A) invade.
(B) obstruct.
(C) pay.
(D) reverse.
32. Chasm most nearly means
(A) abyss.
(B) sky.
(C) mountain.
(D) valley.
33. Fundamental most nearly means
(A) radical.
(B) religious.
(C) basic.
(D) excessive.
34. Susceptible most nearly means
(A) travel.
(B) resistant.
(C) limited.
(D) vulnerable
35. Emblem most nearly means
(A) symbol.
(B) picture.
(C) statue.
(D) religion.

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Answers

Subtest 3: Word Knowledge Answers

The Word Knowledge subtest is nothing more than a vocabulary test. However, it's very important because it's another one of the four subtests used to make up your AFQT score. If you find you need to improve your vocabulary, see Chapter 4.



A couple of other great study references are *Vocabulary For Dummies* by Laurie E. Rozakis (Wiley) and *SAT Vocabulary For Dummies* by Suzee Vlk (Wiley). Additionally, see Chapter 6 for more practice questions.

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