

Question 1

The following sentence contains one error or no error at all. It does not contain more than one error. If the sentence contains an error, select the one underlined word that should be changed to make the sentence correct according to the requirements of standard written English.

Dr. Cartwright smugly revealed his department's latest product, a medication that cures the common cold when taking a pill.

- a. his department's
- b. that cures
- c. taking a pill
- d. no error

Question 2

Following the requirements of standard written English, choose the phrase that best replaces the underlined portion of the sentence below. Choose A if you believe the underlined portion is correct.

The illness plunged Helen into a dark silence that most people cannot even imagine or think of.

- a. no change
- b. to think about
- c. think or consider to
- d. omit the underlined portion

Question 3

The following sentence contains one error or no error at all. It does not contain more than one error. If the sentence contains an error, select the one underlined word or phrase that should be changed to make the sentence correct according to the requirements of standard written English.

After receiving our degrees in English literature, my roommate and I developed the skills to analyze complex novels more deep than we could in high school.

- a. I
- b. analyze
- c. more deep
- d. no error

Question 4

Impede most nearly means

- a. obstruct
- b. harmful
- c. analyze
- d. sincerity

Question 5

Following the requirements of standard written English, choose the phrase that best replaces the underlined portion of the sentence below. Choose A if you believe the underlined portion is correct.

This year you're holiday shopping is going to be a snap!

- a. no change
- b. This year, your
- c. This year: your
- d. This year you're

Question 6

Fortified most nearly means

- a. reinforced
- b. disbelief
- c. accumulation
- d. restrict

Question 7

Following the requirements of standard written English, choose the phrase that best replaces the underlined portion of the sentence below. Choice A repeats the original phrase.

The school board's ideas for reforming the curriculum were offered more as general guidelines than as precise prescriptions for change.

- a. more as general guidelines
- b. as general guidelines more than
- c. more for general guidelines than
- d. for general guidelines more than as

Question 8

Ominous most nearly means?

- a. threatening
- b. retrieve
- c. relief
- d. appreciative

Question 9

Following the requirements of standard written English, choose the phrase that best replaces the underlined portion of the sentence below. Choose A if you believe the underlined portion is correct.

Likewise, guilt helps to stop us from causing or inflicting pain to other people.

- a. no change
- b. stop us from causing unnecessary and grievous pain to other people.
- c. limit emotional injury to others.
- d. limit unnecessary and emotionally grievous injury to others.

Question 10

Alacrity most nearly means?

- a. eagerness
- b. uniform
- c. skilled
- d. intellectual

Question 11

From the choices given, choose the one that means the same or most nearly the same as the underlined word or phrase.

Abhor most nearly means

- a. adore
- b. worship
- c. hate
- d. reject

Question 12

Tentative most nearly means?

- a. provisional
- b. easy
- c. adamant
- d. scornful

Question 13

Following the requirements of standard written English, choose the phrase that best replaces the underlined portion of the sentence below. Choose A if you believe the underlined portion is correct.

You begin thinking about the Christmas season soon after Labor Day, you enthusiastically anticipating the many joys sure to unfold.

- a. no change
- b. enthusiastic
- c. enthusiastically
- d. enthusiasm

Question 14

Following the requirements of standard written English, choose the phrase that best replaces the underlined portion of the sentence below. Choose A if you believe the underlined portion is correct.

In October, you find just the right gift for Uncle John.

- a. no change
- b. found
- c. will find
- d. have found

Question 15

From the choices given, choose the one that means the same or most nearly the same as the underlined word or phrase.

Natalie was hired because she was proficient in computers.

- a. superior
- b. unschooled
- c. trained
- d. skilled

Question 16

Spurious most nearly means

- a. false
- b. idle
- c. revolt
- d. hypothesis

Question 17

From the choices given, choose the one that means the same or most nearly the same as the underlined word or phrase.

Mark was more conscientious than his friend.

- a. painstaking
- b. popular
- c. friendly
- d. handsome

Question 18

Following the requirements of standard written English, choose the phrase that best replaces the underlined portion of the sentence below. Choose A if you believe the underlined portion is correct.

A car is attempting by turning left into your lane.

- a. no change
- b. trying to attempt a turn
- c. trying to attempt to turn
- d. attempting to turn

Question 19

From the choices given, choose the one that means the same or most nearly the same as the underlined word or phrase.

Judy feigned interest in the subject.

- a. lost
- b. showed
- c. pretended
- d. disregarded

Question 20

Heartbreaking most nearly means

- a. regrettable
- b. social
- c. wordy
- d. uncaring

Question 21

From the choices given, choose the one that means the same or most nearly the same as the underlined word or phrase.

She filed a grievance over the way the issue was handled.

- a. understanding
- b. annoyance
- c. complaint
- d. question

Question 22

Refrain most nearly means

- a. desist
- b. advocate
- c. sincere
- d. fearless

Question 23

Charade most nearly means

- a. pretense
- b. nervousness
- c. subtlety
- d. contamination

Question 24

Disparage most nearly means?

- a. criticize
- b. settle
- c. happiness
- d. accumulate

Question 25

Validate most nearly means?

- a. confirm
- b. fearful
- c. bother
- d. persist

Question 26

Distinct most nearly means?

- a. recognizable
- b. tolerate
- c. flabby
- d. unnecessary

Question 27

The following sentence contains one error or no error at all. It does not contain more than one error. If the sentence contains an error, select the one underlined word or phrase that should be changed to make the sentence correct according to the requirements of standard written English.

The MoMA, the Museum of Modern Art, displays paintings that are representative of contemporary art, providing an excellent opportunity to study the current eras of artwork.

- a. displays
- b. representative of
- c. opportunity to
- d. no error

Question 28

Following the requirements of standard written English, choose the phrase that best replaces the underlined portion of the sentence below. Choose A if you believe the underlined portion is correct.

She was happy, and healthy learning to walk and talk like her toddler peers.

- a. no change
- b. happy and healthy, learning to walk and talk
- c. happy, and healthy, learning to walk, and talk
- d. happy, and healthy learning to walk, and talk

Question 29

Compatible most nearly means

- a. harmonious
- b. punished
- c. difficult
- d. hostile

Question 30

From the choices given, choose the one that means the same or most nearly the same as the underlined word or phrase.

His attitude was optimistic.

- a. grouchy
- b. angry
- c. unusual
- d. positive

Question 31

Obtrusive most nearly means

- a. forward
- b. vulgar
- c. indignant
- d. deceased

Question 32

The following sentence contains one error or no error at all. It does not contain more than one error. If the sentence contains an error, select the one underlined word or phrase that should be changed to make the sentence correct according to the requirements of standard written English.

Among American swimmers, Jason Lezak is an excellent example of an athlete who, while contributing to the success of his teammates, has brought attention to himself.

- a. among
- b. while contributing
- c. of his
- d. no error

Question 33

Dissuade most nearly means _____.

- a. deter
- b. understand
- c. resist
- d. please

Question 34

Outmoded most nearly means _____.

- a. obsolete
- b. up-to-date
- c. modern
- d. selective

Question 35

Eccentric most nearly means _____.

- a. peculiar
- b. dishonest
- c. lucid
- d. bizarre

ANSWERS: ASVAB Practice Test – Word Knowledge

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