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

Obltrusive 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