**Vocabulary Booster**

**(Essential Vocabulary in Use)**

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* **Verbs**
* **Nouns**
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**Exercises on Verbs**

**SET 1**

*Look up the meaning of the underlined words and phrases in the dictionary and match them with their synonyms given after each group of sentences:*

**1.**

1. A few important facts emerged after the investigation.

2. He tried to curb his desire to buy the expensive car.

3. Her interest in American Studies stems from the time when she was at secondary school.

4. They intended to start their own business, but they were unable to do so.

5. We inferred from his comments that he was reluctant to take part in the negotiations.

6. The locals abandoned the city after the volcanic eruption.

a) planned, aimed, meant d) concluded, deduced

b) became known e) arises from, results from

c) restrain, to control f) left

**2.**

1. We decided to hire a public relations consultant to help improve our image.

2. The police chief couldn’t determine a motive for the murder.

3. The trial of the Iranian Jews for espionage may trigger the exodus of Jews from Iran.

4. The government is taking strict measures to combat drug trafficking.

5. Smoking may result in lung cancer.

6. Sound engineers utilize a range of techniques to enhance the quality of recordings.

a) fight, struggle with d) establish, decide

b) employ, recruit e) use, employ

c) start, prompt f) cause, bring about

**3.**

1.We must consider how much we can afford to pay.

2. The factories that pollute the environment will be closed down.

3. Urgent measures are needed to conserve wildlife in the area.

4. The tires require mending.

5. The government was determined to proceed with the election despite terrorist threats.

6. A knee injury forced him to withdraw from the competition.

a) contaminate, spoil d) preserve, protect

b) continue, carry on, go on e) need

c) pull out of f) think about

**4.**

1. Kyoto obliges rich nations to cut emissions of greenhouses gases.

2. This painting represents the artist’s feelings.

3. Jane resembles her mother in many ways.

4. The exhibition coincides with the 50th anniversary of his death.

5. He can’t bear so much pain and suffering.

6. This letter reveals her true feelings.

a) endure, tolerate d) forces, compels

b) signifies, characterizes e) is similar to, looks like

c) makes known, exposes f) happens together

**5.**

1. She rejected my proposal.

2. The scientists compiled a great amount of data necessary for the project.

3. The rebels who disrupted the meeting were arrested by the police.

4. Inflation has boosted the cost of living.

5. The spy revealed secret information while being tortured.

6. The boss compelled us to work over the weekend.

a) interrupted, obstructed d) collected, gathered

b) forced e) made known

c) turned down, declined f) increase

**6.**

1. The results of the survey indicated that a large majority of the respondents were in favor of the education reforms.

2. The manager praised the company staff for their efficient work.

3. We assessed how much it would cost to build a new lab.

4. The bomb destroyed the building.

5. He fulfilled his obligation by making loan payments on time.

6. The government adopted strict measures to combat drug trafficking.

a) accepted, approved d) ruined, devastated

b) suggested e) evaluated

c) carried out f) commended, extolled

**7.**

1. A business thrives when it is successful financially.

2. In England ethnic minorities comprise 9 per cent of the population.

3. Woolen clothes shrink if they are washed in hot water.

4. The country will seek the possibility to extend its loan agreement with the International Monetary Fund.

5. She strives hard to keep herself in a good physical shape.

6. We waited until the storm abated before setting off.

a) get smaller d) make up, form

b) subsided, faded away e) tries

c) flourishes, booms, grows f) look for

**8.**

1. I will keep in touch with you if your offer still holds.

2. Pollution poses a threat to the future of mankind.

3. Crime and illegal drugs constitute the city’s major problems.

4. The dictator banned all the newspapers that criticized his regime.

5. The defendant denied the witness’s statement.

6. If the symptoms persist, you must seek medical help.

a) prohibited, forbade d) creates, causees

b) remains valid e) rejected, refused

c) continue f) form, comprise, create

**9.**

1. Ann resented Tom’s promotion to the post because she believed she deserved it.

2. The Foreign Minister implied that he was willing to resume the negotiations between the two countries.

3. He asserted his innocence of the crime.

4. The police immediately launched a nationwide search for the killers.

5. The first cases of AIDS were detected in the United States in 1981.

6. The sales representative deceived Bob about the car’s mileage.

a) started, began d) said indirectly, hinted

b) was offended by e) discovered, noticed

c) misled, cheated f) claimed, declared

**10.**

1. She totally disregarded my warnings.

2. Popular music evolved from folk songs.

3. The British M15 corresponds to the American FBI.

4. Bears and wolves abound in the forest.

5. My parents reared three children.

6. An understanding and appreciation of the culture of other countries may promote peace.

a) brought up, raised d) are plentiful

b) matches, is similar to e) developed

c) ignored, overlooked f) help, contribute to

**11.**

1. She held my hand as we ascended the steps.

2. Steel beams bear the weight of buildings.

3. These piles of paper constitute a fire hazard.

4. The test was designed to assess aptitude rather than academic achievement.

5. Landslides hindered the arrival of relief supplies.

6. Both sides complied with the ceasefire.

a) create, form d) carry, support, hold up

b) climbed, went up e) prevented, hampered

c) measure f) obeyed, abided by

**12.**

1. Scientists have found that there is a gene that gives people a greater ability to withstand pain.

2. Towels absorb moisture.

3. You should learn to curb your anger.

4. Her statement was confirmed by several witnesses.

5. It is the lack of funds that frustrates me.

6. He objects to the plan in its present form.

a) upsets, disturbs d) suck up

b) control, hold back e) challenges, is against

c) endure, resist, bear up f) verified

**Exercises on Verbs**

**SET 2**

1. Students who came from the EU countries boosted the number of foreign students in the United Kingdom.

a) affected b) changed c) increased d) diminished

2. The report recommended that universities should prize good teaching as well as good research.

a) prioritize b) undermine c) promote d) value

3. The eyewitness confirmed Tim’s testimony.

a) disputed b) verified c) objected to d) contradicted

4. The rebels captured a strategically important town in the north of the country.

a) occupied b) destroyed c) infiltrated d) surrounded

5. The Board has the power to modify the plan during the hearing process.

a) approve b) change c) reject d) abandon

6. Visitors are expected to conform to rules and regulations.

a) comply with b) adapt to c) adopt d) agree with

7. The police launched an inquiry into the disappearance of a painting from the local museum.

a) impeded b) started c) demanded d) supported

8. Many plants thrive in sunlight.

a) fade b) vanish c) flourish d) hibernate

9. Oil and gas have enhanced the region’s strategic value.

a) compensated b) increased c) diminished d) determined

10. Banks assess possible risks before extending loans to individuals and companies.

a) face b) take c) envisage d) evaluate

11. Venice abounds in famous hotels.

a) is proud of b) is known for c) is full of d) boasts

12. She realized that she could never fulfill herself in this kind of work.

a) satisfy b) develop c) prove d) settle

13. He is assembling information for a report on the economic situation of the country.

a) using b) providing c) assessing d) collecting

14. The government’s top priority is to tackle unemployment.

a) deal with b) dispense with c) embark on d) prevent

15. The latest incident diminishes the chances of a diplomatic breakthrough in the negotiations.

a) excludes b) decreases c) affects d) enhances

16. She acquired basic knowledge of Portuguese while living in Brazil.

a) needed b) gained c) developed d) revived

17. They abandoned all hope of finding the child.

a) gave up b) fostered c) raised d) enhanced

18. He initiated a program of reforms in the sphere of education.

a) planned b) visualized c) started d) preferred

19. The pressures of war accelerated the production of penicillin on a massive scale.

a) gave rise to b) speeded up c) triggered d) worsened

20. They sacked her for being late on several occasions.

a) dismissed b) praised c) punished d) rewarded

21. While trade in Europe was flourishing, trade in central Asia was slowed almost to a standstill.

a) developing b) decreasing c) producing d) thriving

22. Diplomatic efforts are being made to secure the release of three hostages.

a) impede b) speed up c) ensure d) delay

23. In the late 19th century European powers began to gain control of parts of the Ottoman Empire.

a) seek b) retain c) demand d) acquire

24. The Constitution limits the power of the municipalities.

a) coordinates b) restricts c) doubles d) oversees

25. The company decided to recruit fifty engineers for the new project.

a) train b) hire c) demand d) ask for

**Exercises on Nouns**

**SET 1**

**1.**

1. Many people died during the famine in African countries.

2. Competition is the essence of free enterprise.

3. The full extent of the losses was revealed yesterday.

4. The country relies on foreign aid.

5. The maintenance of government buildings costs a great deal of money.6

6. Weather satellites have increased the accuracy of weather forecasts.

a) assistance, help d) rivalry

b) upkeep, preservation e) correctness, precision

c) food shortage f) scale, scope, degree

**2.**

1. Drivers are urged to exercise caution on icy roads.

2. There is a great deal of indecision about how to tackle the problem.

3. He has a dread of losing his job.

4. Hopes of setting the conflict peacefully are fading.

5. Her evidence bears no resemblance to what other witnesses have told us.

6. The students in my class have great aptitude for science.

a) fear, fright d) disagreement

b) indecisiveness e) ability, capacity

c) care, watchfulness f) similarity

**3.**

1. Legends are part of our common heritage.

2. The gap between the rich and the poor has widened in recent years.

3. There is no legal impediment to their marriage.

4. The 1980s brought an awareness of environmental issues.

5. Migrant workers are vulnerable to exploitation.

6. Children’s dependence on their parents decreases with age and maturity.

a) difference, disparity d) abuse, misuse, mistreatment

b) consciousness e) obstacle, barrier

c) inheritance, legacy f) adulthood

**4.**

1. We have no evidence that he was involved in the robbery.

2. The evaluation of a student’s work takes time.

3. My company paid all my expenses.

4. Her work shows great precision and attention to detail.

5. Do you have any proof that this man stole your money?

6. The rich man credited his parents for his prosperity.

a) expenditure d) wealth, affluence

b) evidence e) accuracy, exactness

c) assessment f) proof

**5.**

1. There has been a considerable increase in government expenditure in recent years.

2. There seemed to be a lack of clarity about what the job involved.

3. By an amazing coincidence their daughters were born on the same day.

4. The maintenance of peace and stability in Europe is of crucial importance.

5. Patience is one of the essential attributes for a teacher.

6. Negotiations between the two countries are due to resume in the nearest future.

a) talks d) spending

b) clearness e) continuation, preservation

c) chance f) qualities, characteristics

**6.**

1. She must accept the inevitability of death.

2. It is too early to predict the outcome of the elections.

3. According to the statistics violent offences have gone up recently.

4. Sony Ericson is a joint venture involving European and Asian countries.

5. The people of North Korea live in a state of deprivation without freedom or enough food.

6. The property company made a huge profit on the deal.

a) scarcity d) crimes

b) unavoidability, inescapability e) result

c) enterprise f) agreement

**7.**

1. The bombing of civilians was considered to be a violation of humanitarian law.

2. She has shown great diligence in her work, so she deserves praise.

3. The car company had a large output last year.

4. He experienced a series of frustrations before completing a project.

5. He has a natural curiosity about how machines work.

6. It’s dampness in the air that is bad for your lungs.

a) disappointments d) a breach, an infringement

b) humidity e) attentiveness, carefulness

c) inquisitiveness f) production, amount produced

**8.**

1. He gave us a comprehensive account of the incident.

2. The police launched an investigation of wide scope.

3. The police chief presented a bravery award to the young man.

4. They say they will never, under any circumstances, be the first to use force.

5. Weather satellites have increased the accuracy of weather forecast.

6. Slum children often lack proper nutrition.

a) prize, award d) correctness, accurateness

b) inquiry e) conditions, situations

c) nourishment, food f) description, report

**9.**

1. These tasks are far beyond his capabilities.

2. Great ingenuity goes into building space ships.

3. Her persistence in looking for a job was finally rewarded.

4. I’m a good believer in the benefits of this form of therapy.

5. The vast bulk of imports and exports are carried by sea.

6. The present reduction in biodiversity will be the largest setback to life yet.

a) abilities d) advantages

b) volume, mass e) decrease, decline

c) cleverness, creativity f) determination, perseverance

**10.**

1. This course of action could only end in a calamity.

2. Lack of sleep can have an enormous negative impact on a student's grades.

3. We took her silence as an admission of guilt.

4. The accused is alleged to be a member of a terrorist organization.

5. His spectrum of scientific knowledge ranged from biology to astronomy.

6. All hostages will get their freedom as a result of the agreement.

a) the defendant d) range, scope

b) detainees, captives e) acknowledgement

c) disaster, catastrophe f) effect, influence

**11.**

1. Those who take some drugs for depression may have suicidal tendencies.

2. The police found several important clues in the dead woman’s house.

3. My family’s health takes precedence over my job.

4. You must decide at the outset what kind of program will suit you best.

5. Theoretically, a line can extend into infinity.

6. A large proportion of her salary goes to paying taxes.

a) beginning d) priority, preference

b) endlessness, perpetuity e) inclinations

c) percentage, amount f) traces, signs

**12.**

1. The van was involved in a collision with a bus.

2. The ratio of women to men in our team is 3 to 1.

3. Bringing the double-digit inflation down is a major achievement for the government.

4. The most important method of temperature regulation is through perspiration.

5. Slow speed is the chief drawback of sea shipment.

6. More money should be allocated for famine relief.

a) disadvantage d) proportion

b) crash e) sweating

c) aid, help, support f) accomplishment

**SET 2**

1. The Prime Minister gave a full and accurate account of the events that took place in the region.

a) narration b) picture c) explanation d) report

2. We should make an assessment of what should be done next.

a) an observation b) a plan c) an evaluation d) a review

3. This subject is beyond the scope of this book.

a) range b) aim c) concern d) outline

4. Climbing that high mountain was an accomplishment for the hikers.

a) a challenge b) a goal c) an attempt d) an achievement

5. He bears a striking resemblance to a famous actor.

a) devotion b) affection c) similarity d) attachment

6. The full extent of the loss of human life in the disaster is not yet known.

a) scope b) profile c) picture d) limit

7. Competition between business firms increases during recession.

a) cooperation b) disagreement c) collaboration d) rivalry

8. With mounting concern about rising obesity, trans-fat has become a number one target for campaigners.

a) debate b) controversy c) dispute d) worry

9. Individual liberty is a basic human right.

a) initiative b) belief c) ownership d) freedom

10. He has an inclination to see everything in political terms.

a) a determination b) an ambition c) an assessment d) a tendency

11. There has been a dramatic shift in public opinion towards peaceful negotiations.

a) improvement b) fluctuation c) movement d) change

12. His familiarity with the language helped him enjoy his stay in a foreign country.

a) contentment b) acquaintance c) satisfaction d) interaction

13. Iron ore is a crucial ingredient in the production of steel.

a) commodity b) constituent c) metal d) material

14. Before the first Apollo rocket went to the Moon, a spot for landing the lunar module was carefully chosen.

a) climate b) location c) latitude d) sea

15. More care in the future will prevent recurrence of the mistake.

a) emergence b) maintenance c) repetition d) elimination

16. The union has negotiated a temporary settlement.

a) decision b) problem c) action plan d) agreement

17. All the companies must report their revenues to the government,

a) possessions b) losses c) earnings d) assets

18. His physical condition was no impediment to his career as a violinist.

a) facilitator b) asset c) impetus d) obstacle

19. The recent influx of immigrants caused a shortage of housing in the small town.

a) mobility b) departure c) rebellion d) flood

20. One of the benefits of the Industrial Revolution was the extraordinary surge of knowledge in chemistry.

a) instillation b) dearth c) increase d) deficiency

21. Poverty and lack of access to education contribute to the vulnerability of young people to HIV infection.

a) contraction b) affliction c) resistance d) susceptibility

22. They have accepted liability and promise to pay for the repairs.

a) negligence b) prejudice c) responsibility d) delay

23. Cave dwellers depicted herds of mammoths with humps on their backs.

a) inhabitants b) skins c) immigrants d) foes

24. The three bombs went off in rapid succession.

a) movement b) sequence c) explosion d) pace

25. A coconut palm’s blossom is the main ingredient in several soft drinks.

a) root b) fruit c) flower d) flesh

**Exercises on Adjectives**

**SET 1**

**1.**

1. He is looking for a temporary job.

2. The elections gave the President a substantial parliamentary majority.

3. His insistence on such trivial matters is hard to understand.

4. He is said to be as stubborn as a mule.

5. These tiny creatures are hardly visible for the naked eye.

6. The country is one of the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

a) unimportant, negligible d) short-term, provisional

b) obstinate, inflexible e) unchanging, continuing

c) significant, large f) small, minute

**2.**

1. He’s very unhappy, and it is apparent that he wants to leave now.

2. Renault is Toyota’s chief rival in Europe.

3. The rich businessman made large donations to various charitable organizations.

4. His diet is deficient in vitamins C and A.

5. The company recalled the defective product.

6. The task was accomplished with comparative ease.

a) benevolent d) relative

b) faulty, flawed e) obvious, evident

c) main, principal f) lacking, poor

**7.**

1. Many animals have an acute sense of smell.

2. This disease is not contagious by air.

3. Good infrastructure is crucial to economic development.

4. There are no definitive solutions to this problem.

5. This is a delicate instrument which must be handed with utmost care.

6. The bus in front of us came to an abrupt halt.

a) vital, important d) final, ultimate

b) sudden e) sharp, keen

c) fragile, breakable f) transmittable, communicable

**8.**

1. We experienced a profound sorrow upon hearing of his death.

2. His rigid adherence to the rules made him unpopular.

3. Very old stamps are scarce and can rarely be found.

4. The country is no longer self-efficient in grain crops.

5. He has only superficial knowledge of subjects outside his field.

6. The police will conduct a thorough investigation to determine the cause of the accident.

a) deep d) unbending, firm

b) complete e) limited, in short supply

c) self-sustaining f) surface, trivial

**9.**

1. Civil war will be the eventual outcome of the country’s racial tension.

2. He was a cautious investor who studied the market before setting up his new business.

3. Methane is a highly combustible gas.

4. She could neither understand nor pardon John’s deliberate lie.

5. The manager’s decisions are always dependable.

6. The destructive winds carried away the roof of the house.

a) intentional, purposeful d) careful, watchful

b) final, ultimate e) damaging, devastating

c) reliable, trustworthy f) burnable, flammable

**10.**

1. He is becoming more and more affluent. He is already one of the wealthiest businessmen in our country.

2. The experts are not unanimous on this point.

3. Sedentary people often become overweight.

4. I’m sure that he will regret his hasty decision.

5. Election of the new executive committee was the final item on the agenda.

6. I don’t have enough money and that is the sole reason I can’t afford a car.

a) inactive, sitting, deskbound d) managerial, administrative

b) rich, prosperous, wealthy e) quick, hurried, rapid

c) only, single f) of one mind

**11.**

1. They gave me overwhelming support.

2. The overall cost of the project exceeded the budget.

3. Germany is one of the most prosperous countries in the world.

4. The letter had got wet and was no longer legible.

5. If you want to be healthy and robust, get lots of exercise.

6. 250 workers have been made redundant in the factory.

a) readable d) wealthy, rich, affluent

b) total, general e) jobless, unemployed

c) great, tremendous f) strong, vigorous

**12.**

1. She seems to have an innate musical talent.

2. He has established a highly lucrative business which is steadily thriving.

3. The incident is bound to have far-reaching consequences.

4. The two eye witnesses gave contradictory testimonies.

5. There have been tangible changes in the country since 2010.

6. I want my children to have a secular education.

a) inborn, natural d) profitable

b) conflicting, opposing e) extensive, important

c) nonreligious, worldly f) concrete, perceptible

**SET 2**

1. The government has rigid laws about paying taxes.

a) numerous b) lax c) strict d) comprehensive

2. He has a cautious approach to change.

a) careful b) naïve c) skillful d) uncompromising

3. We need a sense of urgency, a commitment to collaboration that will lead to a concerted, focused effort to prevent the impending epidemic.

a) prevalent b) major c) imminent d) dangerous

4, She is an eminent scholar in the field of linguistics.

a) a dedicated b) an experienced c) a noteworthy d) a prominent

5. He will stand again in the forthcoming election.

a) decisive b) first c) approaching d) crucial

6. The decision to strike was unanimous.

a) unpredictable b) uncontested c) unpopular d) unanticipated

7. We had rainy weekends for three successive weeks.

a) consecutive b) extra c) previous d) additional

8. In the desert thirsty travellers are often fooled by the deceptive appearance of the trees and water.

a) transparent b) steady c) sudden d) delusive

9. When one makes a mistake, the decent thing to do is correct it.

a) usual b) best c) expected d) proper

10. A staggering amount of money is needed in the initial investment.

a) stunning b) large c) reasonable d) modest

11. The company recalled the defective product.

a) ubiquitous b) impeccable c) perfect d) flawed

12. I have a vivid memory of that holiday.

a) sad b) faint c) clear d) vague

13. He was well acquainted with sorrow, disappointment, and loneliness.

a) equipped b) familiar c) contented d) fed up

14. Weed killers must be chosen and applied with great care to avoid damage to adjacent trees and shrubs.

a) indigenous b) nearby c) perennial d) similar

15. The children were thrilled at the idea of going abroad for a holiday.

a) astounded b) stunned c) excited d) dismayed

16. Many misfortunes come upon people living in remote mountain villages during a harsh winter.

a) severe b) prolonged c) mild d) moderate

17. You shouldn’t underrate him; he’s an extremely shrewd politician.

a) ambitious b) naive c) bold d) clever

18. The press should play a more prominent role in promoting human rights.

a) conciliatory b) constructive c) intransigent d) important

19. A sovereign state cannot accept foreign troops on its soil without an agreement.

a) an independent b) a powerful c) a proud d) a modern

20. Honeybees use one of the most sophisticated communication systems of any insect.

a) elaborate b) comprehensive c) nonsensical d) complex

21. The intricate problem puzzled the students.

a) intriguing b) complex c) continuous d) startling

22. Measles and whooping cough are more prevalent among young children.

a) contagious b) dangerous c) widespread d) communicable

23. He will always feel loyal to the government, whatever it does.

a) apathetic b) faithful c) abhorrent d) hostile

24. The teacher’s words had a startling effect on the students.

a) astonishing b) tough c) consecutive d) affluent

25. His work gets tedious at times.

a) important b) dull c) temporary d) innate

**Exercises on Adverbs**

**SET 1**

**1.**

1. It’s practically impossible to predict the outcome of the elections accurately.

2. Companies must report to their shareholders annually.

3. He is waiting anxiously for the rest results to be announced by the teacher.

4. Approximately $100, 000 will be spent on modern equipment.

5. Apparently Mike forgot to inform the manager of his decision.

6. He will be remembered chiefly for his innovations in the field of construction industry.

a) worriedly, uneasily d) about, roughly

b) evidently, obviously e) precisely, correctly

c) mainly, primarily f) each year

**2.**

1. Since his attendance was very poor during the term, it’s hardly surprising that he failed most of his exams.

2. No studies have proven conclusively the best time to exercise.

3. One of Britain’s most precious nature reserves was devastated by the fire that may have been started deliberately.

4. Spring invariably follows winter.

5. This song is quite popular especially among young people.

6. The ability to change colour is extremely rare in snakes.

a) intentionally, purposely d) barely, scarcely

b) always, consistently e) decisively

c) very, tremendously f) particularly

**3.**

1. Our decision was abruptly curtailed.

2. It’s becoming increasingly difficult to find reasonably priced clothes.

3. The two days of talks have ended inconclusively.

4. She persistently ignored her doctor’s warnings.

5. The work at the factory has been halted temporarily.

6. He presented his argument quite convincingly.

a) constantly, continuously d) provisionally, for the time being

b) indecisively, without producing a result e) suddenly, immediately

c) persuasively, believably f) progressively, more and more

**4.**

1. Whenever I tell him to do something, he does precisely the opposite.

2. He is now based permanently in London.

3. My father’s eyesight has got progressively worse over the years.

4. Society has changed profoundly in the last fifty years.

5. Sue, Bob and Jim lived in Paris, Rome and London respectively.

6. He has acted sensibly in spite of his deep sorrow.

a) everlastingly d) exactly

b) increasingly e) logically, wisely

c) in that order f) greatly

**5.**

1. The teacher arrived at exactly nine o’clock.

2. You must definitely stick to your original plan.

3. She did her work quite enthusiastically.

4. She lent me her dictionary quite reluctantly.

5. The woman looked at her daughter affectionately.

6. It was an exceedingly difficult decision to make.

a) absolutely, certainly d) precisely

b) eagerly, willingly e) extremely

c) lovingly, tenderly f) unwillingly

**6.**

1. My phone hasn’t worked properly since I dropped it on the floor.

2. We could scarcely see the ship through the fog.

3. The speed limit must be rigidly enforced.

4. Eventually the truth emerged.

5. The books and journals were randomly arranged on the shelves.

6. I thoroughly agree with you.

a) barely, hardly d) haphazardly

b) completely, entirely e) strictly, severely

c) appropriately f) ultimately, in the end

**7.**

1. That company is in business solely for profit.

2. Two workers were severely injured in the accident.

3. Jack presumably won’t be coming, since he hasn’t phoned us yet.

4. It is thought that roughly a quarter of those in the US with HIV do not yet know they are infected.

5. Namibia is a sparsely populated country on Africa’s southwest coast.

6. She intentionally hurt his feelings.

a) thinly d) seriously

b) deliberately, purposely e) most probably

c) only, exclusively f) approximately, around

**8.**

1. In practically every sector that advanced industrial countries participate in, U.S. firms lead the world in productivity and profits.

2. Since he works diligently, he deserves to be promoted.

3. The scenery was spectacularly beautiful.

4. Eating disorders predominantly occur in the pubescent and the teenage years.

5. The world is changing more extremely and swiftly than at any time in the past several million years.

6. A person who is usually on time is rarely late.

a) hard, industriously d) quickly, rapidly

b) virtually, almost e) mainly, principally

c) seldom, hardly ever f) amazingly, fabulously

**9.**

1. The trade deal is mutually beneficial to both countries.

2. The people of East Timor voted overwhelmingly in favor of independence in the referendum held in 1999.

3. She resolutely refused to give in to pressure to resign.

4. The reason why we abandoned the project was that it was inadequately funded.

5. You can drastically alter your appearance by dyeing your hair.

6. Smoking is strictly banned in public places.

a) jointly, equally d) stringently, firmly

b) considerably, hugely, radically e) determinedly, decisively

c) crushingly f) insufficiently, poorly

**10.**

1. They defiantly rejected any compromise.

2. The Prime Minister’s visit has been postponed indefinitely.

3. The blood vessels in the skin are not evenly distributed around the face and neck.

4. They solved their problems quickly and fairly.

5. The U.N. Secretary General pointed out that poverty-stricken countries, notably those in Africa, were in need of financial assistance.

6. Travelling in Europe isn’t necessarily expensive; you can find moderately priced hotels and restaurants.

a) particularly, especially d) equally, uniformly

b) disobediently, rebelliously e) unavoidably, always

c) justly, impartially f) for an indefinite period

**11.**

1. The project will be completed at the end of the decade, two years hence.

2. Local elections are underway in Ukraine.

3. Somehow, I’ll get this report finished by noon.

4. He finished first in the race, thereby winning the championship for his school.

5. Martin hates George and vice versa.

6. Scientists have discovered some hitherto unknown species of animal in Sumatra.

a) in some way d) in progress

b) the same in reverse order e) from now, from this time

c) until now, up till now f) thus

**12.**

1. We must pursue this policy relentlessly to reduce the budget deficit.

2. John refused their invitation firmly but tactfully.

3. To put it bluntly, your work isn’t good enough.

4. He argued vigorously in favor of the proposal.

5. If he had not acted indecisively, he wouldn’t have missed such an important opportunity.

6. He often sits idly instead of doing any useful work.

a) directly, openly, candidly d) strongly, forcefully

b) persistently, obstinately e) irresolutely, hesitantly

c) delicately, considerately f) lazily, passively

**SET 2**

1. The plans should be drawn as accurately as possible, showing all the measurements.

a) comprehensively b) fully c) precisely d) swiftly

2. After the conference, he returned home thoroughly contented.

a) completely b) fairly c) surely d) noticeably

3. My reaction was purely instinctive.

a) apparently b) absolutely c) voluntarily d) purposefully

4. It was solely my fault that our plan failed.

a) particularly b) exclusively c) clearly d) partly

5. We are profoundly concerned that those detained are at risk of torture and ill-treatment.

a) presumably b) primarily c) unmistakably d) deeply

6. He arrived at precisely 4 o’clock.

a) exactly b) roughly c) literally d) properly

7. The train will leave in half an hour. Meanwhile, I’ll do some shopping.

a) Accordingly b) Afterwards c) In the meantime d) At present

8. It is practically impossible to prevent crime.

a) quite b) sometimes c) virtually d) occasionally

9. Every living thing eventually dies.

a) progressively b) inevitably c) ultimately d) definitely

10. She said her remarks had been reported inaccurately by some journalists.

a) inappropriately b) inadvertently c) precisely d) incorrectly