Directions: Read the sentence and circle the word or group of words that mean the same or almost the same as the underlined word.

1. Subsequently, we learned of the hero’s actions.
   a) earlier
   b) later
   c) soon
   d) recently

2. The team comprises eight players.
   a) includes
   b) co-opts
   c) nominates
   d) excludes

3. He had no notion it was going to rain.
   a) information
   b) idea
   c) recollection
   d) notation

4. Investing money doesn’t always ensure profits.
   a) prevent
   b) delay
   c) guarantee
   d) inform

5. The governor allocated funds for the new playground.
   a) took back
   b) asked for
   c) tapped into
   d) set aside

6. Hard times can make people resilient.
   a) tough
   b) angry
   c) depressed
   d) responsible

7. The couple found they were compatible with each other.
   a) angry
   b) conflicted
   c) bored
   d) harmonious

8. The benefits of the surgery outweigh the risks.
   a) are equally important as
   b) are less important than
   c) are more important than
   d) are important with

9. Samuel and Yasmine were extremely efficient.
   a) lazy
   b) productive
   c) collaborative
   d) bossy

10. By the end of our discussion, I knew she had a bias about living in the city.
    a) prejudged idea
    b) new plan
    c) lot of questions
    d) good opinion
11. The teacher said attendance at the program was voluntary.
   a) by necessity
   b) by requirement
   c) by choice
   d) by volume

12. She knew the circumstances under which she could succeed.
   a) standards
   b) solutions
   c) teachers
   d) conditions

13. Congress voted to regulate the price of wheat.
   a) pay attention to
   b) set a limit on
   c) find the cost of
   d) reduce the amount of

14. He understood the consequences of his choices.
   a) content
   b) options
   c) outcomes
   d) challenges

15. The dentist extracted her tooth.
   a) cleaned
   b) examined
   c) replaced
   d) removed

16. The estimate was much higher than we thought.
   a) building
   b) estuary
   c) calculation
   d) invoice

17. The athlete attained his goal.
   a) achieved
   b) discussed
   c) earned
   d) missed

18. There was a new regime in Argentina.
   a) regulation
   b) economy
   c) democracy
   d) government

19. The distribution of resources was a problem.
   a) selling
   b) making
   c) delivery
   d) collecting

20. Helping poor people seemed intrinsic to Josie.
   a) natural
   b) external
   c) maternal
   d) intimate

21. He inferred she would attend the party.
   a) hoped
   b) concluded
   c) insisted
   d) said

22. Be careful about exceeding the limit.
   a) ignoring
   b) increasing
   c) passing
   d) missing
23. Paola **exploited** the opportunity.
   a) made light of
   b) got rid of
   c) took advantage of
   d) gave access to

24. He **posed as** a police officer.
   a) wanted to be
   b) prepared to be
   c) pretended to be
   d) stood tall like

25. Brad **detected** an error.
   a) noticed
   b) corrected
   c) reported
   d) overlooked

26. The citizens **invoked** the help of the city council.
   a) involved
   b) rejected
   c) applied
   d) requested

27. The general **adopted** a new strategy.
   a) looked for
   b) thought about
   c) took on
   d) asked for

28. She agreed to work for the **duration** of the event.
   a) first part
   b) entire time
   c) second part
   d) final part

29. They were happy with the **consensus**.
   a) quantity
   b) agreement
   c) conclusion
   d) debate

30. The committee **instituted** the dress code.
   a) removed
   b) changed
   c) standardized
   d) established

31. The newspaper published an article about **segregation** within the community.
   a) participation
   b) opposition
   c) separation
   d) development

32. The police **eliminated** her from the list of suspects.
   a) removed
   b) added
   c) reduced
   d) elected

33. The new law has many **implications**.
   a) ideas
   b) details
   c) consequences
   d) suggestions

34. The **paradigm** of traditional families has recently changed.
   a) title
   b) signature
   c) partner
   d) model
35. The new artwork in the office created a lot of controversy.
   a) approval  
   b) conversation  
   c) appreciation  
   d) disagreement

36. The prices ranged from low to high.
   a) financed  
   b) swung  
   c) varied  
   d) distanced

37. A schedule was imposed on the children.
   a) forced  
   b) implemented  
   c) recommended  
   d) bussed

38. The work is entering a new phase.
   a) tunnel  
   b) location  
   c) stage  
   d) home

39. I received my mother’s consent to go on the trip.
   a) letter  
   b) refusal  
   c) permission  
   d) car

40. The boy used a good strategy to win.
   a) tool  
   b) stroke  
   c) team  
   d) approach

41. The boy’s interest in the subject diminished over time.
   a) increased  
   b) lessened  
   c) evaporated  
   d) dominated

42. Ferdinand dispersed an unfamiliar substance.
   a) dissolved  
   b) spread  
   c) dismissed  
   d) gathered

43. We will modify our plans.
   a) make  
   b) mollify  
   c) cancel  
   d) change

44. The first lady’s initiative was well received.
   a) dress  
   b) husband  
   c) program  
   d) opinions
45. Puzzling data **emerged**.
   a) collided
   b) appeared
   c) vanished
   d) collected

46. The teacher **cited** the author’s words.
   a) taught
   b) quoted
   c) wrote
   d) circled

47. The red, white, and blue flag is **symbolic** of the United States.
   a) patriotic
   b) representative
   c) melancholic
   d) authoritative

48. His decision was **unethical**.
   a) unattractive
   b) irresponsible
   c) wrong
   d) unpopular

49. I was asked to **justify** my actions.
   a) defend
   b) mystify
   c) deny
   d) develop

50. She has the **capacity** to be president.
   a) ability
   b) interest
   c) idea
   d) capital