

Word Choice Practice, Round One

Keep in mind:

“If you choose an answer because you like the sound of it, you should stick to it. English loves alliteration so there are many examples where the first letters in an expression are the same:

- the coast is clear
- it's a cheap and cheerful restaurant
- he's a strong, silent type

There are also many poetic expressions in English. Which sounds better out of these:

- time flies
- time goes
- time runs

The rhyme in the first one creates a better, more poetic effect and if you are unsure of the answer in this section of the Use of English paper, think about either alliteration or poetry.”

Multiple Choice Questions:

1. Lance is ___ knowledgeable on this subject.
 - a. smartly
 - b. powerfully
 - c. firmly
 - d. highly
2. I need a good explanation of all the costs ___ in buying a new car.
 - a. affected
 - b. involved
 - c. concerned
 - d. implied
3. There was a ___ debate about the Middle East, then they moved to a vote.

- a. lively
 - b. flexible
 - c. main
 - d. nimble
4. The doctor told him to lose weight quickly or pay the ____ later in life.
- a. fee
 - b. fine
 - c. price
 - d. cost
5. Jet lag causes problems with our ____ clock.
- a. biological
 - b. botanical
 - c. natural
 - d. rhythmical
6. This species of seagull is not a ____ of the island, but will sometimes rest here a while.
- a. neighbor
 - b. national
 - c. citizen
 - d. resident
7. Doesn't it ____ you as strange that it's the middle of May and it's snowing?
- a. hit
 - b. occur
 - c. strike
 - d. touch
8. I didn't stay behind because I wanted to, I did so because it was my ____.
- a. work
 - b. duty
 - c. shift
 - d. chore
9. What angered me wasn't his resignation but the ____ in which he did it.

- a. method
 - b. manner
 - c. aspect
 - d. bearing
10. If you can't make ____ what's written, change the zoom level and it'll become clearer.
- a. for
 - b. off
 - c. up
 - d. out
11. There's a ____ range of issues that we need to discuss as soon as possible.
- a. far
 - b. ample
 - c. wide
 - d. high
12. Despite being ____ in the battle, the soldier fought on and was awarded a medal for bravery.
- a. enraged
 - b. wounded
 - c. flawed
 - d. bruised
13. The rain will ____ for most of the morning, but we are expecting a brighter afternoon.
- a. persist
 - b. insist
 - c. resist
 - d. consist
14. In the mating season, the male of the species calls out with a ____ gu-gu sound.
- a. separate
 - b. distinctive
 - c. contrasting
 - d. individual

15. Marie Curie, one of the best-known ____ in working with radiation, died in 1934.
- a. debutants
 - b. revolutionaries
 - c. pioneers
 - d. rebels
16. Deep sea oil exploration is a dirty and dangerous ____.
- a. affair
 - b. situation
 - c. case
 - d. business

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