



1- If you plan to be successful, you should try with all your ----- to reach your goals.

1. choice                      2. might                      3. favor                      4. career

2- He is going to ----- next year after working for 30 years in that company.

1. inspect                      2. resort                      3. realize                      4. retire

3- As I was standing on the beach, a stranger ----- me and asked a very interesting question.

1. approached                      2. wondered                      3. threw                      4. hurled

4- As a result of a strong earthquake, many large buildings -----.

1. endangered                      2. collapsed                      3. devastated                      4. concentrated

5- I like to stare ----- at the full moon for a long time. It is the most beautiful scene to watch.

1. in                      2. on                      3. at                      4. for

6- Many people ----- through a few sleepless nights each month, but if it happens every night you should visit a doctor.

1. deprive                      2. command                      3. stimulate                      4. suffer

7- Our ----- system is responsible for fighting off germs and other agents that might make us sick.

1. immune                      2. bloodstream                      3. hormone                      4. heart

8- He spends many hours each week to ----- money for youth at risk. He looks for people who are willing to help.

1. raise                      2. own                      3. breed                      4. train

9- Many people died at sea last night when a strong storm ----- their boat.

1. rewarded                      2. capsized                      3. launched                      4. rescued

10- When the child broke the expensive dish, his father gave him a sharp -----.

1. perception                      2. admonition                      3. irritation                      4. imitation

11- To my -----, he became the most successful students at the university. I did not really expect that.

1. amazement                      2. determination                      3. consciousness                      4. desperate

12- The fire caused by lightning ----- many square miles of the forest before it was extinguished by firemen.

1. resolved                      2. crippled                      3. dangled                      4. devastated



13-The temperature will drop ----- tomorrow. It will go from 30 degrees to 5 degrees centigrade. Make sure you put on warm clothes.

1. quietly                      2. resolutely                      3. dramatically                      4. terminally

14-He was filled with the feelings of terror and ----- when he realized he was going to drown at sea.

1. despair                      2. cramps                      3. tramps                      4. marvel

15-The beauty of the mountains and the forest was so ----- I decided to sit there for hours and watch them peacefully.

1. ascending                      2. enticing                      3. persistent                      4. honorary

16-I was taking a slow walk towards school when it ----- on me that I was late for the exam and I had to run fast to reach there on time.

1. hoisted                      2. whizzed                      3. touched                      4. dawned

17-My people believe in ----- . They think what happens to them has been decided before.

1. destiny                      2. rescue                      3. collapse                      4. imposure

18-The best exercise is walking for half an hour at a ----- pace of three to four miles per hour. In other words, you should walk about 1.5 miles in 30 minutes.

1. chronic                      2. continuous                      3. vigorous                      4. preferable

19-If you do take good care of your heart, you will reduce the risk of ----- a heart attack.

1. benefiting                      2. suffering                      3. preventing                      4. providing

20-After the accident, the doctors could not save his leg and had to ----- it.

1. amputate                      2. wedge                      3. extend                      4. handicap

21-Before every match, he would ----- his dream of scoring a goal, and then one day his dream came true and he scored a very important goal.

1. involve                      2. fumble                      3. visualize                      4. grab

22-A useful technique is to breathe deeply which slows the heart rate, ----- nervous tension, and lowers blood pressure.

1. relieves                      2. depresses                      3. resorts                      4. rewards

23-In order to -----, you should find a quiet place, relax, close your eyes, and focus on a neutral word like one and repeat it continuously.

1. stimulate                      2. stretch                      3. meditate                      4. distract



24- Although we had a crash, everybody ----- it. Fortunately, no one died in that accident.

1. squeezed                      2. survived                      3. confided                      4. soothed

25- When I was a child and I felt very worried, my mother always ----- me by saying that everything would be fine.

1. witnessed                      2. clutched                      3. complained                      4. reassured

26- After his surgery, he had one serious physical ----- . He could not walk and had to use a wheelchair to go around.

1. diagnosis                      2. limitation                      3. approach                      4. validity

27- We should change ourselves for the better and ----- our most precious desires with almost total success. We should never give up our dreams.

1. pursue                      2. subdivide                      3. transport                      4. notice

28- The ----- on his face showed that he was in great pain after running the marathon but he did not say a word to express it.

1. staggering                      2. struggle                      3. grimace                      4. masterpiece

29- I cannot ----- much about my early childhood. I have lost most of the nice memories of that time.

1. distribute                      2. dedicate                      3. prompt                      4. recall

30- I was ----- after walking 10 kilometers in hot weather. I was unable to take one more step.

1. whirred                      2. exhausted                      3. depressed                      4. suffocated

31- Blindness is one of the most feared ----- . We should take good care of our eyes.

1. handicaps                      2. interruptions                      3. intersections                      4. appointments

32- If you try hard enough, you will be able to overcome the most ----- obstacles in life.

1. reflective                      2. wonderful                      3. insurmountable                      4. fortunate

33- Studies have shown that people who ----- a lot of fish have a very low risk of having a heart attack or stroke.

1. slam                      2. haunt                      3. dispatch                      4. consume

34- He ----- his finger with a hammer when he was trying to place a nail in the wall. The pain was terrible and he started to cry.

1. whacked                      2. polished                      3. admonished                      4. supplied



35- This sickness will ----- if you do not visit a doctor very soon. The infection will spread to the whole body in a few days.

1. disorganize                      2. deteriorate                      3. distract                      4. misplace

36- His father's success as a famous physician ----- him to study medicine and become a brain surgeon. He is now the most famous surgeon in his city.

1. included                      2. inspired                      3. conflicted                      4. offered

37- In order to ----- a positive attitude toward life, we must believe that good things happen to us all the time.

1. cultivate                      2. appeal                      3. combine                      4. depend

38- I had to buy a new car because the old one was so ----- I could no longer start its engine.

1. smirked                      2. tumbled                      3. shielded                      4. dilapidated

39- The ----- of the bomb explosion was so powerful that it threw cars hundreds of meters into the air.

1. measure                      2. wrack                      3. suspension                      4. impact

40- You should not ----- his intelligence. He is much more intelligent than anybody you know.

1. realize                      2. salvage                      3. underestimate                      4. obligate



Forget aliens, the biggest extraterrestrial threats to Earth's safety are asteroids. These leftover remnants from the creation of the planets still spread around the Solar System. While most are safely tucked away in their respective orbits, a few swing dangerously close to the Earth. Astronomers' warnings have finally been heard. It is only a matter of time, they say, before an asteroid or comet slams into the Earth and brings with it devastation on an almost unimaginable scale. The evidence, they say, is all around us. In fact, several near misses are now reported in the papers every year. But what happens if an asteroid hits the Earth? Looking at the eyewitness reports from the 1908 Tunguska comet-impact, in Siberia, tells us what to expect if this occurs. Amazingly, no people were killed but over a thousand reindeer were burnt to a cinder. As the shock wave smashed through the forest, it felled trees and stripped them of branches, leaving them looking like telegraph poles. Hunters, further away, were knocked unconscious and thrown to the ground by the blast. Everyone within 1,000km of the impact saw the great flash in the sky from the explosion. The devastation covers an area approximately the size of greater London. Should such an impact occur over any city, the human death toll would be measured in millions. Tunguska was caused by an object no bigger than 100m in diameter, and you can expect impacts of that type every century or so. Of course, most will take place over one or other of the vast majority of unpopulated areas. In the case of a repeat of the dinosaur-killing impact of 65 million years ago, the proposed scenario is almost unthinkable. When a 10km-sized asteroid hits the ground, it will throw so much dust into the air that the planet will be bathed in a fiery meteor storm. Bill Napier, an astronomer from Armagh Observatory and the author of *the asteroid thriller, Nemesis*, says: "Global destruction occurs largely through the ejection of hot ash, causing huge numbers of shooting stars that just incinerate everything. Then there will be a massive destruction of the atmosphere. The chemicals released by the impact are likely to destroy the ozone layer and create enormous quantities of acid rain. The dust that does not fall back as meteorites becomes suspended in the atmosphere, blocking out the sunlight. Seismic waves from the Tunguska impact were registered around the world. After a "dinosaur-killer", the entire planet would be wracked with earthquakes. "I think conservatively you are talking about Richter 9 quakes," says Napier.

41-According to the text, asteroids are -----.

1. Small planets in the solar system
2. Remains of the time when planets were formed
3. Caused by the impact of planets on one another
4. Made by aliens to threaten the Earth



42- Which of the following is **TRUE** about the danger of asteroids?

1. All of them might someday threaten the Earth in near future
2. They are orbiting their own orbits which are far from the Earth
3. Asteroids are more dangerous for planets with no atmosphere
4. A very small number of them might be dangerous for our planet

43- What does the writer mean by saying "it is only a matter of time before an asteroid or comet hits the Earth"?

1. It will eventually happen someday.
2. It takes a long time to discover when this will happen.
3. It can be prevented by using advanced science and technology.
4. It is not known when it will happen or whether it will happen at all.

44- What does the writer mean by "near misses"? The asteroids .....

1. that are moving near each other
2. that have passed close to the Earth
3. are too small to cause any damage
4. will hit the Earth in near future

45- What is surprising about the 1908 Tunguska event?

1. It was a comet and not an asteroid.
2. It destroyed a large area of forests.
3. It did not kill any people.
4. It destroyed some reindeer.

46- Which of the following was **NOT** one of the consequences of the 1908 Tunguska event?

1. Some hunters were knocked unconscious.
2. Its flash was seen 1000 kilometers away.
3. It made trees look like telegraph poles.
4. It damaged parts of the city of London.

47- In the sentence "Should such an impact occur over any city..." what word can replace the word "should" without changing the meaning?

1. When
2. As soon as
3. If
4. After

48- What causes most destruction if we have a repeat of the dinosaur-killing impact of 65 million years ago?

1. The ejection of hot ash
2. Very strong earthquake
3. The meteors caused by it
4. Huge amount of dust in the air

49- "*the asteroid thriller, Nemesis*" is most probably the title of a -----.

1. journal
2. book
3. project
4. prediction



50- Which of the following is NOT mentioned as one of consequences if we have a repeat of the dinosaur-killing impact?

1. Acid rains
2. Destruction of ozone layer
3. No sunlight
4. Conservative earthquakes