GRE DIAGNOSTIC VOCABULARY TEST

DIRECTIONS: In the following, choose the best synonym for each given word. If you do not know the meaning of the word:

1) look for meaningful word parts,
2) think of a context in which you have heard the word used, and
3) intuitively give the word a negative or positive connotation.

1. AUSTERE  A) fanatical  B) severe  C) apparent  D) careful  E) biblical
2. EXCULPATE  A) divorce  B) accuse  C) wash  D) absolve  E) praise
3. DILETTANTE  A) dabbler  B) snob  C) martyr  D) expert  E) dancer
4. ABROGATE  A) shorten  B) permit  C) revoke  D) enclose  E) cherish
5. COVERT  A) covered  B) motorized  C) special  D) unfriendly  E) rocky
6. BENEVOLENT  A) flighty  B) charitable  C) violent  D) appropriate  E) naughty
7. NADIR  A) highest point  B) midpoint  C) lowest point  D) pointless  E) birth
8. TICKLE  A) evangelize  B) produce  C) joke  D) begin  E) excite
9. BELLICOSO  A) cautious  B) stout  C) close by  D) warlike  E) bell-shaped
10. STEALTH  A) secret mission  B) crime  C) well-being  D) strong bind  E) accusation
11. TURGID  A) clear  B) muddy  C) swollen  D) flexible  E) larger
12. GARRULOUS  A) grateful  B) talkative  C) friendly  D) obnoxious  E) quarrelsome
13. HIATUS  A) joint  B) peak  C) break  D) honor  E) aftermath
14. INDIGENT  A) native  B) angry  C) digestible  D) helpful  E) needy
15. FLAG  A) stimulate  B) fail  C) graduate  D) wane  E) prosper
16. PALLIATE  A) whiten  B) worsen  C) lessen  D) carry  E) drop
17. ESCHEW  A) avoid  B) murder  C) pulverize  D) establish  E) attack
18. MYRIAD  A) heavenly body  B) reflective mind  C) nautical instrument  D) countless number  E) shimmering light
19. CREDULOUS  A) honorable  B) gullible  C) unsure  D) dogmatic  E) facile
20. TRENCHANT  A) depressed  B) hiding  C) smelly  D) keen  E) stupid
21. MELLIFLUOUS  A) heavily laden  B) long winded  C) sweetly flowing  D) twisted
22. ELEGY  A) personal tribute  B) funeral song  C) legendary story  D) happy reunion
23. OPULENT  A) repugnant  B) royal  C) affluent  D) blind  E) valuable
24. BELIE  A) misrepresent  B) accurately report  C) go to trial  D) befriend
ANSWER KEY

2. D 10. A  18. D

SCORING
20-24 Excellent
15-19 Good - some review recommended
Below 15 Help is on the way!

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