Context Clues Test

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Choose the best meaning to the word that is underlined.

1. Tommy was a real **avid** baseball card collector. He inherited the desire to collect cards because his dad had a collection, too.  
a. eager   
b. careless  
c. apart   
d. fearful

2. Her Christmas bills added up. After the holidays, her **extravagance** was going to take several months to pay off.  
a. economy  
b. praise  
c. external   
d. overdoing

3. It was **gratifying** to see how she acted toward her grandmother because her grandmother was always kind to her.  
a. pleasing   
b. nervous  
c. aggravating   
d. unclear

4. The boy was caught stealing from the store. His **larceny** caught up with him when the owner showed him a video tape.   
a. gift   
b. theft  
c. lawless   
d. honor

5. The ideas she presented to the class were clearly an untested **theory** because there had never been any research done on it.  
a. magic   
b. brutal  
c. indictment  
d. belief

6. His **eternal** light would shine on the people even after his death.  
a. temporary  
b. ethical  
c. reformed  
d. endless

7. He cut the paper **precisely** on the line, and it fit perfectly in the grooves of the picture frame.  
a. exactly   
b. embellish   
c. outer  
d. advance

8. The boy tried to **justify** his actions to his mother by explaining the reasons why he did what he did.  
a. depend   
b. prove  
c. strict  
d. concourse

9. She did several backbends in a row to show how **limber** she was, so that she could be chosen for the squad.  
a. enthused  
b. responsive  
c. likely  
d. flexible

10. He climbed the mountain and stood looking over the tops of the trees on the mountain across from him. He was right on the **precipice** and could have fallen.  
a. edge   
b. stiff  
c. top  
d. under

11. The first review on the Harry Potter movie was **favorable**. Many people attended and enjoyed the movie. Some people even saw the movie three times!  
a. negative   
b. uncertain  
c. positive   
d. clear  
12. Her quiet, **timid** ways made us guess at her true feelings about the story because she kept her ideas to herself and never spoke in the class.  
a. shy   
b. boisterous   
c. kind   
d. seriously

13. He was found running down the street after curfew, and his parents were **penalized**. The ticket read: "Illegally in the streets at 1:00A.M." Now he would have to pay the ticket with his own money.  
a. crooked   
b. fined  
c. delicate   
d. informed

14. The woman crossed her fingers as her daughter did the cheer. She was hoping that everything would work out for her daughter as she **vied** for a position on the squad. Her daughter wanted to be a cheerleader.  
a. shouted   
b. enclosed  
c. expanded   
d. tried

15. The boy knew that the lake was **teeming**, and overflowing with bass, so he brought a big net to help get the fish in the boat.  
a. rare   
b. enclave  
c. full   
d. sparse

16. It was difficult to listen to Tommy speak because he **droned** on and on just like a buzzer that won't stop buzzing.  
a. ideal  
b. same tone  
c. lively  
d. scared

17. The **lithe** girl was perfect for the basketball team because she was all muscle and could play well.  
a. lean   
b. cubed  
c. thick   
d. eerie

18. Thomas went to the **apex** of the mountain, and because it was so high, he had to take a tank of oxygen with him.  
a. bottom   
b. breathe  
c. top   
d. clear

19. The **apparatus** that Jill used to connect the fabric was similar to a sewing machine, but this one did all of the work while she just pushed a button.  
a. idea   
b. zipper  
c. instrument   
d. singular

20. The **frigid** air seemed to suck his breathe away as he attempted to finish his first snowman of the season  
a. deficient   
b. sappy  
c. thick   
d. cold