**DIRECTIONS**
Choose the word that means the same, or about the same, as the underlined word. Circle the letter for the answer you have chosen.

**SAMPLE A**
Another word for **diminished** is

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1. **Another word for turbulent is** -
   |   |
   | A | peaceful |
   | B | encouraging |
   | C | tiresome |
   | D | stormy |

2. **Something that is haphazard is** -
   |   |
   | F | elegant |
   | G | dirty |
   | H | orderly |
   | J | disorganized |

3. **Meandered means** -
   |   |
   | A | marched |
   | B | wandered |
   | C | murmured |
   | D | replied |

4. **Another word for ingenuity is** -
   |   |
   | F | stupidity |
   | G | passion |
   | H | cleverness |
   | J | determination |

5. **An illusion is** -
   |   |
   | A | a false impression |
   | B | a painful experience |
   | C | a crucial discovery |
   | D | an overwhelming curiosity |

6. **Squandered means** -
   |   |
   | F | determined |
   | G | knelt down |
   | H | wasted |
   | J | saved up |

7. **Someone who is persistent is** -
   |   |
   | A | discouraged |
   | B | determined |
   | C | delightful |
   | D | distant |

8. **To relinquish is to** -
   |   |
   | F | give up |
   | G | carry on |
   | H | grab hold |
   | J | settle down |

9. **Another word for skepticism is** -
   |   |
   | A | sorrow |
   | B | enthusiasm |
   | C | doubt |
   | D | certainty |

10. **Another word for obligations is** -
    |   |
    | F | restrictions |
    | G | appearances |
    | H | interests |
    | J | responsibilities |
DIRECTIONS
Read the sentence in the box, then choose the answer in which the underlined word is used in the same way. Circle the letter for the answer you have chosen.

SAMPLE B
Cole’s tortured thoughts slowly gave way to an even worse possibility. What if death didn’t happen right away?

In which sentence does the word even mean the same thing as in the sentence above?
A At the end of the first half, the score was even, as each team had scored three goals.
B Robert, who is even taller than Howard, was able to reach the high shelf easily.
C Even though I was very angry, I tried to control my temper.
D Our math assignment is to work all the even numbered problems on page 157.

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Recklessly, Cole splashed the gas over the supplies. He dumped the remaining fuel on the shelter walls. Ripping open boxes, he found matches, then, swaying on his feet, he pulled out a single match.

In which sentence does the word matches mean the same thing as in the sentence above?
A I bought this scarf because it matches my new sweater.
B When we looked up the name found in the wallet, we found three matches in the city telephone book.
C Four different soccer matches are being held on different fields at the park today.
D Mom took out the matches to light the candles on Sara’s birthday cake.

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Cole struggled to shift his position on the uneven ground, but stiffness had set into his joints like hardened cement.

In which sentence does the word shift mean the same thing as in the sentence above?
F Dad has been working the night shift at the hospital for the past six months.
G Uncle Harry is outside trying to fix the gear shift on his old pickup truck.
DIRECTIONS
As you read each sentence, use the other words in the sentence to help you figure out what the underlined word means. Circle the letter for the answer you have chosen.

SAMPLE C
“My parents—that’s a joke,” Cole scoffed. “They don’t care if I’m dead or alive.”

Scoffed means--
A smiled  
B insisted  
C mocked  
D whispered

15 The distant green-black forests were shrouded in gray mist.

Shrouded means--
A highlighted  
B covered  
C rooted  
D bordered

16 Cole swept his arm across the table and sent the baking ingredients flying. Eggs smashed. Wrappings broke open. Plastic containers ricocheted off the wall.

Ricocheted means --
F bounced  
G slid  
H tumbled  
J poured

17 What really angered Cole about the bear was that it stood there frozen on the shoreline without any sign of fear. It defied him.

Defied means --
A attacked  
B admired  
C challenged  
D rejected

18 Cole flung the spear with all his strength, fully intending to kill. A blur of white motion deflected the shaft down into the grass as the bear lunged.

Deflected means --
F broke  
G caught  
H twisted  
J knocked

19 As Cole lay thinking about the sparrows, pain surged back and forth through his body. He felt himself slipping into darkness and blinked hard, doggedly clinging to life, willing himself not to let go.

Doggedly means --
A stubbornly  
B sadly  
C joyfully  
D tenderly

20 Cole pitied the scared little mouse, but he held on, gripping with all his strength. This mouse was his quarry, like a gull catching a herring or an owl catching a rabbit.

Another word for quarry is --
F pursuer  
G prey  
H target  
J enemy
**DIRECTIONS**
Read each passage, then read each question about the passage. Decide which is the best answer to the question. Circle the letter for the answer you have chosen.

**SAMPLE (from chapter 1)**

The only person who insisted on visiting [Cole] regularly was Garvey, the stocky youth probation officer, who stopped by the detention center almost daily.

Cole couldn’t figure Garvey out. He knew the probation officer was super busy, so why did he visit so often? What was his angle? Everybody had an angle—something they wanted. Until Cole could figure out what Garvey wanted, he resented the visits—he didn’t need a friend or a babysitter.

During one visit, Garvey asked casually, “I know you’re in control, Champ, but would you ever consider applying for Circle Justice?”

“What’s Circle Justice?”

“It’s a healing form of justice practiced by native cultures for thousands of years.”

“I’m no Indian!” Cole said.

Garvey spoke patiently. “You don’t have to be Native American or First Nation. Anybody can love, forgive, and heal. Nobody has a corner on that market.”

“What’s in it for me?”

Garvey shook his head. “If you kill my cat, normally the police fine you and that’s it. We still hate each other. I still feel bad about my cat, and you’re angry because you have to pay a fine. In Circle justice, you sign a healing contract. You might agree to help me pick out a new kitten and care for it as part of the sentencing.”

“Why would I want to take care of a dumb cat?”

“Because you’ve caused my cat and me harm. By doing something for me and for another cat, you help make things right again.”

“What if I don’t care about you and your dumb cat?”

| 1. This text includes an example of which of the following? |
|---|---|
| A | irony |
| B | dialogue |
| C | epiphany |
| D | denouement |

| 2. We can infer from this account that Garvey |
|---|---|
| F | has an understanding of justice that is new and unfamiliar to Cole. |
| G | believes that only Native Americans can exercise true justice. |
| H | is trying to use Cole’s case to get a promotion for himself. |
| J | thinks that Cole is a hopeless criminal who should be locked up for a long time. |
From chapter 2
The flames of the burning shelter rumbled like a freight train and sucked at the air. Thick smoke poured from the doorway and boiled upward from the blaze. Still Cole kept laughing like a madman. Not until the flames began to subside did his manic laughter fade. Only then did he let his attention stray from the fire. The first thing he saw was the at.óow, the brightly colored blanket given to him by Garvey. It rested unharmed in the grass nearby.

Shielding his face from the burning heat, Cole snatched up the at.óow, and with one swift motion, flung it toward the fire. In the same motion, he turned away from the flames and ran toward the shoreline. No one in the Healing Circle has known how strongly he could swim. Not even Garvey.

The only person who knew was his father. He was the one who had forced Cole to go out for the swim team because that is what he himself had done in high school. But no matter how well Cole swam, his father criticized him. “You swim like you have lead up your butt,” he’d scream as Cole swam—if he managed to show up at all.

Cole studied the bay as he removed his shoes and pulled off his clothes. He stood in his underwear and stared out across the waters. The boat had brought him west from Drake. Now, with the afternoon sun setting behind him, he fixed his eyes on the first island to the east. He could swim island to island, stopping at each to warm up, eat, and sleep. Sooner or later there would be a passing boat to take him to the mainland. Nobody would ever find him, and no one would ever again tell him what to do.

Cole waded into the light surf. His breath caught when the waves reached his chest. The icy transparent water was colder that he had expected, but he plunged forward and began stroking. He knew he could not survive forever in the frigid water. Every minute counted now, and he needed to swim hard.

Rhythmically, he reached out, each stroke taking him farther away from his island prison. As Cole swam, he thought about Garvey and the stupid cake demonstration. And he thought about his application for Circle Justice. It had been a full three weeks after he’d submitted the application before Garvey had casually said, “Well, Champ, you’ve been accepted for Circle Justice. Now what are you going to do with this chance?”

“It’s about time.”
“I hope the committee knows what they’re getting into,” Garvey said.
“This was your idea,” Cole shot back.
Garvey nodded. “So, are you going to disappoint them?”
“Don’t worry about me,” Cole said. “How soon can I get out of this stink hole?”
“First the Keepers will prepare for the Hearing Circle, where everybody gets together to look for solutions.”

1. The only other person who knows how well Cole can swim is
   A his mother.
   B his father.
   C the Keeper of the Healing Circle.
   D Garvey.

2. Which of the following is NOT a good inference to make from this text?
   F Cole has been planning for some time to escape the island by swimming.
   G Cole’s father has been a loving, supportive dad for him.
   H Garvey is concerned about how Cole will use his chance at Circle Justice.
   J Cole is confident in his ability to swim away from the island.

3. Which of the following words does NOT describe Cole’s character as seen in this selection?
   A bitter
   B arrogant
   C thoughtful
   D reckless

4. For his escape, Cole assumes he will be able to do all of the following EXCEPT:
   F Find food on the islands
   G Hitchhike home to Minneapolis
   H Catch a ride on a passing boat
   J Start a new life where no one knows him
5. Which of the following is an opinion?
   A. Cole went out for the high school swim team.
   B. Cole was accepted for Circle Justice.
   C. Garvey gave Cole an at.óow, a brightly colored blanket.
   D. Circle Justice is the best approach for repeat offenders like Cole.

6. The sequence chart below lists several events mentioned in this text. Which of the following belongs in the space marked “X”?
   F. Cole is accepted for Circle Justice.
   G. Cole joins the high school swim team.
   H. Cole throws the at.óow toward the fire.
   J. Cole discusses his case with Garvey.

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From chapter 13

[Two] boys, both Cole’s age, eyed him curiously as they carried him on a stretcher out to a waiting van. Rosey rode beside Cole in the van, holding his IV bag. When they reached the marina, the boys again helped Garvey and Edwin carry the stretcher to the end of the dock.

Rosey hung Cole’s IV from a dock post. “I’ll be right back,” she said. “I need your medical records from the van.” The boys followed Rosey, leaving Edwin and Garvey alone with Cole.

Edwin looked out at the horizon glowing red with early dawn. “Tell me what happened out there,” he said.

“I didn’t think anybody cared about me anymore,” Cole said, struggling to speak. “That’s why I burned the shelter.” Hesitantly, he explained how he had tried to escape the island and how he was mauled trying to kill the Spirit Bear. “I wanted to kill it because it wasn’t scared of me,” he admitted.

As Garvey and Edwin listened, he continued, telling next about the storm. When Cole had finished, Garvey said, “You may never have use of that arm again. Life is made up of consequences, and you’ve sure made some bad choices.”

Cole nodded. “My arm isn’t important.”

Garvey gave Cole a puzzled look. “Why do you say that?”

“If I like the cake, maybe the ingredients are okay, too.” Cole smiled weakly. “A famous parole officer told me that once.”

Garvey raised an eyebrow. “A famous parole officer let you get mauled by a bear. Now you’ll end up in a hospital. When you’re released, you’ll still have your parents to deal with and you’ll still be facing a jail term. I doubt the Hearing Circle will consider returning you to the island after what’s happened. You realize all that, don’t you?”

Cole nodded. “I do, but it’s okay. Whatever happens now, I’m done being mad.”

Edwin shook his head. “A person is never done being mad. Anger is a memory never forgotten. You only tame it.” He pointed out toward the islands. “Tell me more about this Spirit Bear.”

“The bear was pure white,” Cole said. “The last time it came, it stood right over me.” He spoke in a whisper. “I reached up and touched it.”

Edwin studied Cole. “Spirit Bears live hundreds of miles south of here off the coast of British Columbia, not here in these islands.” He shook his head. “We’ve hunted her since I was young, and so have my parents and their parents. There are no Spirit Bears around here except maybe in your mind.”

Cole started to argue, then remembered the handful of white hair he had pulled off the bear. “Want to bet,” he said, reaching for his pants in the bag beside him. Suddenly he paused. His life had become filled with lies, and the more he lied the more he always tried to prove he was right. Never had he been strong enough to simply tell the truth.

Cole put down the bag. Today things would change. From now on he would speak the truth, even if it meant going to jail. He spoke softly. “I don’t need to prove anything. I’m telling the truth.”

Edwin narrowed his eyes at Cole. Then he turned and walked up the dock.

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<td>H experiencing a severe storm.</td>
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<td>J We cannot tell from the information given.</td>
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9. At this point in the story, which of the following does Garvey NOT expect to be part of Cole's future?
   A permanent injury to his arm
   B problems with his parents
   C a jail sentence
   D a return to the island

10. How does Edwin feel about Cole’s statement that he is done being mad?
    F Edwin is glad to know that Cole has resolved his anger.
    G Edwin thinks Cole is lying about his feelings.
    H Edwin thinks that dealing with anger is a part of life that never goes away.
    J Edwin thinks that to completely get rid of anger, Cole must return to the island.

11. Which of the following is NOT a reason for Edwin’s doubts about Cole seeing the Spirit Bear?
    A Edwin does not believe that Spirit Bears exist.
    B Spirit Bears are known to live in a different region, farther south.
    C In Edwin’s experience, he never heard of anyone seeing a Spirit Bear in this area.
    D Cole could have imagined his experience, and has been known to lie in the past.

12. Cole changes his mind about showing Edwin the white bear hair because
    F he is afraid he might have lost the hair.
    G he is afraid he imagined the whole story.
    H he doesn’t care what Edwin thinks of him anymore.
    J he wants to start just telling the truth and not try to prove himself.
From chapter 24

The next morning Cole went to the totem to carve his anger dance. He stared at the blank space at the bottom of the pole. What figure or shape would express what he had learned during the dance? He knew one thing. Nobody ever woke up in the morning and chose to be angry. That meant that if he remained angry, something outside him controlled him.

Cole didn’t like the idea of being under the control of anybody or anything. So what could he carve to show he was sorry and that he had learned to forgive? What could he carve to show the healing that had taken place and the understanding he felt? Cole left the space untouched and returned to the cabin.

“I danced the dance of anger,” Cole announced during Edwin’s next visit [to the island].

Edwin glanced at him. “What did you learn?”

“To forgive,” Cole said. “Being angry is giving someone else control of my feelings so they own me. Forgiving gives me control again.”

“And what did you carve in the totem to show forgiveness?”

“Nothing yet,” Cole murmured. “There’s still something missing. It isn’t enough to be sorry and forgive. Somehow I have to figure out a way to help Peter. Until then, I’ll never be able to carve anything in the blank space. That’s what I had to discover before I could heal, wasn’t it?”

Edwin smiled slightly and nodded. “How to help Peter heal is something that will haunt you and stay in your thoughts like a sliver under your skin. The harm you did to him will fester and pain you all of your life until you’re able to make up for it.”

“And what if I can’t help Peter?” Cole asked, worried.

“Then you need to help someone else.”

“Is that why you and Garvey have helped me so much?”

Edwin nodded, then turned and walked toward the boat. Cole could tell that he was struggling to contain his emotions.

13. Cole does not carve anything in the blank space at the bottom of the totem pole because

A he does not know what he can carve to show forgiveness.
B he does not know what he can carve to show his anger.
C he does not think he can carve it until he finds a way to help Peter.
D Both A and C

14. We can infer from this text that Edwin and Garvey

F don’t really care about Cole or Peter.
G have helped Cole in order to make up for things they did wrong in the past.
H have always behaved in ways that are respectable and responsible.
J have allowed anger to take control of their lives.

15. We can predict from this selection that

A Cole will never finish carving the totem pole.
B Edwin will tell Cole what to carve on the totem pole.
C Cole will try to figure out what he can do to help Peter heal.
D Cole will remain angry until Peter chooses to forgive him.