**Sir Sydney Dinkum**

**Vocabulary Quiz**

Instructions: Each sentence or paragraph has a word in bold. Select the word which most closely matches the definition of the bolded word.

1. Words were everything to Sydney, so it's no surprise that he became more than a little **peeved** when someone called him a bear.

 (A) nervous

 (B) irritated

 (C) excited

 (D) happy

2. Sydney didn't have time to be scared because a moment later, the head of a very **irate** wombat popped up. "What is it you think you're doing, mate?" asked the wombat. "I don't suppose you asked me first if I wanted a bath?"

 (A) delighted

 (B) sleepy

 (C) angry

 (D) enormous

3. "It's not as if your name has really changed. It's sort of like a code. Get it? And only you and I know it. It'll be our top secret and everyone will be **envious**."

 (A) bored

 (B) nauseous

 (C) heartbroken

 (D) jealous

4. The dream **unnerved** him more than a little.

 (A) upset

 (B) pleased

 (C) angered

 (D) tickled

5. When Sydney wanted to appear very **knowledgeable**, he held the glasses in one paw and pointed.

 (A) forgetful

 (B) stupid

 (C) manly

 (D) intelligent

6. Nevertheless, the croc seemed completely unwilling to follow orders. He swung his head around to face Sydney and let out a **menacing** growl.

 (A) wimpy

 (B) threatening

 (C) encouraging

 (D) friendly

7. There were patches of cheerful sunflowers growing around the entrance and a **precariously** balanced helicopter on the roof.

 (A) carefully

 (B) dangerously

 (C) beautifully

 (D) cleanly

8. On special occasions, however, Larry would make a **concoction** of eucalyptus leaves, sugar and soda water meant especially for Sydney.

 (A) pie

 (B) sundae

 (C) mixture

 (D) none of the above

9. "I'm currently **savoring** the last moments of what was a blissfully uneventful year."

 (A) forgetting

 (B) enjoying

 (C) remembering

 (D) acting out

10. It was just before midnight and Sydney's whole body was buzzing. He'd finished his fifth Mean Green and was partway through his sixth. He had never felt so **fidgety** and excited before.

 (A) antsy

 (B) gleeful

 (C) dumb

 (D) silly

11. When the last drop was drained, he made a **momentous** decision. If the world wasn't going to change on its own, then he'd have to take care of it.

 (A) ridiculous

 (B) dangerous

 (C) split second

 (D) important

12. Within moments, the rain began and turned the sleepy creek into a raging river. The Horns madly baled water while Sydney bravely **maneuvered** the boat down the churning waterway.

 (A) pushed

 (B) carried

 (C) steered

 (D) None of the above.

13. He was not at all sure Sancho would be happy to **oblige** but he decided he'd worry about that later.

 (A) help

 (B) tag along

 (C) sing a song

 (D) cook dinner

14. "Dreams are sources of power. They're **eternal** things that connect everything together."

 (A) temporary

 (B) expensive

 (C) everlasting

 (D) weird

15. "I hereby promise to be the best knight a koala can be. I swear to seek out adventure and I vow to take care of the little guy. I'll be loyal, **trustworthy** and honest."

 (A) boring

 (B) sneaky

 (C) long-winded

 (D) dependable

16. Over the next hour, several patrons tried to use the toilet and met with the same results until there was a large collection of groaning bodies **strewn** around the outhouse.

 (A) dancing

 (B) scattered

 (C) piled

 (D) buried

17. All those present were deeply touched at the **lofty** ideals Sydney had vowed to uphold.

 (A) silly

 (B) worthless

 (C) impressive

 (D) funny

18. For some time, he just **meandered** around the grove, looking at all his trees and staring up at the stars.

 (A) strolled

 (B) hopped

 (C) skipped

 (D) swam

19. "So answer me this!" he **bellowed**. "When you were having this dream, did you happen to pick up a map showing us how we're supposed to find this here camel?"

 (A) squeaked

 (B) intoned

 (C) roared

 (D) repeated

20. "G'day, mate!" said Sydney. "You're looking **chipper** today." Sancho only snorted.

 (A) ugly

 (B) sleepy

 (C) bored

 (D) perky

21. "Now that you mention it, can't say as I have," said Zach. "That's a very **astute** observation, Max."

 (A) stupid

 (B) insightful

 (C) mundane

 (D) None of the above.

22. Sydney looked out over the horizon. Only scattered bushes broke up the flat, **desolate** landscape.

 (A) lush

 (B) pretty

 (C) bleak

 (D) scenic

23. These majestic and special camels apparently had an understanding of all living things that no human possessed. No one knew if these **fabled** animals had really existed, but if they had, it was believed they had long since vanished from the earth.

 (A) mythical

 (B) expensive

 (C) rare

 (D) lonely

24. Back at the jeep, Ethan was all set to look for a different camel, one that didn't come with a **feisty** koala.

 (A) angry

 (B) courageous

 (C) boring

 (D) intelligent

25. The man howled like Sydney had made a big joke. Sydney didn't see the humor and really did want to know more about this amazing jumper named Sheila. He decided he'd let it go as the man was obviously **daft**.

 (A) drunk

 (B) lying

 (C) asleep

 (D) crazy

Answers: 1-B, 2-C, 3-D, 4-A, 5-D, 6-B, 7-B, 8-C, 9-B, 10-A, 11-D, 12-C, 13-A, 14-C,

15-D, 16-B, 17-C, 18-A, 19-C, 20-D, 21-B, 22-C, 23-A, 24-B, 25-D.