



5. I was rather *bemused* by the comedian's jokes on the television.
6. The characteristic sigh of *exacerbation* was heard across the class as yet another test was scheduled for the week before Christmas.
7. The *abashed* dancer, confused because she had missed her cue, hid her face as she ran from the back stage entrance.
8. The *tumult* of the riotous crowd was unbearable and it left me with a pounding headache.
9. The professor *delineated* the work assignment before the students began their research.
10. The rabbit *elucidated* its prey as it burrowed deep into its hole seconds before it was captured.
11. The literary scholars were able to *construe* the meanings of the Greek words from the ancient manuscripts.
12. The model student *exemplified* all that the school stood for and aspired for their students.
13. The *decipherment* of the meaning of the transcripts was published in an issue of *Archeologist Weekly*
14. Bible scholars often times refer to the Israelites' departure from Egypt as the *Great Exegesis*.
15. Textbooks are not always *pellucid* in their explanations, making it difficult to learn the necessary material.
16. The *perspicuous* instructions were not clear as to what was supposed to be done during the exam.
17. The *salient* background music was soothing and set a calming atmosphere.
18. Teenager's *lucidity* is often attributed to their lack of communication with their parents, thus causing them to be unable to read or predict.
19. The *explicit* instructions left for the student should have been clear. However, he hadn't been listening to his guidance counselor during the boring planning session.
20. Several of the student's answers *perplexed* the English teacher because the students did not seem to be able to portray their thoughts in a clear presentation.
21. "Recondite computer programs such as 'Final Cut Pro' are not user friendly and should come with a more explanatory user manual." a frustrated customer stated after returning the program.
22. *Ambiguous* responses from my Member of Parliament convinced me that he was not being forthright on the issue of the casino's opening

**Exercise 33-3:** Circle the word that best matches the word in italics. (22 marks)

- The code **confounded** the police officers  
a) elucidated b) puzzled c) worried
- The **baffled** students sought extra help  
a) tolerant b) enlightened c) mystified
- The ancient manuscripts **befuddled** archaeologists  
a) bewildered b) elucidated c) expounded
- The assignment **addled** even the brightest minds of the Algebra class  
a) clarified b) muddled c) annoyed
- The presenter's language **bemused** his audience  
a) bamboozled b) engrossed c) deputed
- the **abashed** teacher dismissed his class early  
a) sober d) inebriated c) discomfited
- Her **ambiguous** signals during the date had him wondering whether he'd be seeing her again  
a) detailed b) uncertain c) overt
- the test question was **construed** by many to mean something it did not  
a) interpreted b) confounded c) hindered

9) the **decipherment** of widely varying transcripts is a major task for university Registrars  
a) defeat b) clarification c) confusion

10) The officer **delineated** the mission  
a) explicated b) embarrassed c) muddled

11) The student **elucidated** his thesis to his teacher to ensure he was on the right track  
a) baffled b) described c) purged

12) The **exacerbation** of an injury led to a spiteful lawsuit by the victim who had been saved from sure death  
a) treatment b) sterilization c) aggravation

13) The **exegesis** of the texts is longer than the text itself  
a) interpretation b) modification c) discountenance

14) **Exemplified** answers  
a) complicated b) justified c) elucidated

15) **Explicit** lyrics are pretty standard on today's hip-hop albums  
a) graphic b) hate-filled c) irate

16) The **lucidity** of his explanation meant that there could be no follow up questions  
a) filth b) perspicuity c) serenity

17) **Pellucid** instructions are rarely found inside furniture requiring 'some assembly'  
a) obscure b) deranged c) clear

18) The **perplexed** child didn't know why she had been punished  
a) depurated b) troubled c) flushed

19) The **perspicuous** youngster  
a) perceptive b) hindered c) discombobulated

20) **Recondite** emotions  
a) visible b) elucidated c) abstruse

21) The **salient** facts of the case were reviewed by the judge and jury in his chambers  
a) important b) passive c) cluttered

22. The **tumultuous** fight wakened the family  
a) riotous b) tidy c) orderly

### Exercise 33-4 Antonyms

Select the word that is the best antonym to the given word  
(21 marks)

1. Abash  
a) faze b) complicate c) enlighten

2. Addle  
a) explain b) muddle c) stump

3. Ambiguous  
a) cryptic b) lucid c) obscure

4. Baffle  
a) dumfound b) define c) elude

5. Befuddle  
a) overwhelm b) perplex c) disencumber

6. Bemuse  
a) inform b) overwhelm c) muddle

7. Confound  
a) bewilder b) commingle c) disentangle

8. Construe  
a) decipher b) obscure c) translate

9. Decipherment  
a) ken b) understanding c) scramble

10. Delineate  
a) resolve b) obfuscate c) define

11. Elucidate  
a) muddy b) annotate c) exemplify

12. Exacerbation  
a) intensify b) worsen c) assuage

13. Exegesis  
a) disguise b) definition c) explanation

14. Exemplify  
a) depicting b) distort c) clarify

15. Explicit  
a) vague b) obvious c) frank

