Personality Adjectives – Test 1

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Choose the best option (A, B, C or D) for each question.

Part 1: What does it mean?

Choose the word or sentence that best matches the meaning.

1. Someone who is _____ always tells the truth.
   A honest **B** generous **C** shy **D** lazy

2. "My brother is very generous." What does this mean?
   A He gets angry easily.
   B He doesn't like working.
   C He likes giving things and money to other people.
   D He is afraid of talking to new people.

3. A _____ person doesn't like working or making an effort.
   A hard-working **B** lazy **C** patient **D** polite

4. Which word describes someone who feels nervous and uncomfortable with people they don't know?
   A confident **B** sociable **C** shy **D** cheerful

5. Someone who can wait calmly without getting annoyed is _____.
   A impatient **B** bossy **C** moody **D** patient

6. A _____ person thinks they are better or more important than other people.
   A modest **B** arrogant **C** reliable **D** sensitive

7. "Sam is very reliable." What does this mean?
   A You can trust Sam to do what he promises.
   B Sam always makes people laugh.
   C Sam is often late.
   D Sam is very good at sport.

8. A _____ person likes to tell other people what to do.
   A easy-going **B** bossy **C** sympathetic **D** curious

Part 2: Word choice and collocations

Choose the correct word, sentence or response for each situation.

9. Lucia is always in a good mood and smiles a lot. She's very _____.
   A stubborn **B** mean **C** cheerful **D** selfish

10. My grandfather never changes his mind, even when he's wrong. He's so _____!
    A flexible **B** stubborn **C** sensible **D** tidy

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11. Kenji is really _____ — he keeps his desk tidy and always plans his week carefully.
A messy **B** forgetful **C** rude **D** organised

12. Which sentence is correct?
A She is very kind for animals. **B** She is very kind to animals.
C She is very kind at animals. **D** She is very kind on animals.

13. My sister is really good _____ people — she's so sociable.
A at **B** for **C** on **D** with

14. Which word is wrong in this sentence? "Daniel is very sensible, so he gets upset easily when people criticise him."
A sensible **B** upset **C** easily **D** criticise

15. A: "Mia lent me her notes and helped me study all weekend." B: "_____"
A That was really thoughtful of her. **B** She's so selfish.
C How rude of her! **D** She sounds really lazy.

16. It was very _____ of you to shout at the waiter. He was only trying to help.
A brave **B** honest **C** polite **D** rude

Part 3: Opposites and word families

Choose the correct opposite or the correct form of the word.

17. The opposite of "patient" is _____.
A unpatient **B** impatient **C** dispatient **D** inpatient

18. The opposite of "honest" is _____.
A unhonest **B** inhonest **C** dishonest **D** imhonest

19. The opposite of "friendly" is _____.
A unfriendly **B** disfriendly **C** infriendly **D** imfriendly

20. I really admire her _____. She always tells the truth. (HONEST)
A honest **B** honestly **C** honesty **D** honestness

21. He showed great _____ when he saved the child from the river. (BRAVE)
A braveness **B** bravery **C** bravely **D** bravity

22. Thank you for your _____. I really appreciate your help. (KIND)
A kind **B** kindly **C** kindity **D** kindness

23. Lily has a lot of confidence. She's very _____.
A confident **B** confidence **C** confidently **D** confidential

24. The opposite of "responsible" is _____.
A unresponsible **B** irresponsible **C** disresponsible **D** imresponsible

Part 4: Reading – My New Flatmates

Read the text and choose the best answer to each question.

Last September I moved into a flat with three other students, and I was a bit worried at first. I'm quite shy, and I wasn't sure if we would get on well. Now, after six months, I can honestly say they are some of the best people I know.

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Tomás is the most sociable person I've ever met. He knows everyone on our street, and he's always inviting people round for dinner. He can be a little impatient — he hates waiting for the bathroom in the morning! — but he's never unkind.

Priya is very hard-working. She studies medicine and spends hours in the library. She's also extremely organised: there's a cleaning timetable on the fridge, and that was her idea. Some people might think she's a bit bossy, but she's usually right, and the flat is always tidy thanks to her.

Then there's Felix. He's very easy-going, and nothing seems to worry him. When I broke his favourite mug, he just laughed and said, 'Don't worry, it's only a mug.' The only problem is that he's quite forgetful. Last week he left his keys inside the flat twice!

Living with them has changed me. I've become more confident, and I'm not as nervous about meeting new people. I think I've learned a lot from each of them.

25. Why was the writer worried when she moved into the flat?
    A She didn't like the flat.
    B She thought the other students were lazy.
    C She is shy and wasn't sure they would get on well.
    D She had to clean the flat every day.

26. What shows that Tomás is sociable?
    A He knows everyone on the street and often invites people for dinner.
    B He hates waiting for the bathroom.
    C He is never unkind.
    D He studies in the library.

27. The word "impatient" in paragraph 2 shows that Tomás _____.
    A is often rude to people
    B doesn't like waiting
    C forgets things easily
    D never gets up early

28. Why might some people think Priya is bossy?
    A Because she studies medicine.
    B Because she spends hours in the library.
    C Because the flat is always tidy.
    D Because she makes plans for everyone, like the cleaning timetable.

29. How does the story about the mug show that Felix is easy-going?
    A He bought a new mug immediately.
    B He asked the writer to pay for it.
    C He stayed calm and didn't get angry.
    D He forgot that the mug was broken.

30. How has the writer changed since she moved in?
    A She has become more confident.
    B She has become less sociable.
    C She has become more forgetful.
    D She has become more impatient.

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Answer key – Personality Adjectives – Test 1

1 A	2 C	3 B	4 C	5 D	6 B	7 A	8 B	9 C	10 B
11 D	12 B	13 D	14 A	15 A	16 D	17 B	18 C	19 A	20 C
21 B	22 D	23 A	24 B	25 C	26 A	27 B	28 D	29 C	30 A

Explanations

1. **A** – An honest person tells the truth and does not lie.
2. **C** – Generous people are happy to give their time, money or things to others.
3. **B** – Lazy describes someone who avoids work and effort.
4. **C** – A shy person feels nervous around people they don't know.
5. **D** – Patient means able to wait calmly without becoming annoyed.
6. **B** – Arrogant people believe they are better than others; modest is the opposite.
7. **A** – A reliable person can be trusted to do what they say they will do.
8. **B** – Bossy describes someone who often gives orders to others.
9. **C** – Cheerful means happy and positive, which matches smiling and a good mood.
10. **B** – A stubborn person refuses to change their opinion.
11. **D** – Organised people plan things carefully and keep things in order.
12. **B** – The correct collocation is 'kind to' someone or something.
13. **D** – We say 'good with people' to describe someone who gets on well with others.
14. **A** – The correct word is 'sensitive' (easily hurt); 'sensible' means practical and wise.
15. **A** – Helping someone all weekend is a thoughtful, kind action.
16. **D** – Shouting at someone who is helping you is rude behaviour.
17. **B** – Patient takes the prefix im- to form impatient.
18. **C** – Honest takes the prefix dis- to form dishonest.
19. **A** – Friendly takes the prefix un- to form unfriendly.
20. **C** – After 'her' we need a noun, and the noun from honest is honesty.
21. **B** – The usual noun from brave is bravery.
22. **D** – After 'your' we need a noun, and the noun from kind is kindness.
23. **A** – After 'very' we need an adjective, and the adjective from confidence is confident.
24. **B** – Words beginning with r often take the prefix ir-, so the opposite is irresponsible.
25. **C** – The text says she is quite shy and wasn't sure they would get on well.
26. **A** – Knowing many people and inviting them round shows he enjoys being with others.
27. **B** – The example given is that he hates waiting for the bathroom.
28. **D** – Organising everyone with a cleaning timetable could seem like telling others what to do.
29. **C** – He laughed and told her not to worry, which shows he is relaxed and calm.
30. **A** – In the last paragraph she says she has become more confident.

Notes for teachers: Use this test after a unit on describing people, or as a diagnostic before one. It targets common learner errors such as confusing sensible and sensitive, choosing the wrong negative prefix (unpatient, unhonest) and using the wrong preposition (kind for, good at people). As a follow-up, ask students to write a short description of a friend or family member using at least eight adjectives from the test.

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