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**University Interscholastic League
2016-17 Dictionary Skills Contest
Fall/Winter District Test — Grades 7 & 8**

1. The capital of Burundi is
 - A. Bangui.
 - B. Hobart.
 - C. Bujumbura.
 - D. Suva.

2. A shilling is equal to which of the following?
 - A. 1 U.S. dollar
 - B. 20 British pounds
 - C. 1/20 of a British pound
 - D. 10 U.S. pennies

3. Which of the following is NOT a synonym of the word gracious?
 - A. affable
 - B. uncongenial
 - C. cordial
 - D. genial

4. Which of the following characteristics does NOT accurately describe a peccary?
 - A. They are active usually at night.
 - B. They gather in herds.
 - C. They have a long flexible snout.
 - D. They are American mammals of warm regions.

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6. How long is the Ebro River?
 - A. 565 miles
 - B. 355 miles
 - C. 1700 miles
 - D. 850 miles

7. Which of the following is NOT a synonym for the word monstrous?
 - A. horrifying
 - B. colossal
 - C. tremendous
 - D. stupendous

8. Which of the following horse breeds is known for having long silky hair on its legs?
 - A. Percheron
 - B. Hackney
 - C. Belgian
 - D. Clydesdale

9. Tawny best describes which of the following colors?
 - A. a light shade of blue
 - B. a brownish orange to light brown
 - C. a bright red to orange
 - D. a deep green

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11. A centaur's body is half man and half

- A. bull.
- B. goat.
- C. deer.
- D. horse.

12. Hemlock is any of several poisonous herbs related to the

- A. turnip.
- B. carrot.
- C. dandelion.
- D. mushroom.

13. Who is credited as being the first person to grow sideburns?

- A. Clarence Seward Darrow
- B. Ambrose Everett Burnside
- C. Louis Henri Sullivan
- D. James Russell Lowell

14. Which of the following planets is 9.54 astronomical units away from the sun?

- A. Earth
- B. Mars
- C. Uranus
- D. Saturn

15. What is the adjective form of the word rickettsia? _____

16. Of the following people, who is remembered as a Nobel Prize winner?

- A. Richard Wagner
- B. Maria Mitchell
- C. Theodore Dreiser
- D. Barbara McClintock

17. What is the Roman numeral notation for 464?

- A. DCLXVI
- B. CCCLXX
- C. CDLXXIX
- D. CDLXIV

18. Which of the following words does NOT have an alternate spelling?

- A. amok
- B. glamour
- C. flyer
- D. mortar

19. 3.888 grams is equal to one

- A. dram.
- B. gill.
- C. grain.
- D. scruple.

20. What is the 20th letter of the Greek alphabet?

- A. omicron
- B. tau
- C. epsilon
- D. sigma

21. Which of the following is a fruit?

- A. jerboa
- B. remora
- C. gherkin
- D. amanita

22. What term is used to describe a large bottle of glass or stoneware enclosed in a basket of the same shape?
- A. gonococcus
 - B. truncheon
 - C. mullein
 - D. demijohn
23. Which of the following is in correct alphabetical order?
- A. periwig, peroration, perianth, peritoneum, pernicious
 - B. demagogue, dendrite, dendrology, derelict, despondent
 - C. toque, torpor, tracheid, travertine, trammel
 - D. festoon, fermium, ferrule, filamentous, fife
24. In some European countries, a burgomaster is the
- A. mayor of a town.
 - B. head of state.
 - C. president of the country.
 - D. Chief Justice.
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26. What does the abbreviation BSA stand for?
- A. Business Students Association
 - B. Bachelors of Science and Arts
 - C. Bank of San Antonio
 - D. Boy Scouts of America
27. The Age of Fishes refers to which geological time period?
- A. Devonian
 - B. Cambrian
 - C. Ordovician
 - D. Permian
28. Which of the following is NOT a characteristic of a partridgeberry?
- A. produces somewhat tart scarlet berries
 - B. found in Canada and the eastern U.S.
 - C. closely related to cranberries
 - D. is an evergreen plant
29. Which of the following is a group of stars seen south of Pisces and Aries?
- A. Canopus
 - B. Cetus
 - C. Capricorn
 - D. Capela
30. Which of the following describes someone who is very bold and daring?
- A. meritorious
 - B. spontaneous
 - C. audacious
 - D. facetious
31. Which of the following elements is radioactive?
- A. osmium
 - B. tantalum
 - C. meitnerium
 - D. cesium

32. Which of the following is NOT a definition of the word phase?
- A. a particular part or feature
 - B. a physically different portion or kind of matter present in a mixed system
 - C. a step or part in a series of events or actions
 - D. a small unit of a musical passage usually several measures long

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

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| _____ 33. asperity | A. the waste or by-product of a process |
| _____ 34. schism | B. extreme poverty |
| _____ 35. inveigle | C. harshness of temper, manner, or tone |
| _____ 36. offal | D. to put down completely |
| _____ 37. fete | E. to win over by flattery |
| _____ 38. ubiquitous | F. being everywhere at the same time |
| _____ 39. penury | G. a fancy entertainment or party |
| _____ 40. quash | H. lack of harmony |

SAMPLE TEST
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Answer Key

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| 11. D | 31. C |
| 12. B | 32. D |
| 13. B | 33. C |
| 14. D | 34. H |
| 15. rickettsial | 35. E |
| 16. D | 36. A |
| 17. D | 37. G |
| 18. D | 38. F |
| 19. A | 39. B |
| 20. C | 40. D |