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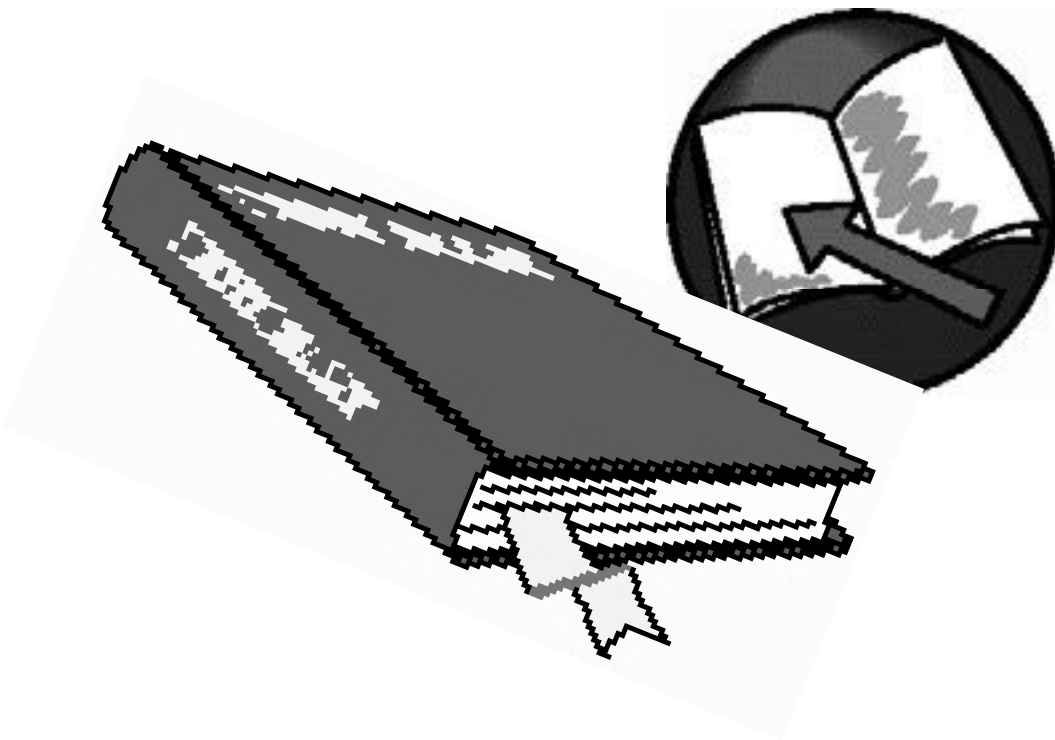
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1. Emily was taken aback by what Jennifer said. What did Emily feel?
A. confused
B. surprised
C. angered
D. saddened
2. In Greek mythology, who were the parents of Antigone?
A. Zeus and Hera
B. Odysseus and Penelope
C. Oedipus and Jocasta
D. Apollo and Artemis
3. What kind of person is a rogue?
A. kind
B. intelligent
C. rude
D. wicked
4. Rachel was promoted at her job because of nepotism. Why did she get promoted?
A. She filled the position of someone who retired.
B. She is a relative of her boss.
C. She had the best interview of all the job candidates.
D. She has an advanced degree in her job field.
5. What does it mean when a reveille is played on a military base?
A. It is time to wake up and start the day.
B. It is time for a meal.
C. It is time to go to bed for the night.
D. It is a holiday.
6. A short story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual truth is called _____.
A. paradigm
B. parable
C. paragon
D. parabet
7. Which of these materials could be formed into an ingot?
A. cotton
B. wood
C. silver
D. glass
8. A wyandotte is a breed of what farm animal?
A. horse
B. pig
C. cow
D. chicken
9. In the ear, where is the pinna located?
A. in front of the eardrum
B. inside of the eustachian tube
C. next to the malleus
D. on the outside of the ear near the lobe

10. What colors are in tortoiseshell?
A. brown and yellow
B. green and blue
C. red and purple
D. gray and white
11. Methylene blue can be used to cure what kind of poisoning?
A. lead
B. mercury
C. cyanide
D. carbon monoxide
12. A bull snake feeds chiefly on what type of animal?
A. birds
B. rodents
C. insects
D. other snakes
13. The Chimborazo Mountain is _____ feet tall at its peak.
A. 5,280
B. 8,761
C. 11,674
D. 20,561
14. The Beaufort scale is used to measure the force of wind on a scale of _____?
A. 0 to 12
B. 1 to 10
C. 0 to 50
D. 1 to 15
15. What was the name of the person who ran the first marathon?
A. Aristotle
B. Pheidipides
C. Achilles
D. Odysseus
16. Where do the Frisian people live?
A. Norway
B. Sweden
C. The Netherlands
D. Finland
17. Linda is getting her AA degree in the spring. What degree is she receiving?
A. administrator in aircraft
B. assistant in authorship
C. associate in arts
D. attorney in area
18. Jenna is known to her friends as very munificent. What quality does she have?
A. She is generous.
B. She is prone to anger.
C. She is neat.
D. She is tall.
19. Mesopotamia was known as an agrarian society. What was their society's main activity?
A. hunting/gathering
B. farming
C. animal husbandry
D. feudalism
20. Where is the withers located on a horse?
A. on the forehead
B. on the back
C. on the stomach
D. on the snout

21. The pigment that makes human skin darker is known as _____.
A. meitnerium
B. mélange
C. melanin
D. melatonin
22. Paper mulberry trees are used to provide _____ when planted.
A. shade
B. fruit
C. animal habitats
D. soil stabilization
23. What ancient society's place for the dead was known as Elysium?
A. Egypt
B. Greece
C. Rome
D. Aztec
24. Another way to say pen name is _____?
A. nomogram
B. nominal
C. nom de plume
D. nonce
25. What two time zones split the state of South Dakota?
A. mountain and central
B. Pacific and mountain
C. central and eastern
D. Pacific and eastern
26. Cobalt chloride is _____ when dry and _____ when combined with water?
A. red; black
B. blue; deep pink
C. white; light blue
D. light green; dark green
27. The chemical element tantalum has an atomic number of _____.
A. 73
B. 95
C. 108
D. 40
28. Sego lilies are mainly found on which continent?
A. Australia
B. Europe
C. North America
D. Asia
29. What is jute used to make?
A. paintings and sketches
B. sacks and twine
C. roofs and doors
D. jewelry and crowns
30. What was the orchestra area of a theater used for in Ancient Greece?
A. musicians
B. seating
C. ticket sales
D. dancers
31. The orchestra conductor wants to tell her musicians to play slowly. What is the musical term she should use?
A. moderato
B. vivace
C. adagio
D. allegro

32. Jenna can't decide between wearing a blue or red dress to prom this year. She is _____ between her choices.

A. venerating

B. versifying

C. vacillating

D. vying

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

_____ 33. Oort cloud

A. courteous

_____ 34. macrame

B. the color of blood

_____ 35. oblique

C. a common mineral

_____ 36. sanguine

D. the art of tying knots into patterns

_____ 37. chivalrous

E. trembling sound

_____ 38. quaver

F. neither perpendicular nor parallel

_____ 39. geisha

G. small icy bodies that orbit the sun

_____ 40. quartz

H. Japanese entertainer

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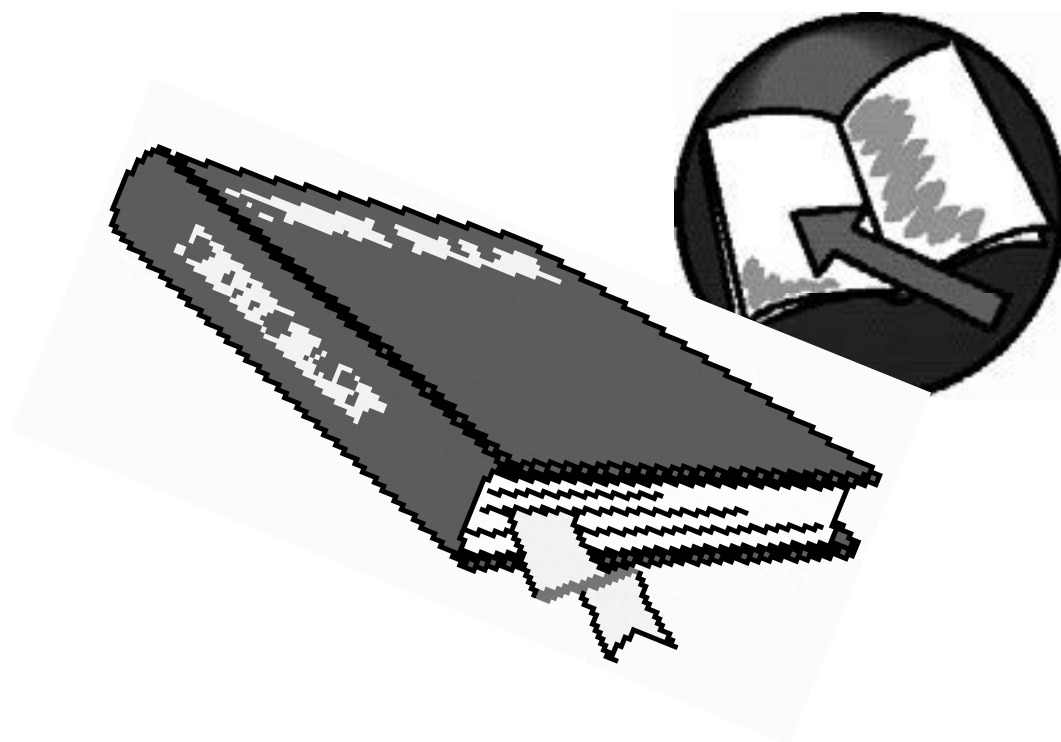
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| 15. B | 35. F |
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| 17. C | 37. A |
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1. Aaron is feeling feeble today. What is he physically feeling?
A. not hungry
B. not tired
C. not strong
D. not focused
2. On what kind of vehicle would a barcarole be played?
A. airplane
B. boat
C. chariot
D. double-decker bus
3. The Renaissance was a period of European history between the _____ centuries?
A. 14th and 17th
B. 15th and 16th
C. 13th and 16th
D. 16th and 19th
4. Which of the following is a synonym for hangdog?
A. lazy
B. friendly
C. exhausted
D. guilty
5. Which of the following is NOT a book in the Hebrew Bible?
A. Ezekiel
B. Susanna
C. Isaiah
D. Ecclesiastes
6. Jennifer has indemnity on her brand-new pickup truck. What does she have?
A. insurance
B. car loan
C. ownership paperwork
D. up-to-date registration
7. What Native American tribe lived in longhouses?
A. Apache
B. Iroquois
C. Inuit
D. Comanche
8. In Greek mythology, Jason was successful in finding what mythical item?
A. Sword of Damocles
B. Ambrosia
C. Hermes' winged sandals
D. Golden Fleece
9. Jeep is a popular car brand in the United States based on World War II military vehicles. What popular comic strip duo inspired its name?
A. Linus and Lucy
B. Calvin and Hobbes
C. Popeye and Olive Oyl
D. Betty and Veronica

10. Which of these animals is most likely to make yowling sounds?
A. cows
B. camels
C. cats
D. chimpanzees
11. A football team is starting practice on Friday. The coach says the team is going to have a _____ match as a warmup.
A. scrimshaw
B. skirmish
C. skimpy
D. scrimmage
12. Which of the following animals is most similar to the dugong?
A. manatee
B. beaver
C. whale
D. panther
13. What do leeches mainly feed on?
A. plants
B. blood
C. small insects
D. mold spores
14. On a flower, where is the ovary located?
A. at the center of the flower
B. at the tips of the petals
C. next to the anther
D. on the stem
15. On which ocean is the city of Mogadishu located?
A. Pacific
B. Indian
C. Atlantic
D. Arctic
16. Mycorrhiza is the joining of _____ and _____?
A. grass; weeds
B. leaves; branches
C. bushes; berries
D. fungus; plant roots
17. A rod is a measurement of length, equal to _____ feet or _____ meters.
A. 3; 0.91
B. 16.5; 5.029
C. 1; 0.034
D. 5,280; 1,609
18. Jackdaws are generally _____ than crows?
A. larger
B. more colorful
C. smaller
D. stronger
19. In what country would you most likely find Nilotic people?
A. Greece
B. Turkey
C. Egypt
D. Italy
20. Vellum is typically used in what process?
A. book binding
B. carving sculptures
C. polishing brass
D. developing photographs

21. What part of the body does the sciatic nerve run down?
A. back of the neck
B. back of the arm
C. back of the thigh
D. back of the eyeball
22. What letter does a Saint Andrew's cross most resemble?
A. T
B. X
C. V
D. A
23. What does the Latin root of insult translate to?
A. to tear down
B. to leap upon
C. to make haste
D. to engage verbally
24. John is using an ISBN to help him find an item he needs while shopping online. What is he shopping for?
A. a shirt
B. a computer
C. a book
D. a toy
25. Mark is having trouble breathing, what condition does he have?
A. myopia
B. apoplexy
C. dyspnea
D. hypertension
26. Mr. Jones has a dilatory student in his class this year. What issue is the student having?
A. not focused in class
B. not showing up on time
C. not getting good grades
D. not turning in assignments
27. What is the metric equivalent to 264.17 gallons?
A. kiloliter
B. hectoliter
C. dekaliter
D. milliliter
28. One who has temerity is known to be _____?
A. erudite
B. religious
C. meek
D. reckless
29. What is the atomic number of fluorine?
A. 9
B. 33
C. 21
D. 18
30. What is the term for riding breeches that are loose above the knee and tight-fitting below?
A. doublet
B. jodhpur
C. epaulet
D. tabard

31. Every hair on your body has a sebaceous gland attached to it. Where is the sebaceous gland located on the hair?

- A. at the base of the root
- B. just below the epidermis
- C. at the center of the follicle
- D. at the end of the hair

32. What color is celandine?

- A. red
- B. blue
- C. purple
- D. yellow

_____ 33. nematocyst

A. fingerlike part at the back of the throat

_____ 34. Gruyere

B. tall yucca plant

_____ 35. hemlock

C. nutty-flavored cheese

_____ 36. uvula

D. the art of painting on plaster

_____ 37. ultrasonic

E. a striped and spotted cat

_____ 38. fresco

F. tiny stinging organ

_____ 39. tabby

G. vibrations that cannot be heard by the human ear

_____ 40. Joshua tree

H. poisonous plant

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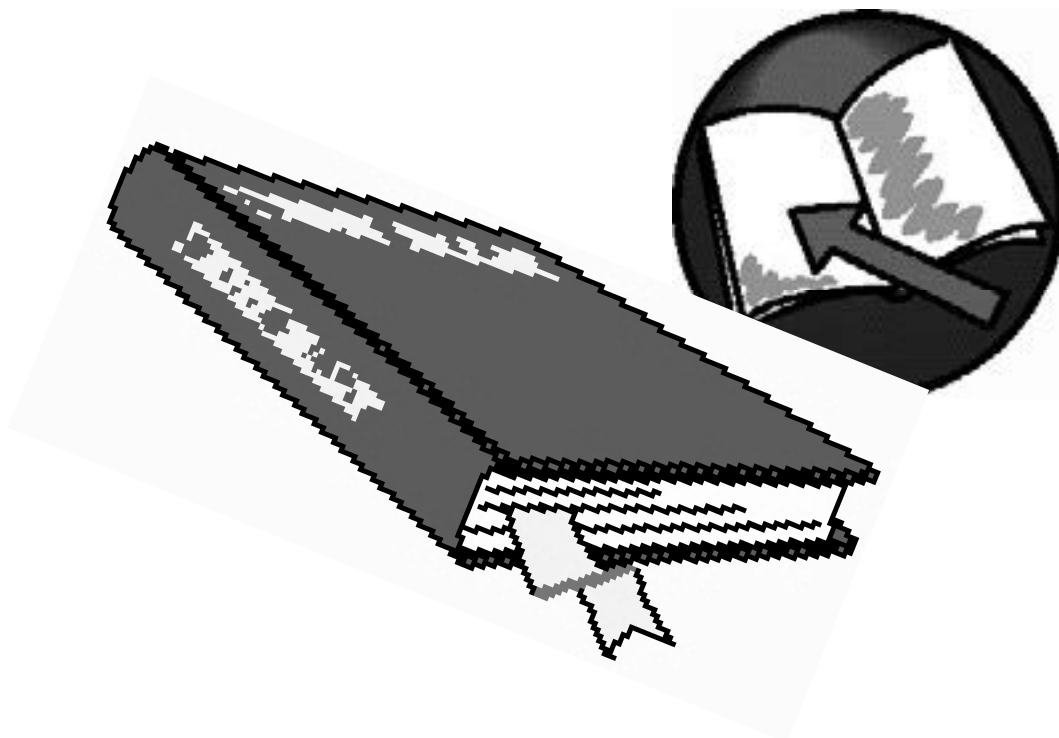
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1. When does the sun enter Taurus according to the zodiac?
A. March 21
B. April 20
C. May 21
D. June 22
2. In which of the following time periods would you have been most likely to find people using runes?
A. 2nd century
B. 19th century
C. 12th century
D. 21st century
3. Hiawatha was the chief of which Native American tribe?
A. Iroquois
B. Apache
C. Cherokee
D. Navajo
4. Mr. Jones is very penurious. What quality does he have?
A. generosity
B. affability
C. gregariousness
D. stinginess
5. Which of the following is closest to a firkin?
A. boat
B. barstool
C. barrel
D. broom
6. Three of the major temperature scales are Fahrenheit, Celsius, and _____.
A. Beaufort
B. Kelvin
C. Mohs
D. Richter
7. Which of the following is NOT a color that larkspur can be?
A. blue
B. yellow
C. white
D. pink
8. Treacle is the British word for _____.
A. caramel
B. nougat
C. toffee
D. molasses
9. What supernatural beings were commonly believed to gather on Walpurgis Night?
A. vampires
B. witches
C. werewolves
D. fairies

10. What is the metric equivalent of a pennyweight?
A. 0.373 kilograms
B. 1.555 grams
C. 0.907 metric tons
D. 35.239 liters
11. The indigenous people found mainly in Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana are known as the _____?
A. Chitin
B. Chinook
C. Chimera
D. Choctaw
12. Plants that are xeric do not require much of what element?
A. sunlight
B. carbon Dioxide
C. water
D. oxygen
13. How tall is Denali?
A. 29,032 feet
B. 20,320 feet
C. 19,341 feet
D. 14,692 feet
14. Which of the following is most closely related to the yucca plant?
A. agave
B. saguaro
C. aloe Vera
D. marigold
15. What language do we take admiral from?
A. Spanish
B. Japanese
C. Arabic
D. German
16. Annie owns a piebald cat. What color coat does her cat likely have?
A. orange
B. striped brown
C. black and white
D. gray
17. How is the number 1 indicated in Morse code?
A. - . . - .
B. - - - - -
C. - - . . .
D. . - - - -
18. What does the B stand for in FBI?
A. Bureau
B. Business
C. Brigade
D. Band
19. If you see an albatross in the wild, where will it likely be?
A. forests
B. mountain ranges
C. seas
D. deserts
20. Bethany is trying to engrave a stone she found. What is this engraving called?
A. insular
B. intaglio
C. intemperate
D. insulin

21. Elvis Presley famously wore blue suede shoes. What does suede feel like?
A. velvet
B. sandpaper
C. glass
D. rubber
22. What country uses ringgit as its currency?
A. Laos
B. Thailand
C. Malaysia
D. Cambodia
23. Which of the following is a protein produced during blood clot formation?
A. fibula
B. fibrinogen
C. fiasco
D. fickle
24. Which of the following is NOT a place where wisteria typically grows?
A. China
B. Japan
C. United States
D. Great Britain
25. In which geologic time period did we see the earliest birds?
A. Cretaceous
B. Triassic
C. Jurassic
D. Cambrian
26. What shape is found on top of an obelisk?
A. cube
B. pyramid
C. sphere
D. cone
27. Which of the following is a synonym of mummer?
A. actor
B. banker
C. chef
D. doctor
28. What is the symbol for the element palladium?
A. Pd
B. Pl
C. Pu
D. Pa
29. Katie is ensconced on the playground. What game is she most likely playing?
A. four square
B. hide-and-seek
C. hopscotch
D. tag
30. Historically, halibut was frequently eaten on what kind of days?
A. warm days
B. rainy days
C. holy days
D. birthdays
31. What Asian country is sometimes described as Nipponese?
A. Japan
B. South Korea
C. Vietnam
D. India

32. Poplars are a kind of tree most closely related to what other trees?
- A. oaks
 - B. maples
 - C. willows
 - D. pines

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

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| _____ 33. immutable | A. prison |
| _____ 34. watercress | B. nagging |
| _____ 35. hoosegow | C. adjustable window blinds |
| _____ 36. passé | D. impossible to change |
| _____ 37. jalousie | E. system of laws |
| _____ 38. termagant | F. doorkeeper |
| _____ 39. porter | G. out-of-date |
| _____ 40. jurisprudence | H. plant used in salads |

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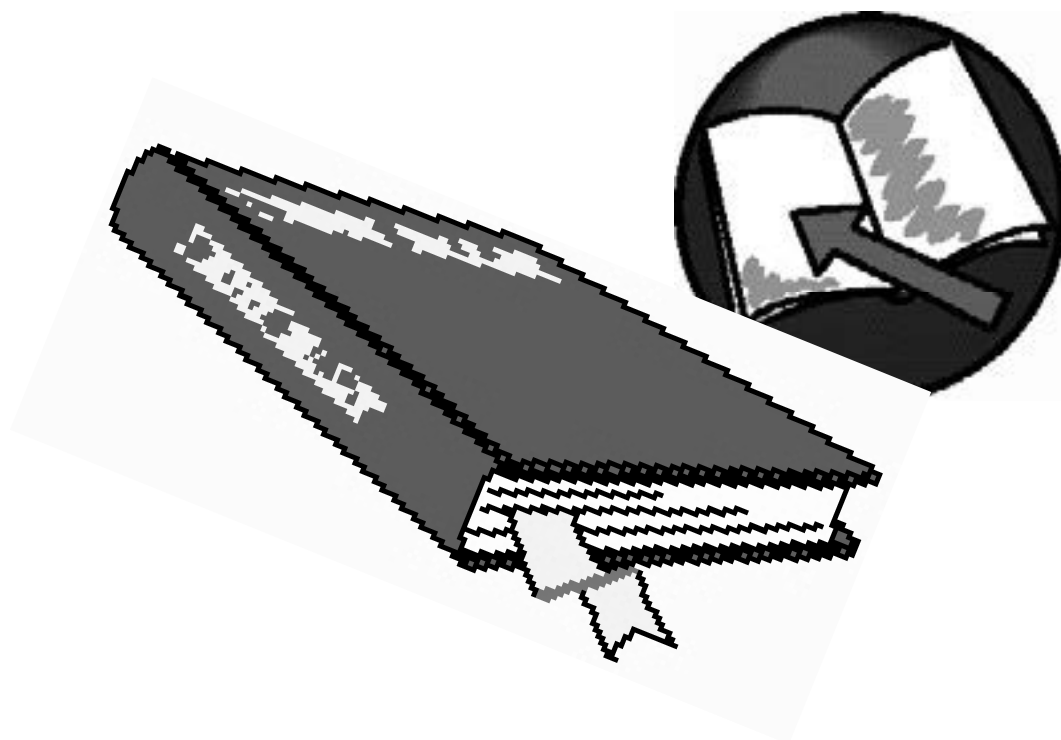
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| 8. D | 28. A |
| 9. B | 29. B |
| 10. B | 30. C |
| 11. D | 31. A |
| 12. C | 32. C |
| 13. B | 33. D |
| 14. A | 34. H |
| 15. C | 35. A |
| 16. C | 36. G |
| 17. D | 37. C |
| 18. A | 38. B |
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| 20. B | 40. E |

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1. What is the equatorial diameter of Neptune?
A. 7,928 miles
B. 88,865 miles
C. 30,782 miles
D. 4,222 miles
2. What country does tequila come from?
A. Chile
B. Brazil
C. Argentina
D. Mexico
3. In Greek mythology, what was Pygmalion's career?
A. Sculptor
B. Painter
C. Blacksmith
D. Storyteller
4. In what month does the United States celebrate Lincoln's Birthday?
A. January
B. February
C. November
D. December
5. Chorion is the outer membrane of what organ?
A. appendix
B. kidney
C. liver
D. placenta
6. What is the basic unit of money called in Jordan?
A. peso
B. dollar
C. dinar
D. yen
7. What shape do gloxinia flowers take?
A. tear drop-shaped
B. bell-shaped
C. trumpet-shaped
D. star-shaped
8. Sally doesn't want to pay back Charlie for the coffee he bought her last week. What verb best describes her behavior?
A. to repulse
B. to requite
C. to repudiate
D. to rescind
9. Which of the following is NOT a synonym of aegis?
A. protection
B. vocation
C. defense
D. patronage

10. How many minims are equivalent to a fluid dram?
A. 20
B. 40
C. 60
D. 80
11. The Canadian flag is commonly known as the Maple Leaf Flag. What is the state flag of the United Kingdom called?
A. il Tricolore
B. Union Jack
C. federal cross
D. Stars and Stripes
12. In Manhattan, where is Greenwich Village located?
A. lower west side
B. upper east side
C. lower east side
D. upper west side
13. In what sport would a player need to tag up?
A. football
B. tennis
C. lacrosse
D. baseball
14. What is the English translation for the Greek root of nausea?
A. stomach
B. ship
C. summer
D. swallow
15. What kind of animal is a grebe?
A. lizard
B. snake
C. bird
D. fish
16. Which of the following vitamins is needed to aid in blood clotting properly?
A. vitamin A
B. vitamin C
C. vitamin E
D. vitamin K
17. In the zodiac, what number is associated with Leo?
A. 3
B. 4
C. 5
D. 6
18. What does the V stand for in VFW?
A. Volume
B. Voltage
C. Veterans
D. Victory
19. What kind of person is most likely to wear a chasuble?
A. butler
B. priest
C. hockey player
D. police officer
20. Where in the United States did the word tuxedo come from?
A. California
B. Texas
C. New York
D. Florida

21. A gentle breeze can sometimes be known as a _____?
A. zephyr
B. zebu
C. zinnia
D. zeppelin
22. What household object commonly contains krypton?
A. microwave oven
B. electric lamp
C. clothes iron
D. ceiling fan
23. Which of the following is a levator?
A. bread yeast
B. safety pin
C. high-heeled shoe
D. bicep muscle
24. The fruit with black seeds that grows on tropical American trees is called _____?
A. pansy
B. palmer
C. papaya
D. pampa
25. Tracy just injured her cornea. Where is the cornea located on the eye?
A. behind the eye
B. on the outermost layer
C. under the lower eyelid
D. in the center of the eyeball
26. Mrs. White has amassed a small fortune. Her fortune has _____ over time.
A. accorded
B. accustomed
C. acidified
D. accumulated
27. What is the atomic number of iron?
A. 89
B. 50
C. 26
D. 12
28. Paradichlorobenzene is used in what pest control product?
A. flea collar
B. moth balls
C. mouse traps
D. bug spray
29. What is the Roman Numeral for the Arabic number 400?
A. CM
B. XC
C. CD
D. LX
30. What ancient culture gave the name Junius to the first month of summer, that the English later translated to June?
A. Romans
B. Egyptians
C. Aztecs
D. Indus
31. Jamie is in line to buy a new t-shirt. What is he doing?
A. quibbling
B. queuing
C. querying
D. quarreling

32. How many carbon and oxygen atoms each does ribose have?

A. 2

C. 4

B. 3

D. 5

_____ 33. ephemeral

A. six lines of poetry

_____ 34. royal jelly

B. jawless fishes

_____ 35. wireworm

C. substance made by bees

_____ 36. sestet

D. shield-shaped surface

_____ 37. lanolin

E. intoxicated

_____ 38. escutcheon

F. sheep byproduct used in cosmetics

_____ 39. inebriated

G. lasting a short time

_____ 40. lamprey

H. larva destructive to plant roots

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Answer Key

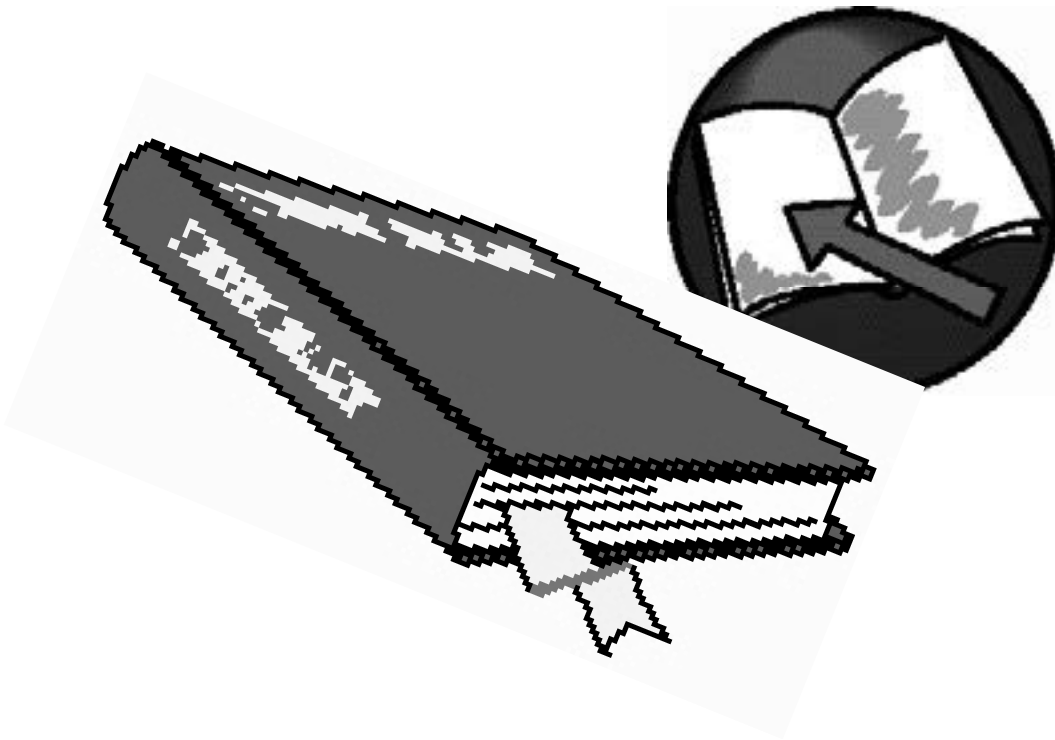
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1. A brigadier general is ranked just below what military position?
A. master sergeant
B. chief petty officer
C. major general
D. lieutenant colonel
2. There is inclement weather in Central Texas. What kind of weather is happening?
A. cloudy
B. windy
C. snowy
D. stormy
3. Where is the petiole located on a leaf?
A. at the tip of the leaf
B. at the bottom of the stem
C. in the center of the leaf
D. on the back of the leaf
4. What kind of geographical area is littoral?
A. a coast
B. a mountain
C. a plateau
D. a basin
5. In Greek mythology, Demeter is the goddess of _____.
A. wisdom
B. agriculture
C. the moon
D. marriage
6. Where was the Julian Calendar invented?
A. Athens
B. Cairo
C. Constantinople
D. Rome
7. What is another name for Memorial Day?
A. Decoration Day
B. Dedication Day
C. Decorum Day
D. Decree Day
8. Weevils are typically identified by their distinct _____.
A. snouts
B. legs
C. markings
D. antennae
9. What is the Arabic number for the Roman numeral M?
A. 10
B. 100
C. 1,000
D. 10,000
10. What does the Hindi name for khaki translate to?
A. strong fabric
B. military clothing
C. short pants
D. dust-colored

11. Ska music has its origin in what country?
A. Cuba
B. Jamaica
C. Haiti
D. Barbados
12. Ryan has a charley horse strain. Which of his body parts is **most likely** affected?
A. arm
B. neck
C. leg
D. back
13. A club sandwich is differentiated from other sandwiches by its _____.
A. third slice of bread
B. special sauce
C. melted cheese
D. fruit filling
14. Which of the following is the capital of Ghana?
A. Nairobi
B. Dakar
C. Accra
D. Pretoria
15. The hippopotamus was the animal most likely identified in the Bible by what name?
A. beguile
B. behemoth
C. bedizen
D. bedight
16. How long can Komodo dragons typically grow to be?
A. 6 inches
B. 8 yards
C. 10 feet
D. 12 meters
17. The Santa Gertrudis is tolerant to what kind of climate?
A. humid
B. polar
C. rainy
D. hot
18. Which of the following is a book in the Roman Catholic canon of the Old Testament?
A. Song of Songs
B. Susanna
C. Philemon
D. Haggai
19. What kind of medicine does a DVM practice?
A. dental
B. virology
C. veterinary
D. dermatology
20. In what U.S. state can you find the Hopi people?
A. Oklahoma
B. Massachusetts
C. Wisconsin
D. Arizona
21. The sugar found in fruit juices and honey is known as _____.
A. fructose
B. frond
C. fucus
D. fugue

22. In what months can Yom Kippur typically be observed?
- A. January and February
 - B. June and July
 - C. April and May
 - D. September and October
23. What is a wine flavored with herbs called?
- A. vermillion
 - B. vermouth
 - C. vertex
 - D. vestibule
24. From what country do we derive the practice of acupuncture?
- A. Japan
 - B. South Korea
 - C. China
 - D. Thailand
25. How many million miles is the Earth located from the Sun?
- A. 92.98
 - B. 141.67
 - C. 483.78
 - D. 886.72
26. Emily has been grinding her teeth recently. What is she doing?
- A. glowering
 - B. glutting
 - C. goggling
 - D. gnashing
27. What is another name for the woodchuck?
- A. beaver
 - B. groundhog
 - C. porcupine
 - D. guinea pig
28. What is the atomic number of copper?
- A. 29
 - B. 72
 - C. 14
 - D. 40
29. Himalayan cats usually have what color eyes?
- A. hazel
 - B. blue
 - C. brown
 - D. gray
30. The punctuation mark / is called by all of the following names EXCEPT?
- A. solidus
 - B. hyphen
 - C. slash
 - D. virgule
31. Which of the following flowers is most related to clematis?
- A. rose
 - B. lily
 - C. orchid
 - D. buttercup
32. What is the pest that can transmit Lyme disease called?
- A. deer fly
 - B. deer mouse
 - C. deer wasp
 - D. deer tick

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

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| _____ 33. rink | A. dense object in space |
| _____ 34. Hubbard squash | B. master of ceremonies |
| _____ 35. neutron star | C. a feudal lord |
| _____ 36. elope | D. not pleasing or presentable |
| _____ 37. emcee | E. sheet of ice |
| _____ 38. ovenbird | F. to get married in secret |
| _____ 39. seamy | G. warbler with a dome-shaped nest |
| _____ 40. liege | H. oval-shaped vegetable |

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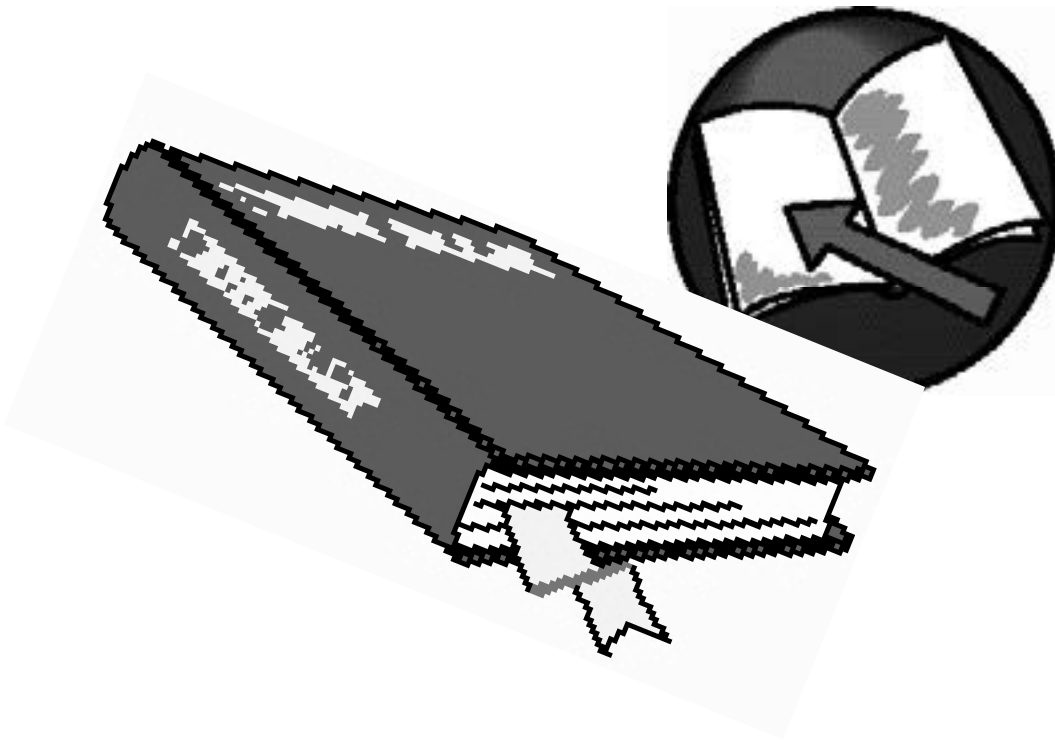
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A. lungfish
B. sunfish
C. redfish
D. whitefish
2. In the ear, where is the auditory canal located?
A. behind the eardrum, leading to the sinuses
B. below the eardrum, in the skull
C. in front of the ear drum, leading to outside the ear
D. next to the cochlea, beside the auditory nerve
3. Which of the following is a compound used to stimulate the nervous system?
A. histamine
B. scopolamine
C. melatonin
D. amphetamine
4. From which language do we derive the feeling of déjà vu?
A. French
B. German
C. Arabic
D. Portuguese
5. On what day is Canadian Thanksgiving Day typically celebrated?
A. the fourth Thursday in November
B. the first Tuesday in December
C. the second Monday in October
D. the third Wednesday in September
6. In Greek mythology, who did Perseus slay?
A. The Nemean Lion
B. Medusa
C. The Minotaur
D. Cronus
7. What body system is made up of the alimentary canal?
A. endocrine system
B. integumentary system
C. circulatory system
D. digestive system
8. Which of the following is the membrane that lines the uterus?
A. endometrium
B. retina
C. pleura
D. meninx
9. The _____ plant is considered a weed in the southeastern United States.
A. raffia
B. liana
C. kudzu
D. spirogyra

10. What is the former name of Ho Chi Minh City?
A. Peking
B. Saigon
C. Bombay
D. Edo
11. What sport is most likely to have players concerned about icing?
A. soccer
B. lacrosse
C. cricket
D. hockey
12. What is the metric equivalent of 3.94 inches?
A. millimeter
B. micrometer
C. centimeter
D. decimeter
13. What is another name for the American chameleon?
A. marine iguana
B. green anole
C. Gila monster
D. leopard gecko
14. In the ancient Roman calendar, what month was December?
A. eighth
B. ninth
C. tenth
D. eleventh
15. Which of the following is the study of proper names?
A. mycology
B. ergonomics
C. morphology
D. onomastics
16. The eohippus had _____ toes on each front leg and _____ toes on each rear leg.
A. five; five
B. two; four
C. four; three
D. two; two
17. Hannah works as a CPA. What is her job?
A. accountant
B. attorney
C. architect
D. archaeologist
18. What is the proper color name for a bright reddish orange?
A. ecru
B. alabaster
C. gossamer
D. vermilion
19. Which of the following is a synonym for deportment?
A. sector
B. behavior
C. minimize
D. prevent
20. From what two languages do we derive the word delicatessen?
A. Latin and Greek
B. Spanish and Portuguese
C. Swedish and Icelandic
D. French and German

21. James and Brad are both feeling very bellicose. What are they about to do?
A. fight
B. laugh
C. run
D. eat
22. When a bell rings on a ship 6 times, what time is it indicating?
A. 4:00 pm
B. 5:00 pm
C. 6:00 pm
D. 7:00 pm
23. The United States issues a census decennially. How often do they take the census?
A. every five years
B. every ten years
C. every other year
D. every eighteen months
24. Which of the following birds is named after the sound they make?
A. waxwing
B. wren
C. whip-poor-will
D. white-throated sparrow
25. How is the number sixty (60) notated in Roman numerals?
A. LX
B. CD
C. XV
D. MM
26. What is the English translation of the original French meaning of lieutenant?
A. person in charge
B. acting in place of another
C. second-in-command
D. strong leader
27. What is the indigenous tribe found in Michigan called?
A. Navajo
B. Apache
C. Cherokee
D. Ojibwa
28. In the heart, where is the aorta located?
A. below the right atrium
B. right above the left ventricle
C. in the center of the heart
D. at the top of the heart
29. What figures are used in a Rorschach test?
A. clocks
B. ink blots (two words)
C. children's drawings
D. colored numbers
30. What is the atomic weight of sulfur?
A. 32.07
B. 95.94
C. 40.078
D. 91.224
31. What color is chinchilla fur?
A. light amber
B. pale cream
C. pearly gray
D. medium brown

32. Which of the following is an enlargement of the thyroid gland?

A. goiter

C. lymphoma

B. nephritis

D. hypoglycemia

_____ 33. Precambrian

A. flexible

_____ 34. lissome

B. a unit of work or energy

_____ 35. connubial

C. colonial insects

_____ 36. functionary

D. appetizers

_____ 37. hymenopteran

E. earliest era of geological history

_____ 38. kilowatt-hour

F. someone who works for the government

_____ 39. hors d'oeuvre

G. crystallized quartz

_____ 40. amethyst

H. relating to marriage

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