

Do Not Open Your Test Until You Are Told To Begin.

University Interscholastic League

Spelling and Vocabulary

Part I

DISTRICT Meet 2024-25

Directions:

Part I contains 15 Proofreading questions and 15 Vocabulary questions. The Proofreading questions are comprised of list words, forms of list words, and non-list (“outside”) words. The Vocabulary questions are based on the words indicated for vocabulary study in the current *Word Power*. You will have **15 minutes** to complete the 30 questions that comprise Part I.

For Contest Director use:

Part I Score _____

**(The Tie Breaker is not graded unless
one or more ties exist, and then only the
papers of the tied contestants are scored.)**

+ Part II Score _____

= TOTAL SCORE _____

**(Important: Two graders should check
the scores to ensure accuracy.)**

Tie Breaker Score _____

Scratch paper

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Questions 1-15 test your ability to recognize and correct misspelled words. From each of the 15 sets, select the one misspelled entry, then write it *correctly* spelled in the corresponding blank on your answer sheet. Questions 16-30 test your knowledge of the meanings and origins of words. For each sentence, select the **best** answer; then, using a **printed capital letter**, write it in the corresponding blank on your answer sheet. You will have 15 minutes to complete questions 1-30, which are worth 1 point each. **Credit will be given ONLY for answers placed on your answer sheet.**

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| 1. Tiananmen Square | | Mandarin | | Herculanium |
| | Bagdad | | Quetzalcoatl | |
| 2. pterodactylloid | pedagogish | cisalpine | defunctive | heroical |
| 3. pre-Socratic | | Jacob's ladder | | Rhodesian ridgeback |
| | Scott-free | | Venn diagram | |
| 4. transparent | discordent | nigrescent | accumbent | demulcent |
| 5. dread-locks | | pseudo-event | | willy-nilly |
| | sunny-side up | | navel-gazing | |
| 6. lineae asperae | tracheae | trapuntos | platypusses | chrysalides |
| 7. pierogi | giesha | unachievable | eisteddfod | madeleine |
| 8. embryoectomy | lipectomy | lithotomy | varicotomy | iridectomy |
| 9. Heathen | | Moabitish | | Deffenbachia |
| | Zionism | | Americanization | |
| 10. johnsongrass | | scandalmonger | | harem-scarem |
| | groupthink | | ring-necked pheasant | |
| 11. St. Tropez | Walkyrie | Red Cloud | Yaquis | Maccabaeus |
| 12. calumnies | | editors in chiefs | | lignum vitaes |
| | auspices | | fools' errands | |

13. robustious hellaceous vexatious testaceous sebaceous gland
14. watermark yellow-fin tuna hammertoe
extraterritorial minor-leaguer
15. Bildungsroman Plexiglass Dar es Salaam
Monsignor Rubicon
16. The origin of “_____” is “to crush.”
A. machicolate B. supervene C. cachinnate D. perennate E. expunge
17. When the man reflected on his long life, he was grateful for the _____ of blessings that had come his way.
A. fervency B. hedonics C. embarrassment
D. prerogative E. comestibles
18. “Vagabond” or “tomcat” is the origin of the word “_____.”
A. eremite B. acolyte C. marauder D. misogynist E. sannyasi
19. Which item would you NOT find in a restaurant’s kitchen?
A. bresaola B. hasenpfeffer C. toheroa
D. kielbasa E. tchotchke
20. Another name for a(n) _____ is a guitar pick.
A. quokka B. thole pin C. whetstone D. plectrum E. knar
21. “Dark home” is the origin of the word “_____.”
A. subfusc B. Niflheim C. Liberia D. radiopaque E. demoniac
22. An antonym for “_____” is “eradicable”.
A. indelible B. definitive C. volatile D. coeval E. discursive
23. If one possesses such traits as panache or verve, he also exhibits _____.
A. mansuetude B. antiphony C. oneiromancy
D. dimorphism E. élan

24. "Contemptible" is a synonym for "_____".

- A. illusory B. plethoric C. slovenly D. paltry E. rufescent

25. When visiting the ruins of Pompeii, I noticed many of the ancient floors were _____ with multicolored stones.

- A. catenated B. hectored C. tessellated D. smattered E. fractionalized

26. "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" is an example of a _____ because of its oft-repeated "eieio."

- A. octodecimo B. capriccioso C. roundelay
D. pronunciamento E. parable

27. "One that cries out" is the Portuguese origin for which of the following animals?

- A. ocelot B. merino C. grimalkin D. leviathan E. jaçana

28. An archaic meaning of "_____" is "ready or willing."

- A. ludic B. regnant C. carnassial D. lief E. ontic

29. This word originally meant "leather trousers."

- A. sanbenito B. liripipe C. folderol D. lederhosen E. kilderkin

30. Four examples of _____ devices are monitors, mice, keyboards, and printers.

- A. unciform B. peripheral C. assimilable
D. paraphrastic E. sabulous

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District Meet Part I Key

*Capitalization required

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| 1. Herculaneum | 16. A |
| 2. pedagoguish | 17. C |
| 3. scot-free | 18. C |
| 4. discordant | 19. E |
| 5. dreadlocks | 20. D |
| 6. platypuses | 21. B |
| 7. geisha | 22. A |
| 8. embryectomy | 23. E |
| 9. <u>Dieffenbachia</u> , (d) | 24. D |
| 10. harum-scarum | 25. C |
| 11. <u>Saint-Tropez</u> | 26. C |
| 12. editors in chief | 27. E |
| 13. hellacious | 28. D |
| 14. yellowfin tuna | 29. D |
| 15. <u>Plexiglas</u> , plexiglass | 30. B |

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(Fold on lines between columns to facilitate scoring.)

*Outside Word **

Capitalization Required

1. plantar nerve*	26. opalescence	51. permeability	Part III Tiebreaker
2. agitato	27. ravelment	52. doubting <u>Thomas</u>	1. flambéing
3. salchow	28. alpenglow*	53. fabulist*	2. anticyclone
4. leonine rhyme	29. caucusing, caucussing	54. scholiast	3. <u>Saint Elmo's</u> fire
5. fiery	30. elixir	55. inglenook	4. mongering
6. muscatel	31. raclette	56. guayabera	5. oppugn*
7. antihero*	32. curricula vitae	57. strophe	6. aplomb
8. samsara	33. admiralty	58. <u>Yuchi</u>	7. rotator cuff
9. tribrach	34. chifferobe*	59. poetic license	8. red-letter
10. decemvir	35. aliment	60. cacao*	9. quaestor*
11. guillotine*	36. oxalis	61. insatiate	10. lamprey
12. pulque	37. impede	62. vitelline	11. artiodactyl*
13. velour, velours	38. debouch*	63. celibacy	12. <u>Piscean</u>
14. chiasmi	39. query	64. da capo*	13. preadolescence
15. furtively	40. cinquecento	65. parmigiana	14. orthoepy
16. <u>Hejaz</u> , <u>Hedjaz</u>	41. bombastically	66. reniform	15. amygdaline
17. peacenik	42. tacamahac	67. inter alia	16. sallet
18. loess*	43. cerulean*	68. trenchant	17. <u>Nahuatl</u>
19. quadruplicate	44. gulag, (G)	69. courts-martial*	18. kvetch*
20. soubise	45. mazuma	70. <u>Bronx</u> cheer	19. repertory
21. leisurewear	46. venture capital		20. septicemia
22. wholehearted	47. sassaby		
23. egads	48. hyson*		
24. kraken*	49. wiretap		
25. milites gloriosi	50. carne asada		