

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

**University Interscholastic League**

**Spelling and Vocabulary**

**Part I**

**DISTRICT Meet 2017-18**

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.

Contestant number: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Contest Director use:**

**Part I Score** \_\_\_\_\_

**+ Part II Score** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**= TOTAL SCORE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tie Breaker Score** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Scratch Paper

Contestant Number \_\_\_\_\_

## University Interscholastic League Spelling and Vocabulary 2017-18 District Meet Part I

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. carotinoid       | jehad                | praxiology           | verderor             | scree              |
| 2. Cinco de Mayo    | distaff side         | lobster Thermador    | en passant           | Euromarket         |
| 3. Gore-Tex         | pre-emptive          | nuclear-free zone    | Portugese-man-of-war | self-incrimination |
| 4. libelous         | allotee              | gallimaufry          | mellifluous          | rubella            |
| 5. gardant          | sculpin              | empennidge           | saxifrage            | undergird          |
| 6. Free Mason       | Dostoevski           | Grendel              | Kuwait               | Perseid            |
| 7. sans-culotte     | carbon-14 dating     | de-escalate          | bullet-proof         | eyes-only          |
| 8. Gadsden Purchase | portmanteau word     | Wilderness Road      | Manx Woman           | Babbitt metal      |
| 9. gram-negative    | heavy-handed         | pseudo-event         | labor-intensive      | arch-diosece       |
| 10. millepede       | spiraea              | yaupon               | scarrify             | kefir              |
| 11. cattarh         | egis                 | cinquain             | detritus             | ihram              |
| 12. Nez Perce       | Hedjaz               | Sokotra              | Veda                 | Yuchi              |
| 13. tours de force  | ovo-lacto-vegetarian | retinitis pigmentosa | soul-searching       | modus operandi     |
| 14. marquee         | timbre               | effendi              | viaticum             | zylograph          |
| 15. wind shear      | exscind              | limacine             | amendate             | meroplankton       |

16. The word “\_\_\_\_\_” originated from the Greek and meant “to cheat.”
- A. apatetic      B. repine      C. levitate      D. icosahedron      E. savagery
17. The eremitic mountain man often felt like a hunted, \_\_\_\_\_ animal, afraid of his own shadow.
- A. caseous      B. craven      C. dubitable      D. impious      E. lacertilian
18. The big sister was often guilty of \_\_\_\_\_ (ing) her little brother, bullying him to do her bidding.
- A. eschew      B. transmute      C. deploy      D. hector      E. necessitate
19. The origin of “\_\_\_\_\_” is “bad sound.”
- A. cacophonous      B. con spirito      C. cholera      D. pianissimo      E. songstress
20. Before submitting his college entrance essay, the high school senior wisely \_\_\_\_\_ much of the text, deleting all unnecessary wording.
- A. deglamorized      B. tessellated      C. redacted      D. fractionalized      E. amalgamated
21. “A single row” is likely the original meaning of \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. continuum      B. epicycloid      C. monostich      D. legist      E. postprandial
22. Looking absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ in a shiny silver and white spandex jumpsuit, Faith Hill wowed her audience during the Soul2Soul concert in Nashville last summer.
- A. Panglossian      B. saturnine      C. parsimonious      D. resplendent      E. peccant
23. The word “\_\_\_\_\_” originated from the Italian and meant “joke.”
- A. scherzo      B. veloce      C. quadrumanous      D. stringendo      E. trattoria
24. The complex terminology known and understood by the English professors was completely puzzling to the unlearned\_\_\_\_\_.
- A. laity      B. peonage      C. haruspex      D. rigadon      E. comestibles
25. The churchgoers grew weary as the new minister, in an effort to impress his congregation, \_\_\_\_\_ (d) well past lunchtime.
- A. anathematize      B. condole      C. peregrine      D. expatiate      E. spangle
26. Because of its eerie appearance and noxious odors, many ancients believed that \_\_\_\_\_ was the entrance to hell itself.
- A. Armageddon      B. Karachi      C. Guyana      D. Andorra      E. Averno

27. The dentist warned his lackadaisical patient that if she didn't practice better oral hygiene, she would be susceptible to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Riggs' disease      B. nux vomica      C. mycetoma      D. enteritis      E. myasthenia

28. After experiencing a frightening African \_\_\_\_\_ while hiking along the coast, I can readily understand how its possible origin was "evil thing."

- A. harmattan      B. Kaddish      C. simulacrum      D. lapis lazuli      E. rara avis

29. Having lived for many years in the sun-deprived country of Sweden, our pallid visitor could be described as a\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. chiffonier      B. pheromone      C. wastrel      D. zygodactyl      E. whey-face

30. Seasoned with olive oil and lemon juice, the air-dried \_\_\_\_\_ served at the upscale restaurant was delectable.

- A. baguette      B. cassoulet      C. bresaola      D. manicotti      E. briarroot

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**District Meet Part I Key**

\*Capitalization required

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| 1. carotenoid                                | 16. A |
| 2. lobster thermidor                         | 17. B |
| 3. <u>Portuguese</u> man-of-war              | 18. D |
| 4. allottee                                  | 19. A |
| 5. empennage                                 | 20. C |
| 6. freemason, <u>Freemason</u>               | 21. C |
| 7. bulletproof                               | 22. D |
| 8. <u>Manxwoman</u>                          | 23. A |
| 9. archdiocese                               | 24. A |
| 10. scarify                                  | 25. D |
| 11. catarrh                                  | 26. E |
| 12. <u>Socotra</u>                           | 27. A |
| 13. ovolactovegetarian, ovo-lacto vegetarian | 28. A |
| 14. xylograph                                | 29. E |
| 15. emendate                                 | 30. C |

# +University Interscholastic League Spelling 2017-2018 DISTRICT Meet Part II & III Key

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(Fold on lines between columns to facilitate scoring.)

*Outside Word \**

Capitalization Required

1. adjuvant*	26. <u>Diogenes</u>	51. patelliform	Part III Tiebreaker
2. <u>Luddite</u>	27. chambray*	52. borzoi	1. bijouterie
3. impasse	28. perestroika	53. paraselene	2. caudate
4. calipash	29. ratatouille	54. wainscot*	3. lucubrate
5. <u>Red Cloud</u>	30. erudite	55. <u>Cabeza de Vaca</u>	4. preterition
6. jejunum	31. nociceptor	56. parhelion	5. bradycardia
7. pasodoble, paso doble*	32. vetiver	57. asphodel	6. iconoclastic*
8. baldachin	33. rouleau	58. langlauf	7. chatelaine
9. pulsar	34. banausic*	59. epee, épée*	8. olivaceous
10. <u>Gehenna</u>	35. gigot	60. orthotics	9. <u>Jekyll</u> and <u>Hyde</u>
11. sassaby	36. subtilize	61. <u>Tishri</u>	10. acetaminophen*
12. façade, facade*	37. ampullae	62. imputable	11. gurus
13. rescind	38. whipstall	63. nimiety	12. saliferous
14. newel	39. jubilee, (J)	64. <u>Thames</u> *	13. ululate*
15. aspidistra	40. millesimal	65. synod	14. mortmain
16. warrantee	41. confabulate*	66. peccary	15. surcingle
17. shoot-‘em-up*	42. inhabitable	67. chicanery	16. demijohn
18. tenuto	43. recidivist	68. mestiza	17. countercoup
19. mongering	44. dervish	69. turpitude	18. snollygoster
20. cochlea	45. starets	70. hieratic*	19. kaleidoscope*
21. au pair	46. bookkeeping		20. zydeco
22. salver	47. macédoine		
23. <u>Elysian</u>	48. hue and cry*		
24. decemvir	49. muliebrity		
25. burgundy*	50. placable		

