

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

**University Interscholastic League**

**Spelling and Vocabulary**

**Part I**

**STATE 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** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Scratch Paper



14. spinneret                      thalassic                      bindlestiff                      collodion                      erimetic
15. Abadan                      Tianamen Square                      Kurdistan                      Rubicon                      Begin
16. Believing he had written the perfect song for her, the young man obsessed over landing an interview with Taylor Swift, but this \_\_\_\_\_ goal proved to be both impractical and unrealistic.
- A. baronial                      B. quixotical                      C. invariable                      D. niveous                      E. repetitious
17. Although not known for having a(n)\_\_\_\_\_ personality, the usually saturnine politician regaled his audience with several witty stories and jokes.
- A. inglorious                      B. waggish                      C. persnickety                      D. regnant                      E. eldritch
18. Doesn't it sound more glamorous to get your hair cut at a \_\_\_\_\_ parlor rather than at a barber shop?
- A. rampageous                      B. fantastic                      C. eutrophic                      D. balmacaan                      E. tonsorial
19. "You make me so happy that I'd like to----well, I don't really know what I'd do" is an example of a(n)
- A. triphthong                      B. leptosome                      C. exempli gratia  
D. pronunciamento                      E. anacoluthon
20. The archaic meaning of \_\_\_\_\_ is "to defeat in battle."
- A. cede                      B. transfigure                      C. stigmatize                      D. discomfit                      E. aggravation
21. The newly elected Scottish \_\_\_\_\_ was instrumental in enacting laws protecting the magnificent architectural wonders of his ancient city.
- A. stonemason                      B. interim                      C. nabob                      D. provost                      E. coadjutant
22. "Son, the monster underneath your bed is just a pigment of your imagination" is an example of a(n)
- A. definiens                      B. janissary                      C. encomiast                      D. sannyasi                      E. malapropism
23. If you can afford a car, then \_\_\_\_\_ you can afford a bicycle.
- A. de trop                      B. a fortiori                      C. vers libre                      D. ad valorem                      E. al fresco
24. The word " \_\_\_\_\_" originated from Latin and meant "to throw a lance".
- A. élan                      B. oribi                      C. condonation                      D. enmity                      E. kendo

25. The lyricist felt vindicated when the newspaper published a \_\_\_\_\_ retracting its earlier statement accusing him of plagiarism.

- A. quitclaim      B. writ of error      C. foramina      D. palinode      E. kylix

26. While I loved strolling along the Florida beach, the \_\_\_\_\_ sensation left inside my sandals was unpleasant.

- A. ectogenous      B. indelible      C. sabulous      D. tendentious      E. uniparous

27. The Russian dissident was ultimately arrested after his anger-filled \_\_\_\_\_ criticizing his government's treatment of political prisoners was discovered by the authorities.

- A. samizdat      B. mazzard      C. fistula      D. sitzkrieg      E. chanoyu

28. "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness..." is an example of a(n)

- A. catchword      B. psychobabble      C. expurgation      D. exegetic      E. anaphora

29. Mark Twain, one of America's foremost wordsmiths, often used \_\_\_\_\_ to illustrate points he was trying to make.

- A. algorism      B. egotism      C. paltriness      D. gnosis      E. exempla

30. The origin of the word "\_\_\_\_\_" came from Latin and meant "to ambush".

- A. insidious      B. apocalyptic      C. cursory      D. garrulous      E. unachievable

**University Interscholastic League Spelling and Vocabulary 2017-18**  
**State Meet Part I Key**

\*Capitalization required

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| 1. esprit de corps           | 16. B |
| 2. deracinate                | 17. B |
| 3. <u>Weltschmerz</u>        | 18. E |
| 4. geländesprung             | 19. E |
| 5. caisson disease           | 20. D |
| 6. crapehanger               | 21. D |
| 7. añu, anyu                 | 22. E |
| 8. evincible                 | 23. B |
| 9. editor in chief           | 24. A |
| 10. hasenpfeffer             | 25. D |
| 11. shillelagh, shillalah    | 26. C |
| 12. vivace                   | 27. A |
| 13. <u>Spenserian</u> sonnet | 28. E |
| 14. eremitic                 | 29. E |
| 15. <u>Tiananmen Square</u>  | 30. A |

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

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(Fold on lines between columns to facilitate scoring.)

*Outside Word \**

*Capitalization Required*

1. unwieldy	26. segregable	51. reprise*	Part III Tiebreaker
2. bruschetta*	27. <u>Côte d'Azur</u>	52. psephology	1. prosy
3. <u>Burundi</u>	28. taboret, tabouret	53. sonneteer	2. subfusc
4. masjid	29. pappataci fever	54. consentaneous	3. <u>Timbuktu</u> *
5. imam (I)	30. <u>Culloden Moor</u> *	55. verruca	4. altricial
6. nainsook	31. scopolamine	56. amygdala*	5. erythrocytometer
7. res gestae	32. cocklebur	57. <u>Tetragrammaton</u>	6. soubise
8. <u>Appomattox</u> *	33. schussing	58. illative	7. ceilometer
9. digitalis	34. entrepreneur	59. acedia	8. sic passim
10. saluki	35. <u>Crohn's disease</u> *	60. ringhals	9. aniseikonia
11. lentissimo	36. tumefacient	61. coronary bypass surgery	10. sauerkraut*
12. caracole*	37. <u>Ordovician</u>	62. brouhaha	11. intenerate
13. noumenon	38. semilogarithmic	63. <u>Lacedaemon</u>	12. scimitar*
14. vade mecum	39. <u>Eritrea</u>	64. <u>Aeschylus</u> *	13. merengue
15. serif*	40. aide-de-camp	65. hypabyssal	14. gourami
16. giaour	41. <u>Marquesan</u>	66. myrrh	15. antimacassar
17. hamartia	42. reneging*	67. <u>Dobro</u>	16. strychnine
18. aikido	43. preeclampsia	68. sphenic	17. inchoate*
19. largess, largesse	44. aggrieve	69. cerulean*	18. triptych
20. lares and penates	45. ancylostomiasis	70. avant-garde*	19. rickettsiosis
21. <u>Sisyphean</u>	46. satori		20. telomere
22. gravitas*	47. donnée		
23. ptomaine	48. sous-chef *		
24. hoisin sauce	49. beurre blanc		
25. <u>Dachau</u>	50. cerecloth		