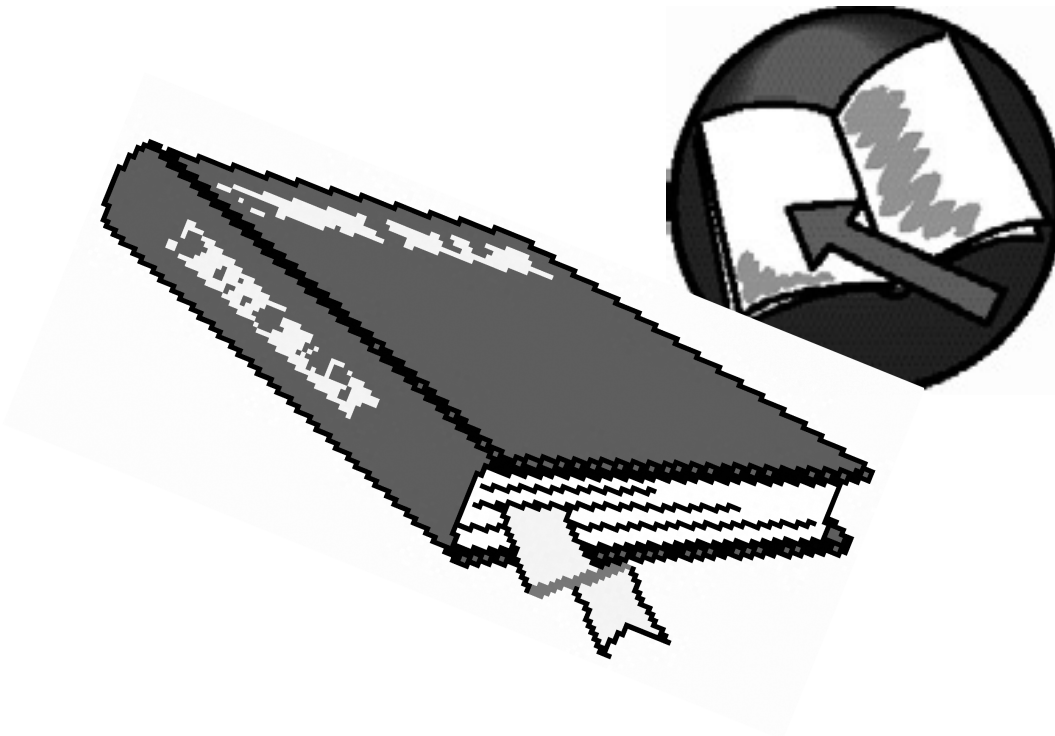


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1. What part of the body would you find an alveolus?
A. lungs
B. foot
C. hand
D. brain
2. How many layers does a gastrula have?
A. 2
B. 5
C. 8
D. 3
3. Which of the following substance is used especially for smoothing and polishing?
A. Fehling's solution
B. thyme
C. pumice
D. dill
4. A hygrometer is used to measure what?
A. snowfall
B. moisture
C. soil
D. height
5. What vegetable is used to make pickles?
A. potato
B. carrots
C. gherkin
D. kale
6. Which of the following fish is a source of oil and fertilizer?
A. a catfish
B. a sunfish
C. smelt
D. a menhaden
7. What kind of animal is a bushmaster?
A. snake
B. monkey
C. horse
D. leopard
8. Which of the following ingredients will you NOT find in soap stone?
A. talc
B. chlorine
C. chlorite
D. magnetite
9. What is the name of a North American Indian Chief??
A. Doe
B. Naphtha
C. Sachem
D. Phlegm
10. What months does the Jewish holiday Rosh Hashanah fall in??
A. April or May
B. July or August
C. September or October
D. December or January

11. Yorkshire pudding is baked in what kind of drippings?
A. meat
B. milk
C. honeycomb
D. cactus
12. What country is the city of Windsor found?
A. United States
B. Australia
C. Canada
D. South Africa
13. What element is removed when you deoxidize something?
A. iron
B. hydrogen
C. nitrogen
D. oxygen
14. How tall is the Carpathian Mountains?
A. 7112 ft
B. 8711 ft
C. 8111 ft
D. 8423 ft
15. A quince is a fruit of an Asian tree that resembles what yellow fruit?
A. banana
B. pear
C. apple
D. peach
16. How many groups of 4-line rhythm patterns does an English sonnet have?
A. 3
B. 2
C. 1
D. 4
17. What plant family is wisteria apart of?
A. palm tree
B. moss
C. alga
D. legume
18. What is the level part of a staircase called?
A. square
B. landing
C. platform
D. zone
19. A spelunker is a person who makes a hobby of exploring where?
A. underground tunnels
B. treetops
C. caves
D. ships
20. What is the name for any organism that is able to live on both land and water?
A. coati
B. ammonite
C. amphibian
D. fruit bat
21. How many degrees south is the Tropic of Capricorn?
A. 23 1/2
B. 23
C. 24
D. 25 1/2

22. What year was the gold coin florin made?
A. 1252
B. 1345
C. 1752
D. 1900
23. ARV is the abbreviation for what?
A. All Real Variable
B. American Revised Version
C. Angled Ridge Volt
D. Assistant Ranger Vest
24. Where does a snowy owl nest?
A. tree trunks
B. underground
C. the ground
D. the side of a mountain
25. What year did American naval officer Stephen Decatur pass?
A. 1977
B. 1920
C. 1825
D. 1820
26. Which of the following items can be used to burn materials?
A. tabor
B. portcullis
C. planter
D. incinerator
27. How many miles is Venus from the sun?
A. 108.21 million
B. 0.39 million
C. 67.25 million
D. 92.98 million
28. What is another name for a Virginia creeper vine?
A. woodbine
B. poison ivy
C. Spanish moss
D. papyrus
29. What is the capital of Belarus?
A. Muscat
B. Minsk
C. Omsk
D. Hampton
30. How many players are on one hurling team?
A. 30
B. 15
C. 7
D. 6
31. Hera was the Greek goddess of what?
A. trees and bushes
B. love and hate
C. land and sea
D. women and marriage
32. How many pecks are in a bushel?
A. 4
B. 6
C. 10
D. 8

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

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| _____ 33. dune | A. a unit or group of four lines of verse |
| _____ 34. swoon | B. to give a false appearance |
| _____ 35. parable | C. a short simple story illustrating a moral truth |
| _____ 36. feign | D. the seat of a judge |
| _____ 37. coterie | E. having a shell made up of only one piece |
| _____ 38. quatrain | F. a hill or ridge of sand piled up by the wind |
| _____ 39. tribunal | G. a small group of people with shared interest |
| _____ 40. univalve | H. a partial or total loss of consciousness |

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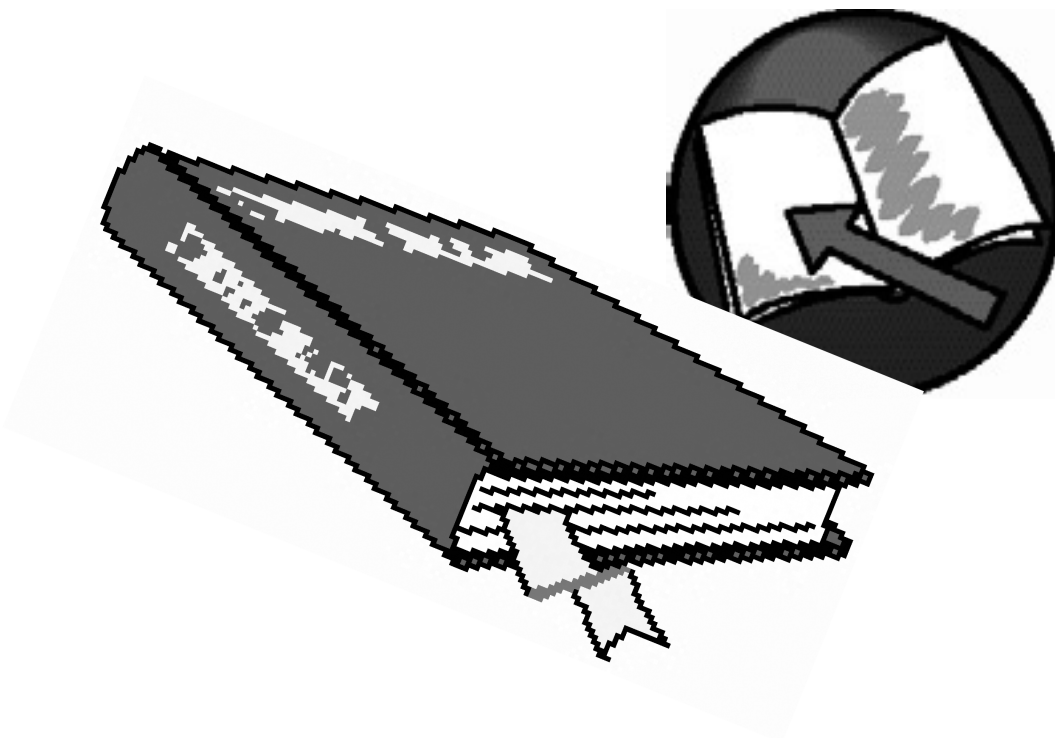
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| 14. B | 34. H |
| 15. C | 35. C |
| 16. A | 36. B |
| 17. D | 37. G |
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1. A diner is a restaurant in the shape of a what?
A. tunnel
B. pyramid
C. railroad car
D. lighthouse
2. How long is the Tennessee River?
A. 652 miles
B. 4002 miles
C. 1049 miles
D. 625 miles
3. Methylene blue is a dye used to reverse the effects of what type of poisoning?
A. food
B. cyanide
C. carbon monoxide
D. lead
4. In a no-hitter baseball game, the pitcher does not allow the opposition what type of hits?
A. fast
B. bounce
C. base
D. curve
5. How old would a person be if they were an octogenarian?
A. 74
B. 26
C. 66
D. 81
6. Auguste Piccard and Jacques Piccard are two Swiss scientist that developed what?
A. the bathyscaphe
B. the airplane
C. the stapler
D. the telephone
7. How many passengers does a roadster fit?
A. 1
B. 4
C. 2
D. 7
8. A person born or living in Madagascar is called what?
A. a Mada
B. a Malagasy
C. a Gasy
D. a Gaspar
9. Amblyopia is reduced vision in one eye and is also called what?
A. cataract
B. retina
C. optic nerve disorder
D. lazy eye
10. What type of pattern is printed on a chintz?
A. rainbow
B. chevron
C. flowery
D. southwestern

11. What happens to a process or progress when it is expedited?
A. it is cancelled
B. it is sped up
C. it is slowed down
D. it is reversed
12. How many days in a row is the Roman Catholic devotion novena said?
A. 9
B. 6
C. 19
D. 5
13. Which of the following lakes is not part of the Great Lakes?
A. Superior
B. Ontario
C. Erie
D. Conroe
14. A Dane is a person that refers to someone born or living in what country?
A. Dominica
B. Danube
C. Denmark
D. Dhaka
15. What time zone is Utah located in?
A. mountain time
B. central time
C. pacific time
D. eastern time
16. How many zeros does the number septillion have?
A. 24
B. 20
C. 16
D. 30
17. What year did Pierre Curie win the Nobel Prize?
A. 1974
B. 1903
C. 1930
D. 1933
18. What would one be celebrating if they are celebrating a jubilee?
A. a 10th birthday
B. a new baby
C. a retirement
D. a 50th anniversary
19. Inst is the abbreviation for all the following **EXCEPT**?
A. instant
B. institution
C. interest
D. institutional
20. Where might you find a vanishing point?
A. in a magic trick
B. at an intersection
C. in a drawing
D. in cake mix
21. A rock, chair, and book are all examples of what?
A. an inanimate object
B. an indirect object
C. a direct object
D. a prepositional object

22. What disease is brought on by the bite of a blackfly?
A. river blindness C. arthritis
B. lupus D. cancer
23. Burnoose is derived from the Arabic word burnus, meaning what?
A. burning wood C. bundle of sticks
B. sand storm D. hooded cloak
24. If someone is convalescing, they are doing what?
A. running late C. traveling
B. regaining strength D. looking for a job
25. Foxe Basin is west of what island?
A. Kauai C. Baffin
B. Fiji D. Nunavut
26. How many people have authority in a triumvirate?
A. 6 C. 1
B. 3 D. 2
27. Which of the following is the lowest rank in the Air Force?
A. airman basic C. airman first class
B. jet fighter D. pilot
28. What is the abbreviation for he speaks/she speaks?
A. hes C. lhs
B. hsss D. loq
29. How many years did the former Swedish colony New Sweden exist?
A. 18 years C. 55 years
B. 17 years D. 30 years
30. If a boat or ship is in distress, what might be done to lighten the load?
A. jettison C. accelerate
B. deoxidize D. gobbling
31. Which of the following is the largest city in North Dakota?
A. Bismarck C. Mandan
B. Fargo D. Valley City
32. An accomplished pocket veto in a legislative bill is unsigned until what is over?
A. the presidential election C. session of legislature
B. tax session D. 6 months of term

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| _____ 33. episcopacy | A. a violent wind |
| _____ 34. provender | B. a collection of literary pieces |
| _____ 35. splutter | C. a confused noise |
| _____ 36. firkin | D. government of a church by bishops |
| _____ 37. tempest | E. a large lump or piece |
| _____ 38. anthology | F. a small wooden container or barrel |
| _____ 39. hunk | G. dry food for domestic animals |
| _____ 40. withe | H. a slender flexible branch or twig |

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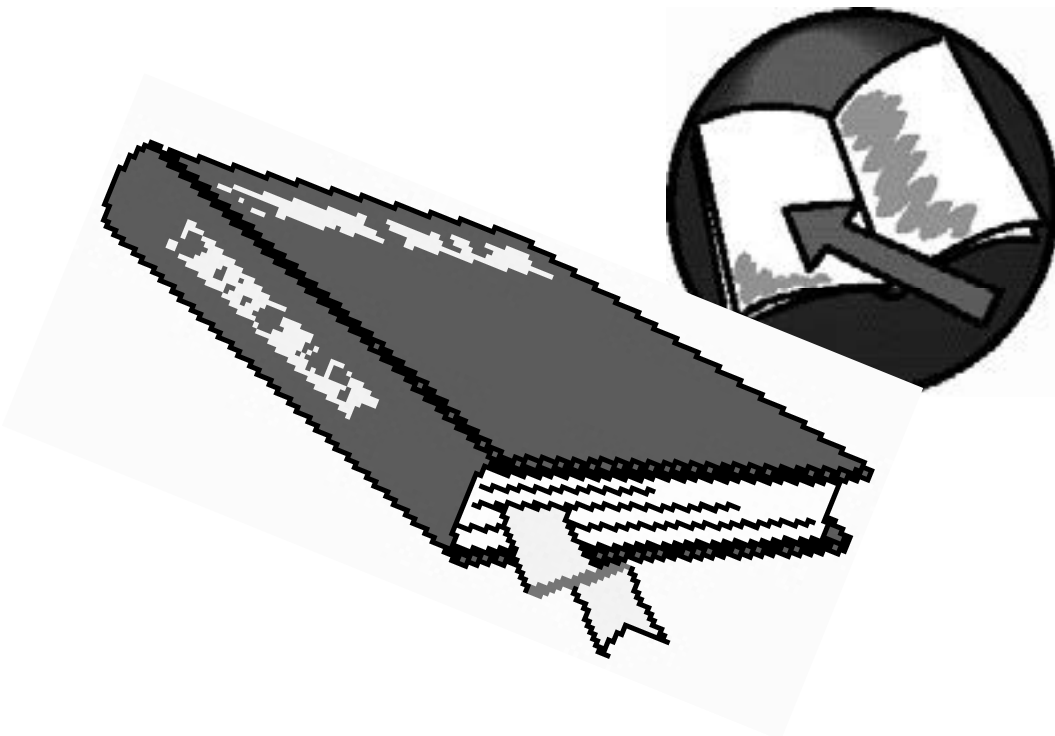
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| 13. D | 33. D |
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11. The Laurentian Plateau is also known as what?
A. The Himalayas
B. Inner Mongolia
C. Canadian Shield
D. Guantanamo Bay
12. How many times can a flashbulb be used?
A. three
B. one
C. six
D. two
13. What French chemist gave the element, oxygen its name?
A. Carl Scheele
B. Blaise Pascal
C. Joseph Priestley
D. Antoine Lavoisier
14. The poisonous herb hemlock is related to what vegetable?
A. carrots
B. green beans
C. squash
D. kale
15. Which of the following bolts has wings to keep the bolt from slipping?
A. anchor bolt
B. flange bolt
C. toggle bolt
D. lightning bolt
16. What does a seismologist study?
A. volcanoes
B. sea animals
C. earthquakes
D. dinosaur fossils
17. What is the capital of Bhutan?
A. Brussels
B. Thimphu
C. Baku
D. Dhaka
18. A glockenspiel is played with two what?
A. fingers
B. rings
C. pics
D. hammers
19. Which of the following animals is **NOT** a quadruped?
A. a bird
B. a dog
C. a llama
D. a rabbit
20. How many miles long is the Arno river?
A. 241 miles
B. 150 miles
C. 200 miles
D. 175 miles
21. The South American rodent known as a nutria, is also called a what?
A. a naked mole rat
B. a fruit bat
C. a coypu
D. a coati

22. Which of the following salts is used to preserve meat?
A. sodium fluoride
B. sodium nitrate
C. sodium bicarbonate
D. sodium sulfate
23. A gangplank is used to board or depart what form of transportation?
A. a train
B. a plane
C. a car
D. a ship
24. Which star is the brightest star in the group of stars of Cygnus?
A. Deneb
B. neutron star
C. Gemini
D. protoplanet
25. What type of liquid is in a demitasse?
A. orange juice
B. coffee
C. soda
D. tea
26. Where would you find a Portuguese man-of-war?
A. underground
B. the battlefield
C. the sea
D. a mountaintop
27. The Vandals were a Germanic people who originally lived where?
A. Australia
B. Northern Europe
C. Southern Europe
D. Canada
28. What is the atomic number for the chemical element, neodymium?
A. 6
B. 35
C. 42
D. 60
29. What is another name for monosaccharide?
A. simple sugar
B. salt
C. chocolate
D. garlic
30. What year did American Librarian Melvil Dewey pass?
A. 1952
B. 1931
C. 1951
D. 1922
31. Someone who sleeps all day could be described as a what?
A. slam-bang
B. paranoid
C. mope
D. frantic
32. What is the name of a national or international camping assembly of Boy Scouts?
A. demure
B. rankle
C. reserved
D. jamboree

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

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| _____ 33. appreciable | A. a solid lump especially of precious metal |
| _____ 34. nugget | B. a lopsided defeat |
| _____ 35. persiflage | C. the basic unit of money of Poland |
| _____ 36. grapnel | D. large enough to be noticed or measured |
| _____ 37. opaque | E. capable of being held maintained, or defended |
| _____ 38. shellacking | F. silly or lightly joking talk |
| _____ 39. zloty | G. a small anchor with pointed hooks or claws |
| _____ 40. tenable | H. not letting light through |

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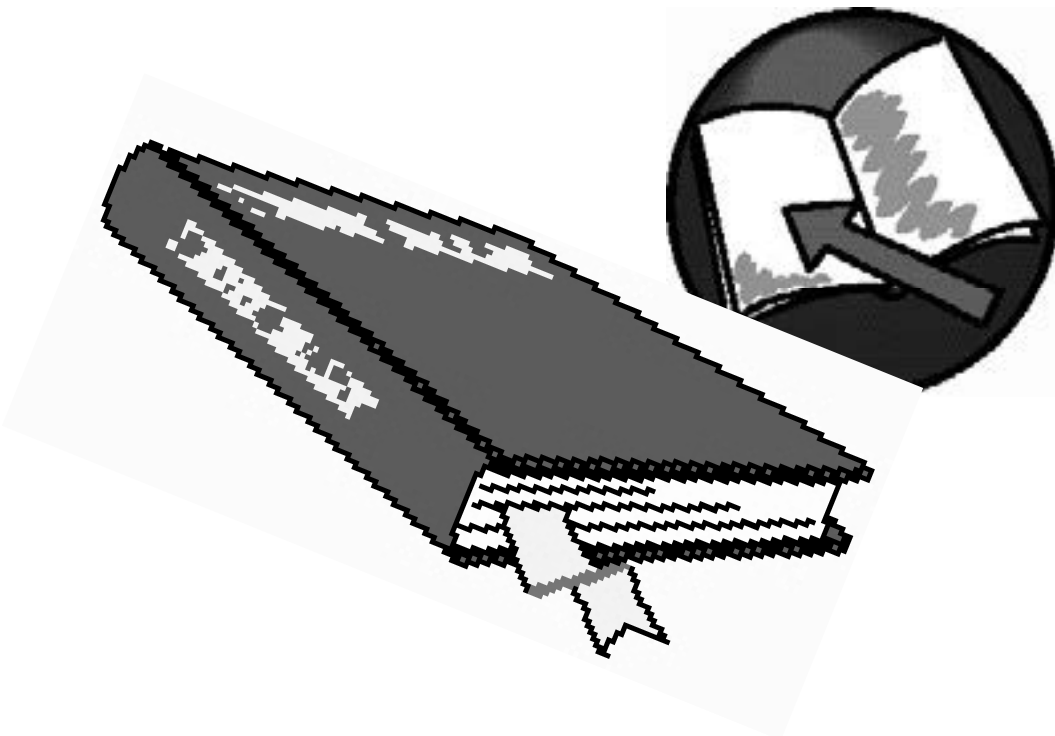
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1. A fish's swim bladder is a gas-filled expandable sac that serves to regulate what?
A. temperature
B. scale color
C. buoyancy
D. eyesight
2. Journalese is similar to the way of writing found in what?
A. newspapers
B. magazines
C. novels
D. pamphlets
3. What is the title name of the husband to a reigning queen?
A. principal
B. prince consort
C. governor
D. captain
4. A castanet shell can me made of all of the following materials **EXCEPT**?
A. clay
B. ivory
C. wood
D. plastic
5. Where is the birthplace of an Anglo-Americans ancestors?
A. China
B. Texas
C. Italy
D. England
6. When does rigor mortis happen to the muscles?
A. after a marathon
B. before lifting weights
C. after death
D. on your 13th birthday
7. What was Free State formerly know as?
A. Paid State
B. F-State
C. Free Orange State
D. Freetown
8. What department of the British government is concerned with funds to run the government?
A. parliament
B. exchequer
C. ministry of justice
D. secretary
9. What year did the Manchu people conquered China?
A. 1644
B. 1944
C. 1612
D. 1902
10. What was a travois used for by Plains Indians?
A. basket weaving
B. planting
C. hunting
D. load transportation

11. Who would you find living in a parsonage?
A. rats
B. a college student
C. a pastor
D. a marine
12. What branch of biology deals with fungi?
A. ecology
B. mycology
C. zoology
D. biophysics
13. What feeling would one most likely have towards someone if they sent a billet-doux?
A. hate
B. love
C. sympathy
D. confusion
14. A linnet seems especially fond of seeds from what plant?
A. dandelion
B. sunflowers
C. larkspur
D. flax
15. Morality play was especially popular in what centuries?
A. 15th and 16th
B. 17th and 18th
C. 19th and 20th
D. 12th and 13th
16. What is the period of rotation for Jupiter?
A. 686.99 days
B. 7 hours
C. 9.92 hours
D. 10.66 hours
17. What is the abbreviation for phenylketonuria?
A. PH
B. PKU
C. phr
D. py
18. What animals provide the food, chitterlings?
A. hogs
B. cows
C. deer
D. elk
19. How long is the Saint Gotthard road tunnel?
A. 2 miles
B. 10 kilometers
C. 16 miles
D. 10 miles
20. The Japanese art known as ikebana is the art of arranging what?
A. furniture
B. paintings
C. flowers
D. wind chimes
21. A privet is related to what plant?
A. olive
B. bamboo
C. cotton
D. jasmine

22. What is the title name for the governor of a division of ancient Persia?
A. sultan
B. king
C. satrap
D. chairman
23. Which of the following is an example of fermentation?
A. reflection in a mirror
B. souring of milk
C. daylight savings time
D. an apple falling from a tree
24. What type of object is a whirlybird?
A. a cooking utensil
B. a helicopter
C. a gardening tool
D. a child's toy
25. How many days after Easter is Ascension Day?
A. 10
B. 30
C. 25
D. 40
26. Pulmonary circulation starts on the right side of what organ?
A. heart
B. gallbladder
C. pancreas
D. uterus
27. All of the following are cities and ports **EXCEPT**?
A. Georgetown
B. Bujumbura
C. Bergen
D. Kingston
28. A terawatt is equal to how many trillion watts?
A. 4
B. 7
C. 1
D. 3
29. What grayish mineral can cause serious lung disease if inhaled as a dust?
A. oxide
B. phosphate
C. asbestos
D. calcite
30. How old might someone with Huntington's disease be?
A. 6 months
B. 16
C. 5
D. 27
31. Which of the following is an example of a pack animal?
A. rat
B. horse
C. pigeon
D. pig
32. Who was the 30th president of the United States?
A. Calvin Coolidge
B. Andrew Johnson
C. James A. Garfield
D. Millard Fillmore

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

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| _____ 33. collier | A. a late afternoon or evening church service |
| _____ 34. impinge | B. a vote in favor of something |
| _____ 35. salient | C. to make appear right or acceptable |
| _____ 36. vespers | D. sticking outward |
| _____ 37. yea | E. A coal miner |
| _____ 38. mew | F. located away from the wind |
| _____ 39. gloze | G. a small gull of Eurasia and western North America |
| _____ 40. leeward | H. to strike or dash especially with a sharp collision |

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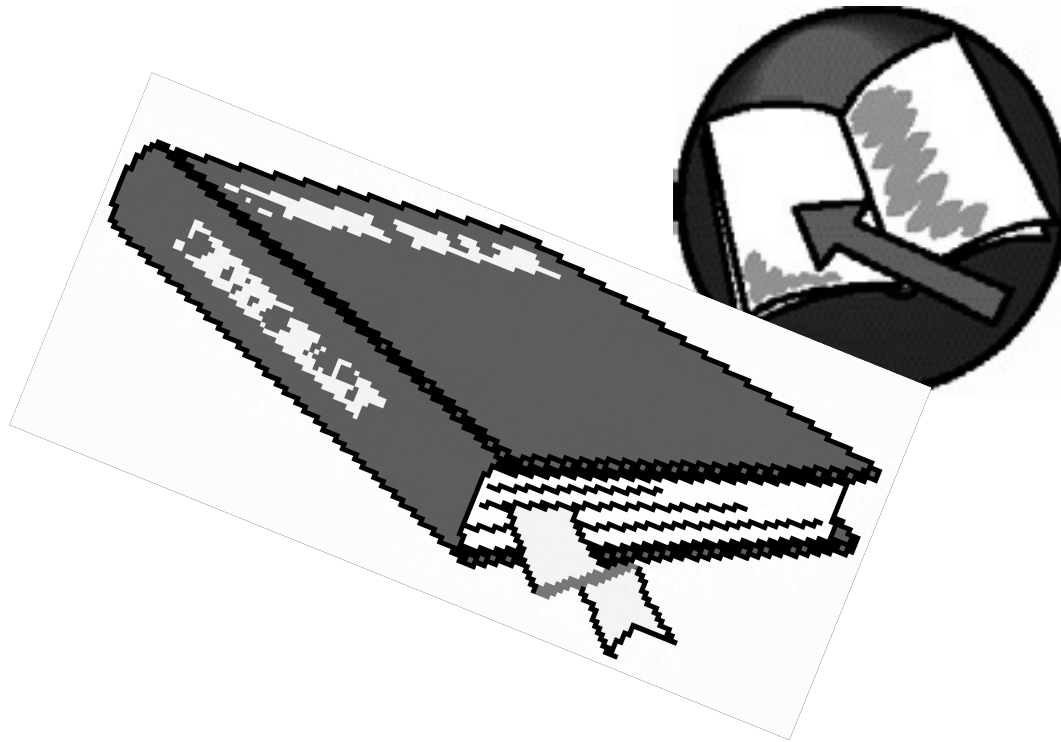
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| 8. B | 28. C |
| 9. A | 29. C |
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| 11. C | 31. B |
| 12. B | 32. A |
| 13. B | 33. E |
| 14. D | 34. H |
| 15. A | 35. D |
| 16. C | 36. A |
| 17. B | 37. B |
| 18. A | 38. G |
| 19. D | 39. C |
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1. A linguist is a person who is skilled in what?
A. food
B. animal training
C. love
D. languages
2. Where does pumice come from?
A. volcanoes
B. clouds
C. sea plants
D. tree bark
3. What is the title name for a male Netherlander?
A. Jehovah
B. deity
C. mynheer
D. tenant
4. Who might a retainer be paid to?
A. a parking attendant
B. a teacher
C. a lawyer
D. a tennis instructor
5. How many players are on a cricket team?
A. 6
B. 11
C. 14
D. 7
6. Who is pictured in rogues' gallery?
A. dogs
B. ballerinas
C. superheroes
D. criminals
7. Which of the following items would most likely be used when packing fragile items?
A. chert
B. manicotti
C. excelsior
D. shipworms
8. How many flaps does a tricuspid valve have?
A. 3
B. 2
C. 13
D. 6
9. What river is the Thousand Islands located in?
A. Yenisey
B. Saint Lawrence
C. Yalu
D. Ottawa
10. What is a levee built to prevent?
A. pest
B. humidity
C. wildfires
D. flooding

11. What is another name for amylase?
A. diastase
B. calamine
C. esker
D. knead
12. A Kiowa is a member of an American Indian people of what are now all of the following **EXCEPT**?
A. Colorado
B. Kansas
C. Missouri
D. New Mexico
13. Markka is the former basic unit of money in what country?
A. Germany
B. Finland
C. Italy
D. Iceland
14. How many years was Charles de Gaulle president of the Fifth Republic?
A. 5 years
B. 10 years
C. 11 years
D. 7 years
15. What chemical is a nontaster unable to taste?
A. phenylthiocarbamide
B. potassium
C. sodium
D. aspartame
16. Who would most likely use the technique pizzicato?
A. a doctor
B. a chef
C. a lawyer
D. a violinist
17. How many feet is a nautical mile?
A. 1852 ft
B. 6076 ft
C. 5016 ft
D. 2000 ft
18. What is Erik the Red's original last name?
A. Redding
B. Gale
C. Thorvaldson
D. Smith
19. What were Jason and the Argonauts sailing in search of?
A. the Eternal Flame
B. the Fountain of Youth
C. the Golden Fleece
D. Excalibur sword
20. All of the following are types of turtles **EXCEPT**?
A. laurel
B. box turtle
C. terrapin
D. loggerhead
21. What type of test is a Rorschach Test?
A. physical
B. math
C. geological
D. psychological

22. Someone who has a fear of heights is known?
 A. acrophobia
 B. pyromania
 C. agoraphobia
 D. claustrophobia
23. The environs refer to the what around a city?
 A. islands
 B. clouds
 C. districts
 D. animal population
24. What year did Mother Teresa win the Nobel Prize?
 A. 1956
 B. 1979
 C. 1969
 D. 1980
25. What is the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday called?
 A. Shrove Tuesday
 B. Ash Tuesday
 C. Temple Tuesday
 D. Shine Tuesday
26. What type of reptile is a Gila monster?
 A. lizard
 B. turtle
 C. snake
 D. alligator
27. A neophyte is a person who recently joined a what?
 A. football team
 B. gym
 C. religion
 D. family
28. Which of the following is **NOT** an example of public works?
 A. highways
 B. a journal
 C. docks
 D. schools
29. How many pieces of paper may equal to a ream of paper?
 A. 480
 B. 200
 C. 150
 D. 280
30. What would one most likely use to record a shock wave?
 A. telex
 B. styluses
 C. thimble
 D. streak camera
31. How long was Roger Brooke Taney chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court?
 A. 6 years
 B. 28 years
 C. 9 months
 D. 30 years
32. What is the abbreviation for tungsten?
 A. TG
 B. W
 C. ts
 D. Gn

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

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| _____ 33. imbecility | A. a speech addressed to a public assembly |
| _____ 34. poach | B. firmly fixed in place |
| _____ 35. harangue | C. any of several American larches |
| _____ 36. khan | D. a Mongolian leader |
| _____ 37. excerpt | E. complete foolishness |
| _____ 38. steadfast | F. to feel or express sadness or discontent |
| _____ 39. repine | G. to hunt or fish unlawfully |
| _____ 40. tamarack | H. to select for quoting |

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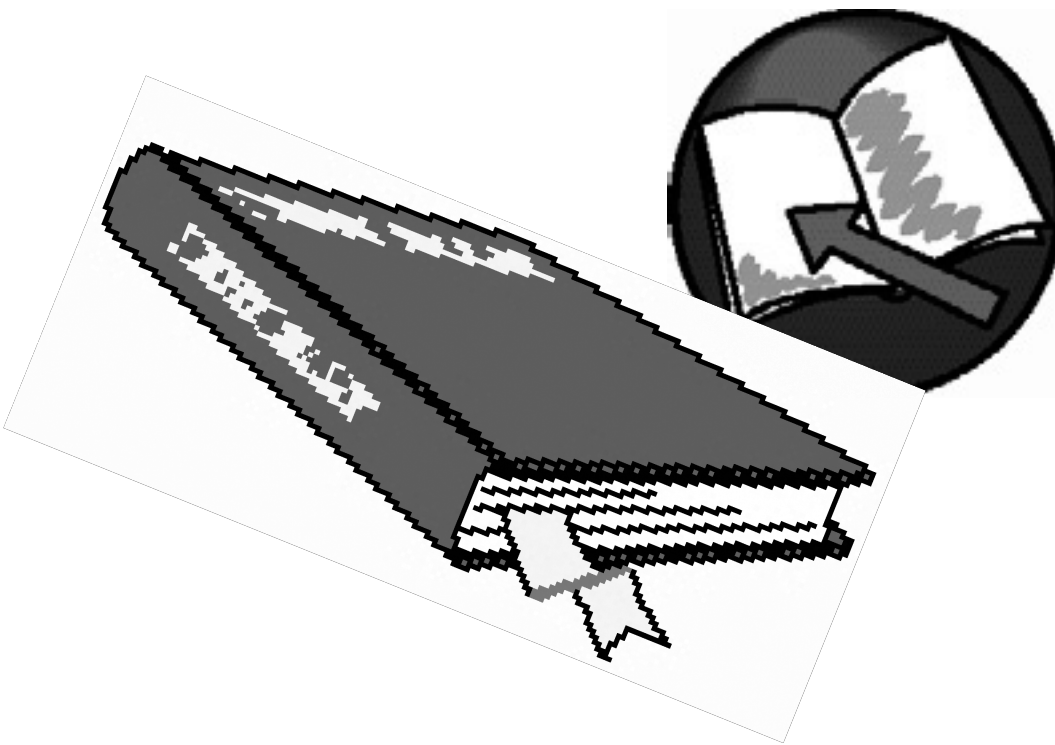
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| 6. D | 26. A |
| 7. C | 27. C |
| 8. A | 28. B |
| 9. B | 29. A |
| 10. D | 30. D |
| 11. A | 31. B |
| 12. C | 32. B |
| 13. B | 33. E |
| 14. C | 34. G |
| 15. A | 35. A |
| 16. D | 36. D |
| 17. B | 37. H |
| 18. C | 38. B |
| 19. C | 39. F |
| 20. A | 40. C |

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1. A hydrophone is an instrument for listening to sound transmitted through what?
A. tunnels
B. underground
C. water
D. buildings
2. Which of the following gave the first clue to understanding hieroglyphics?
A. Rosetta stone
B. scrolls
C. recorder
D. patchwork
3. What is another name for monosaccharide?
A. metals
B. imported fire ant
C. simple sugar
D. sidearm
4. If a town is described as a one-horse town it is described as what?
A. large
B. small
C. popular
D. busy
5. What member of the family would be the matriarch?
A. father
B. sister
C. cousin
D. mother
6. What is released when a rip cord is pulled?
A. birds
B. water
C. parachute
D. trash
7. A G-man is a special agent in what branch of law enforcement?
A. FBI
B. U.S. Marshal Service
C. Police Force
D. Drug Enforcement
8. When and where was florin first made?
A. Florida, 1252
B. Florence, 1252
C. Fiji, 1522
D. Franklin, 1255
9. What is the capital of Slovenia?
A. Malabo
B. Luanda
C. Ljubljana
D. Hobart
10. What was the nationality of the mathematician that the Fibonacci number was named after?
A. Swedish
B. Canadian
C. Italian
D. Lebanese

11. According to ancient legend, what month is the halcyon believed to nest at sea?
A. May
B. March
C. October
D. December
12. Who might be called if you are unable to do your work in an emergency?
A. a racerunner
B. a pinch hitter
C. a layette
D. a deponent
13. Around what year did the painting style impressionism begin?
A. 1870
B. 1907
C. 1820
D. 1970
14. In situ is Latin for?
A. inside
B. in position
C. in the dark
D. insight
15. How many pounds are in a short ton?
A. 200 lbs.
B. 113 lbs.
C. 2000 lbs.
D. 2240 lbs.
16. Tetraethyl lead is added to gasoline to prevent engines from doing what?
A. exploding
B. freezing over
C. overflowing
D. knocking
17. Who granted Prince Rupert's Land to Hudson's Bay Company in 1670?
A. King Edward
B. King Charles II
C. Joh Rockefeller
D. William Penn
18. How many petals are on the flowers of wood sorrels?
A. 5
B. 4
C. 3
D. 6
19. Where is a thymus gland usually found in the body?
A. head
B. elbow
C. chest
D. foot
20. Someone described as a space cadet can also be described as being?
A. forgetful
B. shy
C. angry
D. sad
21. What plant family does an Indigo plant belong to?
A. water lily
B. primrose
C. poppy
D. legume

22. Which of the following planets is an inferior planet?
A. Pluto
B. Venus
C. Saturn
D. Earth
23. San Jose Scale insects are very destructive to what type of trees?
A. maple trees
B. birch trees
C. fruit trees
D. tulip trees
24. What were the name of the three wise men from the East who paid respect to the infant Jesus?
A. diatoms
B. Polyphemus
C. scout masters
D. Magi
25. Until what century did the Vikings invaded the coasts of Europe?
A. 9th
B. 10th
C. 8th
D. 7th
26. What was a quarter staff used for?
A. fishing
B. painting
C. a weapon
D. climbing
27. What is the name of the northern group of stars between Taurus and Cassiopeia?
A. Dionysus
B. Zeus
C. Perseus
D. Milky Way
28. Who was the first man in space?
A. Alekseyevich Gagarin
B. Neil Armstrong
C. Alan Shepard
D. Sally Kristen Ride
29. A person with dyslexia may have problems with all of the following **EXCEPT**?
A. spelling
B. speaking
C. reading
D. writing
30. What year was parts of the West Bank transferred to Palestinian administration?
A. 1933
B. 1967
C. 1907
D. 1993
31. What group of citizens were protected by a tribune from unjust action?
A. plebeian
B. wind
C. light
D. women
32. What was William Tell commanded to shoot off his son's head?
A. a ceramic plate
B. a small porcelain doll
C. a bottle
D. an apple

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

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| _____ 33. cygnet | A. a crooked lawyer or politician |
| _____ 34. bide | B. to roll or press into a thin plate |
| _____ 35. toque | C. a young swan |
| _____ 36. Magen David | D. to lean or cause to lean backwards |
| _____ 37. recline | E. a cause of dispute or complaint |
| _____ 38. shyster | F. a woman's small hat usually without a brim |
| _____ 39. laminate | G. a hexagram used as a symbol of Judaism |
| _____ 40. quarrel | H. to wait or wait for |

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