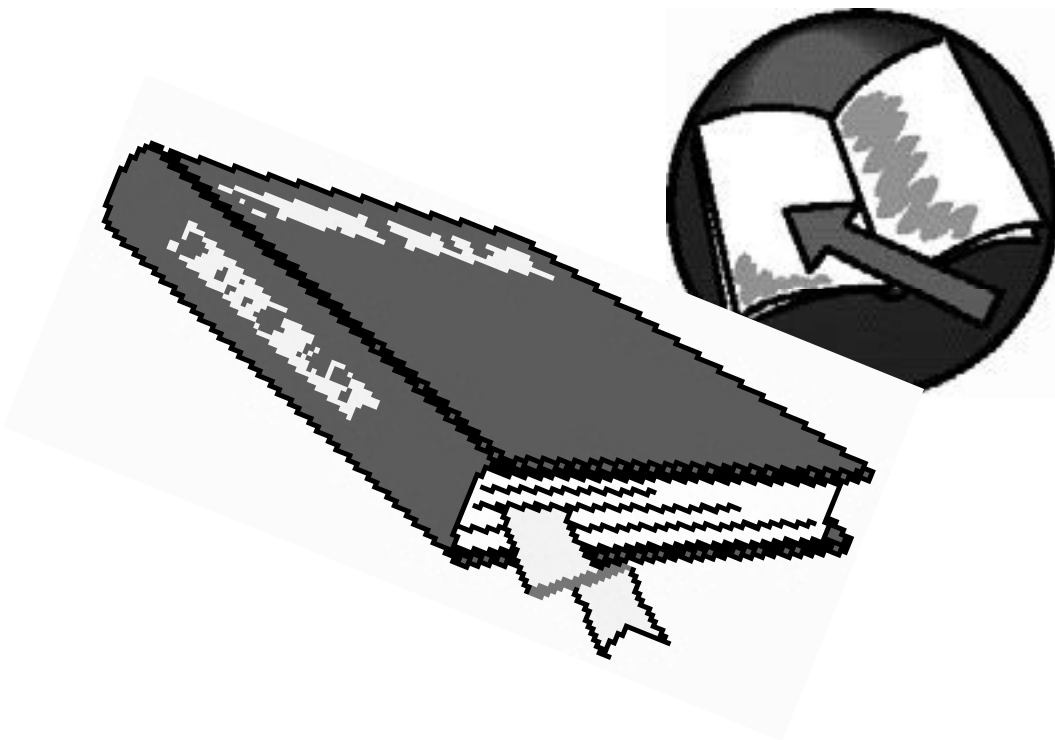


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1. The English horn is similar to which of the following instruments?
 - A. French horn
 - B. Trumpet
 - C. Oboe
 - D. Saxophone

2. Which of the following describes a prince or prince's consort?
 - A. The son of the reigning queen
 - B. The nephew of the reigning queen
 - C. The husband of the reigning queen
 - D. The father of the reigning queen

3. Which of the following is a color of the snowy owl?
 - A. Gray spotted with brown
 - B. White spotted with brown
 - C. Brown spotted with white
 - D. Black spotted with white

4. What is a dashiki?
 - A. A type of shoe
 - B. A type of hat
 - C. A type of jewelry
 - D. A type of one-piece

5. From what region is the peacock?
 - A. South America
 - B. Antarctica
 - C. Asia
 - D. Western Europe

6. What is the upper limit for the weight of a bantamweight boxer?
 - A. 200 pounds
 - B. 180 pounds
 - C. 118 pounds
 - D. 218 pounds

7. For what animal is a currycomb used?
 - A. Cats
 - B. Horses
 - C. Dogs
 - D. Birds

8. Which of the following has exactly 10 angles and 10 sides?
 - A. Heptagon
 - B. Nonagon
 - C. Decagon
 - D. Pentagon

9. A Leyden jar stores what?
 - A. Water
 - B. Soil
 - C. Electric charge
 - D. Oxygen

10. A liverwort resembles what type of plant?
 A. Moss
 B. Carnation
 C. Oak tree
 D. Ivy
11. The potato beetle is also known as what?
 A. Kansas potato beetle
 B. Texas potato beetle
 C. California potato beetle
 D. Colorado potato beetle
12. Hyperspace contains more than how many dimensions?
 A. Two
 B. Three
 C. Four
 D. Five
13. Which of the following is a use of steel wool?
 A. Polishing
 B. Sewing
 C. Welding
 D. Carpentry
14. How are sforzando notes played?
 A. Quietly
 B. Accented
 C. Loudly
 D. With decreasing volume
15. What do platelets assist with?
 A. Blood flow
 B. Joint movement
 C. Brain function
 D. Blood clotting
16. What is carbon dating used for?
 A. Age measurement
 B. Quality measurement
 C. Mass measurement
 D. Cleanliness measurement
17. What is a gaoler?
 A. A garbage collector
 B. A type of bird call
 C. A species of deer
 D. A jailer
18. Which of the following describes a gewgaw?
 A. An antique
 B. An item of little worth
 C. A piece of diamond jewelry
 D. A family heirloom
19. In what part of the United States was the heath hen found?
 A. Southwestern
 B. Southeastern
 C. Northwestern
 D. Northeastern
20. Ornithology deals with what?
 A. Cows
 B. Horses
 C. Birds
 D. Dinosaurs

21. Sunderland is in which country?
 A. Switzerland
 B. Russia
 C. Germany
 D. England
22. Horace Greeley lived between what years?
 A. 1910-1970
 B. 1776-1850
 C. 1940-2010
 D. 1811-1872
23. How much more energy than the sun does a supernova give off?
 A. Ten times
 B. One hundred times
 C. One million times
 D. One billion times
24. The Achilles tendon joins the muscles of which body parts?
 A. Heel and leg
 B. Elbow and arm
 C. Finger and hand
 D. Neck and shoulder
25. In a compote, what is cooked in syrup?
 A. Nuts
 B. Sweets
 C. Fruit
 D. Chocolate
26. Which of the following is a synonym for sleuth?
 A. Detective
 B. Businessperson
 C. Artist
 D. Writer
27. Where is Occitan spoken?
 A. Germany
 B. Austria
 C. Hungary
 D. France
28. To what function is the optic lobe connected?
 A. Hearing
 B. Vision
 C. Movement
 D. Taste
29. Which of the following are two colors that the sweetbriar may have?
 A. White and rosy pink
 B. Rosy pink and bright orange
 C. Pale pink and blue
 D. Yellow and white
30. What is a tintinnabulation?
 A. A type of bird call
 B. A way of calculating a math problem
 C. The sound of ringing bells
 D. None of the above

31. What do you call something related to soil?

- A. Polarized
- B. Anemic
- C. Charged
- D. Edaphic

32. A hogshead is equal to how many liters?

- A. 63
- B. 50
- C. 100
- D. 238

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

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| _____ 33. kiwi | A. being noisy and hard to control |
| _____ 34. emote | B. a large crater formed by an explosion |
| _____ 35. mezzanine | C. having the ability to move |
| _____ 36. vane | D. a person who fights for a cause |
| _____ 37. paladin | E. a flightless New Zealand bird |
| _____ 38. obstreperous | F. to give expression to emotion |
| _____ 39. caldera | G. a story between two main stories of a building |
| _____ 40. motile | H. the web or flat expanded part of a feather |

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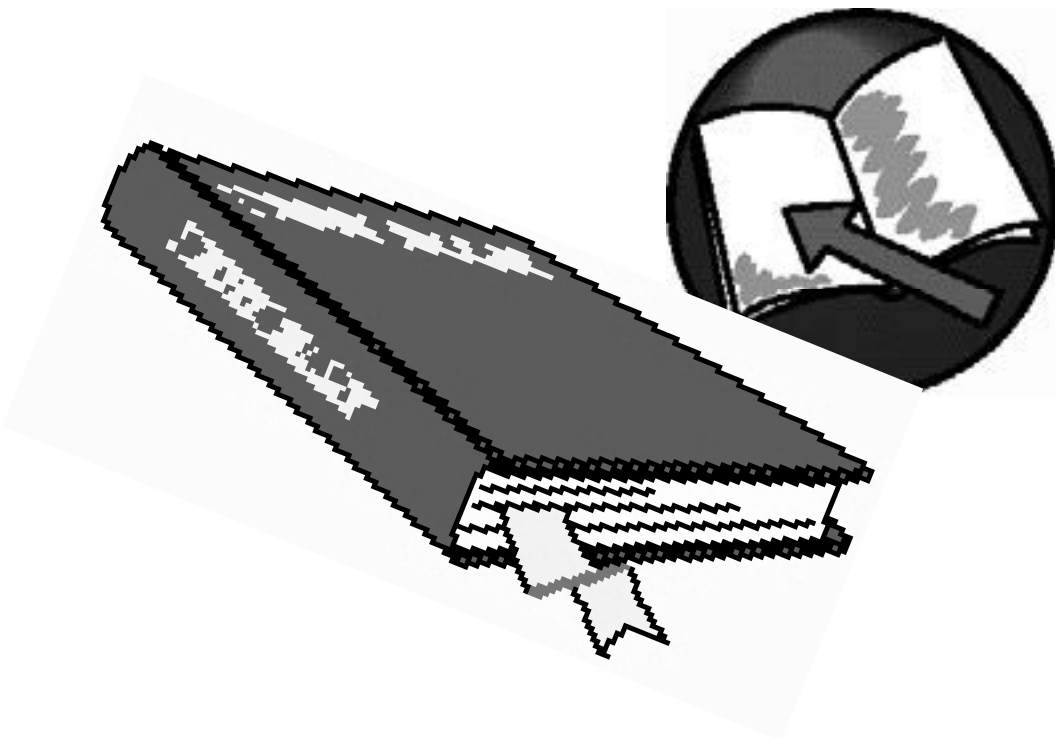
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| 11. D | 31. D |
| 12. B | 32. D |
| 13. A | 33. E |
| 14. B | 34. F |
| 15. D | 35. G |
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| 17. D | 37. D |
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- Which of the following genus of trees is related to the walnut?
A. forget-me-not
B. palm
C. hickory
D. larch
- How long is the Irrawaddy River?
A. 1500 miles
B. 1300 miles
C. 2092 miles
D. 2600 miles
- Karate is Japanese for what?
A. without weapon
B. empty hand
C. punch combo
D. knockout
- What century did the Jutes invade England and settle in Kent?
A. 6th century
B. 10th century
C. 14th century
D. 5th century
- What fish does a lamprey resemble?
A. eels
B. swordfish
C. stingrays
D. blowfish
- What does a hygrometer measure?
A. waves
B. height
C. moisture
D. air quality
- Which of the following elements is used in steel to add strength and hardness?
A. neon
B. helium
C. molybdenum
D. tin
- Where would you find a frieze?
A. in the ocean
B. around a building
C. in the refrigerator
D. on top of a car
- During what geological era was the earliest form of winged insects?
A. Paleozoic
B. Proterozoic
C. Cenozoic
D. Mesozoic
- What color is potassium permanganate?
A. dark red
B. yellow
C. green
D. dark purple

11. What year did Enrico Fermi win the Nobel Prize?
A. 1978
B. 1942
C. 1912
D. 1938
12. According to the theory of plate tectonics, what is caused by the movement of plates?
A. freeze
B. flooding
C. earth quakes
D. global warming
13. When does advent begin?
A. Christmas day
B. four Sundays before Christmas
C. the day after Christmas
D. the day after Christmas
14. Which of the following weights would be classified as flyweight in boxing?
A. 111 lbs
B. 145 lbs
C. 114 lbs
D. 126 lbs
15. Where might one find muttonchops?
A. a grocery store
B. on a face
C. a hardware store
D. a bakery
16. The Great Smoky Mountains are between what two states?
A. Nevada and Utah
B. Alabama and Georgia
C. Nebraska and Kansas
D. North Carolina and Tennessee
17. Which of the following insects cover themselves with foam in the young stages?
A. mantis
B. horseflies
C. spittlebug
D. beetle
18. Which of the following is **NOT** a vital statistic?
A. births
B. deaths
C. retirement
D. disease
19. What is the area between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn called?
A. Torrid zone
B. Gulf of Bothnia
C. Changchun
D. Marne
20. A Richter scale is used to measure the strength of what?
A. trains
B. chains
C. waves
D. earthquakes
21. How many feet below sea level is the Caspian Sea?
A. 100 ft
B. 90 ft
C. 27 ft
D. 900 ft

22. What does the abbreviation MRI stand for?
A. mild run item
B. multiple reverse interruptions
C. magnetic resonance imaging
D. more road instructions
23. If someone is unfledged, what are they not ready for?
A. commitment
B. to give up
C. flight
D. school
24. What is the sixth letter of the Greek alphabet?
A. alpha
B. theta
C. zeta
D. phi
25. Who coined the MacGuffin?
A. Alfred Hitchcock
B. Vasco Balboa
C. Oliver Holmes
D. John Sousa
26. During what century would a ruff have been more popular common to wear?
A. 21st
B. 16th
C. 8th
D. 19th
27. Which of the following is Morse code for the number eight?
A. - - · - -
B. · · · · ·
C. · - - - -
D. - - - - ·
28. What direction does a trade wind blow from?
A. west
B. south
C. north
D. east
29. What year was Carolina divided into two states?
A. 1749
B. 1729
C. 1663
D. 1678
30. What type of fish might you find clinging to a tiger shark?
A. blowfish
B. remora
C. swordfish
D. flatfish
31. What would be the age of a Camp Fire Girl?
A. 10
B. 5
C. 19
D. 3
32. What is another name for a stolon branch?
A. a runner
B. a quince
C. a panicle
D. a madder

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| _____ 33. hypertension | A. a fit of anger or irritation |
| _____ 34. plagiarize | B. to have a flavor, trace, or suggestion |
| _____ 35. smack | C. a wild sheep of North Africa |
| _____ 36. martinet | D. high blood pressure |
| _____ 37. huff | E. a long loose heavy overcoat |
| _____ 38. ulster | F. to steal and pass off as one's own |
| _____ 39. aoudad | G. a person who demands strict obedience |
| _____ 40. oddment | H. something left over |

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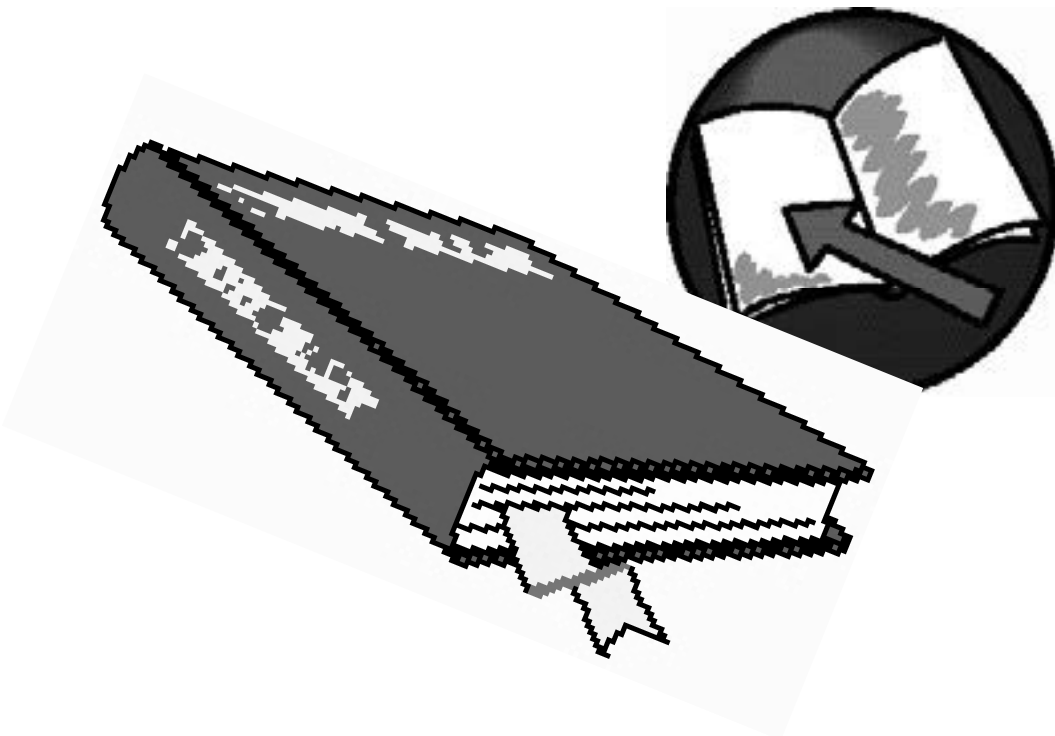
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| 9. A | 29. C |
| 10. D | 30. B |
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1. In what game would you find an end run happen?
A. tennis
B. basketball
C. soccer
D. football
2. If someone is in a dither, they could also be described as being what?
A. nervous
B. shocked
C. sad
D. happy
3. How many characters does a pica provide to the inch?
A. 10
B. 6
C. 17
D. 13
4. What is the name for an American was on the side of the British during the American Revolution?
A. Kumquat
B. Leech
C. Tory
D. Senior
5. What kind of animal are you most likely to find in a cote?
A. cougar
B. pigeon
C. elephant
D. camel
6. How many years did Odysseus wander after the Trojan war?
A. 2
B. 8
C. 6
D. 10
7. Moor conquered Spain in the 8th century and ruled until what year?
A. 1492
B. 1462
C. 1495
D. 1482
8. What is the name of a book of sacred writings accepted by Muslims?
A. Bible
B. Koran
C. Anthology
D. Torah
9. What is mixed with gasoline in a carburetor to make the gasoline burn easily?
A. lead
B. oil
C. air
D. water
10. What is another name for a husbandman?
A. scuba diver
B. player
C. farmer
D. coach

11. What is the highest mountain in Australia?

A. Mount Mazama	C. Mount Elbrus
B. Mount Rainier	D. Mount Kosciusko

12. What was the basic unit of money in Austria from 1892-1925?

A. euro	C. peso
B. krone	D. reichsmarks

13. Clara Barton was the founder of what Society?

A. Girl Scouts	C. American Red Cross
B. American Heart Association	D. National Hockey League

14. What did a thane receive in exchange for military service?

A. lands	C. money
B. cattle	D. weapons

15. What color does litmus paper turn in alkaline solutions?

A. purple	C. red
B. blue	D. orange

16. A piazza, is what open shape?

A. triangle	C. circle
B. square	D. diamond

17. What is the capital of Jamaica?

A. Lagos	C. Maputo
B. Honiara	D. Kingston

18. What object is used in the game of cat's cradle?

A. balls	C. string
B. rings	D. paper

19. Which of the following plants usually grow on another plant?

A. ironwood	C. epiphyte
B. lobelia	D. gladiolus

20. How many tones are sung in a chant?

A. one	C. six
B. three	D. five

21. How tall might a pygmy be?

A. 6'2	C. 4'9
B. 5'9	D. 5'5

22. Which of the following animals resemble but are smaller than an African ostrich?
A. leghorn
B. rhea
C. limpet
D. mongoose
23. Which of the following problem types is most unlikely to be solved using Fortran
A. scientific
B. engineering
C. mathematical
D. historical
24. How many square yards are in an acre?
A. 640
B. 4840
C. 43,560
D. 144
25. What does a deponent give?
A. advice
B. an education
C. evidence
D. excuses
26. Which of the following is **NOT** associated with the abbreviation BO?
A. best offer
B. body odor
C. backup operator
D. box office
27. What was the name of the first American woman in space?
A. Mary Eddy
B. Sally Ride
C. Rosa Parks
D. Helen Keller
28. Which of the following is an example of fermentation?
A. souring of milk
B. a tire rolling
C. a candle melting
D. temperature change
29. How many sides does a lugsail have?
A. 2
B. 8
C. 6
D. 4
30. If something is outmoded, it is no longer what?
A. acceptable
B. tasty
C. bright
D. shiny
31. How many miles is Long Island?
A. 190 miles
B. 118 miles
C. 210 miles
D. 300 miles
32. What is celebrated on February 12th or the first Monday in February?
A. Memorial Day
B. Valentine's Day
C. Lincoln's Birthday
D. Labor Day

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

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| _____ 33. retinol | A. a person who has recently joined a religion |
| _____ 34. neophyte | B. a hard or painful struggle |
| _____ 35. gingivitis | C. to eat greedily |
| _____ 36. throe | D. the most common form of vitamin A |
| _____ 37. patriotism | E. inflammation of the gums |
| _____ 38. transfuse | F. a two-wheeled carriage with a folding top |
| _____ 39. wolf | G. to cause to pass from one to another |
| _____ 40. chaise | H. love of one's own country |

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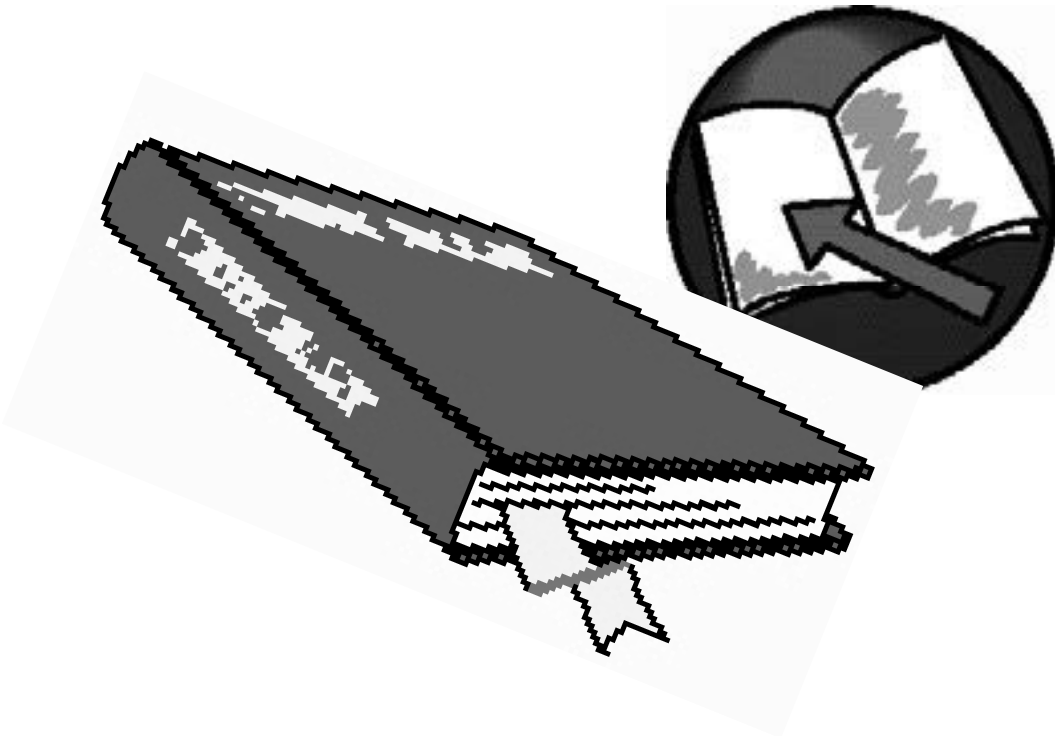
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| 8. B | 28. A |
| 9. C | 29. D |
| 10. C | 30. A |
| 11. D | 31. B |
| 12. B | 32. C |
| 13. C | 33. D |
| 14. A | 34. A |
| 15. B | 35. E |
| 16. B | 36. B |
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1. What is another word for raze?
A. burn
B. demolish
C. float
D. hunt
2. If a horse experiencing a spavin, what part of the horse is swelling?
A. gaskin
B. loin
C. hock
D. croup
3. What is the theory that if one nation becomes Communist-controlled the neighboring nations will also become Communist-controlled?
A. law theory
B. the neighbor theory
C. the domino theory
D. music theory
4. The macadamia nut was named after Australian chemist John Macadam. What year did he pass?
A. 1836
B. 1901
C. 1844
D. 1865
5. What was the name of the Greek philosopher who gave insects the name entomon?
A. Aristotle
B. Plato
C. Socrates
D. Democritus
6. What are molars adapted for?
A. grinding
B. flashing light
C. brushing
D. polishing
7. How many surrounding boroughs are in Greater London?
A. 30
B. 32
C. 42
D. 41
8. What is the study or collection of coins, paper, money and sometimes related objects?
A. geology
B. mycology
C. numismatics
D. ornithology
9. Where did nankeen originally come from?
A. Italy
B. Mexico
C. Australia
D. China

10. What does the abbreviating HTML stand for?
A. hypertext markup language C. hypertext markup list
B. hypertext mass language D. high transfer molecule line
11. What year did Guyana become an independent country?
A. 1980 C. 1960
B. 1970 D. 1990
12. Pernicious anemia is caused by a reduced ability to absorb what?
A. water C. vitamin B12
B. vitamin C D. oxygen
13. Which of the following books are in the Old Testament of the Bible?
A. Jude C. Galatians
B. Titus D. Baruch
14. How many number of bells does a ship sound if the time is 6:30am?
A. 4 C. 1
B. 7 D. 5
15. Where in the body does systole occur?
A. the heart C. the kidney
B. the liver D. the brain
16. Canute the Great was a Danish king of all the following countries **EXCEPT**?
A. England C. Norway
B. Austria D. Denmark
17. According to the history of sideburns, General Ambrose Everett Burnside was a popular figure in what city?
A. New Orleans C. Houston
B. Boston D. Washington
18. If a ship is considered a hulk, what is it being described as?
A. strong C. clumsy
B. green D. slow
19. What is stored in a Leyden jar?
A. electric charge C. coffee
B. sauce D. oxygen
20. What river flows through Saint Petersburg?
A. Mekong river C. Ijssel river
B. Neva river D. Allegheny river

21. A chart, map, or model are all examples of a what?
A. triple play
B. visual aid
C. showcase
D. chaparral
22. A neap tide occurs at what quarters of the moon?
A. third and fourth
B. second and third
C. first and third
D. first and second
23. Which of the following herbs is also called a cowslip?
A. dill
B. chamomile
C. mint
D. marsh marigold
24. If someone is drinking a demitasse, what are they drinking?
A. juice
B. water
C. coffee
D. milk
25. What was William Tell commanded to shoot off of his son's head?
A. a golden spoon
B. a candle
C. a bird
D. an apple
26. According to the signs of the zodiac, when does the sun enter for Virgo?
A. August 23rd
B. July 23rd
C. March 21st
D. January 20th
27. Where does the Loire river flow into??
A. the Indian Ocean
B. the Bay of Biscay
C. the Mediterranean
D. the Gulf of Oman
28. All of the following are filled with kapok **EXCEPT**?
A. sleeping bags
B. mattresses
C. punching bags
D. life preserves
29. Which of the following animals is a cetacean?
A. whale
B. dog
C. orangutan
D. chameleon
30. Whose adventures are narrated in the Arabian Nights' Entertainments?
A. Sir Alexander Fleming
B. Hephaestus
C. Galahad
D. Sinbad the Sailor
31. A tried and true friend is what kind of friend?
A. smart
B. reliable
C. absent
D. rich

32. Which of the following days is an ides day?

A. July 13th

C. March 15th

B. January 2nd

D. May 5th

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

_____ 33. hoodwink

A. a Hindu queen

_____ 34. rani

B. a slit made by a saw or a cutting torch

_____ 35. Wave

C. a closing piece of music

_____ 36. jovial

D. to speak or write with great praise

_____ 37. postlude

E. to deceive by false appearance

_____ 38. kerf

F. any of numerous large marine snails

_____ 39. rhapsodize

G. a woman serving in the navy

_____ 40. whelk

H. full of or expressing good humor

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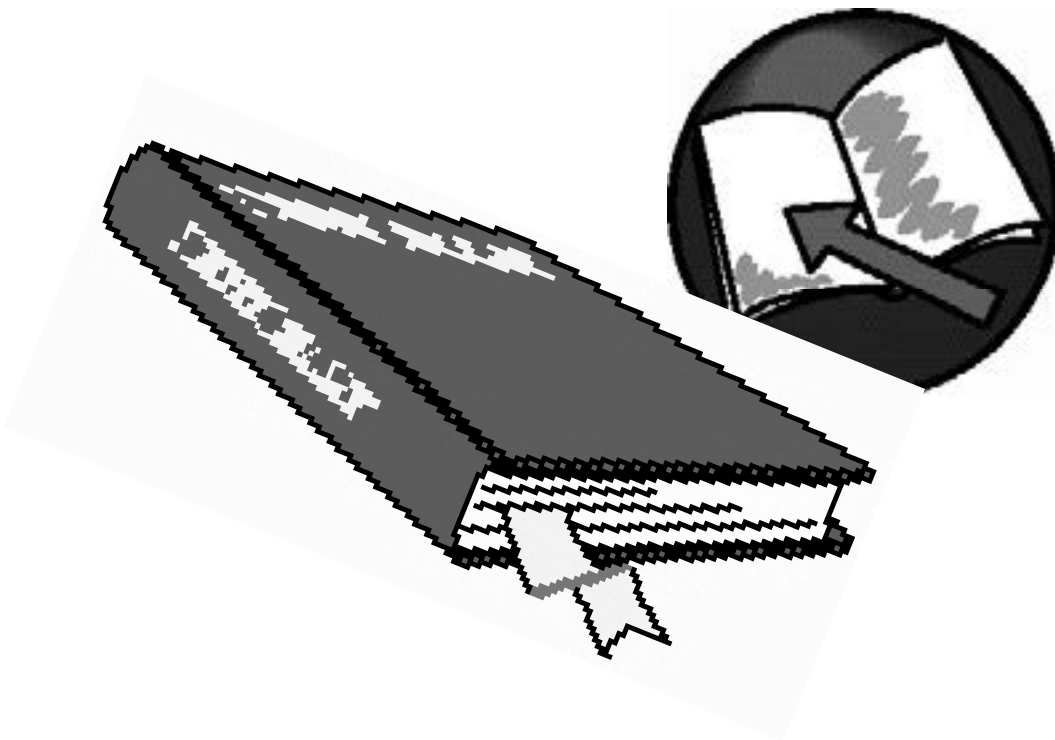
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| 7. B | 27. B |
| 8. C | 28. C |
| 9. D | 29. A |
| 10. A | 30. D |
| 11. B | 31. B |
| 12. C | 32. C |
| 13. D | 33. E |
| 14. D | 34. A |
| 15. A | 35. G |
| 16. B | 36. H |
| 17. D | 37. C |
| 18. C | 38. B |
| 19. A | 39. D |
| 20. B | 40. F |

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1. What treasure was sought and recovered by Jason and the Argonauts?
A. sphinx gold
B. mellophones
C. Golden Fleece
D. treasure trove
2. How many days after Easter is Ascension Day observed?
A. 10 days
B. 40 days
C. 20 days
D. 60 days
3. Which of the following languages is an example of tone language?
A. Chinese
B. French
C. Italian
D. Spanish
4. How many bytes are in a megabyte?
A. 1,006 bytes
B. 147 bytes
C. 1,048,576 bytes
D. 578,899 bytes
5. All of the following are examples of pachyderms **EXCEPT**?
A. elephant
B. hippopotamus
C. rhinoceros
D. crocodile
6. An Ashanti is from what part of Ghana?
A. southern
B. eastern
C. western
D. northern
7. Where might one find a rector?
A. a jail
B. a school
C. the gym
D. the train
8. Which of the following fruits is considered an aggregate fruit?
A. coconut
B. limes
C. raspberry
D. banana
9. How many parts is the front of a cloven foot divided into?
A. 3
B. 2
C. 4
D. 0
10. Around what year did the style of painting impressionism begin?
A. 1870
B. 1925
C. 1845
D. 1902

11. Which of the following came from the Latin word meaning “sisterhood”?
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| A. mestizo | C. compadre |
| B. sorcerer | D. sorority |
12. According to Greek mythology, what did Narcissus turn into after he pined away for love of his own reflection?
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| A. stone | C. a flower |
| B. a dog | D. a beast |
13. During what era of geologic time was the earliest form of fish?
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| A. Paleozoic | C. Mesozoic |
| B. Cenozoic | D. Precambrian |
14. Which of the following are **NOT** considered Slavic?
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| A. Russian | C. Polish |
| B. Bulgarian | D. Filipino |
15. Which of the following instruments is used for measuring time?
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| A. paddle wheel | C. anemometer |
| B. chronometer | D. reflector |
16. A dugong is related to which mammal?
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| A. manatee | C. otter |
| B. elephant | D. mongoose |
17. Which of the following river is under 50 miles long?
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| A. Ottawa River | C. Meuse River |
| B. Indus River | D. Neva River |
18. Where does the vapor miasma come from?
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| A. cactus | C. swamps |
| B. animal dung | D. rain clouds |
19. What is a dust jacket used to cover?
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| A. books | C. flower beds |
| B. children | D. cars |
20. A ferrule is placed around the end of a wooden shaft to or handle prevent what?
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| A. burning | C. discoloration |
| B. splitting | D. shattering |
21. How long does an evening primrose live?
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| A. 5 years | C. 10 years |
| B. 2 years | D. 7 years |

22. Who of the following could also be considered as a plain clothes man?
A. a pilot
B. an astronaut
C. a policeman
D. a movie director
23. What is the capital of Bhutan?
A. Omsk
B. Nicosia
C. Salween
D. Thimphu
24. What is the date that Michaelmas is celebrated?
A. September 5th
B. September 29th
C. August 8th
D. August 13th
25. What is the 19th letter of the Greek alphabet?
A. tau
B. sigma
C. chi
D. omicron
26. A taxonomist is a person that specializes in the taxonomy of plants and what else?
A. oceans
B. paper
C. animals
D. highways
27. What did Orpheus use to charm Pluto and Persephone in attempt to save his wife?
A. drums
B. a lyre
C. song
D. candles
28. Which vitamin is needed in order for blood to clot properly?
A. vitamin D
B. vitamin K
C. vitamin C
D. vitamin A
29. If Hannah is described as being an extrovert, she most likely would be described as being what?
A. shy
B. angry
C. unreserved
D. thirsty
30. Hypoglycemia is the abnormal decrease of what in the blood?
A. potassium
B. oxygen
C. iron
D. sugar
31. What is the abbreviation for lunar module?
A. L
B. LEM
C. LUM
D. Lu
32. The sousaphone was named after John Philip Sousa. What year did he pass?
A. 1932
B. 1954
C. 1854
D. 1904

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

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| _____33. dross | A. a gate or valve for regulating a flow |
| _____34. penstock | B. a bundle of stalks and ears of grain |
| _____35. spiny | C. the scum that forms on molten metal |
| _____36. sojourn | D. full of difficulties |
| _____37. gainsay | E. to declare untrue |
| _____38. merit | F. to earn by service or performance |
| _____39. sheaf | G. in a violently excited state |
| _____40. amok | H. a temporary stay |

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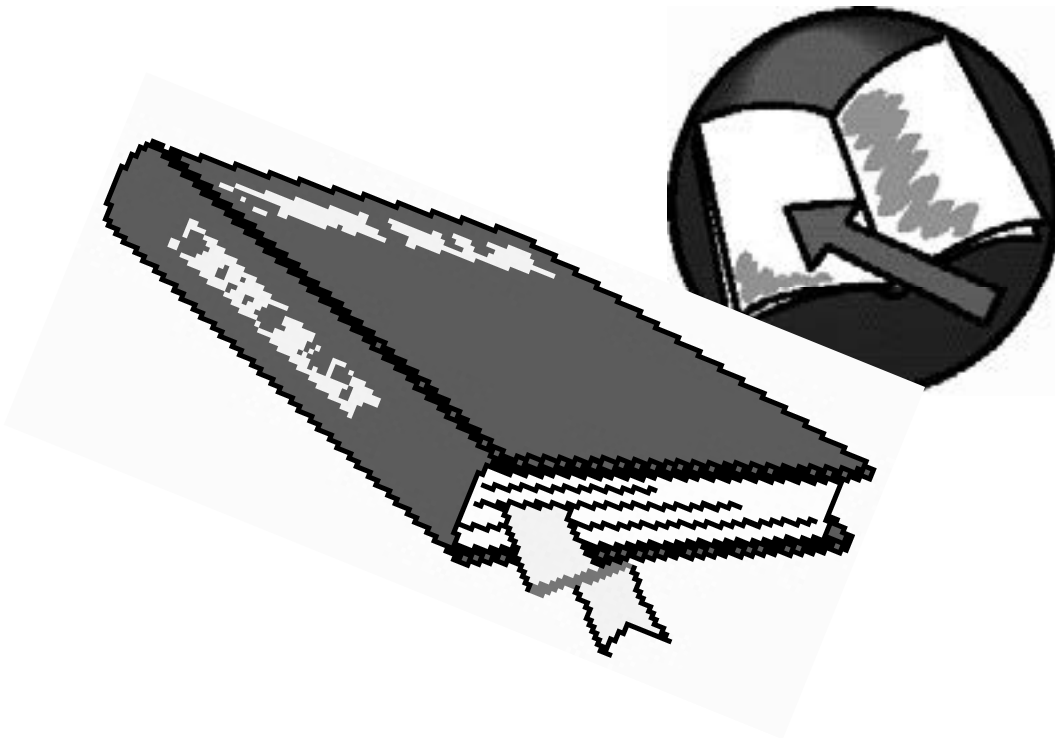
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| 11. D | 31. B |
| 12. C | 32. A |
| 13. A | 33. C |
| 14. D | 34. A |
| 15. B | 35. D |
| 16. A | 36. H |
| 17. D | 37. E |
| 18. C | 38. F |
| 19. A | 39. B |
| 20. B | 40. G |

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1. If a town is considered to be a boomtown, what is it experiencing a sudden growth in?
A. crops
B. waste
C. population
D. snow days
2. What invention was created that replaced a distaff?
A. the crockpot
B. a calculator
C. a stapler
D. the spinning wheel
3. How many incisor teeth does a lagomorph have?
A. 4
B. 6
C. 3
D. 2
4. What shape is formed by the group of stars, Pegasus?
A. square
B. triangle
C. pentagon
D. hexagon
5. According to the history of the abbreviation O.K., what did it stand for?
A. out knowing
B. on key
C. oll korrekt
D. old knowledge
6. All of the following are considered to be bony fish **EXCEPT**?
A. eels
B. stingrays
C. mackerels
D. trout
7. Where would you find a lavalier hanging?
A. a neck
B. a ceiling
C. a chimney
D. a picture frame
8. Who was the goddess of reward and punishment in Greek mythology?
A. Diana
B. Europa
C. Mephistopheles
D. Nemesis
9. Which of the following stars is also called the Dog Star?
A. Sirius
B. Canopus
C. Rigel
D. Arcturus
10. What is a woman traditionally thought to dream of on Saint Agnes's Eve?
A. food
B. her future husband
C. children
D. her past life

11. What is the Waldorf salad named after?
A. a star
B. a nurse
C. a hotel
D. a flower
12. What is the true name of a Richard Roe in court?
A. Mike Smith
B. Unknown
C. Sam Riddle
D. Jim Knight
13. What year did Moldavia become independent?
A. 1998
B. 1981
C. 1992
D. 1991
14. A Mohs' scale is a scale of hardness for minerals. What is the highest range on the scale?
A. 5
B. 50
C. 100
D. 10
15. What color is a car if it is painted cyan?
A. yellowish orange
B. greenish blue
C. light green
D. pastel pink
16. Which of the following is known to be very destructive to fruit trees?
A. trumpet vines
B. cerium
C. a San Jose scale
D. leprosy
17. Who would you most likely see wearing a cope?
A. priest
B. soldiers
C. train conductors
D. referees
18. All of the following can be found in loam **EXCEPT**?
A. silt
B. sand
C. clay
D. ash
19. What was the password that Ali Baba used to enter the cave of the Forty Thieves?
A. Arabian Nights
B. Starlight
C. Abracadabra
D. Sesame
20. What is the principal light-gathering element of a reflector?
A. a diamond
B. a mirror
C. a rubber ball
D. a ruby
21. According to the history of the sandwich, John Montagu was fond of playing what?
A. chess
B. darts
C. cards
D. golf

22. Which of the following objects were especially abundant in the Mesozoic era of geological history?
- A. grebes
 - B. nuthatches
 - C. ammonites
 - D. tomahawks
23. What is arranged in the Japanese art of ikebana?
- A. flowers
 - B. furniture
 - C. fruit
 - D. paper cranes
24. What year was Carolina divided into North Carolina and South Carolina?
- A. 1663
 - B. 1872
 - C. 1806
 - D. 1729
25. Where is the romance language Occitan spoken?
- A. Puerto Rico
 - B. France
 - C. Spain
 - D. Hong Kong
26. Between the late 17th and the early 19th century, a Whig tried to increase the power of what body of government?
- A. the parliament
 - B. the monarch
 - C. the supreme court
 - D. congress
27. Which of the following numbers is considered to be a palindrome?
- A. 2002
 - B. 321
 - C. 456
 - D. 1100
28. Sodium thiosulfate is a chemical compound used to make what permanent?
- A. window tint
 - B. pottery shapes
 - C. hair color
 - D. photographic images
29. Someone with a bad temper could be described as being what?
- A. translucent
 - B. crass
 - C. surly
 - D. jittery
30. Which of the four King Williams reigned over England in 1694?
- A. King William I
 - B. King William II
 - C. King William III
 - D. King William IV
31. What is the name of the ancient trade route that extended from China to the Mediterranean?
- A. Old Point Comfort
 - B. Silk Road
 - C. Strait of Gibraltar
 - D. Waltham Forest
32. At about how many miles above the earth's surface does the E layer occur?
- A. 110 miles
 - B. 55 miles
 - C. 65 miles
 - D. 16 miles

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

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| _____ 33. mogul | A. the basic unit of money in China |
| _____ 34. docile | B. a remedy for all ills |
| _____ 35. garish | C. disliking effort or activity |
| _____ 36. amok | D. a bump on a ski slope |
| _____ 37. panacea | E. too bright or showy |
| _____ 38. scalene | F. having sides that are each a different length |
| _____ 39. yuan | G. in a violently excited state |
| _____ 40. indolent | H. easily taught, led, or managed |

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