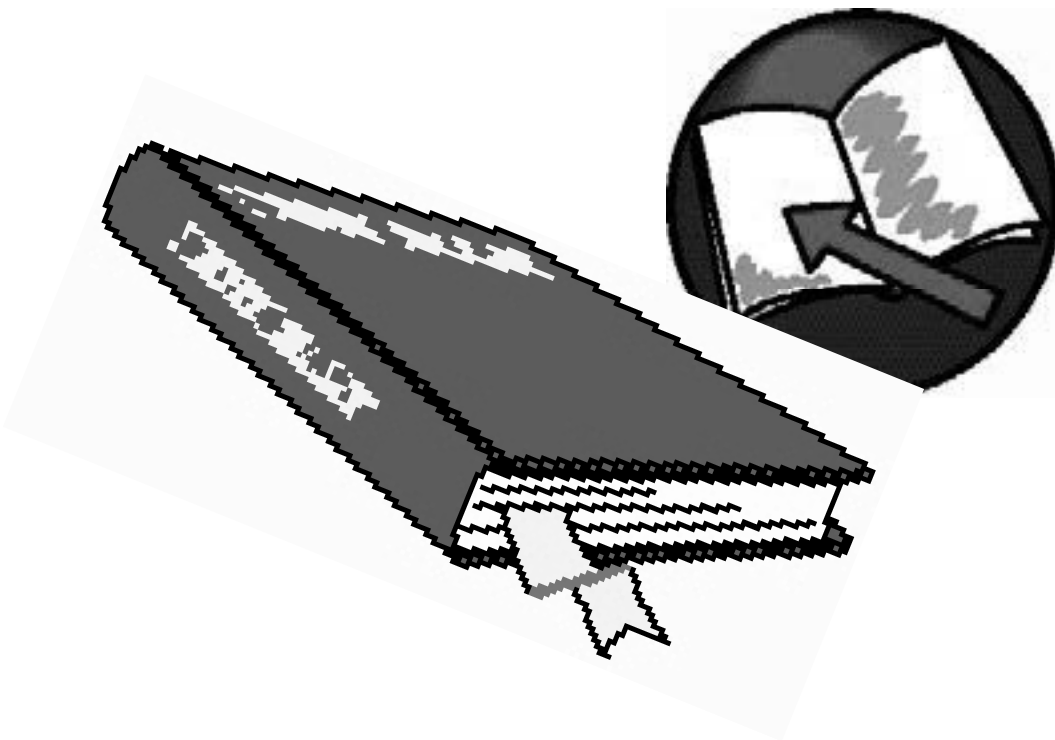


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1. Someone described as being very gaunt, would describe them as being very what?
A. Heavy
B. Emotional
C. Thin
D. Distracted
2. A main sequence refers to a group of what?
A. Farm animals
B. Stars
C. Flowers
D. Cars
3. How many days are in a fortnight period?
A. 12
B. 40
C. 14
D. 7
4. How many bunches of feathers does a great horned owl have?
A. 2
B. 3
C. 4
D. 5
5. What year was Yemen divided into independent states?
A. 1985
B. 1992
C. 1980
D. 1990
6. Based on the word history of money, what was the name of goddess the word was originated from?
A. Venus
B. Jupiter
C. Juno
D. Star
7. Regicide is the killing of a what?
A. Queen
B. King
C. Prince
D. Princess
8. What part of the body would you find a forelock growing?
A. Toes
B. Front of the head
C. Bottom of the foot
D. Under the arm
9. All of the following are politicians, **EXCEPT**?
A. Stephen Arnold Douglas
B. Henry Clay
C. William Marcy Tweed
D. Mary Cassatt

10. A painted lady is the name of what insect?
A. Butterfly
B. Grasshopper
C. Praying mantis
D. Beetle
11. What year was New Amsterdam renamed New York by the British?
A. 1625
B. 1664
C. 1652
D. 1633
12. A penny is a British unit of money that was formerly equal how much of a pound?
A. 1/100
B. 1/240
C. 1/300
D. 1/200
13. How many sides does a pentagon have?
A. 7
B. 8
C. 5
D. 6
14. What form of transportation are you most likely to find a periscope?
A. Bicycle
B. 18-wheeler
C. Submarine
D. Scooter
15. The term "Commonwealth" is used by the following states, **EXCEPT**?
A. Kentucky
B. Pennsylvania
C. Virginia
D. Iowa
16. Which of the following is used to describe a person who stirs up the people especially to hatred or violence?
A. Yogi
B. Rabble-rouser
C. Integrationist
D. Superintendent
17. What shape does the group of stars Pegasus form?
A. Square
B. Triangle
C. Oval
D. Octagon
18. Which of the following is considered a trademark?
A. Mouse pad
B. Crock-Pot
C. Cable
D. Nail polish
19. What was the age of the person that invented the term googol?
A. 40
B. 18
C. 9
D. 27
20. Where is the town of Matlock located?
A. England
B. Switzerland
C. Bulgaria
D. Armenia

21. What does a psychrometer measure?
A. mass of sand
B. speed
C. water vapor
D. length
22. Edgar Degas lived between what years?
A. 1910-1970
B. 1776-1850
C. 1940-2010
D. 1834-1917
23. Which of the following words would be used to describe something being dull?
A. snappy
B. prosaic
C. huffy
D. rickety
24. Where would you find a crypt?
A. underground
B. on top of a building
C. in an attic
D. in a body of water
25. A PT boat is equipped with all of the following **EXCEPT**?
A. depth charges
B. machine guns
C. crane missiles
D. torpedoes
26. What is another name for a house sparrow?
A. Trained sparrow
B. English sparrow
C. Home sparrow
D. Rounded sparrow
27. How many times a year does an event happen if it is considered biannual?
A. once
B. three
C. four
D. twice
28. What is the abbreviation used for hundredweight?
A. HD
B. hwy
C. WH
D. cwt
29. How many sides does a Brazil nut have?
A. 0
B. 3
C. 4
D. 2
30. Which of the following is NOT an island?
A. Lewis and Harris
B. Kyushu
C. Hillingdon
D. Lesser Antilles

31. A telegraph sends messages by using what?

- A. code
- B. pictures
- C. light
- D. letters

32. A bigot won't listen to what?

- A. instrumental music
- B. nature calls
- C. different beliefs
- D. snoring

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

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|------------------|---|
| _____ 33. comely | A. to offer for sale |
| _____ 34. pane | B. a small wooden container or barrel |
| _____ 35. vend | C. too long-winded or wordy |
| _____ 36. firkin | D. pleasing to the eye |
| _____ 37. sunder | E. a long loose heavy overcoat |
| _____ 38. prolix | F. a former British coin worth four pennies |
| _____ 39. goad | G. a piece, section or side of something |
| _____ 40. ulster | H. to break or force apart or in two |

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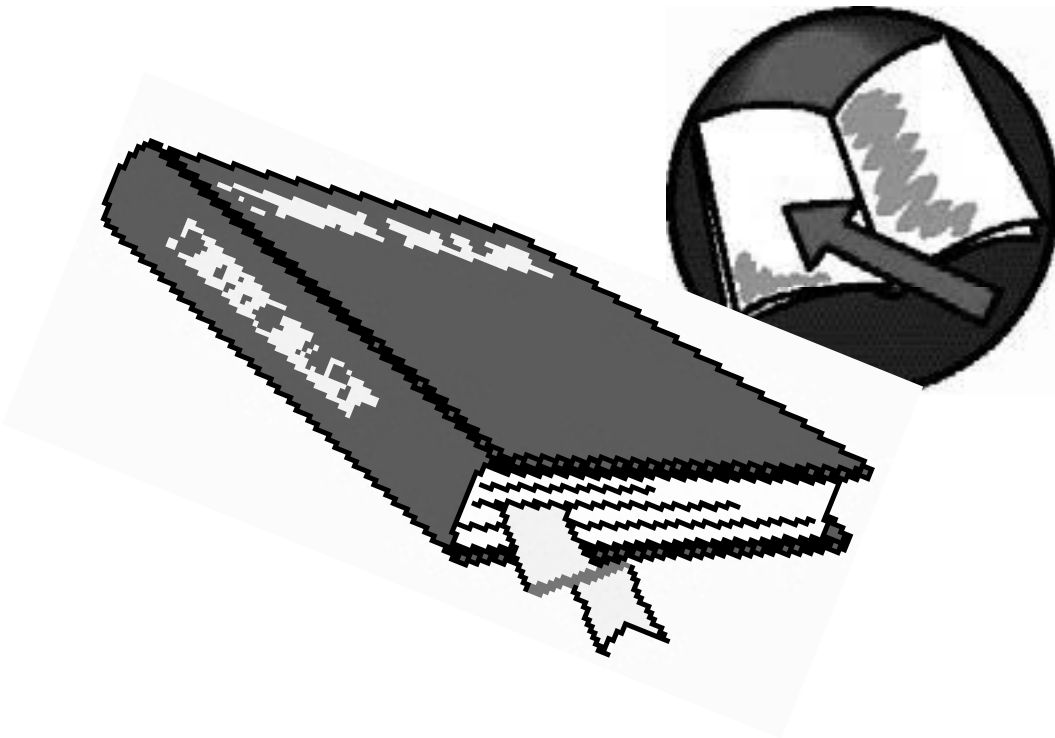
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1. What type of fish does a lamprey resemble?
A. jellyfish
B. eel
C. stingray
D. blowfish
2. What U.S. Government program was created in 1935?
A. Bureau
B. Medicaid
C. Social Security
D. Food stamps
3. What is the atomic weight for the element mercury?
A. 95.94
B. 150.36
C. 32.07
D. 200.59
4. Counterintelligence is an activity used by an intelligence service to hide what from their enemies?
A. truth
B. hostages
C. valuable jewelry
D. medicine
5. How many feet below sea level is the Dead Sea?
A. 400 ft
B. 120 ft
C. 1435 ft
D. 1312 ft
6. Farina is most likely to be eaten at what time of the day?
A. dessert
B. breakfast
C. lunch
D. dinner
7. What case led the U.S. Supreme court to establish the Miranda rights?
A. Miranda v. Arizona
B. Miranda v. New York
C. Miranda v. New Mexico
D. Miranda v. Ohio
8. All of the following vegetables are considered gourds **EXCEPT**?
A. pumpkin
B. melon
C. lemon
D. cucumber
9. Who was the chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court between 1836-1864?
A. Andrew Jackson
B. George Rogers Clark
C. Roger Brooke Taney
D. John Sherman
10. Where are you mostly likely to find a lavalier hanging?
A. on a car mirror
B. on a flagpole
C. on a wall
D. on a chain

11. Which of the following is most likely to use hatching in their work?
A. an artist
B. a lawyer
C. a weather man
D. a dog trainer
12. How many times can a monosaccharide be split into simpler sugars?
A. three
B. four
C. two
D. none of the above
13. An individual taking a Rorschach test, is asked to tell what they see in and think about various designs of what?
A. water colors
B. ink blots
C. stained glass
D. floral arrangements
14. What is the name of the mountain that was formerly known as Aoraki mountain?
A. Carpathian Mountains
B. Mount Cook
C. Black Hills Mountains
D. Apennines Mountain
15. How did Daedalus and his son escape imprisonment?
A. an underground tunnel
B. a horse
C. an airplane
D. wings
16. How many days after Easter is Ascension Day?
A. 20
B. 30
C. 40
D. 15
17. Slash pine is an important source of all of the following **EXCEPT**?
A. lumber
B. pulpwood
C. oak
D. turpentine
18. Silica remains as a skeleton after death for any of a class of minute floating single celled or colonial algae called what?
A. diatom
B. thistle
C. syncline
D. pholx
19. Which of the following is considered a radial symmetry?
A. quince
B. a snail
C. grapevines
D. a starfish
20. What does a phylactery contain?
A. treasure
B. scripture passages
C. eggs
D. maps

21. How many popes were named Boniface?
 A. 10
 B. 5
 C. 12
 D. None of the above
22. What kind of insect is a midge?
 A. a grasshopper
 B. a beetle
 C. a fly
 D. a blattodea
23. A burnoose is derived from the Arabic word meaning what?
 A. hooded cloak
 B. flower pot
 C. firewood
 D. housing
24. Which of the following plants spread by creeping underground stems?
 A. oat
 B. quack grass
 C. sumac
 D. milkweed
25. What does the organization YWHA stand for?
 A. Young Warriors Helping Always
 B. Young Women's Hebrew Association
 C. Youth with Attitude Association
 D. Your Willing Home Assistants
26. What year did Western Samoa become an independent country?
 A. 1944
 B. 1918
 C. 1956
 D. 1962
27. Which of the following is considered to be the world's most popular sport?
 A. football
 B. soccer
 C. baseball
 D. basketball
28. The certification mark NC-17 certifies that no under the age of 17 can be admitted to what?
 A. watch the motion picture
 B. serve in the military
 C. drive an 18-wheeler
 D. own cattle
29. What type of vote is a straw vote?
 A. a first-time vote
 B. a wrong vote
 C. an unofficial vote
 D. the last vote
30. What musical instrument does a flageolet resemble?
 A. cello
 B. saxophone
 C. flute
 D. None of the above

31. All of the following are considered to part of the Great Lakes **EXCEPT**?

- A. Lake Huron
- B. Lake Michigan
- C. Lake Superior
- D. Lake Okeechobee

32. Carnage refers to the great destruction of what?

- A. buildings
- B. life
- C. mountains
- D. roads

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

- | | |
|----------------------|---|
| _____ 33. koruna | A. from the beginning |
| _____ 34. da capo | B. a person who peddles fake medicines by trickery |
| _____ 35. spinet | C. a long tiring walk |
| _____ 36. blench | D. to rub over with oil or an oily substance |
| _____ 37. trudge | E. the basic unit of money in Czech |
| _____ 38. anoint | F. to shrink back out of fear |
| _____ 39. mountebank | G. a person who live away from others |
| _____ 40. recluse | H. a low piano built with strings running up and down |

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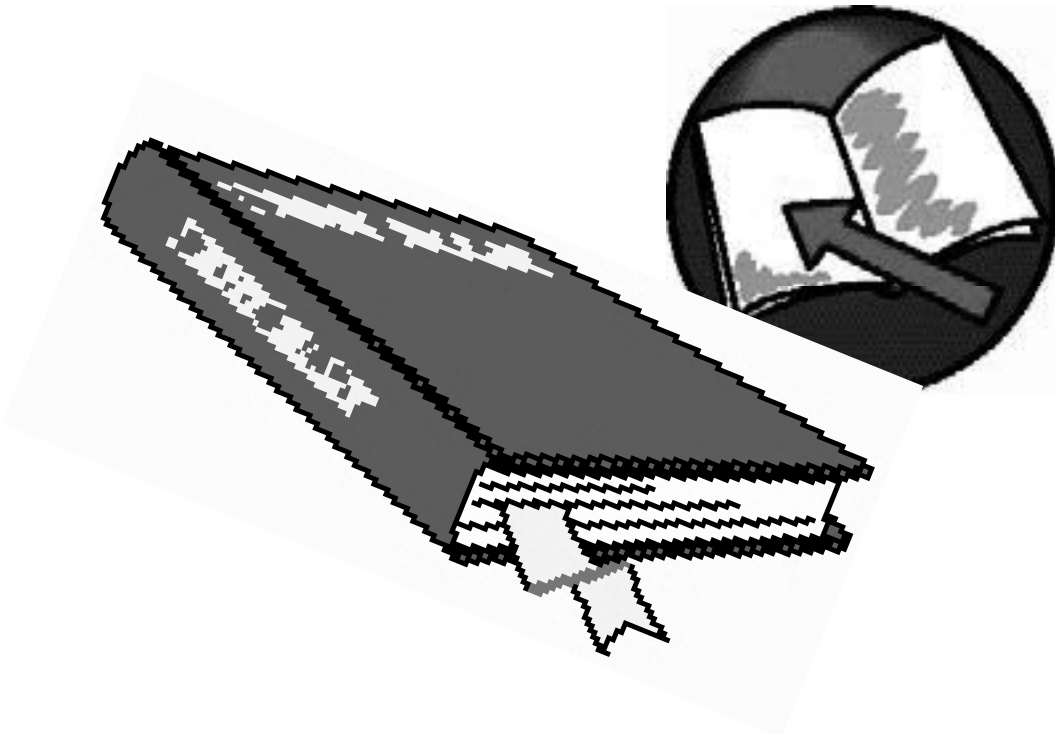
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A. 12
B. 11
C. 9
D. 5
2. What is the name of the method that uses force above the navel with the fist?
A. splint
B. shrug off
C. cardiopulmonary resuscitation
D. Heimlich maneuver
3. What would one use a samovar for?
A. to cut vegetables
B. to start a car
C. to pour tea
D. to change the tv channel
4. Which of the following is a name for a left-handed person?
A. patroon
B. south paw
C. cloven hoof
D. raptor
5. When is Trinity Sunday?
A. the eighth Sunday after Easter
B. the first Sunday after Easter
C. the ninth Sunday after Easter
D. the Sunday after Easter
6. Where is one ordered to appear if they are given a subpoena?
A. church
B. doctor's office
C. court
D. school
7. What was the password that Ali Baba used to enter the cave of the Forty Thieves?
A. Alakazam
B. Abracadabra
C. Shazam
D. Sesame
8. When does rapid eye movement occur?
A. while sleeping
B. when bright light hits the eye
C. after using eyes drops
D. when you get a new pair of glasses
9. All of the following states are located in the mountain time zone **EXCEPT**?
A. Colorado
B. Nevada
C. Wyoming
D. Arizona
10. How many numbers of bells does a ship give at 5:00 a.m.?
A. 2
B. 3
C. 8
D. 6

11. What type of writing does a stenographer do?
A. song lyrics
B. movie scripts
C. map directions
D. shorthand
12. The term maverick came to be used to name cattle that was what?
A. sick
B. dead
C. unbranded
D. pregnant
13. What school subject would one most likely use a vinculum?
A. math
B. history
C. writing
D. P.E.
14. What mountains are usually thought of as a dividing line between Europe and Asia?
A. Cumbrian Mountains
B. Ural Mountains
C. Drakensberg Mountains
D. Andes Mountains
15. What is another name for a pedagogue?
A. teacher
B. actor
C. gamer
D. barista
16. What happened to Jesus on the night of the Last Supper?
A. He got lost
B. He was betrayed
C. He choked on his food
D. He saved an animal
17. Someone described as a glutton does too much of what?
A. sleeping
B. lying
C. eating
D. talking
18. Which of the following is something that would occur in your body after death?
A. gentility
B. precipitation
C. agglomeration
D. rigor mortis
19. According to the legend of the Flying Dutchman, what is he condemned to do until judgment day?
A. roam the forest
B. sail the seas
C. fly an airplane in the dark sky
D. dig for every treasure known to man
20. All of the following elements make up German Silver **EXCEPT**?
A. Iron
B. Copper
C. Nickel
D. Zinc
21. Old Norse was the Germanic Language of the Scandinavian people before what year?
A. 1502
B. 1530
C. 1350
D. 1489

22. According to the history of a tuxedo, it can be traced back to the name of a what?
- A. animal
 - B. car
 - C. flower
 - D. village
23. Where are you most likely to find a throng?
- A. a bathroom
 - B. a concert
 - C. a car
 - D. a dog house
24. What is the abbreviation for base exchange?
- A. BEX
 - B. BAS
 - C. BX
 - D. BAX
25. Where was the pottery delft first made?
- A. Mexico
 - B. Spain
 - C. the Netherlands
 - D. China
26. All of the following are breeds of cattle **EXCEPT**?
- A. Holstein
 - B. Thoroughbred
 - C. Hereford
 - D. Shorthorn
27. Who is most likely to be given a perquisite?
- A. a pilot
 - B. a waitress
 - C. a dog
 - D. an engineer
28. How many wheels does a shay have?
- A. 2
 - B. 4
 - C. 1
 - D. 3
29. Which of the following rivers is **NOT** longer than 1200 miles?
- A. Parana River
 - B. Salween River
 - C. Mackenzie River
 - D. Madeira River
30. When is the Christian festival Epiphany observed?
- A. January 6th
 - B. March 25th
 - C. January 16th
 - D. February 6th
31. What does the call of a kookaburra resemble?
- A. a vibrating shriek
 - B. a bark
 - C. a soft cry
 - D. loud laughter
32. What part of the body would one have crow's feet?
- A. the ankle
 - B. the eyes
 - C. the thumb
 - D. the lower back

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

- | | |
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| _____ 33. crux | A. a tall narrow mirror |
| _____ 34. pier glass | B. to hang or let hang loosely |
| _____ 35. sobriquet | C. very hot and usually dry |
| _____ 36. gesso | D. the most important point |
| _____ 37. loll | E. a material like plaster used in art |
| _____ 38. anew | F. to confine especially during a war |
| _____ 39. torrid | G. a descriptive name of phrase |
| _____ 40. intern | H. over again |

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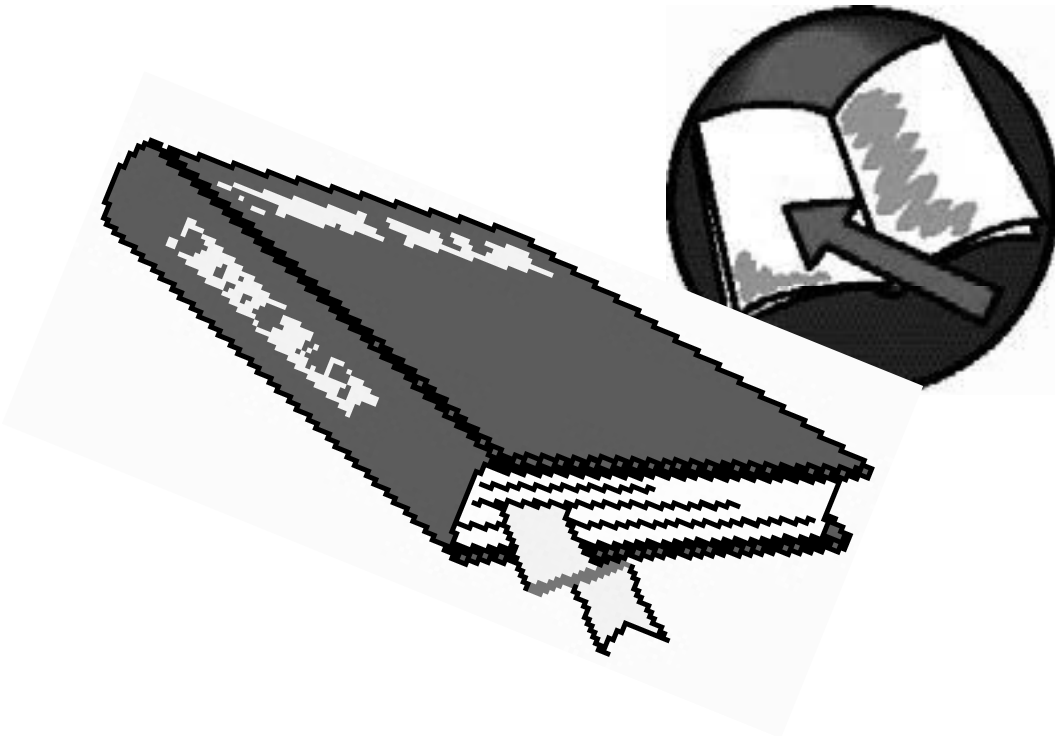
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1. Dendrology is the study of what?
A. mountains
B. trees
C. clouds
D. organs
2. The electronic display screen LCD stands for what?
A. light carrying display
B. lifting catch display
C. liquid crystal display
D. light containing display
3. What year was the word robot introduced to English?
A. 1955
B. 1912
C. 1922
D. 1923
4. What is a musical composition written without following a particular style?
A. a fantasia
B. a falsetto
C. a syncopation
D. key signature
5. According to the history of the word Khaki, the name originated from what language?
A. Spanish
B. Dutch
C. Hindi
D. Italian
6. What is another name for a stress mark?
A. bold mark
B. switch mark
C. accent mark
D. fine mark
7. What is the capital of Cape Verde?
A. Oxnard
B. Praia
C. Bern
D. Bogota
8. What is the name given to a party in a legal proceeding whose true name is to be unknown?
A. Richard Roe
B. Cody Blue
C. Richard Wagner
D. John Smith
9. What object is used in the game called cat's cradle?
A. a box
B. a light
C. a basket
D. a string

10. What is administered in probate court?
A. school districts
B. town laws
C. estates
D. child custody
11. What was Pecos Bill known for?
A. his magic tricks
B. his riding style
C. his teeth
D. his feats
12. What month do people in Canada celebrate Thanksgiving Day?
A. January
B. October
C. November
D. December
13. According to Greek mythology, who killed the hydra?
A. Perseus
B. Hercules
C. Jason
D. Orpheus
14. What type of reptile is a racerunner?
A. a lizard
B. a snake
C. a chameleon
D. a gecko
15. What does a sycophant do to another in order to get ahead?
A. blackmails
B. harms
C. flatters
D. bribes
16. Which of the following is an aerosol?
A. fog
B. ashes
C. rubber
D. dust
17. What do remora have on the top of their heads?
A. a sharp scale
B. a suction disk
C. eyes
D. black spots
18. What year did impressionism begin in France?
A. 1805
B. 1902
C. 1899
D. 1870
19. How many accented syllables are in a trochee?
A. three
B. one
C. four
D. two
20. All of the following are track and field events **EXCEPT**?
A. triple jump
B. discus
C. javelin
D. disbar

21. What is the age of someone considered middle aged?
A. 40
B. 65
C. 59
D. 44
22. According to the history of the Jeep, what comic strip inspired the development of the vehicle and its name?
A. Popeye
B. Garfield
C. Marvel
D. DC
23. In Greek mythology, what caused the Trojan War?
A. money
B. Helen of Troy's abduction
C. land
D. the killing of Menelaus son
24. Where is a trade route located?
A. underground
B. a highway
C. sea
D. mountain tops
25. Set theory is a branch of what subject?
A. art
B. science
C. history
D. mathematics
26. All of the following may be symptoms of premenstrual syndrome **EXCEPT**?
A. insomnia
B. fatigue
C. headache
D. fever
27. A horned pout is a common bullhead in what part of the U.S.?
A. eastern
B. western
C. southern
D. northern
28. Someone known to be infamous has what kind of a reputation?
A. kind
B. evil
C. secretive
D. persuasive
29. Which of the following is an example of invoking?
A. breaking the law
B. taking back a gift
C. prayer
D. a career change
30. What does a usurer lend?
A. money
B. advice
C. manual labor
D. transportation
31. Cathay is an old name for what country?
A. Australia
B. China
C. Colombia
D. Finland

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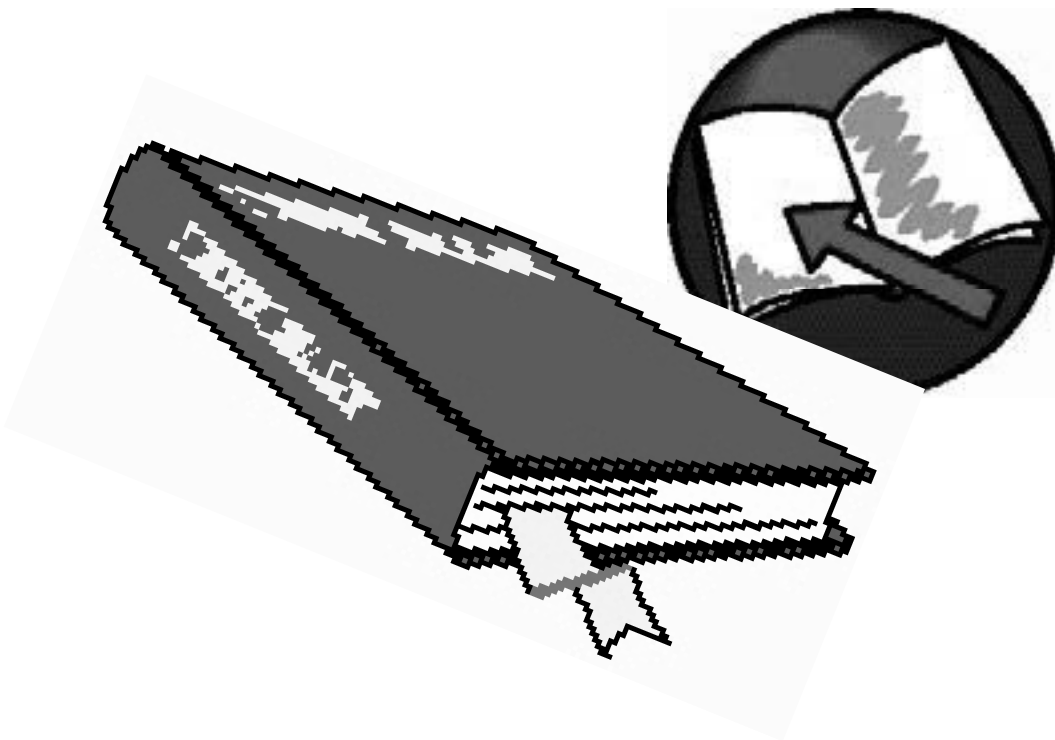
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| 12. B | 32. D |
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| 15. C | 35. A |
| 16. A | 36. C |
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1. What type of instrument is a conga?
A. piano
B. drum
C. guitar
D. horn
2. In the military, KP is the duty of handling what?
A. aircrafts
B. bedding
C. meals
D. weapons
3. Which of the following is a term for a person that takes part in a lawsuit?
A. philatelist
B. petty officer
C. litigant
D. evacuee
4. All of the following are trademarks **EXCEPT**?
A. Kleenex
B. Crock-Pot
C. PG
D. Waffle Iron
5. What day is Rogation Day?
A. January 3rd
B. July 24th
C. December 13th
D. April 25th
6. What is the quotient of dividing 20 by 10?
A. 2
B. 5
C. 10
D. 6
7. Around what time was the Air Force branch Waf discontinued?
A. 1930s
B. 1920s
C. 1970s
D. 2000s
8. Which of the following is a disease that is transmitted by ticks?
A. Lyme disease
B. cholera
C. river blindness
D. malaria
9. What type of animal is a krait?
A. bird
B. snake
C. mouse
D. buffalo
10. What is the Medieval Latin name for Scotland?
A. Scots
B. Scotlos
C. Scotia
D. Scottsdale

11. Where did a forty-niner go in the gold rush of 1849?
A. California
B. Colorado
C. New York
D. North Carolina
12. Fortran is a language used for programming what?
A. televisions
B. x-ray machines
C. radios
D. computers
13. According to the history of the word, all of the following were original meanings of magazine **EXCEPT**?
A. storehouse
B. cellar
C. cape
D. granary
14. What causes incandescence from an object?
A. high heat
B. low heat
C. sunlight
D. pressure
15. How many characters to the inch does a pica provide?
A. 5
B. 7
C. 10
D. 11
16. According to medieval legend, who found the Holy Grail?
A. John Charles Fremont
B. Hadrian
C. Galahad
D. Edward Braddock
17. What is a demijohn enclosed in?
A. wire
B. a basket
C. glass
D. mud
18. Which of the following could be used to name someone that wants to bring peace between two friends?
A. a go-between
B. a suburbanite
C. a consul
D. a socialite
19. What does ATM stand for?
A. air tight money
B. auto time machine
C. active trauma membrane
D. automatic teller machine
20. What is the name for an imaginary line along the 180th meridian named as a place where each calendar day begins?
A. horoscope
B. international date line
C. hemisphere
D. core line
21. A sea trout lives mostly in the sea but goes up rivers to do what?
A. hibernate
B. hunt for food
C. breed and lay eggs
D. hide from enemies

22. Where is an American Indian Chinook from?
A. Oregon
B. Colorado
C. Kansas
D. Idaho
23. What year did Zanzibar become independent?
A. 1976
B. 1963
C. 1983
D. 1954
24. Ptyalin is an enzyme that helps change starch into what?
A. fat
B. salt
C. oxygen
D. sugar
25. Who were known to usually be the advertisers of soap opera programs?
A. wine distributors
B. tobacco manufacturers
C. tissue manufactures
D. soap manufactures
26. How many shillings is a guinea equal to?
A. 13
B. 5
C. 21
D. 50
27. What type of beverage is made using a percolator?
A. tea
B. coffee
C. milk
D. orange juice
28. What does a joist support?
A. a floor or ceiling
B. a water dam
C. a fence
D. a bridge
29. Who was the physicist that won the Nobel Prize in 1964?
A. William Faulkner
B. Dorothy Mary Hodgkin
C. Jane Addams
D. Eugene Gladstone O'Neill
30. What is another name for a weevil?
A. egret
B. oxygen
C. snout beetle
D. red mullet
31. What color is Benedict's solution?
A. gray
B. purple
C. green
D. blue
32. A shantytown would be described as what kind of town?
A. overpopulated
B. poor
C. wealthy
D. busy

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

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| _____33. plait | A. the highest point |
| _____34. put across | B. to tear apart |
| _____35. acme | C. a group of six lines of poetry |
| _____36. sestet | D. a flat fold |
| _____37. pallid | E. not to be left out |
| _____38. obligato | F. to gain or communicate successfully |
| _____39. rive | G. a front place or position |
| _____40. fore | H. lacking healthy color |

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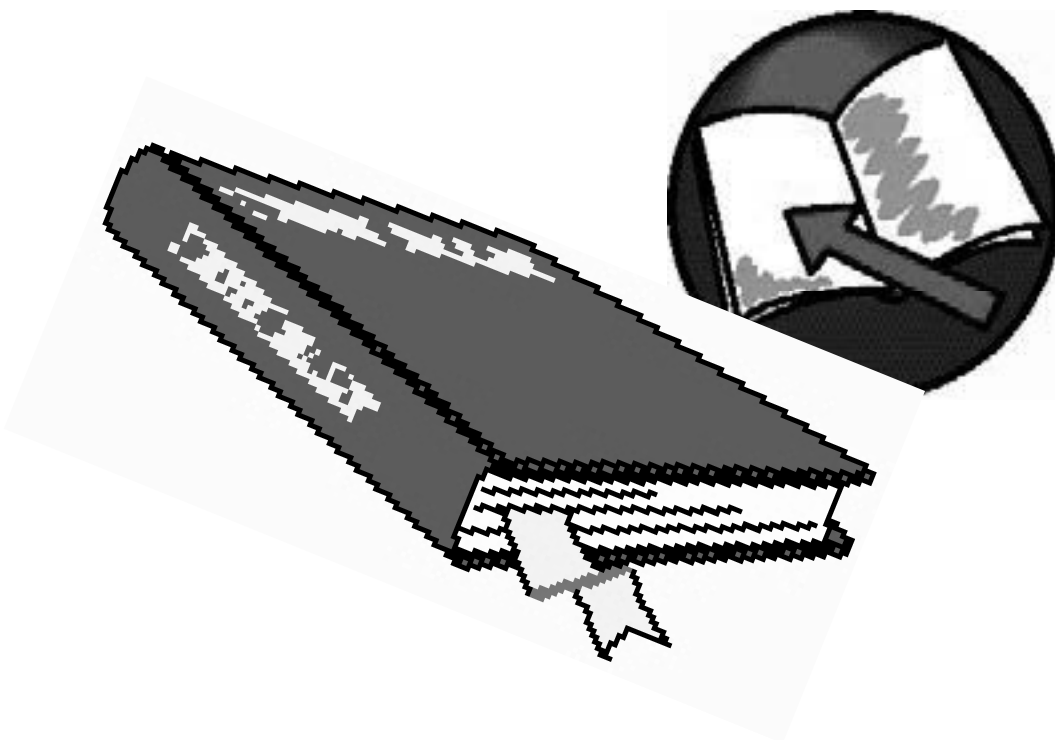
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| 5. D | 25. D |
| 6. A | 26. C |
| 7. C | 27. B |
| 8. A | 28. A |
| 9. B | 29. B |
| 10. C | 30. C |
| 11. A | 31. D |
| 12. D | 32. B |
| 13. C | 33. D |
| 14. A | 34. F |
| 15. C | 35. A |
| 16. C | 36. C |
| 17. B | 37. H |
| 18. A | 38. E |
| 19. D | 39. B |
| 20. B | 40. G |

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1. Which of the following could be used to describe a kangaroo court?
A. overloaded
B. understaffed
C. unfair
D. quick
2. What is the theory that states if one nation becomes Communist-controlled the neighboring nations will also become Communist-controlled?
A. big bang theory
B. domino theory
C. evolution
D. quantum theory
3. Where would you find a folio?
A. a library
B. a pantry
C. a billboard
D. a restroom
4. What is something that a privy does not have?
A. Air conditioning
B. lights
C. plumbing
D. windows
5. All of the following are U.S. capitals **EXCEPT**?
A. Tallahassee
B. Dover
C. Hartford
D. Manama
6. What year did the man that wisterias are named after die?
A. 1918
B. 1818
C. 1841
D. 1761
7. What is the Roman numeral for forty?
A. XL
B. VIII
C. XC
D. XXII
8. What area of the retina contains only cones?
A. cornea
B. fovea
C. iris
D. optic nerve
9. Passover is a Jewish holiday that honors the freeing of Hebrews slaves from what country?
A. Bolivia
B. Israel
C. Egypt
D. Fiji
10. Someone that has a pockmark may have suffered from what?
A. cancer
B. menopause
C. hair loss
D. smallpox

11. How many years was Boris Nikolayevich Yeltsin president of Russia?
A. 4 years
B. 5 years
C. 9 years
D. 6 years
12. Which of the following foods is also called bean curd?
A. tofu
B. sponge cake
C. goulash
D.
13. Practice, usage and custom are all synonyms for what word?
A. weak
B. habit
C. multitude
D. lasting
14. According to the history of museum, how many sister goddesses did the ancient Greeks worship?
A. six
B. nine
C. two
D. four
15. The Mariana Trench is considered to be the what in the world?
A. most dangerous
B. deepest
C. darkest
D. coldest
16. What does MRI stand for?
A. mirroring right imaging
B. minor rear intention
C. mission resource ignition
D. magnetic resonance imaging
17. A hotline is typically used for what type of service calls?
A. pest control
B. lawncare
C. direct emergencies
D. housekeeping
18. During what century was a doublet chiefly worn?
A. 12th
B. 14th
C. 16th
D. 15th
19. What part of the body is the enzyme pepsin given off?
A. the stomach
B. the brain
C. the lungs
D. the pancreas
20. What is listed on a pedigree?
A. ingredients
B. line of ancestors
C. temperatures
D. names of state capitals
21. Sickle-cell anemia occurs mostly in people of the following ancestry **EXCEPT**?
A. Southwest Asian
B. African
C. Mediterranean
D. Mexican

22. A mezzo-soprano has a voice between that of a soprano and what?
 A. treble
 B. bass
 C. contralto
 D. tenor
23. How many degrees south of the equator is the Tropic of Capricorn?
 A. 22
 B. 21 ½
 C. 23 ½
 D. 25
24. What type of flavor does sherry wine have?
 A. nutty
 B. cherry
 C. honey
 D. citrus
25. Which of the following rivers are **NOT** under 200 miles long?
 A. James River
 B. Arno river
 C. Detroit river
 D. Neva river
26. What date is Michaelmas celebrated?
 A. October 10th
 B. September 29th
 C. December 5th
 D. April 2nd
27. According to the history of caterpillar, what animal did a fuzzy caterpillar remind some people of in France?
 A. snakes
 B. lions
 C. little dogs
 D. cats
28. In Fahrenheit, how many degrees above zero does water have to reach to boil under standard atmospheric pressure?
 A. 202 degrees
 B. 107 degrees
 C. 32 degrees
 D. 212 degrees
29. What does a truant officer investigate?
 A. murders
 B. theft
 C. fraud
 D. absences
30. Which of the following items is used for medical treatment?
 A. a poultice
 B. a pommel
 C. an easel
 D. a stylus
31. Something described as being run-of-the-mill would also be describes as what?
 A. scary
 B. genius
 C. average
 D. extraordinary
32. What was the name of Esau's twin brother?
 A. Christopher
 B. Jacob
 C. Michael
 D. Stephen

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

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| _____ 33. duck soup | A. to get around the side of |
| _____ 34. trice | B. a strong current of air |
| _____ 35. outflank | C. a brief space of time |
| _____ 36. spar | D. small, rural and unimportant |
| _____ 37. gale | E. having an irritable disposition |
| _____ 38. quizzical | F. a stout pole |
| _____ 39. jerkwater | G. something easy to do |
| _____ 40. ornery | H. teasing in a good-natured way |

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