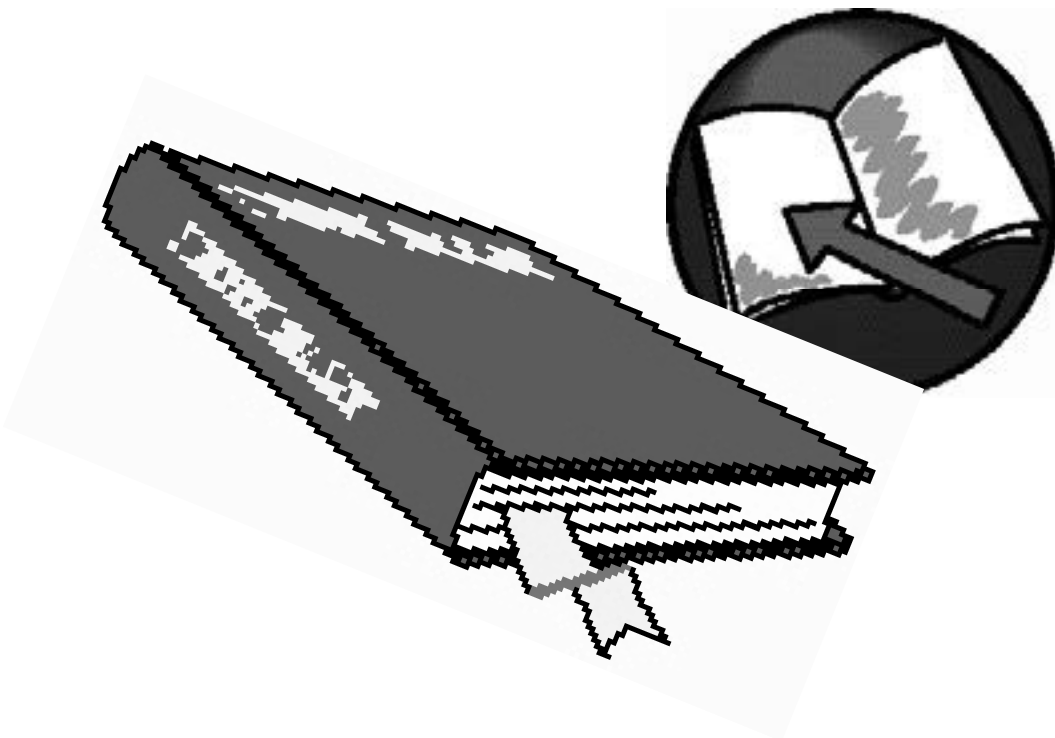


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1. What is the name of the Northern group of stars between Taurus and Cassiopeia?  
A. Milky Way  
B. Nadir  
C. Perseus  
D. Pleiades
2. What color spots does a spotted turtle have?  
A. Yellow  
B. Blue  
C. Black  
D. Orange
3. What two states did Creek Members mostly occupy?  
A. Texas and New Mexico  
B. Utah and Nevada  
C. Alabama and Georgia  
D. New York and Vermont
4. Which of the following animals is related to the llama and alpaca?  
A. Dromedary  
B. Vicuna  
C. Wallaby  
D. Tapir
5. A seminary is a school for training all of the following **EXCEPT**?  
A. Rabbis  
B. Priests  
C. Ministers  
D. Officiants
6. How many Kilometers is the Guadalquivir River?  
A. 408 km  
B. 656 km  
C. 302 km  
D. 565 km
7. What type of insect is a dipteran?  
A. Fly  
B. Beetle  
C. Ant  
D. Butterfly
8. How many days is Kwanza Celebrated?  
A. 5 days  
B. 8 days  
C. 4 Days  
D. 7 Days
9. What year did Oliver Cromwell become lord protector of England?  
A. 1626  
B. 1599  
C. 1658  
D. 1653

10. Where is one most likely to hear a dirge?  
 A. Graduation Ceremony  
 B. Birthday Party  
 C. Funeral  
 D. Softball Game
11. In Middle English, which of the following word meant “the track or trail left by and animal or person”?  
 A. Myrrh  
 B. Freebooter  
 C. Sleuth  
 D. Demitasse
12. Where is Montezuma’s revenge contacted?  
 A. Switzerland  
 B. Mexico  
 C. China  
 D. Canada
13. What ocean is Diego Garcia island located in?  
 A. Indian Ocean  
 B. Atlantic Ocean  
 C. Pacific Ocean  
 D. Arctic
14. What type of format is a graphic novel presented in?  
 A. Comic-Strip  
 B. Hieroglyphics  
 C. One sided  
 D. Double spaced
15. What time is someone most likely to be on dog watch?  
 A. 10:30 a.m.  
 B. 2:00 p.m.  
 C. 11:05 p.m.  
 D. 6:30 p.m.
16. How many weekdays is Lent observed for?  
 A. 15  
 B. 30  
 C. 40  
 D. 20
17. Which of the following diseases is marked by redness, itching and scaly lesions?  
 A. Bronchitis  
 B. Eczema  
 C. Phenylketonuria  
 D. Ebola
18. Who won in the Nobel Prize in 1949?  
 A. Martin Luther King Jr.  
 B. William Faulkner  
 C. Toni Morrison  
 D. Ivan Petrovich Pavlova
19. The Salk vaccine is given to prevent the spread of what disease?  
 A. Polio  
 B. Epilepsy  
 C. Meningitis  
 D. Pneumonia
20. Which of the following words could be used to describe someone with a bad temper?  
 A. Invulnerable  
 B. Termagant  
 C. Cowardly  
 D. Surly

21. What is the capital of Uganda?  
 A. Bismarck  
 B. Regina  
 C. Kampala  
 D. Charlotte Amalie
22. Who was the founder of Mormonism in 1830?  
 A. James Moore  
 B. Joseph Smith  
 C. Charles Mustard  
 D. Timothy Arnold
23. Which of the following is an ordinal number?  
 A. Five  
 B. First  
 C. Sixteen  
 D. Nine
24. What is the period of rotation for Jupiter?  
 A. 2.5 days  
 B. 11.86 hours  
 C. 16.11 hours  
 D. 9.92 hours
25. In the marines, a staff sergeant is below what ranking?  
 A. Gunnery Sergeant  
 B. Platoon Sergeant  
 C. Technical Sergeant  
 D. Assembly Sergeant
26. All of the following ingredients can be found in marzipan, **EXCEPT**?  
 A. Almond paste  
 B. Sugar  
 C. Baking Soda  
 D. Egg Whites
27. How many horizontal lines make up a staff in written music?  
 A. 4  
 B. 5  
 C. 6  
 D. 3
28. Which of the following does **NOT** use the abbreviation Sc?  
 A. Small capitals  
 B. Sound clouds  
 C. Scots  
 D. Scottish
29. What is the name of a person who is not Jewish?  
 A. Drake  
 B. Celt  
 C. Stringer  
 D. Gentile
30. What year did the U.S. government establish the social security program?  
 A. 1935  
 B. 1942  
 C. 1920  
 D. 1939
31. What is a dilettante a lover of?  
 A. Cooking  
 B. Spots  
 C. The arts  
 D. Nature

32. What attaches to the centromere during cell division?  
A. Membrane  
B. The spindle  
C. Cellophane  
D. Electrodes

**Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:**

- |                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| _____ 33. gesso       | A. a plug used to stop the vent in a barrel        |
| _____ 34. pleat       | B. an empty space                                  |
| _____ 35. crestfallen | C. a thickener used to make gasoline               |
| _____ 36. spigot      | D. a person from another country or region         |
| _____ 37. vizier      | E. a material like plaster used in art             |
| _____ 38. vacuity     | F. very sad and disappointed                       |
| _____ 39. outlander   | G. a high official in a Muslim country             |
| _____ 40. napalm      | H. a fold made by doubling material over on itself |

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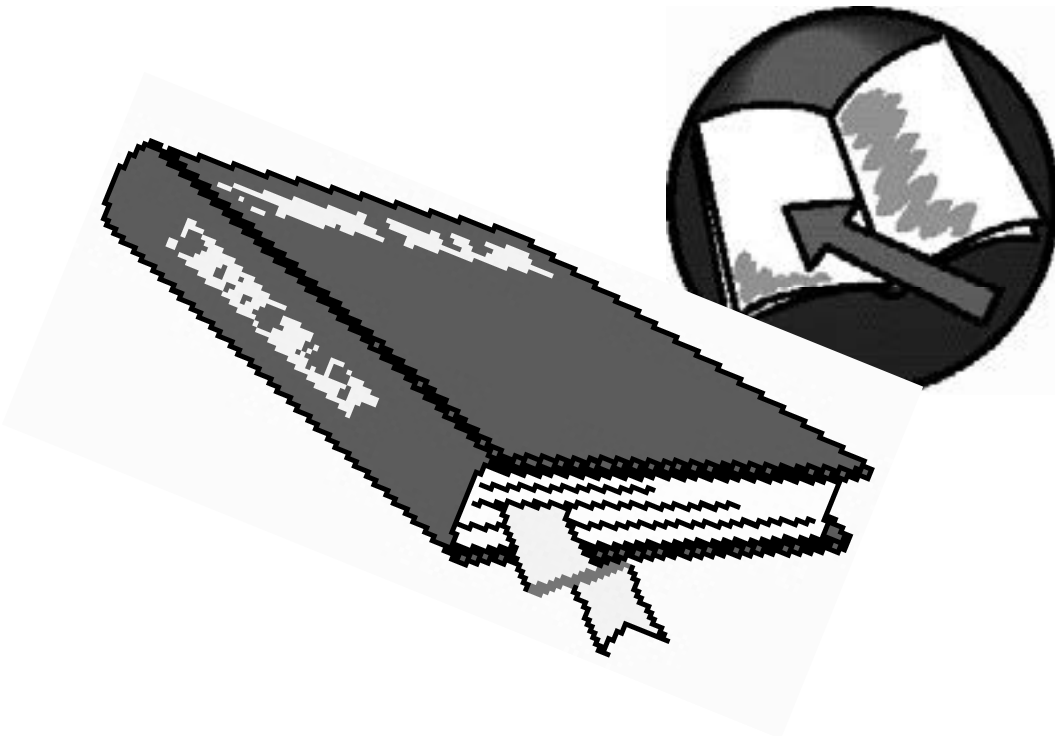
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| 4. B  | 24. D |
| 5. D  | 25. A |
| 6. B  | 26. C |
| 7. A  | 27. B |
| 8. D  | 28. B |
| 9. D  | 29. D |
| 10. C | 30. A |
| 11. C | 31. C |
| 12. B | 32. B |
| 13. A | 33. E |
| 14. A | 34. H |
| 15. D | 35. F |
| 16. C | 36. A |
| 17. B | 37. G |
| 18. B | 38. B |
| 19. A | 39. D |
| 20. D | 40. C |

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1. What type of reptile is a Gila monster?  
A. Lizard  
B. Snake  
C. Turtle  
D. Crocodile
2. How long is the James River?  
A. 547 miles  
B. 201 miles  
C. 340 miles  
D. 310 miles
3. What type of racing is a trotter trained for?  
A. Flat racing  
B. Jump racing  
C. Harness racing  
D. Maiden racing
4. What century was the oboe developed?  
A. 6<sup>th</sup> century  
B. 10<sup>th</sup> century  
C. 14<sup>th</sup> century  
D. 17<sup>th</sup> century
5. Krone was the basic unit of money in Austria between what years?  
A. 1890-1946  
B. 1892-1925  
C. 1905-1953  
D. 1883-1926
6. What American Commander was nicknamed *the Swamp Fox*?  
A. Louise Nevelson  
B. Francis Marion  
C. John Dalton  
D. Ethan Allen
7. All of the following would be considered a vermin, **EXCEPT**?  
A. Beavers  
B. Lice  
C. Fleas  
D. Mice
8. Where would one find a cowcatcher?  
A. In a barn  
B. The side of a car  
C. The front of a locomotive  
D. A school playground
9. River blindness is caused by a parasitic nematode worm passed on by the bite of a what?  
A. Dragonfly  
B. Stonefly  
C. Mosquito  
D. Blackfly



10. How many independent republics make up the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics?  
A. 15  
B. 9  
C. 11  
D. 7
11. Which of the following amounts do **NOT** equal a ream of paper?  
A. 480  
B. 320  
C. 500  
D. 516
12. What kind of ancestry is an Occidental of?  
A. African  
B. Asian  
C. European  
D. North American
13. What is the title name for the head of a convent of nuns?  
A. Abbot  
B. Caliph  
C. Hun  
D. Abbess
14. Which of the following would most likely be the age of a Camp Fire Girl?  
A. 5  
B. 3  
C. 9  
D. 6
15. What was the name of Pierre Curie's wife?  
A. Jane  
B. Marie  
C. Susan  
D. Tara
16. The former spelling of the word surly was originally used to describe a person who behaves in what way?  
A. Proud  
B. Irrational  
C. Cautious  
D. Sincere
17. Which layer of the ionosphere is most highly charged?  
A. E layer  
B. Exosphere  
C. D layer  
D. F layer
18. How many surrounding boroughs are in Greater London?  
A. 14  
B. 31  
C. 42  
D. 32
19. What type of food would most likely be served in a tureen?  
A. Sushi  
B. Finger sandwiches  
C. Chicken noodle soup  
D. Quesadilla
20. What type of plant does an abaca come from?  
A. Banana  
B. Cactus  
C. Fern  
D. Aloe

21. What date does the sun enter the Zodiac sign, Capricorn?  
A. November 22<sup>nd</sup> C. March 21<sup>st</sup>  
B. December 22<sup>nd</sup> D. July 23<sup>rd</sup>
22. A Whig tried to increase the power of what legislative body?  
A. The Monarch C. The Senate  
B. Parliament D. Supreme Court
23. What color are the flowers on a spring beauty?  
A. Blue C. Yellow  
B. Green D. Pink
24. Who did Jocasta unknowingly marry?  
A. Father C. Father  
B. Cousin D. Son
25. Which of the following foods is named after a seaport?  
A. Napoleon C. Edam  
B. Mousse D. Torte
26. What does the German word gesundheit translate to in English?  
A. Health C. Wealth  
B. Blessed D. Poor
27. Which of the following is Morse code for the number one?  
A. - - - - - C. · - - - -  
B. · · · · · D. - - - - ·
28. What is the occupation of a plainclothesman?  
A. Mailman C. Lawyer  
B. Police Officer D. Pilot
29. How many lines of poetry are in a sestet?  
A. 4 C. 7  
B. 6 D. 10
30. Which chemical element has the atomic weight of 112.41?  
A. Niobium C. Lutetium  
B. Terbium D. Cadmium
31. What is the cause of gangrene in the body?  
A. Loss of blood C. A broken tailbone  
B. Heart arrhythmia D. Lack of Vitamin E

32. What day of the week is the Roman Catholic festival, Corpus Christi?  
A. Monday  
B. Friday  
C. Thursday  
D. Wednesday

- \_\_\_\_\_ 33. lorn                      A. a public official who examines financial accounts  
\_\_\_\_\_ 34. rapport                B. the usually roundish pod of some plants  
\_\_\_\_\_ 35. slam-bang              C. traveling from place to place  
\_\_\_\_\_ 36. comptroller            D. having been abandoned or forsaken  
\_\_\_\_\_ 37. itinerant              E. having fast-paced often nonstop action  
\_\_\_\_\_ 38. tram                    F. the end part of a bird's wing  
\_\_\_\_\_ 39. boll                    G. a cart or wagon running on rails  
\_\_\_\_\_ 40. pinion                 H. a friendly relationship

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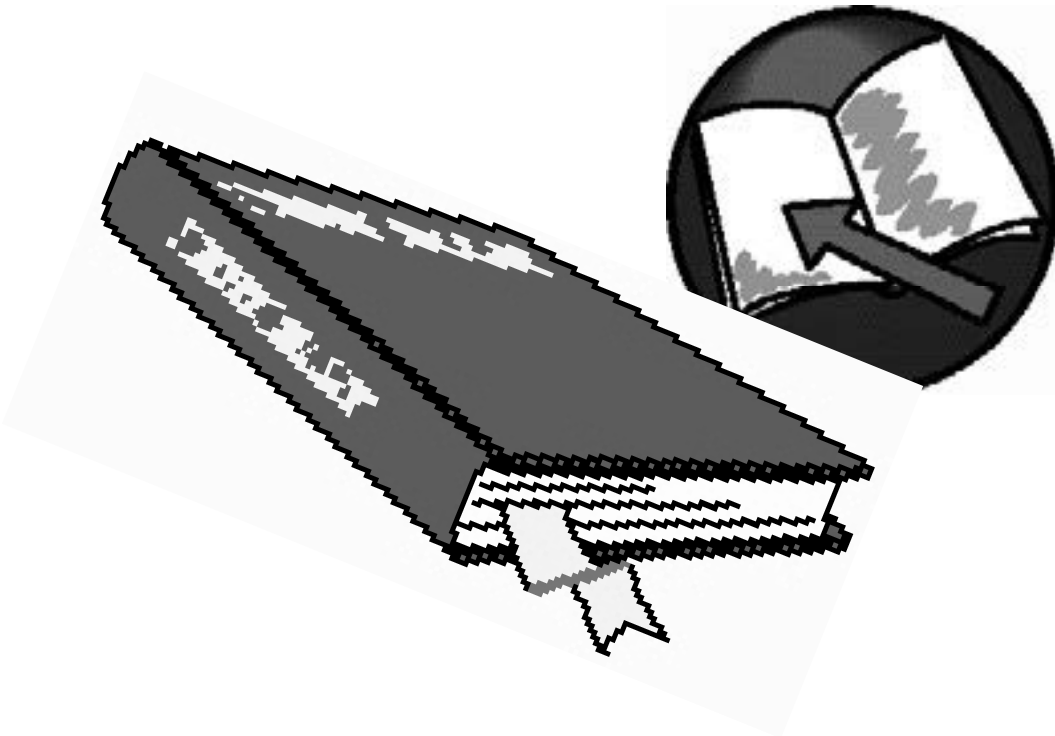
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| 7. A  | 27. C |
| 8. C  | 28. B |
| 9. D  | 29. B |
| 10. A | 30. D |
| 11. B | 31. A |
| 12. C | 32. C |
| 13. D | 33. D |
| 14. C | 34. H |
| 15. B | 35. E |
| 16. A | 36. A |
| 17. D | 37. C |
| 18. D | 38. G |
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1. At what altitude does the ionosphere begin?  
A. 50 miles  
B. 20 miles  
C. 30 miles  
D. 70 miles
2. What part of the body would one most likely receive a rabbit punch?  
A. Knee  
B. Back of the neck  
C. Eye  
D. Temple
3. What city is the Great Mosque of Islam located in?  
A. Saint Paul  
B. Ankara  
C. Mecca  
D. Lodz
4. All of the following would be involved in the process of tempera, **EXCEPT**?  
A. Oil  
B. Egg  
C. Glue  
D. Gum
5. What type of shape is a lozenge figure?  
A. Pentagon  
B. Teardrop  
C. Triangle  
D. Diamond
6. What year did the designer of the MacPherson strut pass?  
A. 1999  
B. 1960  
C. 1976  
D. 1953
7. Where would an intermezzo most likely be seen?  
A. The Opera  
B. Basketball game  
C. Karate tournament  
D. Drag car race
8. How many years ago was the word nice used in English and what did it mean then?  
A. 500 years, Liar  
B. 475 years, Stupid  
C. 400 years, Neat  
D. 500 years, Foolish
9. What was the name given to an American that was on the side of the British during the American Revolution?  
A. Thug  
B. Churl  
C. Tory  
D. Piker

10. According to geological time, what era did the Jurassic period occur?  
 A. Precambrian  
 B. Mesozoic  
 C. Cenozoic  
 D. Paleozoic
11. What is the principal light-gathering element of a refractor?  
 A. Steel plates  
 B. Water  
 C. Mirrors  
 D. A lens
12. How long was Lady Jane Grey the queen of England?  
 A. 9 days  
 B. 40 years  
 C. 4 years  
 D. 100 days
13. Which of the following entries means “the good old times”?  
 A. Old Glory  
 B. Auld lang syne  
 C. Twelfth Night  
 D. Hollyhock
14. A gore of land is cut into what shape?  
 A. Circular  
 B. Hexagonal  
 C. Triangular  
 D. Square
15. Which of the following would be used to wake someone that fainted?  
 A. Red ink  
 B. Smelling salts  
 C. Zinnia  
 D. Patent Medicine
16. What is the business of the civil service branch?  
 A. The military  
 B. Lawmaking  
 C. The court system  
 D. Running a state
17. According to Greek mythology, what was let loose from the box opened by Pandora?  
 A. Ghost of her past  
 B. Snakes  
 C. The evils that troubled humans  
 D. The plague
18. All of the following are places of worship, **EXCEPT**?  
 A. Tabernacle  
 B. Obelisk  
 C. Synagogue  
 D. Mosque
19. According to the history of derby, what is the name of the derby ran by the Cub Scouts?  
 A. Pinewood Derby  
 B. Kentucky Derby  
 C. Cub Derby  
 D. S. Derby
20. What year did Zanzibar unite with Tanganyika forming Tanzania?  
 A. 1963  
 B. 1964  
 C. 1966  
 D. 1970

21. Where is Davey Jones's locker located?  
 A. A hidden forest  
 B. The top of Mt. Everest  
 C. The bottom of the ocean  
 D. A temple in the Sahara Desert
22. In old legends, nymphs can be found living in all of the following **EXCEPT**?  
 A. Meadows  
 B. Waters  
 C. Sand Dunes  
 D. Forest
23. Who was the founder of Georgia?  
 A. Nathanael Greene  
 B. John Charles Fremont  
 C. George Smith Patton  
 D. James Edward Oglethorpe
24. Which of the following chemical elements is the simplest and lightest of all chemical elements?  
 A. Hydrogen  
 B. Iron  
 C. Nitrogen  
 D. Carbon
25. What type of fungus is a death cap?  
 A. Rust  
 B. Mushroom  
 C. Mold  
 D. Yeast
26. What is the science that deals with measuring time and dating events?  
 A. Geology  
 B. Chronology  
 C. Anatomy  
 D. Botany
27. How does a mendicant make a living?  
 A. Selling online  
 B. Auctioning off cattle  
 C. By begging  
 D. State funding
28. Which of the following rivers flow into the Murray?  
 A. Po  
 B. Uruguay  
 C. Parana  
 D. Murrumbidgee
29. Trachoma is a serious contagious disease on what part of the body?  
 A. Eye  
 B. Foot  
 C. Spine  
 D. Liver
30. About how many joules equal the British thermal unit?  
 A. 2005 joules  
 B. 1000 joules  
 C. 1055 joules  
 D. 1005 joules
31. What year did Great Britain and the American colonies adopt the Gregorian calendar?  
 A. 1750  
 B. 1582  
 C. 1580  
 D. 1752



32. In legend Godiva rode through Coventry naked to save the citizens from what?
- A. The angry mob
  - B. A tax
  - C. A stampede
  - D. A pack of wolves

**Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:**

- |                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| _____ 33. ken       | A. to raid especially in order to steal  |
| _____ 34. stanch    | B. the power to produce a desired result |
| _____ 35. chide     | C. to express mild disapproval of        |
| _____ 36. foray     | D. to stop the flow of                   |
| _____ 37. efficacy  | E. one who gets money by using force     |
| _____ 38. blip      | F. range of vision                       |
| _____ 39. null      | G. having no legal or binding force      |
| _____ 40. racketeer | H. a spot on a screen                    |

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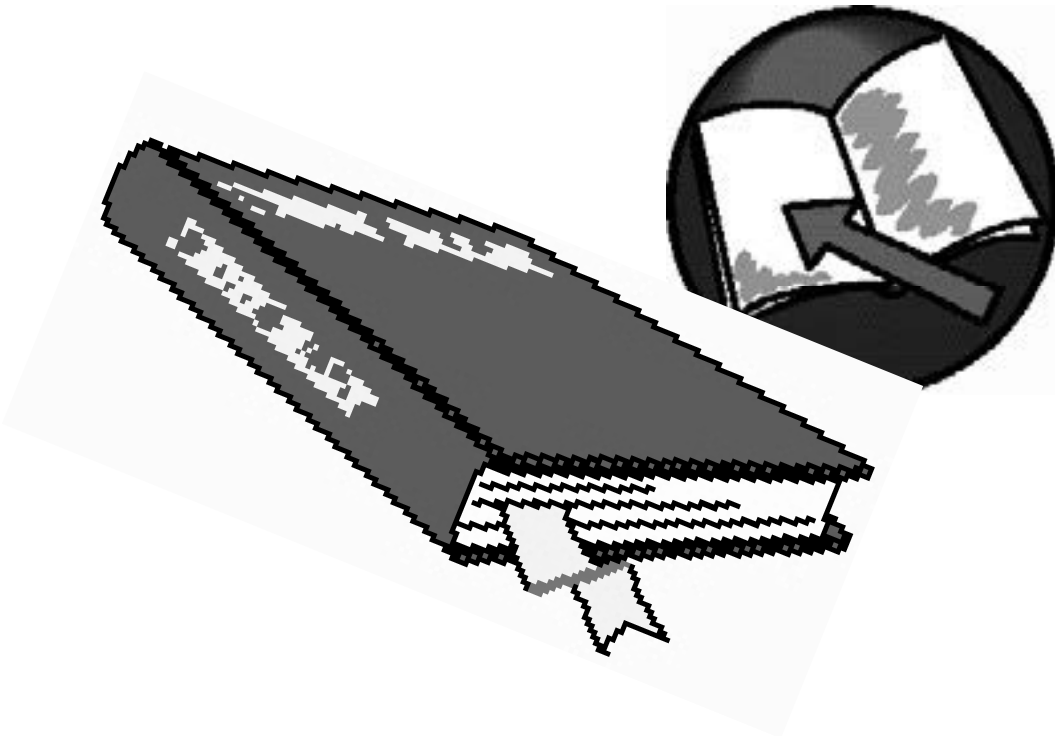
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| 5. D  | 25. B |
| 6. B  | 26. B |
| 7. A  | 27. C |
| 8. D  | 28. D |
| 9. C  | 29. A |
| 10. B | 30. C |
| 11. D | 31. D |
| 12. A | 32. B |
| 13. B | 33. F |
| 14. C | 34. D |
| 15. B | 35. C |
| 16. D | 36. A |
| 17. C | 37. B |
| 18. B | 38.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

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1. Who or what is killed by a regicide?  
A. Alligators  
B. Flowers  
C. Rats  
D. A king
2. What year did Vatican City become the headquarters for the Pope?  
A. 1935  
B. 1929  
C. 1924  
D. 1940
3. How many rooms does a tenant that lives in an SRO have?  
A. 1  
B. 3  
C. 2  
D. 4
4. Which would most likely be the occupation of a coadjutrix?  
A. Bus river  
B. Administrative Assistant  
C. Barber  
D. Author
5. What was the title of the governor of Egypt from 1867-1914?  
A. Ali Baba  
B. Ottoman  
C. Khedive  
D. Dictator
6. All of the following are conic sections **EXCEPT**?  
A. Ellipse  
B. Tips  
C. Straight Lines  
D. Parabola
7. What type of international festival is held in Cannes, France?  
A. Folk  
B. Beer  
C. Fire  
D. Film
8. Which of the following best describes the type of writing in a squib?  
A. Sad  
B. Humorous  
C. Serious  
D. Dark
9. How much is an eagle worth in the U.S.?  
A. 10 dollars  
B. 25 dollars  
C. 100 dollars  
D. 1000 dollars
10. What is one doing if they are matriculating?  
A. Teaching a class  
B. Getting married  
C. Enrolling in school  
D. Running a marathon

11. Which of the following could be used to reference natural selection?  
 A. Index of refraction  
 B. Angle of reflection  
 C. Quality point average  
 D. Survival of the fittest
12. How many main parts are usually in a sonata?  
 A. 3-4  
 B. 6-7  
 C. 1-2  
 D. 8-9
13. What color are the sacred stones in a Kaaba?  
 A. Gold  
 B. Black  
 C. Pearl white  
 D. Emerald
14. What two subjects are involved in the computer programming of Algol?  
 A. Science and Government  
 B. Mathematics and Science  
 C. Fine Arts and Mathematics  
 D. Social Studies and English
15. Who was the Author of the Star-Spangled Banner?  
 A. Henri Matisse  
 B. James Grover Thurber  
 C. Francis Scott Key  
 D. Thomas Edward Lawrence
16. An Authorized Version is a revision of what book made under King James I?  
 A. The dictionary  
 B. U.S. history book  
 C. The Bible  
 D. An atlas
17. Which of the following is most likely to have a bunghole?  
 A. Saddle  
 B. Trampoline  
 C. Lifejacket  
 D. Barrel
18. What device is used by players to search for a cache of items in the game of, geocaching?  
 A. Metal detector  
 B. GPS  
 C. Compass  
 D. Magnifying glass
19. Who did Goa district belong to before 1962?  
 A. Portugal  
 B. New York  
 C. England  
 D. Guatemala
20. Quechua is spoken in all of the following countries, **EXCEPT**?  
 A. Peru  
 B. Chile  
 C. Ecuador  
 D. El Salvador
21. What type of material is a daguerreotype produced on?  
 A. Silk  
 B. Rock  
 C. Metal  
 D. Paper

22. Which of the following is known as theatrical makeup?  
A. Painted lady  
B. Grease paint  
C. Gila monster  
D. Vena Cava
23. A quisling is named for Norwegian politician, Vidkun Quisling. Who did this politician help in World War II?  
A. Norwegian Spies  
B. German invaders  
C. American Pilots  
D. A Polish captain
24. All of the following months can be categorized under dog days, **EXCEPT**?  
A. June  
B. July  
C. August  
D. September
25. According to Norse mythology, who was taken to Valhalla by the Valkyries?  
A. Unborn children  
B. Elderly spirits  
C. Wounded animals  
D. Heroes killed in battle
26. Which of the following group of stars is the easiest to pick out?  
A. Ursa Minor  
B. Ursa Major  
C. Cassiopeia  
D. Orion
27. Shinto, is a religion native to what Asian country?  
A. Japan  
B. China  
C. Thailand  
D. Singapore
28. What symbol would be used specially to refer a reader to a note?  
A. Hieroglyph  
B. Ellipsis  
C. Asterisk  
D. Apostrophe
29. Which of the following is **NOT** a trademark?  
A. Crock-pot  
B. Orlon  
C. Lobster pot  
D. Frisbee
30. A person that is considered to be a skinflint, is a person who is very stingy with what?  
A. Food  
B. Money  
C. Land  
D. Time
31. How many steps would be in a 2-minute double time?  
A. 80  
B. 160  
C. 180  
D. 360
32. What can you find being made at a mint?  
A. Tokens  
B. Ice Cream  
C. Paper  
D. Wool blankets

**Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:**

- |                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| _____ 33. pendulous | A. the upper part of a dress                        |
| _____ 34. bodice    | B. to form a shape into wrinkles or folds           |
| _____ 35. sachem    | C. hanging so as to swing freely                    |
| _____ 36. inquest   | D. a judicial or official investigation             |
| _____ 37. ultima    | E. not following a rule or regular course of action |
| _____ 38. corrugate | F. a vase shaped pitcher or jug                     |
| _____ 39. ewer      | G. a North American Indian chief                    |
| _____ 40. wayward   | H. the last syllable of a word                      |

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**Answer Key**

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| 4. B  | 24. A |
| 5. C  | 25. D |
| 6. B  | 26. B |
| 7. D  | 27. A |
| 8. B  | 28. C |
| 9. A  | 29. C |
| 10. C | 30. B |
| 11. D | 31. D |
| 12. A | 32. A |
| 13. B | 33. C |
| 14. B | 34. A |
| 15. C | 35. G |
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| 17. D | 37. H |
| 18. B | 38. B |
| 19. A | 39. F |
| 20. D | 40. E |

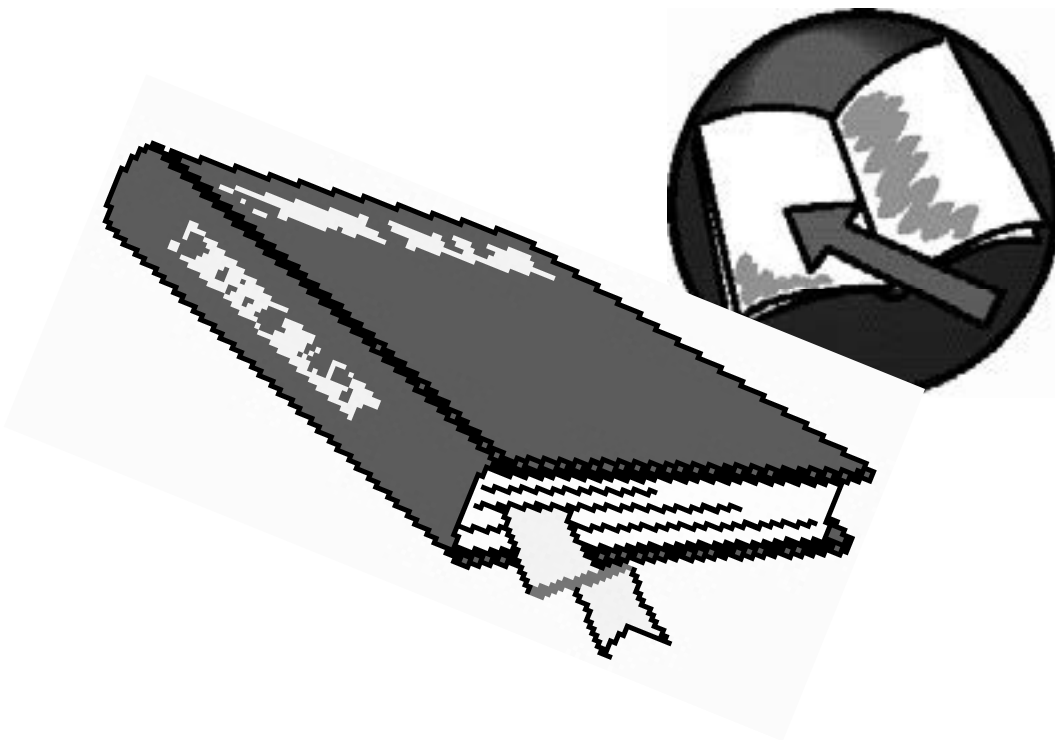


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# Dictionary Skills

grades 5 & 6

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Spring District Test — Grades 5 & 6**

1. Pumice is formed by the rapid cooling of what?  
A. Boiling water and salt                      C. Lava from volcanoes  
B. Wax and crystal mixture                      D. Sand that was hit my lightning
  
2. The entry *country western* refers to what?  
A. Land    C. Food  
B. Music    D. Clothing
  
3. What type of motions is the Korean martial arts, hapkido based on?  
A. Climbing                                        C. Kicking  
B. Squatting                                       D. Punching
  
4. What sea does the Oder river flow into?  
A. Caribbean Sea                                C. Black Sea  
B. Red Sea                                         D. Baltic Sea
  
5. What type of animal is a thrush?  
A. Bird    C. Leech  
B. Horse     D. Lizard
  
6. Which of the following would most likely **NOT** be found at a smorgasbord?  
A. Milk    C. Plates  
B. Burdock                                         D. Fish
  
7. What color is the Betelgeuse star?  
A. Blue    C. Green  
B. Red    D. Yellow
  
8. About how many miles above the earth's surface is the E layer?  
A. 42 miles                                        C. 103 miles  
B. 88 miles                                        D. 65 miles
  
9. What might one use a travois for?  
A. Telling time                                    C. Load transporting  
B. Making weapons                              D. Cooking
  
10. All of following are types of skin used in making vellum,  
**EXCEPT?**  
A. Gator skin                                      C. Lambskin  
B. Kidskin                                         D. Calfskin

11. What day is Martinmas celebrated?  
A. October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
B. March 25<sup>th</sup>  
C. November 11<sup>th</sup>  
D. December 26<sup>th</sup>
12. What does Pearl S. Buck, Gertrude Belle Elion, and John Ernst Steinbeck all have in common?  
A. Philosophy  
B. Nobel Peace Prize  
C. Politics  
D. Composing
13. When finding ones IQ, the mental age of the person as given by a score on a special test is divided by the age in years and then multiplied by what?  
A. 10  
B. 20  
C. 50  
D. 100
14. Where was the Ten Commandments given to Moses by God?  
A. Illyria  
B. Mount Sinai  
C. Mount McKinley  
D. Luanda
15. Which of the following would one wear to best protect them in battle?  
A. Gaiter  
B. Smock  
C. Panoply  
D. Cowl
16. According to the history of October, what month did the first calendar used in ancient Rome start with?  
A. March  
B. February  
C. October  
D. May
17. Alan Bartlett Shepard Jr. was the first American to do what?  
A. Win the Nobel Peace Prize  
B. Be in space  
C. Publish a novel  
D. Orchestrate an Opera
18. Ferrous sulfate contains all of the following elements, **EXCEPT**?  
A. Oxygen  
B. Sulfur  
C. Nickel  
D. Iron
19. According to quarantine history, about how long would a ship suspected of carrying a disease, be forced to remain offshore?  
A. 14 days  
B. 40 days  
C. 60 days  
D. 20 days
20. Storehouse, granary, and cellar were original meanings for which of the following?  
A. Satellite  
B. Hatchery  
C.  
D. Magazine

21. What causes a gully to be formed?  
A. Running water  
B. Explosions  
C. Pollution  
D. A shift in the earth's surface
22. What is another description for someone considered to be run-of-the-mill?  
A. Extraordinary  
B. Hyper  
C. Average  
D. Busy
23. In what sport would a sacrifice fly happen?  
A. Cricket  
B. Baseball  
C. Wrestling  
D. Water polo
24. Frederic Auguste Bartholdi was the French artist responsible for what sculptor?  
A. The Thinker  
B. Statue of Liberty  
C. Cloud Gate  
D. Mount Rushmore
25. What type of activity is a tangram?  
A. Gambling  
B. A sports race  
C. A mase  
D. A puzzle
26. How would you be able to tell the difference between a contrabassoon and a bassoon?  
A. The body  
B. The color  
C. The texture  
D. The taste
27. What type of condition is myopia?  
A. Heart  
B. Skin  
C. Eye  
D. Toenail
28. What year did the Holy Roman Empire fall?  
A. 1806  
B. 1754  
C. 1902  
D. 1910
29. Which of the following is a substance that can be used to reduce in?  
A. Vagabond  
B. Mustard plaster  
C. Blastula  
D. Nankeen
30. What is stored in a Leyden jar?  
A. fruit  
B. votes  
C. electric charge  
D. spices
31. How much is a napoleon worth?  
A. 25-franc  
B. 15-franc  
C. 5-franc  
D. 20-franc

32. In baseball, the area on a batter between the armpits to the top of the knees, is known as what?

- A. Vacationland
- B. Borderline

- C. Strike zone
- D. Contour line

**Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 33. lira

\_\_\_\_\_ 34. suitor

\_\_\_\_\_ 35. frippery

\_\_\_\_\_ 36. beget

\_\_\_\_\_ 37. wassail

\_\_\_\_\_ 38. dictum

\_\_\_\_\_ 39. urbane

\_\_\_\_\_ 40. fillet

A. showy or elegant clothing

B. to become the father of

C. a statement made with authority

D. one that petitions or pleads

E. a piece or slice of boneless meat or fish

F. very polite and smooth in manner

G. the basic unit of money of Italy until 2002

H. an early English toast to someone's health

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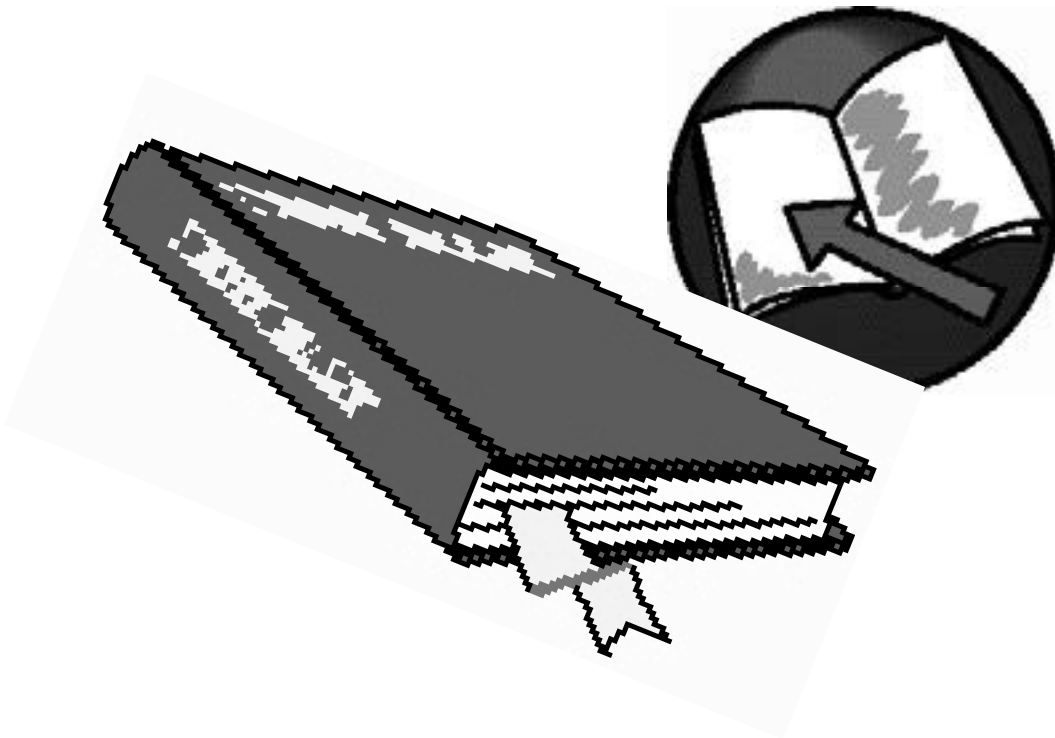
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| 10. A | 30. C |
| 11. C | 31. D |
| 12. B | 32. C |
| 13. D | 33. G |
| 14. B | 34. D |
| 15. C | 35. A |
| 16. A | 36. B |
| 17. B | 37. H |
| 18. C | 38. C |
| 19. B | 39. F |
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1. According to geological history, what is the last period of the Mesozoic era?  
A. Permian  
B. Cretaceous  
C. Devonian  
D. Tertiary
2. What type of shape is twisted and turned to form a Mobius strip?  
A. Triangle  
B. Circle  
C. Octagon  
D. Rectangle
3. What causes the red tide to become poisonous?  
A. Sidewinder thrust  
B. Mealybugs  
C. Large numbers of dinoflagellates  
D. The breakdown of salt marsh
4. What year was the League of Nations replaced by the United Nations?  
A. 1944  
B. 1964  
C. 1946  
D. 1936
5. Which of the following is someone who waste money carelessly?  
A. Prodigal  
B. Geode  
C. Gadabout  
D. Stabler
6. What type of sound is a keen?  
A. Soft tapping  
B. Vibration  
C. Continuous cracking  
D. Loud wailing
7. Genuflecting is an act of showing what?  
A. War  
B. Respect  
C. Love  
D. Peace
8. Where would one find a pock?  
A. The interior of a car  
B. Fire ashes  
C. The skin  
D. The ocean
9. All of the following refer to being female, EXCEPT?  
A. Ewe  
B. Black widow  
C. Boar  
D. Dam
10. How many are in a baker's dozen?  
A. 13  
B. 10  
C. 12.5  
D. 14



11. When was the Julian calendar introduced in Rome?  
A. 1919  
B. 55 B.C.  
C. 1453  
D. 46 B.C.
12. What two languages is spoken by someone who is Creole?  
A. Spanish and Dutch  
B. French and Spanish  
C. Russian and Spanish  
D. Italian and English
13. The word *thug* was given by the British in what country, in the 19<sup>th</sup> century?  
A. Romania  
B. India  
C. Cuba  
D. Ireland
14. What form of currency is specie?  
A. Checks  
B. Dollar bills  
C. Coin  
D. Money order
15. How many atoms does bromine have, per molecule?  
A. 2  
B. 4  
C. 6  
D. 8
16. Spartan princess Leda courted Zeus in the form of what?  
A. A crane  
B. A unicorn  
C. A snake  
D. A swan
17. All of the following are synonyms for intention, **EXCEPT**?  
A. Purpose  
B. Design  
C. Objective  
D. Fortuity
18. Kwashiorkor is a disease of young children resulting from not getting enough what?  
A. Iron  
B. Protein  
C. Calcium  
D. Vitamin D
19. Which of the following is **NOT** a U.S. capital?  
A. Cheyenne  
B. Montgomery  
C. Cowpens  
D. Harrisburg
20. What type of animal would you find in an aerie?  
A. Bird  
B. Bear  
C. Otter  
D. Gorilla
21. Which of the following is considered to be a palindrome?  
A. 1234  
B. 5555  
C. 2424  
D. 2882

22. The harvest moon is the full moon nearest the time of what equinox month?  
A. October  
B. September  
C. November  
D. December
23. Which of the following hormones is linked to sleep?  
A. Insulin  
B. Melatonin  
C. Progesterone  
D. Cortisone
24. What year did Mao Zedong become the leader of People's Republic of China?  
A. 1949  
B. 1976  
C. 1893  
D. 1944
25. In what sport is a shuttlecock used?  
A. Polo  
B. Cricket  
C. Badminton  
D. Rugby
26. What is the name of the comic section of a newspaper?  
A. Happy times  
B. Funny pages  
C. Funny paper  
D. The tickles
27. Onomastics is the study of what?  
A. Bees  
B. Populations  
C. Historic events  
D. Names of people and places
28. All of the following are trademarks, **EXCEPT**?  
A. Baggies  
B. Realtor  
C. Frisbee  
D. Band-aid
29. In troy weight, how many grains are in a pound?  
A. 240  
B. 5760  
C. 60  
D. 480
30. How is a dauphin related to the king of France?  
A. Brother  
B. Uncle  
C. Son  
D. Grandfather
31. Which of the following states does **NOT** make up New England?  
A. New York  
B. Vermont  
C. Massachusetts  
D. Maine
32. What is the abbreviation for post exchange?  
A. Pex  
B. PTEX  
C. POX  
D. PX

**Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:**

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|-------------------|---|
| _____ 33. turgid  | A. a place or scene of uproar and confusion |
| _____ 34. dictum  | B. a sheet or mass of floating ice          |
| _____ 35. splay   | C. any of several small insect-eating birds |
| _____ 36. floe    | D. a short swift run                        |
| _____ 37. scuttle | E. a statement made with authority          |
| _____ 38. bedlam  | F. being in a swollen state                 |
| _____ 39. gelding | G. to spread out or apart                   |
| _____ 40. kinglet | H. a castrated animal                       |

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| 12. B | 32. D |
| 13. B | 33. F |
| 14. C | 34. E |
| 15. A | 35. G |
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| 17. D | 37. D |
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