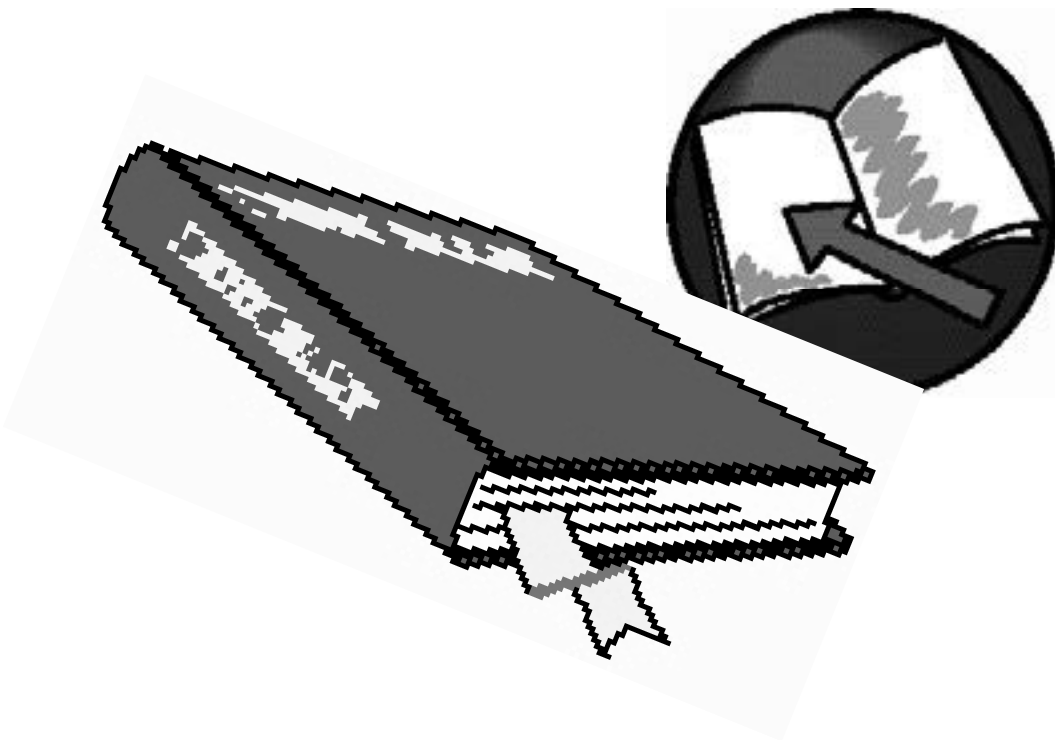


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1. Which of the following is a type of mushroom?
A. Skate
B. Morel
C. Perch
D. Coati
2. When added to food, carrageenan makes the food _____?
A. Bitter
B. Sweeter
C. Drier
D. Thicker
3. Sebaceous glands control what bodily function?
A. Oil production on skin
B. Hormone regulation
C. Digestive function
D. Saliva production
4. Which of the following household items requires a pilot light to function?
A. Refrigerator
B. Water heater
C. Dishwasher
D. Television
5. A rapier is a type of _____?
A. Office supply
B. Gate
C. Sword
D. Chair
6. Gin is derived from the fruit of which tree?
A. Juniper
B. Ginkgo
C. Pine
D. Pecan
7. What does water look like if it is turbid?
A. Clear
B. Cloudy
C. Bubbly
D. Purple-tinted
8. Which of the following can be found in outer space?
A. Spindle
B. Umbel
C. Gladiolus
D. Nebula
9. A precursor to the modern refrigerator was the _____?
A. Lute
B. Ohmmeter
C. Ice box
D. Scepter
10. Which of the following types of clothing is considered ubiquitous to today's fashion?
A. Chainmail
B. Sunbonnet
C. Pince-nez
D. Blue jeans

11. Which of the following is a synonym for haughty?
A. Spontaneous
B. Arrogant
C. Foolish
D. Creative
12. What activity is a quill utilized in?
A. Ice hockey
B. Woodworking
C. Handwriting
D. Sailing
13. Which body part uses a ball-and-socket joint to allow movement?
A. Hip
B. Spine
C. Thumb
D. Knee
14. Which state do the Hopi reside in?
A. Texas
B. Maine
C. Utah
D. Arizona
15. A bishop oversees which of the following religious organizations?
A. Diocese
B. Temple
C. Mosque
D. Monastery
16. Which ancient civilization utilized the phalanx in battle?
A. Ancient Egypt
B. Mesopotamia
C. Ancient Greece
D. Aztec Empire
17. Which of the following plants is a member of the xerophyte group?
A. Daisy
B. Cactus
C. Oak tree
D. Grass
18. The phrase *auld lang syne* translates to _____?
A. Goodbye
B. Good luck
C. Season's greetings
D. The good old times
19. Human hair and fingernails are made up of what substance?
A. Sugar
B. Bone
C. Keratin
D. Ivory
20. Which of the following is a weapon?
A. Halberd
B. Mussel
C. Jamb
D. Plait
21. A filament is a necessary part of the function of which item?
A. Recorder
B. Microscope
C. Schooner
D. Lightbulb

22. Where would a bachelor's button be found?
A. Wedding
B. Garden
C. Hospital
D. Shopping mall
23. Which body part contains melanin?
A. Bones
B. Liver
C. Hair
D. Skin
24. Which of the following is an antonym of auspicious?
A. Successful
B. Favorable
C. Hopeless
D. Prosperous
25. A lozenge most resembles which shape?
A. Diamond
B. Square
C. Parallelogram
D. Octagon
26. What does it mean to be sequestered?
A. To be hungry
B. To be tired
C. To be alone
D. To be excited
27. The art, science, or profession of teaching is known as _____?
A. Ophthalmology
B. Pedagogy
C. Monopoly
D. Paleontology
28. If you attend a parochial school, what kind of school are you in?
A. High school
B. University
C. Religious school
D. Trade school
29. Which type of music combines French and Caribbean influences?
A. Celtic
B. Blues
C. Polka
D. Zydeco
30. The thyroid regulates which important bodily function?
A. Hormone production
B. Blood clotting
C. Hair growth
D. Digestion
31. How big is a hogshead?
A. 28 liters
B. 45 milliliters
C. 82 pints
D. 63 gallons
32. Which of the following is a type of tea?
A. Osmium
B. Pinochle
C. Garnet
D. Oolong

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

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| _____ 33. nomad | A. Where things combine |
| _____ 34. omnibus | B. A farewell speech |
| _____ 35. phantom | C. A type of bird |
| _____ 36. nimbus | D. Containing many things |
| _____ 37. valedictory | E. A ghost |
| _____ 38. juncture | F. One who roams |
| _____ 39. temperance | G. A rain cloud |
| _____ 40. kookaburra | H. Moderation |

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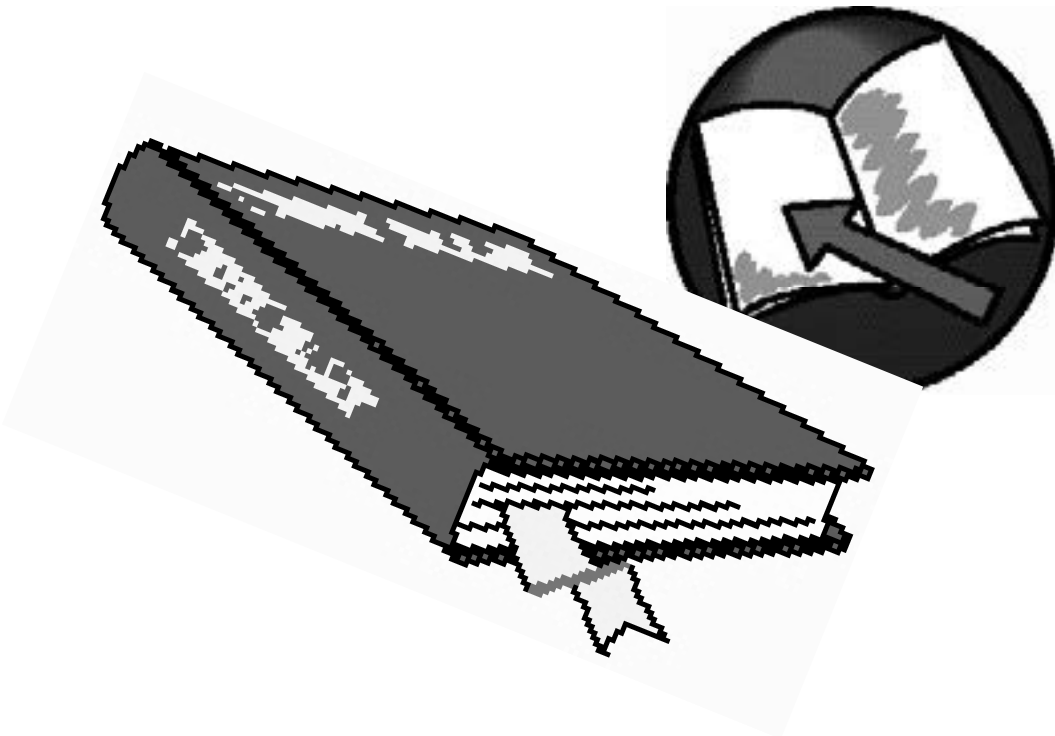
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1. One who is fecund is _____?
A. Wealthy
B. Fertile
C. Clever
D. Vulgar
2. The word quixotic is derived from the works of what author?
A. Jane Austen
B. Louis Sachar
C. Kurt Vonnegut
D. Miguel de Cervantes
3. A piece of candy could be described as which of the following adjectives?
A. Saccharine
B. Sumptuous
C. Somatic
D. Seditious
4. Katydid produce what kind of sound?
A. Song-like
B. High-pitched whistle
C. Low rumbling
D. Loud and shrill
5. In croquet, the ball must pass through what kind of obstacle?
A. Hoop
B. Arch
C. Goal
D. Wicket
6. Where in the human body would you find the duodenum?
A. Respiratory system
B. Circulatory system
C. Digestive system
D. Lymphatic system
7. Which of the following is a type of fruit?
A. Zygote
B. Kumquat
C. Postillion
D. Googol
8. What is the major difference between monotremes and mammals?
A. Mammals have fur
B. Mammals are warm-blooded
C. Mammals give birth to live young
D. Mammals have spines
9. One who is lacking strength may also be described as _____?
A. Lenient
B. Metropolitan
C. Effete
D. Gung ho

10. Akkadians lived in what ancient civilization?
A. Ancient Greece
B. Mesopotamia
C. Ancient Egypt
D. Aztec Empire
11. Which of the following phrases is a tautology?
A. Jumbo shrimp
B. Eggs in one basket
C. Prepay in advance
D. Thin as a rail
12. A joule is a measurement of what?
A. Speed
B. Length
C. Mass
D. Energy
13. Finish the statement: John loved to read; he was a _____ reader.
A. Voracious
B. Vainglorious
C. Vivacious
D. Virulent
14. Jasper is a type of which mineral?
A. Diamond
B. Garnet
C. Quartz
D. Sapphire
15. Which of the following is a synonym of opulence?
A. Affluence
B. Illusory
C. Manacle
D. Ovarian
16. Nephritis affects which organ in the human body?
A. Liver
B. Appendix
C. Kidney
D. Spleen
17. Another name for Vitamin B2 is _____?
A. Biotin
B. Riboflavin
C. Ascorbic acid
D. Retinol
18. Which of the following does NOT mean incipient?
A. Blossoming
B. Nascent
C. Growing
D. Mature
19. What ancient writing system utilized ideograms?
A. Egyptian hieroglyphics
B. Russian Cyrillic
C. Roman Latin
D. Danish runes
20. Complete the sentence: The Vice President serves _____ as president of the Senate.
A. Et cetera
B. Habeas corpus
C. Ad hominem
D. Ex officio

21. For a vehicle to be considered a jalopy, it must be _____?
 A. Expensive
 B. Reliable
 C. Dilapidated
 D. Modern
22. What blood type does a universal recipient have?
 A. O
 B. A
 C. B
 D. AB
23. Ephedrine is a medication used to reduce symptoms of _____?
 A. Fever
 B. Cough
 C. Nasal congestion
 D. Nausea
24. In music, to play a piece fortissimo means to play it _____?
 A. Slowly
 B. Quickly
 C. Quietly
 D. Loudly
25. Which of these is similar in meaning to bad luck?
 A. Jinx
 B. Junk
 C. Jute
 D. Jerk
26. What color is malachite?
 A. Blue
 B. Red
 C. Yellow
 D. Green
27. What does Rh factor affect?
 A. Height
 B. Blood type
 C. Weight
 D. Eye color
28. Which of the following is an ancient animal still seen today?
 A. Giant sloth
 B. Sabre-tooth tiger
 C. Woolly mammoth
 D. Coelacanth
29. What kind of location is a grange?
 A. Hospital
 B. School
 C. Farm
 D. Park
30. One who is a miser is very _____ with their money.
 A. Generous
 B. Frugal
 C. Stingy
 D. Reckless
31. A small round hill is also known as a _____?
 A. Knoll
 B. Inlet
 C. Peninsula
 D. Cove

32. Prior to being discovered as being carcinogenic, asbestos was used mainly in buildings to provide what benefit?

- A. Wall texture
- B. Waterproofing

- C. Fireproofing
- D. Window tinting

_____ 33. sallow

A. said to gain attention

_____ 34. slough

B. the lowest point

_____ 35. behoove

C. to shed or cast off

_____ 36. zwieback

D. a new word, usage, or expression

_____ 37. oyez

E. being necessary, proper, or advantageous

_____ 38. nadir

F. a grayish greenish yellow color

_____ 39. neologism

G. a reddish-brown bird

_____ 40. grouse

H. sweetened bread baked then toasted until dry

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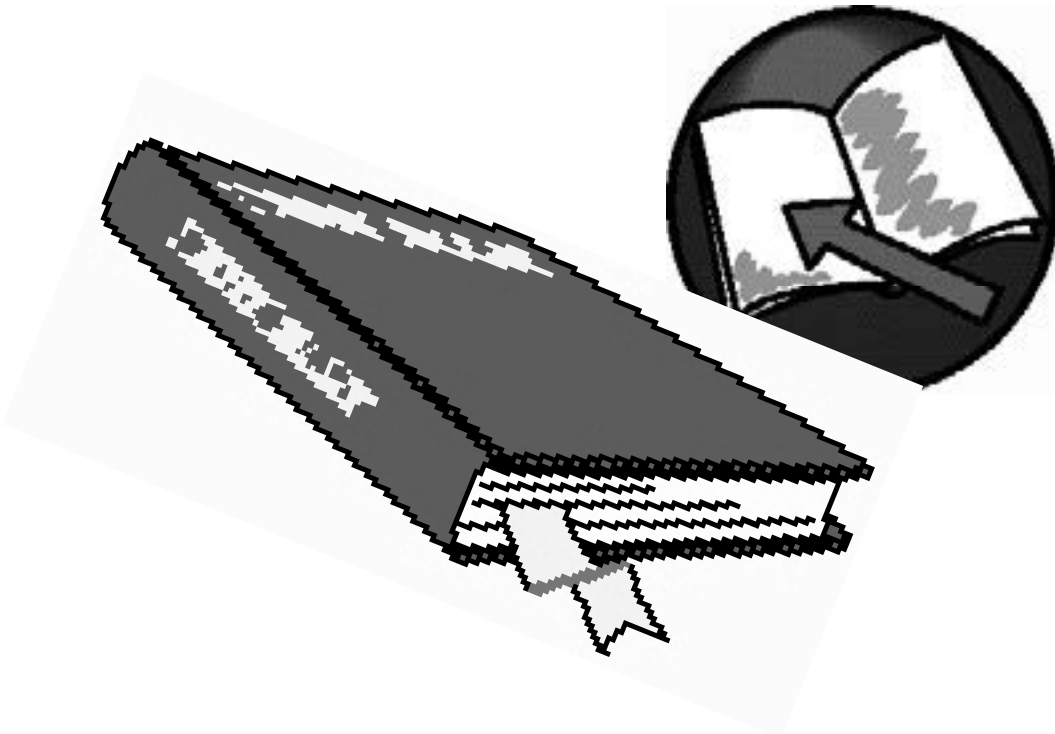
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1. Which of the following is a synonym of iniquity?
A. Virtue
B. Happiness
C. Wickedness
D. Hunger
2. The Western Roman Empire referred to Asia as the Orient and referred to Europe as the _____?
A. Orbital
B. Occident
C. Omega
D. Opine
3. The thorax is what part of the body?
A. Head
B. Lower legs
C. Shoulders
D. Abdomen
4. Which country celebrates Bastille Day?
A. Japan
B. Brazil
C. France
D. Egypt
5. What does a kelvin measure?
A. Distance
B. Temperature
C. Weight
D. Length
6. What kind of creature is a louse?
A. Dog
B. Rodent
C. Insect
D. Fish
7. How many sides does a nonagon have?
A. Nine
B. Twelve
C. Four
D. Zero
8. A blunderbuss is a type of _____?
A. Clothing
B. Boat
C. Weapon
D. Backpack
9. Which profession would need to know their Mach number while doing their job?
A. Doctor
B. Pilot
C. Lawyer
D. Teacher
10. Where could you find a spelunker?
A. At the beach
B. In a school
C. At the gym
D. In a cave

11. What elements are present in formaldehyde?
 A. Carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen
 B. Nitrogen and oxygen
 C. Sodium and chlorine
 D. Magnesium, calcium, and potassium
12. Roquefort is a type of _____?
 A. Fruit
 B. Cheese
 C. Milk
 D. Fish
13. Which of the following is an antonym of extemporaneous?
 A. Improvised
 B. Creative
 C. Rehearsed
 D. Comfortable
14. If someone is native to an area, then they are also _____?
 A. Abstruse
 B. Abstinent
 C. Abnormal
 D. Aboriginal
15. Nylon is made up of what kind of fibers?
 A. Synthetic
 B. Cotton
 C. Wool
 D. Linen
16. A garden could have which of the following qualities?
 A. Curt
 B. Verdant
 C. Systolic
 D. Gauche
17. Where could cellophane be found?
 A. Gym
 B. Bank
 C. Parking garage
 D. Flower shop
18. If something is lurid, then it is _____?
 A. Dream-like
 B. Lucky
 C. Shocking
 D. Cluttered
19. The endocrine system releases what important bodily fluid?
 A. Hormones
 B. Blood
 C. Saliva
 D. Bile
20. Which of the following is **NOT** a synonym of slap-dash?
 A. Random
 B. Erratic
 C. Haphazard
 D. Methodical
21. On what part of your body would you wear a brooch?
 A. Ankle
 B. Wrist
 C. Chest
 D. Hip

22. If you have a qualm about a situation, then you have what kind of feeling?
 A. Excitement
 B. Uneasiness
 C. Boredom
 D. Exhaustion
23. What is a compote?
 A. A type of dessert
 B. A kind of fish
 C. A disease
 D. An outdoor activity
24. In Ancient Greek myth, Jason sailed looking for the Golden Fleece with what kind of heroes?
 A. Amazonians
 B. Archenemies
 C. Astronauts
 D. Argonauts
25. A pyromaniac tends to do which of the following actions?
 A. Read books
 B. Climb trees
 C. Set fires
 D. Make pottery
26. In the United States, Memorial Day is celebrated on which day?
 A. The third Sunday in June
 B. The last Monday in May
 C. The last Thursday in April
 D. The first Friday in August
27. You might be able to haggle with which of the following people?
 A. Shopkeeper
 B. Athlete
 C. Chef
 D. Banker
28. If someone is illiterate, then they cannot _____?
 A. Run
 B. Swim
 C. Read
 D. Cook
29. Which of the following could be used as a libation?
 A. A lamp
 B. A television
 C. A cell phone
 D. A glass of champagne
30. One who is retired but keeps their honorary title is known as _____?
 A. Emeritus
 B. Elderly
 C. Evasive
 D. Emissary
31. Which word means to change the qualities of something?
 A. Kibosh
 B. Denature
 C. Loiter
 D. Obdurate
32. Where could you spend a rupee?
 A. South Korea
 B. Bolivia
 C. Canada
 D. India

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

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| _____ 33. flighty | A. A major city |
| _____ 34. guinea fowl | B. A kind of sausage |
| _____ 35. metropolis | C. A type of bird |
| _____ 36. knockwurst | D. A tendency |
| _____ 37. inclination | E. Lacking stability |
| _____ 38. detergent | F. Feeling lightheaded |
| _____ 39. woozy | G. Stimulate with electricity |
| _____ 40. galvanize | H. Soap |

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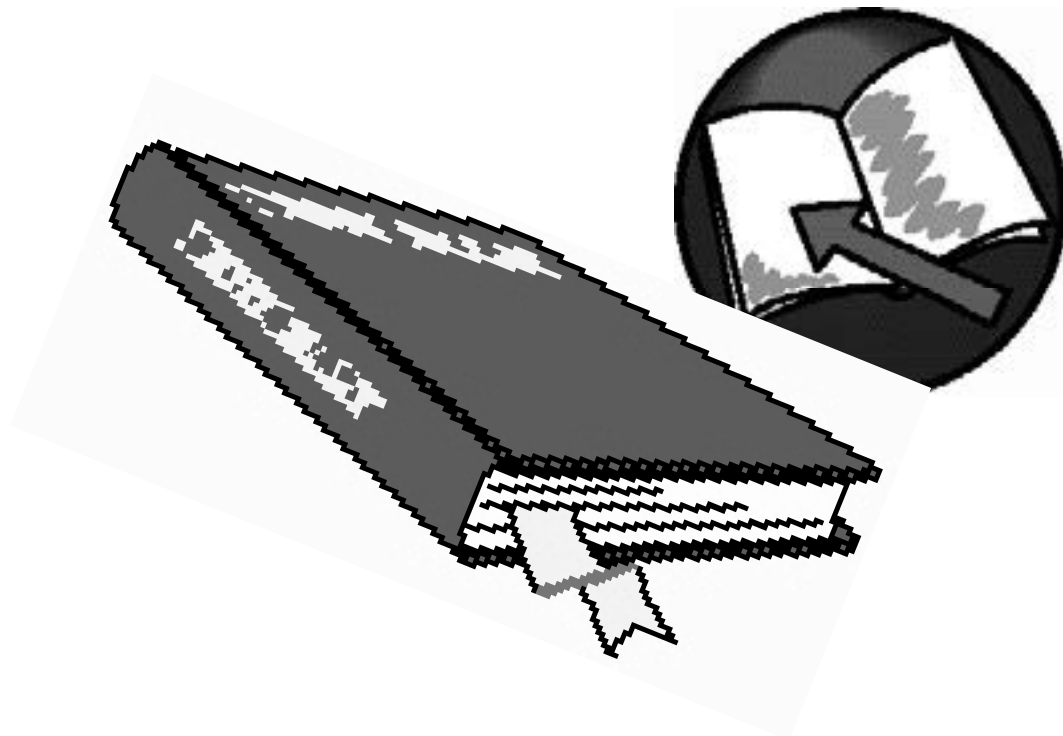
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1. Which of the following occupations would be likely to use jargon?
A. Teacher
B. Journalist
C. Lawyer
D. Secretary
2. When illustrated on a map, isobars reflect changes in what measurement?
A. Temperature
B. Distance
C. Rainfall
D. Barometric pressure
3. An airplane reaches its zenith when it is _____?
A. About to take off
B. Coming in for landing
C. At its highest altitude
D. Parked at the gate
4. What color is oxblood?
A. Red-brown
B. Blue-green
C. Yellow-green
D. Orange-red
5. Which of the following is a synonym of panacea?
A. All-encompassing
B. Cover-all
C. Cure-all
D. All over
6. One who is taciturn is also _____?
A. Angry
B. Quiet
C. Sad
D. Creative
7. A Chimera is made up of which parts?
A. Dragon's head, serpent's body
B. Lion's body, bird's wings, woman's head
C. Lion's head, goat's body, serpent's tail
D. Human's head, horse's body
8. Which of the following is a synonym for maelstrom?
A. Wisecrack
B. Whirlpool
C. Wainscoting
D. Wanton
9. Who could be described as a huckster?
A. A doctor
B. A car salesman
C. A lawyer
D. A dentist

10. Leprosy affects which parts of the body?
 A. Skin and nerves
 B. Stomach and intestines
 C. Heart and lungs
 D. Brain and spinal cord
11. If an object were to ossify, what would it change into?
 A. Metal
 B. Sand
 C. Glass
 D. Bone
12. Which of the following words contains an umlaut?
 A. Façade
 B. Naïve
 C. Jalapeño
 D. Café
13. Ursa major is Latin for what phrase?
 A. Big star
 B. Great bear
 C. Close sun
 D. Large asteroid
14. Which of the following causes mange?
 A. Allergies
 B. Poison
 C. Skin mites
 D. Infected wound
15. Armadillos can be found in what part of the world?
 A. Eastern Europe and Middle East
 B. Northern Asia and Russia
 C. Southern U.S. and South America
 D. Australia
16. The trachea is involved in which bodily system?
 A. Nervous system
 B. Digestive system
 C. Respiratory system
 D. Circulatory system
17. One who is scrupulous has strong _____?
 A. Morals
 B. Muscles
 C. Mental faculties
 D. Management skills
18. Yorkshire pudding is comprised of meat drippings and what additional ingredients?
 A. Flour, sugar, butter
 B. Eggs, cream, vanilla extract
 C. Butter, milk, eggs
 D. Eggs, flour, milk
19. Which of the following situations features someone being obstreperous?
 A. A woman reading a book
 B. A teacher instructing her class
 C. A baby crying for its mother
 D. A man driving his car

20. Benzoyl peroxide is used in the treatment of what condition?
 A. Dandruff
 B. Eczema
 C. Acne
 D. Gingivitis
21. Which of the following is NOT a synonym of kowtow?
 A. Grovel
 B. Pander
 C. Genuflect
 D. Challenge
22. An oriole is a type of what animal?
 A. Bird
 B. Dog
 C. Cat
 D. Snake
23. Hemophilia occurs mainly in which kind of people?
 A. Children
 B. Women
 C. Elderly
 D. Men
24. If one is being implacable, then they are _____?
 A. Being stubborn
 B. Asking questions
 C. Running away
 D. Cleaning up
25. Hessians were mercenaries that assisted the British army during the American Revolution. What country were they from?
 A. France
 B. Spain
 C. Russia
 D. Germany
26. Which of the following gives guano its fertilizing power?
 A. Fruit and vegetable peels
 B. Cow droppings
 C. Bat excrement
 D. Plant clippings
27. Chlorofluorocarbons have been linked to what environmental problem?
 A. Ozone layer depletion
 B. Water pollution
 C. Acid rain
 D. Greenhouse gas emissions
28. What natural land formation is most similar to a grotto?
 A. Mountain
 B. Hill
 C. Cave
 D. Canyon
29. In a newspaper, an editorial is different from regular news coverage because it _____?
 A. Features eyewitness interviews
 B. Offers opinions
 C. Is sponsored by a business
 D. Contains pictures

30. People with diabetes must poke themselves with a _____ to check their blood sugar levels?

- A. Lancet
- B. Ligature
- C. Loquat
- D. Labrum

31. Ipecac is what kind of drug?

- A. Anti-inflammatory
- B. Blood thinner
- C. Emetic
- D. Antihistamine

32. A paladin could be found in which location?

- A. An airport
- B. On the beach
- C. On the battlefield
- D. In a forest

_____ 33. assiduous

A. to give up

_____ 34. quell

B. a light purplish blue

_____ 35. periwinkle

C. mischievous

_____ 36. relinquish

D. showing careful attention

_____ 37. insolent

E. to quiet or pacify

_____ 38. iliad

F. confusion or disorder

_____ 39. helter-skelter

G. being overbearing or contemptuous

_____ 40. impish

H. a series of epic events

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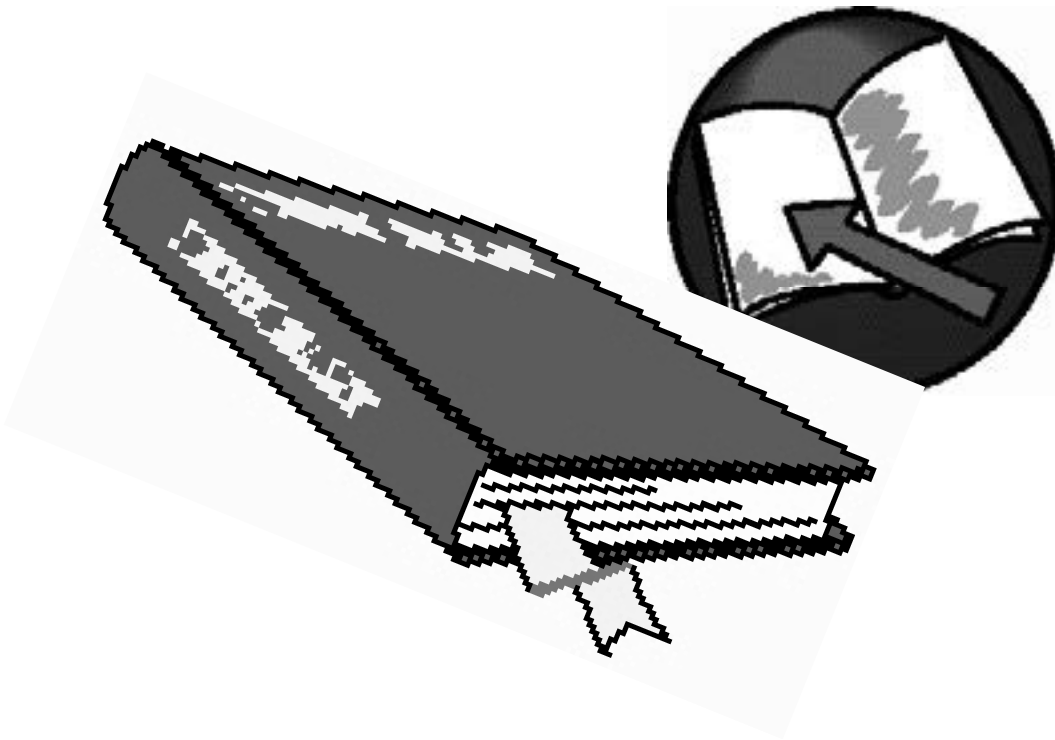
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1. How many lines does a quatrain contain?
A. Five
B. Seven
C. Four
D. Two
2. Which of the following is a synonym for genteel?
A. Elegant
B. Grumpy
C. Athletic
D. Tired
3. What are the usual parts of a triathlon?
A. Swimming, diving, and surfing
B. Hiking, skiing, and archery
C. Swimming, bicycling, and running
D. Dressage, eventing, and jumping
4. How would you perform a gavotte?
A. Run
B. Sing
C. Act
D. Dance
5. If you are being a sycophant, then you are _____ someone?
A. Hugging
B. Flattering
C. Chastising
D. Ignoring
6. What kind of creature is a quetzal?
A. Bird
B. Dragon
C. Big cat
D. Snake
7. When a location becomes very filthy, it can be called _____?
A. Senile
B. Sporrán
C. Systolic
D. Squalid
8. Where is a blitz conducted from?
A. The sea
B. The land
C. The air
D. Outer space
9. What kind of athlete requires a caddie's assistance?
A. Hockey goalie
B. Football quarterback
C. Baseball shortstop
D. Pro golfer

10. Lye can be an ingredient in which of the following items?
A. Cake
B. Soap
C. Root beer
D. Contact lens solution
11. Which of these animals is a marsupial?
A. Armadillo
B. Tapir
C. Opossum
D. Okapi
12. In astrology, Capricorn is which sign?
A. 5th
B. 8th
C. 1st
D. 10th
13. To juxtapose two things means to _____ them?
A. Compare
B. Separate
C. Combine
D. Exchange
14. Where would you find an Erlenmeyer flask?
A. Laboratory
B. Lavatory
C. Lighthouse
D. Labyrinth
15. Holstein is a breed of what kind of animal?
A. Cat
B. Dog
C. Cow
D. Horse
16. An awl is used to perform what task?
A. Cutting
B. Piercing
C. Sewing
D. Fixing
17. What month is Canada Day observed in?
A. March
B. June
C. February
D. July
18. Which of the following colors is drab?
A. Dark blue
B. Light brown
C. Hot pink
D. Pale purple
19. The word delicatessen comes to English from what other language?
A. Spanish
B. French
C. Russian
D. Turkish
20. Carob can be used to substitute for which ingredient?
A. Milk
B. Eggs
C. Flour
D. Chocolate

21. Which of the following dog breeds is known for being very large?
A. Greyhound
B. Beagle
C. Newfoundland
D. Pekingese
22. What is the next number in this Fibonacci number sequence: 1, 1, 2, 3, _?
A. 4
B. 6
C. 3
D. 5
23. Which sport has players arranged in the infield?
A. Baseball
B. Ice hockey
C. Rugby
D. Soccer
24. Which of the following is a markup language?
A. ASCII
B. HTML
C. JPEG
D. HDMI
25. Identify the past participle from this sentence: The children have played this game before.
A. Children
B. Before
C. Game
D. Played
26. Which plant is used to create linen?
A. Cotton
B. Bamboo
C. Flax
D. Straw
27. Which of the following is **NOT** a synonym of facetious?
A. Joking
B. Solemn
C. Clever
D. Unserious
28. What kind of insects are June bugs?
A. Arachnids
B. Beetles
C. Flies
D. Bees
29. A dowry is given at what kind of event?
A. Birthday
B. Retirement
C. Wedding
D. Funeral
30. In Ancient Greek legend, who dipped Achilles into the River Styx?
A. Paris
B. Patroclus
C. His mother
D. His father
31. Which of the following cities is split into five different boroughs?
A. New York City
B. Seattle
C. Miami
D. Dallas

32. When thrown properly, a knuckleball flies _____?
A. Straight
B. In a curve
C. Erratically
D. Up into the air

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

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| _____ 33. forceps | A. a type of sandwich |
| _____ 34. glib | B. felt on both sides |
| _____ 35. reciprocal | C. a plant with yellow flowers |
| _____ 36. enamor | D. a stringed instrument |
| _____ 37. quadrille | E. a tool used for delicate operations |
| _____ 38. hurdy-gurdy | F. a square dance |
| _____ 39. witch hazel | G. superficial and informal |
| _____ 40. gyro | H. a strong feeling of love |

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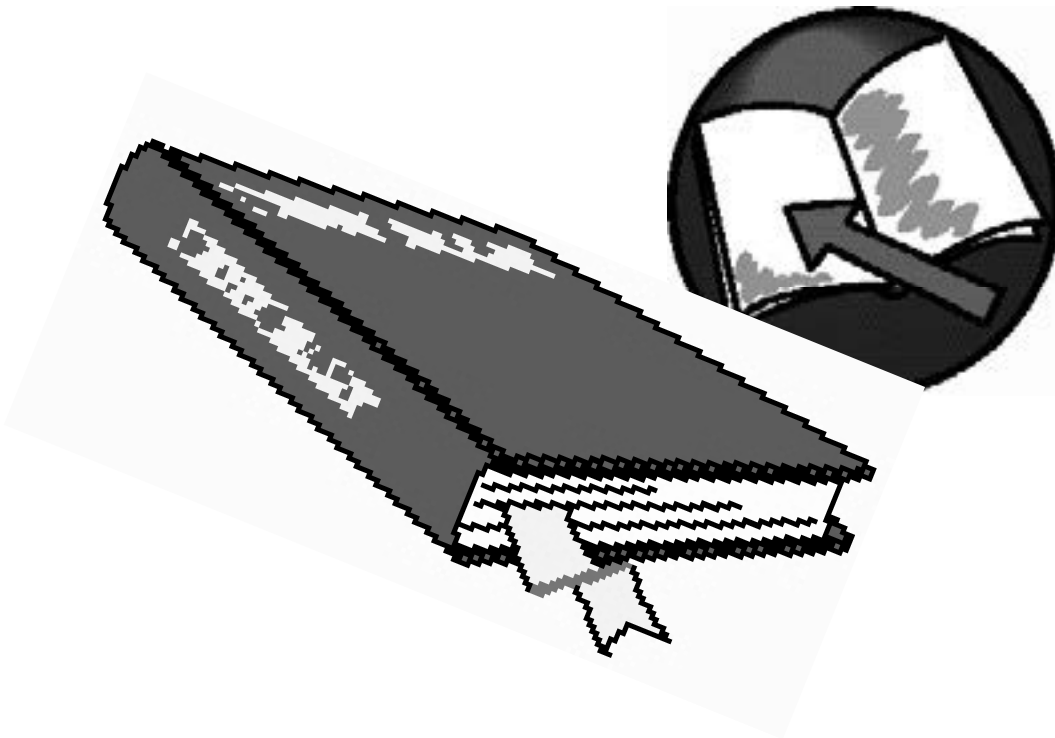
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| 12. D | 32. C |
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| 14. A | 34. G |
| 15. C | 35. B |
| 16. B | 36. H |
| 17. D | 37. F |
| 18. B | 38. D |
| 19. B | 39. C |
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1. Jai alai is a type of what?
A. Sport
B. Plant
C. Gem
D. Measurement
2. Which of the following authors has a dieresis in their name?
A. J.R.R. Tolkien
B. Charlotte Brontë
C. Gabriel García Márquez
D. Jean-Paul Sartre
3. To be lachrymose is to be _____?
A. Cheerful
B. Sickly
C. Irritable
D. Tearful
4. A fricassee is served with what kind of sauce?
A. Brown gravy
B. Barbecue sauce
C. White sauce
D. Sour cream
5. Which of the following is measured in roentgens?
A. Carbon dioxide
B. Radiation
C. Ozone
D. Water salinity
6. Someone who studies mycology studies what type of life?
A. Bacteria
B. Parasites
C. Fungi
D. Viruses
7. Where could you find a topiary?
A. Hospital
B. Classroom
C. Office
D. Garden
8. In Ancient Greek myths, the afterlife was known as _____?
A. Ecclesia
B. Elysium
C. Edamame
D. Elastane
9. Galena is a type of ore used to make _____?
A. Diamonds
B. Aluminum
C. Lead
D. Gold
10. Quinine can be turned into what kind of drink?
A. Tonic water
B. Fruit juice
C. Cola
D. Coffee

11. Which animal order does the nutria belong to?
 A. Rodents
 B. Carnivores
 C. Primates
 D. Amphibians
12. If someone commits larceny, they have committed _____?
 A. Arson
 B. Theft
 C. Fraud
 D. Vandalism
13. Where would an abalone be found?
 A. Ocean
 B. Forest
 C. Tundra
 D. Desert
14. If someone has a periodontal disease, their _____ is affected?
 A. Skin
 B. Hair
 C. Tooth
 D. Fingernail
15. Which of the following situations illustrates a quibble?
 A. A mother giving birth to her child
 B. A man tending to a garden
 C. A couple having an argument
 D. A nurse assisting a patient
16. Which of the following is NOT a synonym of bellwether?
 A. Leader
 B. Trendsetter
 C. Follower
 D. Pioneer
17. Philharmonic is another way of saying _____?
 A. Ocarina
 B. Orchestra
 C. Obtuse
 D. Occident
18. A dramatist writes what kind of literature?
 A. Stage plays
 B. Novels
 C. Biographies
 D. Magazine articles
19. To shake involuntarily is to _____?
 A. Treble
 B. Tremble
 C. Trespass
 D. Trellis
20. What does someone who is wan look like?
 A. Muscular
 B. Tall
 C. Sickly
 D. Young
21. To put the kibosh on something is to _____ it?
 A. Improve
 B. Stop
 C. Decorate
 D. Clean

22. At what event could you potentially hear a requiem?
A. A wedding
B. A birthday
C. A funeral
D. A sporting event
23. Someone who works as a roustabout primarily does what kind of work?
A. Construction
B. Education
C. Food service
D. Scientific research
24. In chemistry, what is the process in which substances move from a higher concentration to a lower concentration?
A. Difference
B. Differential
C. Diffusion
D. Diffluence
25. Which of the following words contains a diphthong?
A. Man
B. Out
C. Car
D. Pen
26. Which of these businesses may use usury when dealing with clients/guests?
A. Banks
B. Restaurants
C. Doctor's offices
D. Dry cleaners
27. A bungalow is a type of what kind of building?
A. House
B. Office
C. Greenhouse
D. Garage
28. To vacillate between two options is to _____?
A. Favor one strongly
B. Not be able to decide
C. Dislike both options
D. Make a quick decision
29. Which of the following foods could be considered pungent?
A. Apple
B. Beans
C. Cheese
D. Doughnut
30. What kind of shape is a rhombus?
A. A parallelogram
B. A circle
C. A cube
D. A pyramid
31. In order to create wine, grapes must be _____?
A. Ferreted
B. Fermented
C. Fertilized
D. Felted
32. In the following sentence, identify the direct object: They built a house for her.
A. They
B. Her
C. Built
D. House

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| _____ 33. mercurial | A. the office of a caliph |
| _____ 34. longitude | B. a tricky deceitful fellow |
| _____ 35. unctuous | C. harmless |
| _____ 36. innocuous | D. relating to tailored clothes |
| _____ 37. knave | E. smug, ingratiating |
| _____ 38. cerebral | F. intellectual |
| _____ 39. caliphate | G. characterized by unpredictable changes |
| _____ 40. sartorial | H. measurement of the globe |

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| 20. C | 40. D |