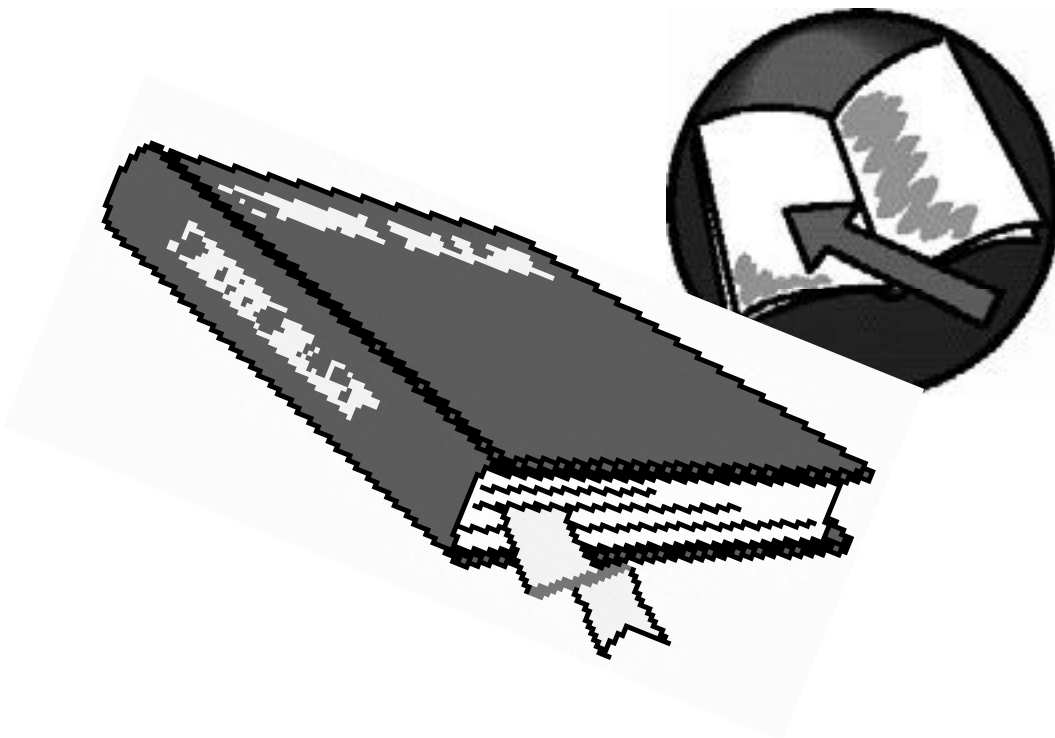


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11. What is the capital of Croatia?
A. Zagreb
B. York
C. Tyre
D. Verona
12. Which of the following is not a reptile?
A. Alligator
B. Snake
C. Armadillo
D. Turtle
13. A hexose contains how many carbon atoms in a molecule?
A. 3
B. 6
C. 12
D. 1
14. A mountain laurel is a North American shrub of what family?
A. goat
B. lion
C. heath
D. rabbit
15. Yonkers is a geographical name for what city?
A. Houston
B. Reno
C. New York
D. San Jose
16. An olive branch can be used to show intentions of what?
A. war
B. peace
C. lying
D. foolishness
17. The Odyssey is a poem from where?
A. Ancient Greece
B. Italy
C. Rome
D. France
18. What is another word for onlooker?
A. finder
B. seeker
C. participant
D. spectator
19. A punt is a narrow flat-bottomed boat with what shape ends?
A. square
B. circular
C. triangular
D. oval
20. Which of the following would most likely be wearing crampons?
A. a basketball player
B. a tennis instructor
C. a bowler
D. a mountain climber
21. Where was the first surrey made?
A. England
B. China
C. Texas
D. Mexico

22. Duff is the partly decayed plant and animal matter on the floor of where?
A. the desert
B. a bridge
C. the forest
D. a sea wall
23. In what state is the city of Winston Salem located?
A. Texas
B. North Carolina
C. Alabama
D. Washington
24. A thistle is any of various prickly plants related to what flower?
A. daisy
B. rose
C. sunflower
D. tulip
25. Which of the following herbs is related to the buttercups?
A. basil
B. delphinium
C. garlic
D. fennel
26. Rupiah is the basic unit of money in what transcontinental country?
A. Albania
B. Denmark
C. Gambia
D. Indonesia
27. A quiver is a case used to carry what?
A. cards
B. pens
C. arrows
D. brushes
28. A quarter hour is a total of how many minutes?
A. 15
B. 25
C. 10
D. 45
29. The Jordan river is how many miles long?
A. 100
B. 200
C. 50
D. 8
30. A viceroy is a North American butterfly resembling the monarch and is what two colors?
A. blue and white
B. black and yellow
C. red and green
D. black and orange
31. Which of the following is NOT an abbreviation for Thursday?
A. Thurs
B. Thur
C. Thu
D. TH
32. What was Johnny Appleseed's real last name?
A. Smith
B. Chapman
C. Scott
D. Jones

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

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| _____ 33. timbrel | A. a light umbrella for protection against the sun |
| _____ 34. nephritis | B. a mixture of fat and lean in a cut of meat |
| _____ 35. marbling | C. a rising body of warm air |
| _____ 36. stratify | D. a building or factory where metals are cast |
| _____ 37. sultan | E. a small hand drum or tambourine |
| _____ 38. thermal | F. a king or ruler especially of a Muslim state |
| _____ 39. parasol | G. inflammation of the kidneys |
| _____ 40. foundry | H. to form, deposit, or arrange in layers |

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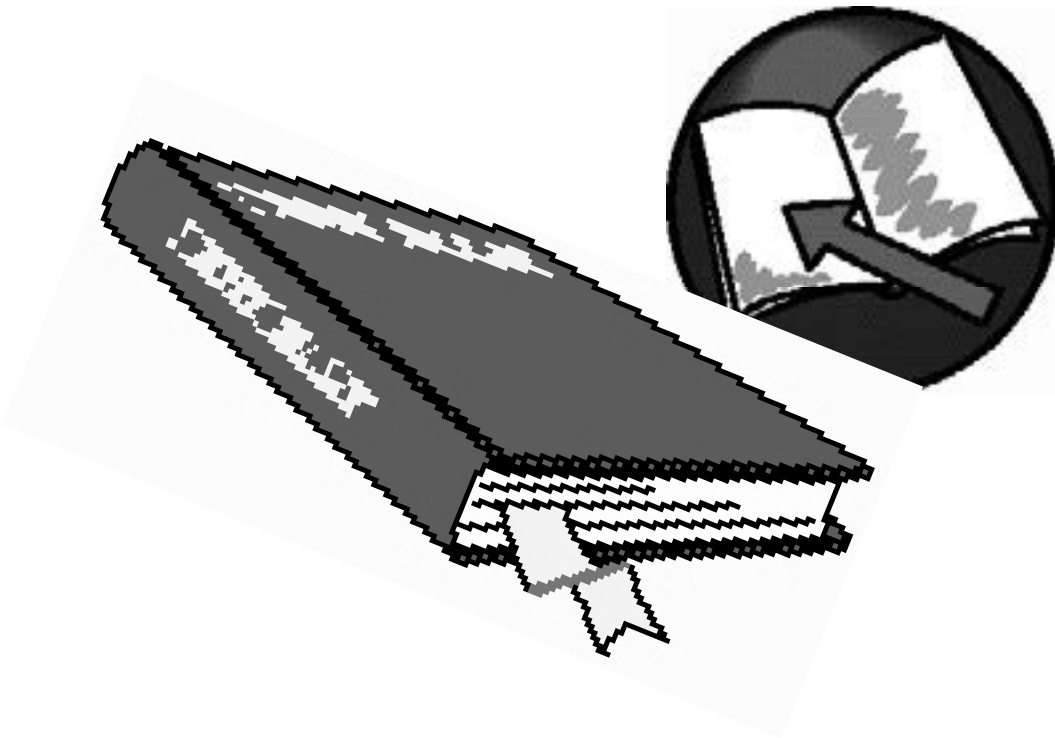
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| 8. D | 28. A |
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| 10. A | 30. D |
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| 12. C | 32. B |
| 13. B | 33. E |
| 14. C | 34. G |
| 15. C | 35. B |
| 16. B | 36. H |
| 17. A | 37. F |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

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1. Where would you find a mogul?
A. ski slope
B. sky scraper
C. highway
D. sycophant
2. How old could a septuagenarian be?
A. 74
B. 21
C. 45
D. 90
3. An RBI refers to which sport?
A. baseball
B. basketball
C. football
D. volleyball
4. Which of the following is copied using a pantograph?
A. calendar
B. map
C. photograph
D. charts
5. Fleas, lice, mice and rats are all examples of what?
A. florets
B. auks
C. barnacles
D. vermin
6. Where would you find a footpad?
A. A spacecraft
B. the car
C. the ocean
D. the shower
7. Which of the following place would you typically find people eating?
A. a hansom
B. a cupola
C. a dinette
D. a proscenium
8. To illuminate is to?
A. delete
B. darken
C. decorate
D. slide
9. What is the capital of Cambodia?
A. Tripoli
B. Phnom Penh
C. Lome
D. Padang
10. If the police wanted to get information, they may use a what?
A. stool pigeon
B. outrigger
C. monocle
D. dulcimer

11. Who does the Trobriand islands belong to?
A. Argentina
B. Netherlands
C. Greece
D. Papua New Guinea
12. Who is the Scottish-born inventor that invented the telephone?
A. Stephen Crane
B. Alexander Graham Bell
C. Bob Dylan
D. Elias Howe
13. Rocky Mountain spotted fever is a disease that can be caused by?
A. bacterium
B. mocha
C. riboflavin
D. rickettsia
14. What does the gas methane smell like?
A. charcoal
B. gasoline
C. nothing
D. burning plastic
15. Where did the orchestra originate?
A. Greece
B. Spain
C. Australia
D. Asia
16. Who is the founder of Shaker society?
A. Ann Lee
B. Steven Jobs
C. Joseph Pulitzer
D. Gilbert Stuart
17. What color would you **NOT** find on an andradite?
A. yellow
B. green
C. brown
D. purple
18. What instrument is used to measure doses of X-rays or of radioactivity?
A. steelyard
B. dosimeter
C. induction coil
D. anemometer
19. One might typically be in an inglenook to?
A. cook dinner
B. play football
C. workout
D. get warm
20. A tam-o-shanter was named after a hero in a poem written by?
A. Robert Burns
B. George Bernard Shaw
C. Katherine Anne Porter
D. Carl Sandburg
21. An appaloosa is any breed of saddle horses developed in Western North America with what kind of markings?
A. patches
B. stripes
C. spots
D. checkered

22. A German cockroach could commonly be found where?
A. under a bridge
B. the rainforest
C. an office building
D. a desert cactus
23. What is the first name of the person that developed the braille system?
A. Susan
B. Louis
C. Myles
D. John
24. Which of the following words does **NOT** have the abbreviation CT?
A. central time
B. computerized tomography
C. Connecticut
D. corner tile
25. When was the Kentucky rifle developed?
A. 18th century
B. 19th century
C. 1784
D. 15th century
26. Moles, shrews and hedgehogs are all examples of?
A. insectivores
B. manzanitas
C. smelts
D. mongrels
27. Where would you find an orange hawkweed?
A. Canada
B. Northeastern North America
C. Western North America
D. South America
28. What type of fruit could you find on a stolon?
A. bananas
B. kiwi
C. strawberries
D. peaches
29. Azurite is a blue mineral that is a carbonate of what element?
A. helium
B. bromine
C. oxygen
D. copper
30. Before January and February were added to the calendar, October was what number month?
A. third
B. tenth
C. eighth
D. fourth
31. Which of the following is a source for yellow dye?
A. the sun
B. fustic
C. lemons
D. desmid
32. Which of the following is a scale of hardness for minerals?
A. ratio scale
B. ordinal scale
C. Mohs' scale
D. metric scale

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| _____ 33. inquest | A. broken down with age |
| _____ 34. revel | B. gaiety accompanied by laughter |
| _____ 35. decrepit | C. a judicial or official investigation |
| _____ 36. gad | D. to be on the go without specific purpose |
| _____ 37. striated | E. impossible to satisfy |
| _____ 38. mirth | F. a noisy or merry celebration |
| _____ 39. chafer | G. having or showing lines, bands, or grooves |
| _____ 40. insatiable | H. any of various large beetles |

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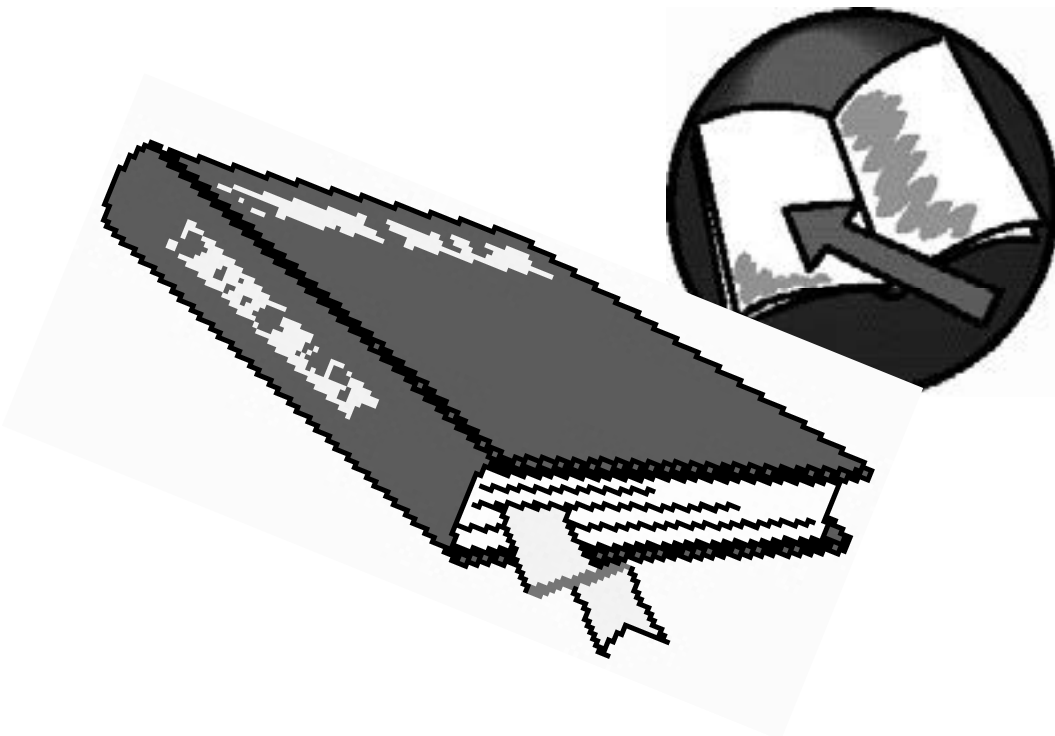
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11. What instrument is used to measure angles?
- A. protractor
 - B. microscope
 - C. sphygmomanometer
 - D. level
12. A fin whale is a baleen whale that may reach a length of over how many feet?
- A. 80 feet
 - B. 70 feet
 - C. 100 feet
 - D. 85 feet
13. A lute is a musical instrument that resembles what other musical instrument?
- A. guitar
 - B. flute
 - C. piano
 - D. trumpet
14. Nuptial is a word related to?
- A. vacation
 - B. mammals
 - C. marriage
 - D. education
15. Canary Islands are in the Atlantic off the coast of Africa but belong to what country?
- A. Mexico
 - B. Canada
 - C. North America
 - D. Spain
16. A glutton is one that eats?
- A. too much
 - B. equal
 - C. too little
 - D. just enough
17. A rickshaw is a small hooded carriage with two wheels and is pulled by what?
- A. a donkey
 - B. a person
 - C. a horse
 - D. a car
18. A cumulus is a dense puffy cloud form having what type of base?
- A. flat
 - B. jagged
 - C. rounded
 - D. spiral
19. What element will you **NOT** find in German silver?
- A. Iron
 - B. Copper
 - C. Zinc
 - D. Nickel
20. What year did Enrico Fermi win the Nobel Peace Prize?
- A. 1954
 - B. 1928
 - C. 1944
 - D. 1938
21. Lemurs are tree-dwelling primates that are most active at what time of the day?
- A. morning
 - B. noon
 - C. night
 - D. late afternoon

22. How many grams are in a metric ton?
A. 10
B. 100
C. 1,000
D. 1,000,000
23. A donjon is located in what part of a castle?
A. front
B. side
C. inner
D. back
24. What year did Albert Einstein win the Nobel Prize?
A. 1912
B. 1921
C. 1930
D. 1924
25. A fjord is a narrow inlet of sea between what?
A. roads
B. buildings
C. cliffs
D. cities
26. A gladiolus comes from a Latin word meaning what?
A. little sword
B. long leaves
C. smiling
D. glorious
27. Nantucket Island is located Southeast of what state?
A. Maine
B. Massachusetts
C. Florida
D. Hawaii
28. On which of these surfaces would you NOT find lichen?
A. rocks in the woods
B. a brick wall in a small village
C. a tree in the forest
D. flower petals in a garden
29. How many strings does a zither have?
A. 20-25
B. 45-50
C. 30-40
D. 10-15
30. Which of the following words describes someone who is pleasant?
A. limber
B. amiable
C. rogue
D. pestiferous
31. What time zone is Wyoming located in?
A. central time
B. pacific time
C. eastern time
D. mountain time
32. Which of the following is another word for irritation?
A. demure
B. rankle
C. reserved
D. scrooge

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

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| _____ 33. stipple | A. to shine by reflection |
| _____ 34. glint | B. to represent by a picture |
| _____ 35. slough | C. to cut off or shave the outside |
| _____ 36. pare | D. to apply by repeated small touches |
| _____ 37. congenial | E. to show deep respect for |
| _____ 38. depict | F. having the same interest or taste |
| _____ 39. venerate | G. a long loose heavy overcoat |
| _____ 40. ulster | H. to cast off or become cast off |

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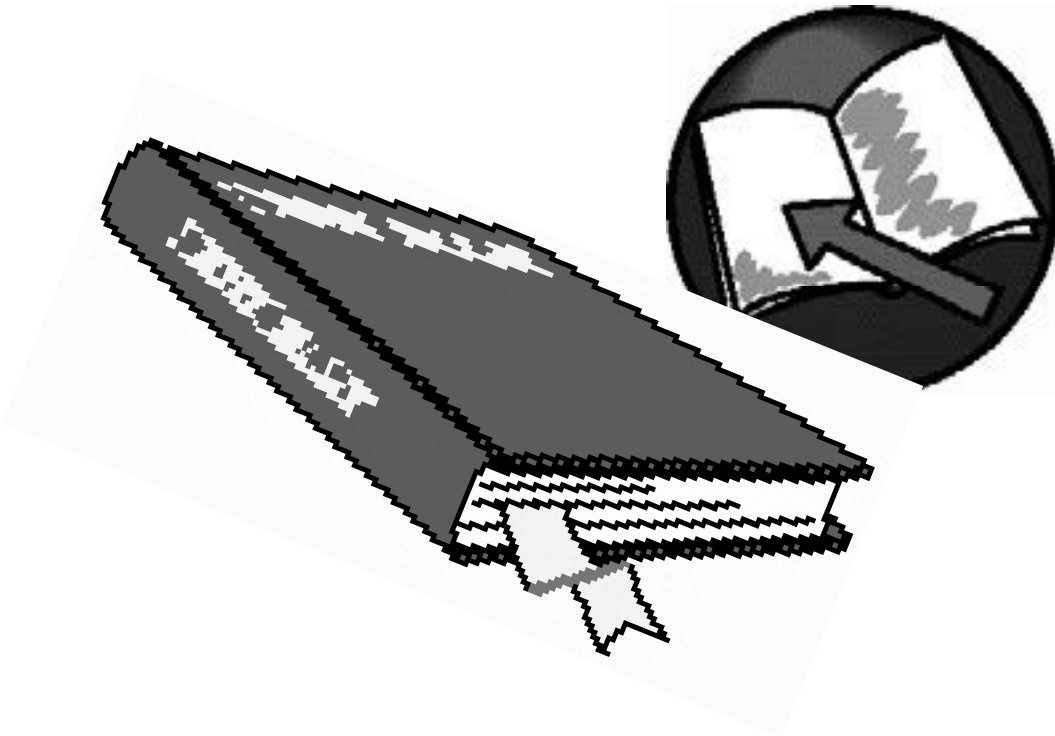
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| 9. D | 29. C |
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1. A cottonmouth is another name for a what?
A. black widow spider C. jackrabbit
B. water moccasin D. crow

2. Which of the following dates could be described as a “dog day”?
A. December 13th C. January 15th
B. October 7th D. July 9th

3. How many kilometers long is the Tigris River?
A. 1180 C. 1988
B. 1899 D. 3415

4. The side opposite of the starboard is usually called the _____?
A. pier. C. port.
B. helpmeet. D. domain.

5. What does the abbreviation DAR stand for?
A. Daughters of the American Revolution
B. Distance Around the Ring
C. Digital Air Radio
D. Data Appreciation Rights

6. What is the shape of the bacterium E. Coli?
A. a triangle C. a long cylinder
B. a short rod D. small circles

7. How many is a myriad?
A. 100 C. 100000
B. 1000000 D. 10000

8. Who was the 26th president of the United States?
A. Theodore Roosevelt C. Colin Powell
B. Woodrow Wilson D. Herbert Hoover

9. What is another name for a storm petrel?
A. rain bird C. sky bird
B. Mother Carey’s chicken D. cuckoos

10. What part of the body would you find a eustachian tube?
A. the throat C. the ear
B. the knee D. the elbow

11. The jeep is related to what popular comic strip in 1936?
A. Batman
B. Mickey Mouse
C. Popeye
D. Betty Boop
12. You will find loess in all the following continents EXCEPT?
A. Asia
B. Europe
C. North America
D. Africa
13. What shape is used if someone is writing in cuneiform?
A. wedges
B. blocks
C. bubbles
D. spirals
14. How many acres are in two square miles?
A. 4840
B. 320
C. 1280
D. 640
15. Which of the following is NOT an example of a trademark?
A. Levi's
B. Coke
C. Kleenex
D. Laptop
16. What year did Guinea-Bissau become an independent state?
A. 1965
B. 1974
C. 1983
D. 1992
17. Which of these plant eating dinosaurs is also known as a "thunder lizard"?
A. diplodocus
B. ankylosaur
C. brontosaurus
D. triceratops
18. Someone who is greedy and desires riches is called?
A. avaricious
B. circuitous
C. minuscule
D. jaunty
19. How many miles is Mars from the Sun?
A. 2000
B. 227.94
C. 141.67 million
D. 5.5 million
20. Rather than using a mechanical compressor, ramjets use what for the compression of the air it takes in?
A. light
B. speed of flight
C. air pockets
D. manpower
21. What happened to Chernobyl in 1986?
A. a tsunami
B. a landslide
C. an earthquake
D. a nuclear accident

22. What is the atomic number for Berkelium?
 A. 31
 B. 97
 C. 4
 D. 109
23. How old was Milton Sirota when he thought of the word Googol?
 A. 15
 B. 6
 C. 9
 D. 20
24. What is the difference between a guanaco and a camel?
 A. lacks a hump
 B. a long tail
 C. a longer neck
 D. smaller ears
25. The transition between the Cretaceous and Tertiary periods of geologic time is known as?
 A. K-T boundary
 B. the Dark Ages
 C. the Middle Ages
 D. the Stone Age
26. In Roman Mythology, who is the son of Mars and the twin brother of Remus?
 A. Polyphemus
 B. Medusa
 C. Jupiter
 D. Romulus
27. What kind of powder is carried using a powder horn?
 A. food powder
 B. cosmetic powder
 C. gunpowder
 D. medicine powder
28. The Isthmus of Panama connects North America and South America, and was formerly know as?
 A. Isthmus of Canal
 B. Isthmus of Darien
 C. Isthmus of America
 D. Isthmus of Panama City
29. Any of various trematode worms that invade the liver of animals is known as a?
 A. liver fluke
 B. haddock
 C. lacewing
 D. krait
30. What color is gypsum?
 A. blue
 B. red
 C. brown
 D. colorless
31. What part of the body would you find the foramen magnum?
 A. fingernail
 B. skull
 C. knee
 D. wrist
32. If someone is endorsing a basketball game they are doing what?
 A. engaging
 B. ruining
 C. showing support
 D. cancelling

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

- | | |
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| _____ 33. hilt | A. a card or dice with three spots |
| _____ 34. drudge | B. a handle especially of a sword or dagger |
| _____ 35. efficacy | C. to do hard or dull work |
| _____ 36. osteoblast | D. a cell that forms bone |
| _____ 37. sorrel | E. the power to produce a desired result |
| _____ 38. dry run | F. the next to the last syllable of a word |
| _____ 39. trey | G. any of various plants with sour juice |
| _____ 40. penult | H. a practice firing without ammunition |

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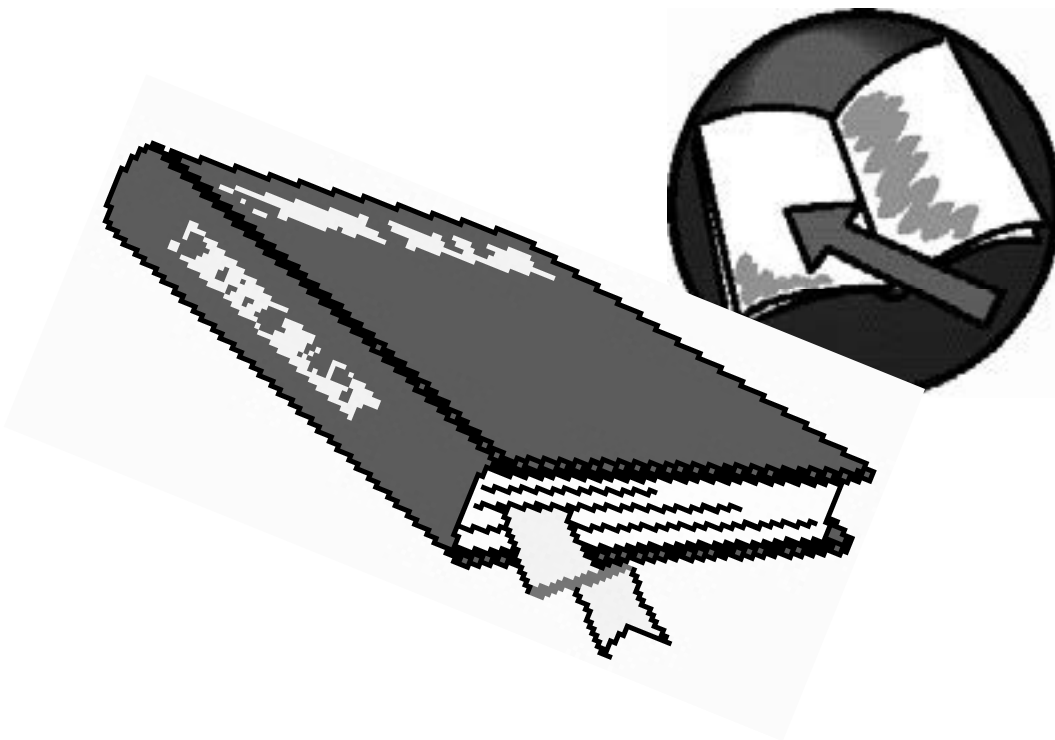
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| 10. C | 30. D |
| 11. C | 31. B |
| 12. D | 32. C |
| 13. A | 33. B |
| 14. C | 34. C |
| 15. D | 35. E |
| 16. B | 36. D |
| 17. C | 37. G |
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| 20. B | 40. F |

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1. A gauntlet is a glove worn with what type of suit?
A. business
B. wet
C. armor
D. zoot
2. What direction does the door of a Hogan traditionally face?
A. east
B. west
C. south
D. north
3. Which of the lands is NOT part of Oceania?
A. Elba
B. Melanesia
C. Polynesia
D. Micronesia
4. What kind of instrument is a piccolo?
A. a drum
B. a guitar
C. a trumpet
D. a flute
5. What type of knot is typically used to join the ends of two cords?
A. granny knot
B. square knot
C. slipknot
D. half hitch
6. Jasper is an opaque mineral that can be used for making what?
A. paper
B. lightbulbs
C. vases
D. soup
7. Martinmas is celebrated on what date?
A. December 26th
B. November 11th
C. January 2nd
D. December 13th
8. The United Arab Emirates is composed of how many emirates?
A. 7
B. 6
C. 1
D. 10
9. If someone is sweltering, where might they be located?
A. on a snowy mountain
B. in a cool swimming pool
C. on top of a building
D. in the middle of the desert
10. What does Prima Donna mean in Italian?
A. drama queen
B. rock star
C. first lady
D. third cousin

11. A masonry is built with all of the following EXCEPT?
A. steel
B. stone
C. brick
D. concrete
12. Where would you find a dewlap?
A. under the hood of a car
B. in the back of a closet
C. under the neck of an animal
D. in a dark tunnel
13. How long is the Welland canal?
A. 44 mi.
B. 27 mi.
C. 10 km.
D. 23 km.
14. In the males, which of the following birds has a tail that can reach over two feet in length?
A. sparrow
B. stork
C. cassowary
D. quetzal
15. What does a stalactite resemble?
A. an icicle
B. an egg
C. pliers
D. a sphinx
16. Which of the following would you not find in mortar?
A. water
B. sand
C. lime
D. tar
17. What shape is a guard cell?
A. oval
B. crescent
C. cylinder
D. spiral
18. Which of the following can be used to dissolve rubber?
A. vinegar
B. nitrogen
C. carbon disulfide
D. chromium
19. What is another name for a perquisite?
A. beetle
B. tip
C. bowl
D. star
20. What type of animal is a RHODE Island Red?
A. panda
B. goat
C. red fox
D. chicken
21. Who of the following is NOT a Nobel Prize winner?
A. James Monroe
B. Albert Schweitzer
C. Ivan Petrovich Pavlov
D. Toni Morrison

22. The word Admiral ultimately has its source in what language?
A. Italian
B. Chinese
C. Arabic
D. Spanish
23. To take forty winks is to do what for a short period of time?
A. art classes
B. nap
C. care for a dog
D. take power away from
24. A sergeant first class is a person in the army that is ranked just below that of who?
A. sergeant at arms
B. admiral
C. master sergeant
D. general
25. The Age of Fishes is known as what time period?
A. the Cenozoic era
B. the Mesozoic era
C. the Devonian period
D. Progressive era
26. What grade would a Cadette in Girl Scouts be in?
A. 5th grade
B. 10th grade
C. 2nd grade
D. 8th grade
27. If someone is irascible, how would they be feeling?
A. angry
B. sad
C. amused
D. happy
28. Outside of Alaska, what is the highest mountain in the United States?
A. Mount Robson
B. Mount Rushmore
C. Mount Whitney
D. Mount Washington
29. A tourniquet is used to stop what?
A. A forest fire
B. bleeding
C. a computer virus
D. a rolling car
30. What year did American athlete Jim Thorpe pass away?
A. 1961
B. 1953
C. 1977
D. 1954
31. What percentage of gasohol is ethanol?
A. 10%
B. 5%
C. 15%
D. 90%
32. What fruit is a Spanish moss related to?
A. kiwi
B. papaya
C. figs
D. pineapple

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

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| _____ 33. galumph | A. a powerful blow or impact |
| _____ 34. scads | B. to move in a loud and clumsy way |
| _____ 35. rick | C. a gentle or friendly criticism or warning |
| _____ 36. locality | D. a basic unit of money in Japan |
| _____ 37. admonition | E. to turn (a ship or boat) over |
| _____ 38. wallop | F. to stack or pile in the open air |
| _____ 39. yen | G. a place and its surroundings |
| _____ 40. keel | H. a great quantity |

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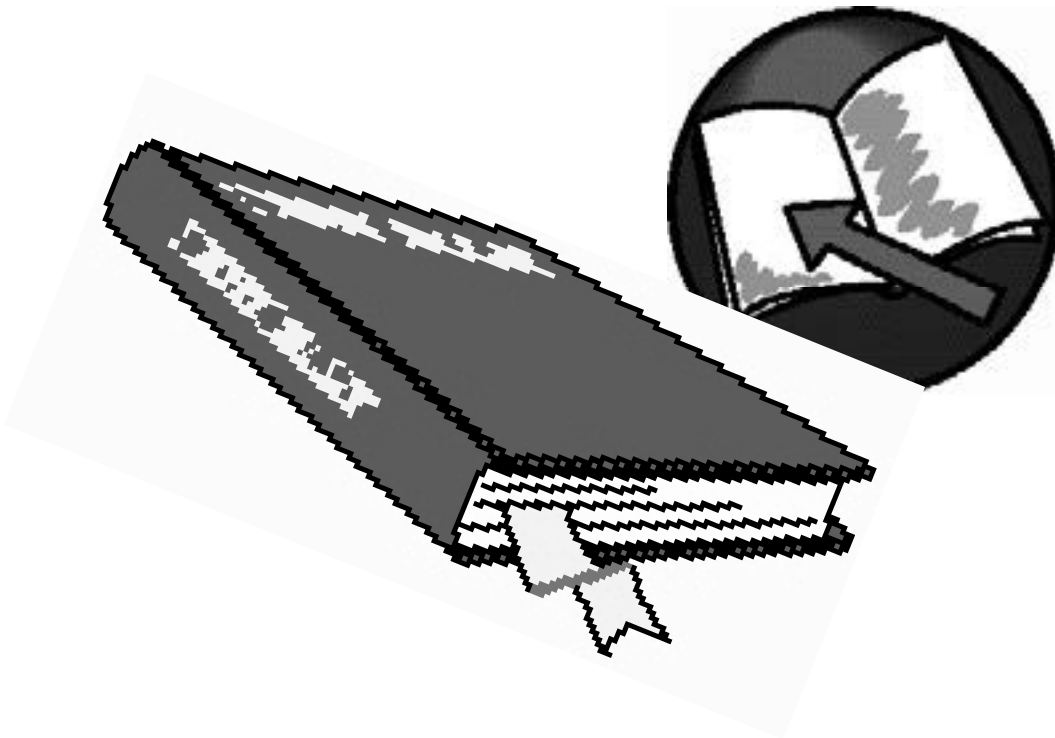
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| 11. A | 31. A |
| 12. C | 32. D |
| 13. B | 33. B |
| 14. D | 34. H |
| 15. A | 35. F |
| 16. D | 36. G |
| 17. B | 37. C |
| 18. C | 38. A |
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1. Hors-d'oeuvre is French for what?
A. flea
B. bouquet
C. appetizers
D. brown horse
2. How many years is a phoenix thought to live for?
A. 600
B. 200
C. 100
D. 500
3. Which of the following branches of zoology deals with fish?
A. ichthyology
B. primatology
C. malacology
D. ophthalmology
4. When formaldehyde is dissolved in water, what is it used for?
A. soil
B. making a campfire
C. disinfectant
D. building bridges
5. Which of the following places would you most likely find a political speech being made?
A. a reservoir
B. an oriel window
C. a schooner
D. hustings
6. What does a limpet do when it is disturbed?
A. gives off a bad odor
B. clings tightly
C. bites
D. runs away
7. If someone is ruminating, they are doing what?
A. reading
B. meditating
C. cooking
D. sewing
8. Naphthalene is a hydrocarbon that can be used to repel what?
A. moths
B. snakes
C. bears
D. fish
9. What is the capital of Bhutan?
A. Tula
B. Tallinn
C. Thimphu
D. Vaduz
10. What is another name for a Mediterranean fruit fly?
A. apple fly
B. larva fly
C. double fly
D. medfly

11. What kind of effect does placebo have on a disease?
A. mild
B. very little
C. severe
D. no effect
12. Which of the following items would be packed when one is using excelsior?
A. pillows
B. mirrors
C. shoes
D. tires
13. How many people can play the game backgammon at one time?
A. 7
B. 6
C. 4
D. 2
14. Which of the following are NOT part of Mendel's Law?
A. Law of Gravity
B. Law of Segregation
C. Law of Independent Assortment
D. Law of Dominance
15. Where was the cheese Edam first sold?
A. Mexico
B. Italy
C. The Netherlands
D. Moscow
16. What year was the gypsy moth introduced to the United States?
A. 1902
B. 1869
C. 1870
D. 1915
17. What type of animal is a kingfisher?
A. lion
B. alligator
C. bird
D. fish
18. A tabby cat can be connected to which of the following cities?
A. Detroit
B. Baghdad
C. Omaha
D. Dakar
19. Advent is a season that starts how many Sundays before Christmas?
A. 2
B. 1
C. 6
D. 4
20. The Volga River is the longest river located in which continent?
A. Europe
B. South America
C. Africa
D. Asia
21. What most valued part of a sturgeon is made into a delicacy?
A. their scales
B. their fin
C. their eggs
D. their bones

22. A red tide is made poisonous by a large quantity of what?
A. poison ivy
B. dinoflagellates
C. acid
D. venom
23. If someone is wrongly intruding in on a group conversation, they could be described as a what?
A. a lofty
B. an interloper
C. an intermediate host
D. a grantee
24. What year was Vatican City made as headquarters for the Pope?
A. 1935
B. 1927
C. 1929
D. 1923
25. Which of the following does **NOT** use the abbreviation BO?
A. body odor
B. box office
C. best offer
D. bigger order
26. Which of the following words is a palindrome?
A. racecar
B. wallet
C. jaywalk
D. subteen
27. The word maverick is most often used to speak of a person who refuses to be what?
A. branded
B. overlooked
C. left behind
D. in charge
28. A chimera is a female monster in Greek mythology with the head of a lion and a body of a what?
A. eagle
B. rhino
C. goat
D. snake
29. What are drosophila especially used for?
A. cosmetic testing
B. genetics research
C. clearing toxic waste
D. animal control
30. What year was the Gregorian calendar adopted by the American Colonies?
A. 1582
B. 1752
C. 1907
D. 1756
31. In Roman mythology, Juno is the goddess of all of the following **except**?
A. birth
B. wind
C. light
D. women
32. What was Harry Houdini's original name?
A. Elias Howe
B. Steven Kroger
C. Adam Miller
D. Erik Weisz

Match each of the following words to its correct meaning:

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| _____ 33. outbrave | A. the last syllable of a word |
| _____ 34. gesso | B. to defeat or check by confusing |
| _____ 35. strident | C. a breeze from the west |
| _____ 36. baffle | D. a material like plaster used in art |
| _____ 37. duffel | E. to face or resist boldly |
| _____ 38. netizen | F. a user of the Internet |
| _____ 39. zephyr | G. harsh sounding |
| _____ 40. ultima | H. an outfit of supplies (as for camping) |

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| 20. A | 40. A |