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Dictionary Skills

District Contest

Grades 4/5 & 6-8



2017

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1. Parts of an insect as described by *Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary* include all except ...
 A. mouth C. leg
 B. wing D. compound eye
2. Which of these shows the correct use of stress marks for the word "evapotranspiration" according to *Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary*?
 A. i- ' va-pō- , tran(t)-spə- ' rā-shən
 B. i- ' va-pō- , tran(t)- ' spə-rā-shən
 C. i- ' va-pō-tran(t)- ' spə-rā-shən
 D. i-va- ' pō-tran(t)-spə- ' rā- , shən
3. Which is the mathematical symbol for product?
 A. P C. \int
 B. Π D. \equiv
4. The abbreviation used in *Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary* to distinguish Indo-European is ...
 A. IndE C. IDE
 B. IND D. IE
5. The order of meanings within a dictionary entry is ...
 A. historical C. random
 B. alphabetical D. spatial
6. Which of these is a tableland?
 A. Niobrara C. Ogaden
 B. Suzhou D. Mycale
7. The word "googol" would most likely be used by ...
 A. a mathematician
 B. comedian
 C. chef
 D. a person searching the internet
8. Who was an American physicist who lived in 1925?
 A. Arrhenius C. Chandler
 B. Brattain D. Hammerstein
9. The word "mystic" can be used as a(an) ...
 A. noun and verb
 B. adjective and verb
 C. noun only
 D. adjective and noun
10. Which of the following is not an order of a column and entablature according to *Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary*?
 A. Ionic C. Capital
 B. Corinthian D. Doric
11. How many cubic feet are in 10 liters?
 A. 0.35 C. 277.240
 B. 61.02 D. 10
12. Which of these words is given a temporal label in *Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary*?
 A. manhattan C. fidge
 B. purple D. eke
13. Which is a mountain range at least 6800 meters high, paired with its correct location?
 A. Gasherbrum/Tibet
 B. Huasaran/Peru
 C. Aconcagua/Argentina
 D. Tupugato/Mexico
14. The abbreviation SS stands for...
 A. Social Security C. steamship
 B. saints D. all of the above
15. Which list is in correct alphabetical order?
 A. NIHM, nisei, nobelium, noble gas
 B. NIMH, nisei, noble gas, nobelium
 C. nisei, NIMH, nobelium, noble gas
 D. NIMH, nobelium, noble gas, nisei

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16. Put these kings and/or queens in order of their reign (earliest to most recent).
A. Victoria, Elizabeth II, James II, George V
B. James II, Victoria, George V, Elizabeth II
C. Victoria, George V, James II, Elizabeth II
D. James II, George V, Victoria, Elizabeth II
17. What is the official name for a dog's ear according to *Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary*?
A. wither C. ear
B. flews D. leather
18. In listing a source (bibliography), which element appears first?
A. year of publication
B. last name of the author
C. source page number
D. title of the source
19. Which word is spelled incorrectly?
A. sacharomyces
B. quattuordecillion
C. onomatopoeia
D. holometabolous
20. What is the first month of the ecclesiastical year?
A. Dhu'l-Hijja C. Nisan
B. December D. Tishri
21. How many definitions are given for "squeeze" in *Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary*?
A. 16 C. 20
B. 10 D. 22
22. Which of these is not a part of the eye?
A. scera C. vitreous humor
B. posterior chamber D. conjunctiva
23. Which group of states is found in four separate U.S. time zones?
A. Georgia, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Washington
B. Florida, Texas, California, Idaho
C. Oregon, South Carolina, Montana, Colorado
D. Nevada, Kansas, Missouri, Virginia
24. What are numbers called that are used to show the order of succession in which such items as names, objects, and periods of time are considered?
A. sequential C. Roman numerals
B. cardinal D. ordinal
25. Which of these is not identified as part of the respiratory system in *Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary*?
A. nasal cavity C. gland
B. trachea D. lung
- MATCHING SYNONYMS or ASSOCIATIONS:**
26. bête noire A. raucous
27. flummery B. gibberish
28. stentorian C. revolution
29. cathexis D. problem
30. insurgent E. design

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Student Answer Sheet

INSTRUCTIONS: Place the PRINTED CAPITAL letter of each answer choice (A, B, C, or D) in the blank corresponding to the test item number. **SCORING:** +5 for each correct answer; -2 for each incorrect answer; no deduction is taken for skipped or unanswered items. Visible erasures and mark-outs constitute a 2-point deduction ONLY if a legible correct answer is not provided over or beside the erasure or mark-out.

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Answer Key

Page numbers on which answers may be found are referenced to the 2003 © or newer *Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary, 11th Ed.* The first page number listed in parenthesis is the key source for the test item, but other page numbers may also confirm answers. **Scoring:** +5 for each correct answer; -2 for each incorrect answer; no points are deducted for skipped or unanswered items. Erasers and mark-outs that do not result in a correct answer constitute a 2-point deduction.

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| 1. A (646) | 16. B (1488,1508,1482,1479) |
| 2. A (432) | 17. D (369) |
| 3. B (1602) | 18. B (1614-15) |
| 4. D (38a) | 19. A (1094) |
| 5. B (10a) | 20. C (805) |
| 6. C (1270,1568) | 21. D (1212) |
| 7. A (539) | 22. A (445) |
| 8. B (1471) | 23. A (510,863,1448,1404,1310) |
| 9. D (822) | 24. D (852) |
| 10. C (873) | 25. C (1062) |
| 11. A (782) | 26. D (116)(162,989) |
| 12. D (18a,399) | 27. B (482)(817,527) |
| 13. C (1511) | 28. A (1223)(736,1033) |
| 14. D (1212) | 29. E (195)(338,1110) |
| 15. A (838-39) | 30. C (649)(1037,1068) |

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