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Dictionary Skills

District Contest

Grades 4/5 & 6-8



2023

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PSIA – Dictionary Skills – 2023 – District Test

1. When food is prepared **lyonnaise**, it contains what other food?
A. mayonnaise B. carrots
C. onions D. eggs
 2. What year was the word **olfactometer** first used?
A. 1723 B. 1767
C. 1849 D. 1889
 3. Which geologic time period saw the earliest birds?
A. Devonian B. Permian
C. Triassic D. Jurassic
 4. What type of anchor is shown?
A. mushroom
B. plow
C. grapnel
D. shank
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5. The combining forms *my-* and *myo-* is used when describing what body parts?
A. legs B. muscles
C. ears D. eyes
 6. What nationality was the inventor of the saxophone, Antoine Sax?
A. Swedish B. French
C. Belgian D. English
 7. In the term T-man, what does the “T” stand for?
A. Traveling B. Teacher
C. Trombone D. Treasury
 8. Which of the following states crosses two different time zones?
A. Iowa B. South Dakota
C. Arkansas D. Pennsylvania
 9. Where should you look to find Wernicke’s area?
A. the kitchen B. the moon
C. Germany D. the brain

10. What year was Ezra Pound born?
A. 1885 B. 1870
C. 1972 D. 1903
11. Which diacritical mark should be used when writing *Möbius strip*?
A. an umlaut over the o
B. an acute accent over the i in Möbius
C. a macron over the o
D. a grave accent over the i in Möbius
12. What is the chemical symbol of the element with atomic number 74?
A. Mo B. Os
C. W D. Fe
13. What is the plural of the word **fresco**?
A. fresci B. frescos
C. frescoes D. frescoux
14. What is the name of the money used in Hungary?
A. forint B. zloty
C. krona D. cedi
15. On what river can the southeastern English city named Sandwich be found?
A. Wye River B. Stour River
C. Avon River D. Kent River
16. The name of the outer, usually smaller of the two bones in the human leg comes from what Latin word that is related to “fasten”?
A. figere B. fenestra
C. filius D. furtum
17. Which parts of speech is the word **astraddle**?
A. adjective and pronoun
B. noun and interjection
C. verb and conjunction
D. adverb and preposition

18. What fraction of a fluid dram is one minim?
A. 1/4 B. 1/16
C. 1/30 D. 1/60
19. Which compass direction are you headed if you are traveling WNW?
A. N67°30'W
B. N22°30'W
C. N45°W
D. N90°W
20. Which country is the city Czestochowa located in?
A. Hungary
B. The Czech Republic
C. Poland
D. Belarus
21. What industry was an SST used in?
A. education B. culinary arts
C. aviation D. landscaping
22. Which of the following words can be associated with the words **register**, **collection**, and **chess**?
A. set B. file
C. queen D. enroll
23. What is the twelfth letter of the Greek alphabet?
A. μ B. ν
C. ϕ D. λ
24. What is the mathematical symbol for the expected value of a random variable x ?
A. $E(x)$ B. \bar{x}
C. $\exists x$ D. $\|x\|$
25. Which body of water would you be most likely to find an Olympia oyster?
A. Erie Canal
B. Gulf of Mexico
C. Lake Michigan
D. Puget Sound

MATCHING SYMONYMS AND ASSOCIATIONS:

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| 26. pitch | A. hymn |
| 27. peruke | B. penetrate |
| 28. perforate | C. speech |
| 29. parlance | D. tone |
| 30. paeon | E. wig |



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Contestant Answer Sheet

GRADERS: Write scores and initial.

Score 1: _____

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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 for skipped or unanswered items. Visible erasures and mark-outs constitute a 2-point deduction ONLY if a correct answer is not written in the answer space.

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ANSWER KEY

REMINDERS: PRINTED CAPITAL letters only. SCORING: +5 for each correct answer; –2 for each incorrect answer; no deduction for skipped or unanswered items. Visible erasures and mark-outs constitute a 2-point deduction ONLY if a correct answer is not written in the answer space. Reference page numbers are provided in parentheses for the Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed.

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| 1. C | (743) | 16. A | (1167, 465) |
| 2. D | (864) | 17. D | (76) |
| 3. D | (523) | 18. D | (1420) |
| 4. C | (46) | 19. A | (1439, 1422) |
| 5. B | (820) | 20. C | (1531) |
| 6. C | (1106) | 21. C | (1213, 1255) |
| 7. D | (1312) | 22. B | (467) |
| 8. B | (1310, 1118) | 23. A | (36) |
| 9. D | (1422) | 24. A | (1602) |
| 10. A | (1499) | 25. D | (865) |
| 11. A | (797, 344) | 26. D | |
| 12. C | (921) | 27. E | |
| 13. C | (500) | 28. B | |
| 14. A | (802) | 29. C | |
| 15. B | (1580) | 30. A | |