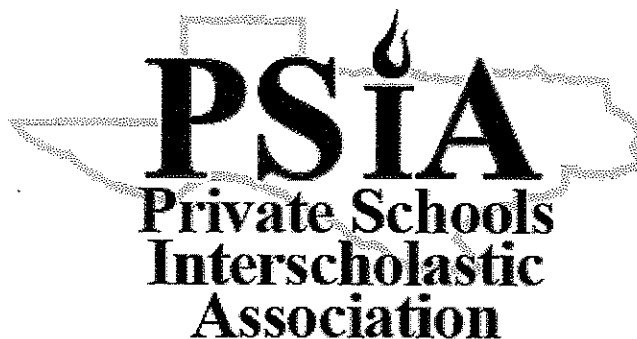


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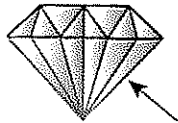
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1. What activity does a **schussboomer** participate in?
A. swimming B. skiing
C. hiking D. rowing
 2. Which part of a brilliant cut diamond is marked?
A. table
B. pavilion
C. culet
D. girdle
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3. What do you do with a **balmoral**?
A. wear it B. eat it
C. ride it D. play it
 4. Which language did the word **copra** enter English from?
A. Dutch B. Latin
C. Portuguese D. French
 5. Which of the following words should be capitalized?
A. hyaline B. payola
C. gubernatorial D. europeanize
 6. One hectare is equivalent to how many acres?
A. 4.14 B. 3.94
C. 2.47 D. 1.69
 7. What was the middle name of American politician Harold Ickes?
A. William B. LeClair
C. McDonald D. Frances
 8. Which of the following terms is not abbreviated by PM?
A. provost marshal
B. post meridiem
C. prime minister
D. private meeting
 9. What year was term FORTRAN first used?
A. 1965 B. 1963
C. 1956 D. 1951
 10. What is the chemical formula for xylose?
A. $C_6H_{12}O_4$
B. $C_5H_{10}O_5$
C. $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$
D. $C_8H_{12}N_4O_2$
 11. What is the largest island in the Cyclades?
A. Naxos B. Syros
C. Milos D. Paros
 12. Which of the following is the proper salutation to the current Secretary-General of the United Nations, António Guterres?
A. Dear Sir:
B. Dear Excellency:
C. Dear UN Secretary-General:
D. Dear Mr. Secretary-General:
 13. In physics, the letter n is often used to represent what?
A. reflective index
B. electrical potential
C. refractive index
D. angular momentum
 14. Which of the following Americans was also born in the same year as Eleanor Roosevelt?
A. Hideki Tojo
B. Arthur Vandenberg
C. Diego Rivera
D. William Beckford
 15. Which of the following words can be associated with **hold**, **responsibility**, and **drink**?
A. lay B. lap
C. lark D. lag
 16. What Yucatec word passed through to English as **cenote**?
A. zon'hot B. gha'onot
C. zen'ot D. ts'onot
 17. The kyat domination of money in Myanmar can be subdivided into what smaller units?
A. pyas B. santimi
C. cents D. lwei

18. Which of the following professions might a person with a DTh degree hold?
A. surgeon B. evangelist
C. attorney D. data scientist
19. What three elements made up the substance found in oil of vitriol?
A. zinc, copper, and oxygen
B. hydrogen, nitrogen, and magnesium
C. carbon, oxygen, and tin
D. hydrogen, sulfur, and oxygen
20. What medieval language does the modern-day language spoken on the Faeroe Islands originate from?
A. Old Dutch
B. Old Norse
C. Old High German
D. Old Saxon
21. What term is used for South African dance music that combines traditionally musical elements with modern styles?
A. veld B. kloof
C. mbaqanga D. champac
22. Which letter comes between the two letters shown in the Russian alphabet?
В ____ Д
A. Г B. И
C. Ш D. Ж
23. What body of water does the Fly River flow into?
A. Hudson Bay
B. English Channel
C. Lake Winnebago
D. Gulf of Papua
24. What does the Latin phrase *docendo discimus* mean?
A. the more the merrier
B. we rise and we fall
C. we learn by teaching
D. we reap what we sow
25. Which of the following abbreviations is a trademarked name?
A. DOT B. EMP
C. FEPA D. GRE

SYNONYMS AND ASSOCIATIONS:

26. grotesque A. tacky
27. heuristic B. aberrant
28. infelicitous C. awkward
29. jubilant D. euphoric
30. kitschy E. interrogative



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Contestant Answer Sheet

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ANSWER KEY

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| 3. A | (94) | 18. B | (384) |
| 4. C | (276, 38a) | 19. D | (862, 1250) |
| 5. D | (431) | 20. B | (636) |
| 6. C | (782) | 21. C | (768) |
| 7. B | (1487) | 22. A | (36) |
| 8. D | (955) | 23. D | (1573) |
| 9. C | (493) | 24. C | (1461) |
| 10. B | (1449) | 25. D | (547) |
| 11. A | (1565) | 26. B | |
| 12. D | (1619) | 27. E | |
| 13. C | (1603) | 28. C | |
| 14. B | (1507) | 29. D | |
| 15. B | (700) | 30. A | |