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# Dictionary Skills

## District Contest

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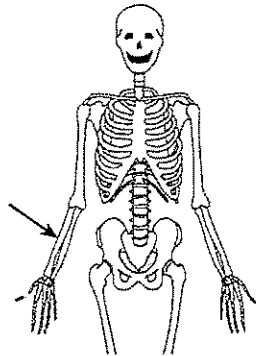
# 2022

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## PSIA – Dictionary Skills – District Test – 2022

1. What kind of animal is a dominique?  
A. chicken                      B. swan  
C. dog                              D. bird

2. Which bone is indicated?  
A. humerus  
B. scapula  
C. ulna  
D. radius



3. The incenter of a triangle is the point where which lines of a triangle intersect?  
A. altitudes  
B. medians  
C. perpendicular bisectors  
D. angle bisectors

4. What is the atomic number of the element gold?  
A. 72                              B. 79  
C. 83                              D. 88

5. Which adjective is used to describe something written in the style of Ernest Hemingway?  
A. Hemingwayesque  
B. Hemingwayian  
C. Hemingwayish  
D. Hemingwayious

6. The Greek letter  $\xi$  is usually translated into which Roman letter?  
A. x                                B. z  
C. q                                D. k

7. Which word is a portmanteau?  
A. supernova                      B. cycloid  
C. gumshoe                        D. labradoodle

8. What does the French phrase *ça va sans dire* translate to?  
A. go on without me  
B. it's not as bad as it looks  
C. it goes without saying  
D. look before you leap

9. What part of speech is the word farandole?  
A. transitive verb  
B. adjective  
C. intransitive verb  
D. noun


10. Which professional is most likely to use the WPI?  
A. computer programmer  
B. pharmacist  
C. economist  
D. barista

11. What country is Lake Balaton found in?  
A. Hungary  
B. Czech Republic  
C. Romania  
D. Slovakia

12. How many fluid ounces are in a gill in the U.S. liquid measurement system?  
A. 6                                B. 4  
C. 8                                D. 12

13. Which of the following words rhymes with *sough*?  
A. cough                              B. flow  
C. how                                D. blew

14. How many zeros are in an octodecillion in America?  
A. 18                                B. 34  
C. 108                                D. 57

15. Which geological time epoch began about 55 million years ago?  
A. Eocene                      B. Paleocene  
C. Holocene                    D. Oligocene
16. What year was the term cash register first used in written English?  
A. 1865                        B. 1879  
C. 1892                        D. 1901
17. The following semaphores can be rearranged to form the last name of a famous person. What was this person's nationality?  
  
A. Albanian                    B. German  
C. American                    D. Norwegian
18. The English word **gravamen** comes from the Latin word *gravare*, meaning ...  
A. to burden                    B. to bury  
C. to borrow                    D. to bore
19. In mathematics, what does the symbol  $\exists$  mean?  
A. there exists                B. for any  
C. is an element of        D. empty set
20. A carbonyl molecule has which of the following groups?  
A.  $-\text{COOH}-$                 B.  $-\text{ON}-$   
C.  $-\text{CO}-$                       D.  $-\text{OH}-$
21. Which unit of currency is equal to 100 avos?  
A. a pula                        B. a pataca  
C. a peso                        D. a pound
22. Which planet has approximately 17.15 times the mass of the Earth?  
A. Jupiter                      B. Uranus  
C. Neptune                     D. Saturn
23. What word **gelee** has which of the following diacritical marks?  
A. acute accent over the first e  
B. acute accent over the second e  
C. grave accent over the first e  
D. grave accent over the second e
24. Which of the following sentences is correctly capitalized?  
A. John Stein wrote the novella *of Mice and Men* in 1937.  
B. People look for guidance in the bible or the quran.  
C. General Douglas macArthur was stationed in the Philippines.  
D. Last February, Winter stung like an angry hornet.
25. What year did Queen Elizabeth II of England celebrate the jubilee of her reign?  
A. 2002                        B. 2008  
C. 1992                        D. 1998

#### MATCHING SYNONYMS AND ASSOCIATIONS:

26. acrimony                    A. conduit  
27. captivate                    B. affront  
28. exculpate                    C. vitriol  
29. grapevine                    D. entrance  
30. impiety                        E. liberate



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Contestant Answer Sheet

GRADEERS: Write scores and initial.

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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***

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| 1. <b>A</b> (371)        | 16. <b>B</b> (191)        |
| 2. <b>D</b> (1167)       | 17. <b>D</b> (1130, 1484) |
| 3. <b>D</b> (628)        | 18. <b>A</b> (546)        |
| 4. <b>B</b> (403)        | 19. <b>A</b> (1602)       |
| 5. <b>A</b> (1485)       | 20. <b>C</b> (185)        |
| 6. <b>A</b> (36)         | 21. <b>B</b> (802)        |
| 7. <b>D</b> (967, 695)   | 22. <b>C</b> (947)        |
| 8. <b>C</b> (1461)       | 23. <b>B</b> (519, 344)   |
| 9. <b>D</b> (453)        | 24. <b>D</b> (1611-1613)  |
| 10. <b>C</b> (1445)      | 25. <b>A</b> (676, 1479)  |
| 11. <b>A</b> (1517)      | 26. <b>C</b>              |
| 12. <b>B</b> (1420)      | 27. <b>D</b>              |
| 13. <b>C</b> (1192, 603) | 28. <b>E</b>              |
| 14. <b>D</b> (852)       | 29. <b>A</b>              |
| 15. <b>A</b> (523)       | 30. <b>B</b>              |