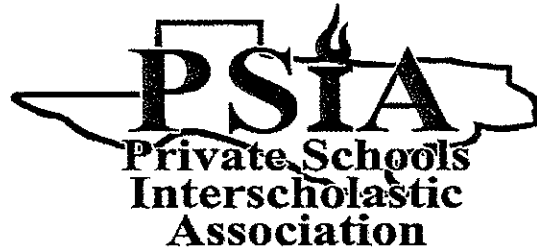


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# Vocabulary

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**Sentence Completion Instructions:** In the sentences below, one or two words or groups of words have been omitted. For each question, select the answer choice, labeled A through D, which best fits into the meaning of the sentence.

1. Lullabies to grand babies should always be sung \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. succinctly                      C. legato  
B. laconically                    D. adroitly
2. Fred was between gigs then, unless you count \_\_\_\_\_ in the park.  
A. busking                        C. nuance  
B. coxswain                       D. quay
3. Our basketball team is also a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ vocal group; we perform only \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. accomplished . . . ziggurat  
B. implausible . . . nonets  
C. viscous . . . furtive  
D. impeccable . . . comestibly
4. Mildred became a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ fan of \_\_\_\_\_ on her last vacation to New Orleans.  
A. winsome . . . misanthrope  
B. indigent . . . acerbity  
C. absolute . . . zydeco  
D. cryptic . . . contentiousness
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ aromas from the Mexican restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ out onto the street.  
A. piquant . . . wafted  
B. comestible . . . desiccated  
C. daunting . . . spread  
D. florid . . . minced
6. Amanda took \_\_\_\_\_ notes in her Chemistry II class, but she was still unable to \_\_\_\_\_ the final exam.  
A. elaborate . . . infiltrate  
B. infinitesimal . . . dismantle  
C. impeccable . . . usurp  
D. copious . . . ace
7. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of proof exists that Bigfoot actually exists and may even be \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. tome . . . supercilious  
B. plethora . . . primordial  
C. kludge . . . bucolic  
D. edification . . . lenitive

8. The UFO sighting in Parr Park turned out to be \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. impasse                        C. obtuse  
B. lenitive                        D. spurious
9. Did you know that the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Grand Canyon are hundreds of millions of years old?  
A. flora                            C. scree  
B. strata                           D. tarn
10. Scientists are studying the effect of \_\_\_\_\_ spills on deep-sea \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. water . . . economy  
B. gasoline . . . octopi  
C. oil . . . ecology  
D. green tea . . . fish
11. The crowd threw \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ as the mayor began her press conference.  
A. tomatoes . . . gazetteer  
B. pennies . . . trenchant  
C. zeta . . . zaftig  
D. detritus . . . dais
12. Hear, try my new \_\_\_\_\_ experiment - avocado ice cream.  
A. gustatory                      C. chiffonade  
B. fondant                        D. googol
13. I've patched together some of these cables; it's a bit of a \_\_\_\_\_, but it just might work.  
A. loupe                            C. kludge  
B. adze                             D. auger

**• ANALOGY VERBAL REASONING**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** The analogy questions that follow present a pair of related words or groups of words. From the four answer choices, select the pair that best illustrates a relationship most similar to that of the original pair.

14. COPIOUS : SCARCE ::  
A. intermittent : occasional  
B. expeditious : slow  
C. amiable : friendly  
D. loupe : gauge

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15. NOISOME : MALODOROUS ::  
A. obtuse : impetuous  
B. scree : seismic  
C. primordial : prolific  
D. quiescent : dormant
16. CONSTRUCT : EDIFICE ::  
A. ossify : mesclun  
B. mince : coxswain  
C. fabricate : lie  
D. depict : certitude
17. ABSTEMIOUS : GLUTONOUS ::  
A. diffident : dogmatic  
B. audacious : pusillanimous  
C. innocuous : inscrutable  
D. quiescent : specious
18. SAGE : SAGACITY ::  
A. pacifist : paradigm  
B. geoduck : grommets  
C. materialism : meager  
D. turbulence : agitation
19. DISMANTLE : ENGINE ::  
A. squander : money  
B. mince : perquisite  
C. surpass : sycophant  
D. spurious : fake
20. OSTENTATIOUS : GRANDIOSE ::  
A. morose : nefarious  
B. specious : plausible  
C. flamboyant : pretentious  
D. trenchant : docile
21. ATHLETE : VIGOR ::  
A. rock : solemnity  
B. virtuoso : skill  
C. slough : seismic  
D. adze : ferrule
22. FRICASSEE : CARROTS ::  
A. busk : grommet  
B. suppress : surpass  
C. jostle : argument  
D. interpolate : filch

### READING COMPREHENSION

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the passage below, and then answer the questions that follow. Questions may refer to what is stated or implied, or to any introductory information that may be included.

*The passage is adapted from an excerpt from an article in **Barron's Verbal Workbook for the SAT I, 2001**. Further adaptation of a passage from Jane Austen's **Pride and Prejudice**.*

A long dispute followed this declaration; but Mr. Bennet was tenacious; it soon led to another; and Mrs. Bennet found, with amazement and horror, that her husband would not advance a guinea to buy clothes for his daughter. He protested that she should relinquish from him no mark of affection whatever, on the occasion of her marriage. Mrs. Bennet could hardly comprehend it. That his anger could be carried to such a point of inconceivable resentment, as to withhold from his daughter a privilege, without which her marriage would scarcely seem valid, exceeded all that she could believe possible. She was more alive to the disgrace, which the want of new clothes must reflect on her daughter's nuptials, than to any sense of shame at her eloping with Wickham.

Elizabeth was now most heartily repentant that she had, from the distress of the moment, been led to make Mr. Darcy acquainted with their trepidation for her sister; for since her marriage would so shortly give the proper annulment to the elopement, they might hope to conceal its unfavorable beginning, from all those who were not immediately on the spot.

She had no fear of its spreading farther, through his means. There were few people on whose secrecy she would have more confidently depended; but at the same time, there was no one, whose knowledge of a sister's frailty would have mortified her so much. Not, however, from any fear of disadvantage from it, individually to herself; for at any rate, there seemed a gulf impassable between them. Had Lydia's marriage been concluded on the most honorable terms, it was not to be supposed that Mr. Darcy would connect himself with a family, where to every other objection would now be added, an alliance

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and relationship of the nearest kind with the man whom he so justly scorned.

From such a connection she could not wonder that he should shrink. The wish of procuring her regard, which she assured herself of his feeling in Derbyshire, could not in rational expectation survive such a blow as this. She was humbled; she was dolorous; she repented, though she hardly knew of what. She became jealous of his esteem, when she could no longer hope to be benefitted by it. She wanted to hear of him, when there seemed the least chance of gaining coherence. She was inveigled that she could have been happy with him, when it was no longer likely they should meet.

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23. All of the following statements about Mrs. Bennet may be inferred from the passage except . . .
- A. She finds a lack of proper attire more shameful than a lack of proper conduct.
  - B. She is unable to grasp the degree of emotion her daughter's conduct has aroused.
  - C. She is sensitive to the nature of her husband's misgivings about the elopement.
  - D. She is ready to welcome home her newly married daughter.
24. The "privilege" that Mr. Bennet refuses to grant his daughter is the privilege of . . .
- A. seeing her mother and sisters.
  - B. marrying Mr. Wickham.
  - C. running away from home.
  - D. buying a new wardrobe.
25. According to the passage, Elizabeth Bennet presently . . .
- A. regrets having told Darcy of her sister's elopement.
  - B. has ceased to crave Darcy's affection.
  - C. no longer desires to conceal Lydia's escapade.
  - D. fears Darcy will spread the word about the sudden elopement.
26. The best definition for "dolorous" as used in paragraph 4 is . . .
- A. dull
  - B. grieved
  - C. enervated
  - D. incoherent
27. The expression "a sister's frailty" in paragraph 3 refers to Elizabeth's sister's . . .
- A. embarrassing lack of proper wedding garments.
  - B. reluctant marriage to a man whom she disdained.
  - C. fear of being considered an old maid.
  - D. moral weakness in running away with a man.
28. The best definition of the use of "relinquish" in paragraph 1 . . .
- A. retain
  - B. surrender
  - C. hand over
  - D. reluctance
29. According to paragraph 3, Mr. Darcy feels contempt for . . .
- A. secrets that are entrusted to him.
  - B. Elizabeth's confession to him.
  - C. Lydia's new husband.
  - D. Mr. Bennet's harshness.
30. The passage can best be described as . . .
- A. an account of one woman's reflections on the effects of her sister's runaway marriage.
  - B. a description of the origins of a foolish and intemperate marriage.
  - C. a discussion of the nature of sacred and profuse love.
  - D. a description of a conflict between a young woman and her temperamental parents.

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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. For True/False items, place a T or F, or "True" or "False" in the blank provided. **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 correct answer is not written in the answer space.

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