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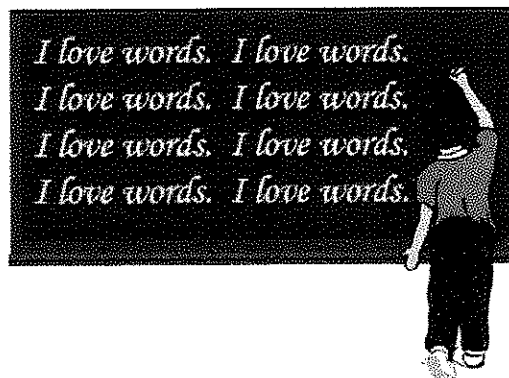
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Vocabulary

District Contest

Grades 5-8



2022

FINAL SCORE: _____

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SENTENCE COMPLETION: In the sentences below, one or more words or groups of words have been omitted. For each question, select the answer choice which best fits into the meaning of the sentence.

- The goal of the school is to _____ an environment for students to grow, both academically and spiritually.
 - cultivate
 - capitulate
 - lampoon
 - quell
- Mr. Smith's baldness was not much of a secret. It was _____ obvious he was wearing a hairpiece, and a bad one at that.
 - wistfully
 - overtly
 - fallaciously
 - hypocritically
- The vice president attends cabinet meetings _____ and _____ to enjoy them, even though she would rather be working on her personal agenda items.
 - ignorantly . . . attests
 - ex officio . . . feigns
 - quixotically . . . yowls
 - truculently . . . portends
- General Electric used to be considered a _____, helping to indicate the direction of the stock market as a whole, but because of changes in corporate structure, analysts no longer use GE to _____ the economy.
 - bête noire . . . weigh
 - pivotal . . . rehabilitate
 - mammoth . . . levy
 - bellwether . . . gauge
- The general, upon hearing reports of an enemy troop surge nearby, ordered his squad to _____. His soldiers were dismayed because they believed their position _____.
 - siege . . . impregnable
 - contend . . . putrid
 - decamp . . . unassailable
 - expatriate . . . secure
- The violinist was able to _____ through the vibrato of the strings, a skill only the most _____ musicians can achieve.
 - resonate . . . feminine
 - atone . . . flamboyant
 - emote . . . adept
 - gesticulate . . . mellifluous
- Timmy hated going to Thanksgiving dinner at his grandparents' house only because of his _____ uncle, the one who never had a nice thing to say and would mock him in every possible way. The rest of the family never saw Uncle Leo as the _____ old man Timmy knew.
 - obdurate . . . putrid
 - sardonic . . . petulant
 - bacchanalian . . . callous
 - loquacious . . . underhanded
- The 50th conference of the Society of Encyclopedia Salesmen began with the _____ gathering to _____ its longtime president, who has served for the last 32 years and will be retiring after the new year.
 - eminent . . . galvanize
 - plenary . . . commend
 - momentous . . . implicate
 - wistful . . . chide
- The _____ discovered that the mineral fluorite would _____ into four parts, smoothly, and spread out in various directions.
 - geologist . . . cleave
 - hydrologist . . . liquidate
 - botanist . . . sully
 - crystallographer . . . tarnish
- The editors felt the need to _____ the more _____ passages of the book so that it could be read in schools without objection from parents.
 - highlight . . . churlish
 - bowdlerize . . . scandalous
 - omit . . . ecumenical
 - elicit . . . fanciful

11. The football game ended with the _____ of the final horn, _____ the victor's side and subduing the other.
- A. mote . . . redressing
 - B. reverberation . . . disheartening
 - C. knell . . . galvanizing
 - D. sound . . . mollifying
12. The politician's proposals were seen to _____ minority voters which led to _____ approval numbers that were _____ reported by his supporters in the media.
- A. pander to . . . soaring . . . reluctantly
 - B. garner . . . finite . . . cautiously
 - C. frustrate . . . augmented . . . readily
 - D. disenfranchise . . . waning . . . tepidly

17. QUELL : INFLAME ::
- A. tolerate : bear
 - B. share : hoard
 - C. record : write
 - D. provoke : incite
18. RIVULET : RIVER ::
- A. moon : planet
 - B. colossus : statue
 - C. binoculars : telescope
 - D. cupcake : cake
19. SING : DIRGE ::
- A. prescribe : tyrant
 - B. refute : axiom
 - C. parch : desert
 - D. levy : tariff

ANALOGIES AND VERBAL REASONING: 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 the relationship most similar to that of the original pair.

13. FATHER : PATRICIDE ::
king : _____
- A. homicide
 - B. regicide
 - C. uxoricide
 - D. matricide
14. CHRONOMETER : TIME ::
photometer : _____
- A. light
 - B. mass
 - C. temperature
 - D. speed
15. DISROBE : CLOTHING ::
- A. gnash : teeth
 - B. defray : money
 - C. doff : hat
 - D. mow : steppe
16. DESTINY : KISMET ::
- A. sphere : orb
 - B. aviator : sailor
 - C. plant : tree
 - D. chapter : book

20. HONESTY : LIE ::
- A. serendipity : luck out
 - B. hedonism : volunteer
 - C. polish : tarnish
 - D. fortitude : cower
21. SOOTHSAYER : CLAIRVOYANCE ::
- A. politician : elocution
 - B. farmer : tractor
 - C. chef : famine
 - D. lummoX : neatness
22. INDOLENT : SLOTH ::
- A. impotent : horse
 - B. forgetfulness : elephant
 - C. cunning : fox
 - D. yowling : coyote
23. LIONIZE : LAMPOON ::
- A. tarnish : sully
 - B. unite : secede
 - C. attest : aver
 - D. orate : drivel

READING COMPREHENSION: 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 The Lone Star by Eugene Lyle.

We in Texas worked hard that winter to keep our minds off the **ominous** future. It was hard work, though, and the smouldering flame broke out in **indignation** meetings everywhere, and each settlement organized a committee of safety. We were, you see, always thinking of Mr. [Stephen] Austin in his dungeon, without pen or paper, without light, almost without air, and that alone was enough to make us feel **wolfish** all over.

When spring opened, Yappe and I added cotton and cane to our corn patch. We had a milk cow, too, and a little drove of cattle, besides seventy or eighty swarms of bees. Yappe was really a **majordomo** now, for he had a **peon** family to boss. There was an old woman who cooked and washed, an old man who smoked corn-husk cigarettes and made our leather clothes and **brogans**, his three sons and two nephews who were good **vaqueros** if it wasn't a feast day, and a small tribe of youngsters of muddled relationship. Sill Leon had thus solved our labor problem by detaching this family from his own peons. I gave them what ground they wished to **cultivate** for themselves, which was little enough, and they had their share in what they did for me, so I called them the Peasantry.

Our one-room log cabin was duplicated now by another, with a covered gallery between, and we started a lean-to at the rear for a kitchen. The Peasantry built themselves jacals (*huts*) of sapling stakes planted upright, which they plastered over with mud and thatched with tule. Yappe had another for himself and christened it the "*Mayordomoria*," a regular high-stepper, seven league-boot word of which he boasted, though the Spanish language could not. Then we had a partly covered corral, a cow-shed, a smokehouse, a chicken coop, and an old flat scow down on the river besides our dug-out canoe. Here was a fair start in breaking the wilderness, and I hoped more than ever that Mexico would not interfere.

The future, indeed, gave right promise during that summer of being able to take care of itself. Mr. Austin was no longer actually in prison, though still kept in the City without trial. He had been released by Santa Anna, who had returned to power just as the Church and Army were about to depose Farias. His Excellency had even regained Mr. Austin's confidence, and the letters home from our persistent optimist were again filled with hopes of peace. And then, in the early fall, when the sun rose at its brightest, the storm burst.

One day at noon, toward the last of September, a horseman emerged from the river timber and dismounted at my cabin. He was grizzly John Castleman, the old Missouri backwoods man who lived twenty miles west beyond the frontier of De Witt's. His horse was dripping wet. He had swum the river instead of going down to the ford at Gonzales. His ride had been a hard one. The gruff old misanthrope rarely looked so brightly on life, and I was all hospitality. He must be the **forerunner** of some jolly party intent on a frolic at my house, I thought.

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24. Who is mentioned as the "head steward of the household," albeit jokingly?
- A. John Castleman
 - B. Stephen Austin
 - C. Yappe
 - D. Sill Leon
25. Which term best describes Yappe's nephews?
- A. cowboys
 - B. rangers
 - C. builders
 - D. soliders
26. What item is the old man who smokes corn-husk cigarettes known to make?
- A. cabins
 - B. canoes
 - C. huts
 - D. shoes

27. The actions of this passage occur about a year before Texas declares independence from Mexico. What does the author believe about the future of Texas at this time?
- A. He is positive that Texas will have a bright future.
 - B. He believes Texas is at a perilous crossroads.
 - C. He could not care less about whether Texas declares independence or not.
 - D. He is pleased that Stephen Austin has been locked away in jail.
28. What feelings were the cause of the meetings that were held, as mentioned in the first paragraph?
- A. anger from injustice
 - B. glee from circumstances
 - C. sorrow from the weather
 - D. hunger from starvation
29. Who did Santa Anna regain power from, according to the passage?
- A. Yappe
 - B. Stephen Austin
 - C. Farias
 - D. The Spanish Crown
30. What sense does the author have about the arrival of John Castleman?
- A. The author is worried because Castleman is especially morose when he arrives.
 - B. The author believes that Castleman is the first of many to come to celebrate.
 - C. The author is happy that Castleman is winning a race among other frontiersmen.
 - D. The author is pleased because he knows that Castlemen can help him complete his lean-to attachment to the kitchen.



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Contestant Answer Sheet

GRADERS: Write scores and initial.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Place the PRINTED CAPITAL letter of each answer choice (A, B, C, D or T or F for true/false questions) 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.

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| 1. A | | 16. A | Straight definition |
| 2. B | | 17. B | Opposites |
| 3. B | | 18. D | Small : Large |
| 4. D | | 19. D | Action : Item |
| 5. C | | 20. D | A virtue and an action depicting the lack of this virtue |
| 6. C | | 21. A | A person with a special skill |
| 7. B | | 22. C | Characteristic and an animal associated with that char. |
| 8. B | | 23. D | Opposites, specifically something serious to a similar something silly |
| 9. A | | 24. C | |
| 10. B | | 25. A | |
| 11. C | | 26. D | |
| 12. D | | 27. B | |
| 13. B | <i>This person is killed through the act of that.</i> | 28. A | |
| 14. A | An instrument and what it measures | 29. C | |
| 15. C | <i>This is the act of removing that</i> | 30. B | |