

Wordly Wise 3000® 2nd Edition

Test: final for lessons 10-15

I. Find a SYNONYM for each underlined word. Fill in the circle next to your answer.

1. Jeremy had no problem finding former clients willing to attest to his skill as a landscaper.
 A condescend
 B rise
 C swear
 D compete
2. Maple syrup is a derivative of the sap of the maple tree.
 A product
 B industry
 C ingredient
 D nutrient
3. Jonah thought speaking in a grandiloquent style made him sound smarter, but it actually just annoyed his listeners.
 A scientific
 B literary
 C pompous
 D verbose
4. Hucksters used to sell snake oil as a panacea in traveling medicine shows.
 A cure-all
 B antibiotic
 C hair tonic
 D therapy
5. Iago made diabolical plans to ruin Othello's life.
 A complicated
 B outrageous
 C evil
 D laughable
6. Hecklers who gibed the sharp-tongued comedian soon wished they hadn't.
 A taunted
 B insulted
 C distracted
 D interrupted
7. Woodworking classes were an adjunct to the mill's main business of selling lumber.
 A distraction
 B intrusion
 C addition
 D compliment

8. Home gardeners are in a constant struggle to eradicate weeds from their lawns.
- A remove
 - B relocate
 - C suppress
 - D clone
9. Edgar Allan Poe is singular among American writers.
- A famous
 - B popular
 - C exceptional
 - D mediocre
10. Daniel decided to wait for an appropriate juncture before asking his mother if he could borrow the car on Saturday.
- A moment
 - B location
 - C mood
 - D conversation
11. Sharonda abominated the ills of society, so she found it uplifting to work actively to resolve them.
- A complained about
 - B disliked
 - C hated
 - D ignored
12. A small band of defenders inside the Alamo were beleaguered by General Santa Ana's army for almost two weeks in 1836.
- A beaten
 - B surrounded
 - C threatened
 - D admired
13. Ms. Dunlap concocted a delicious pie to share with her students.
- A grew
 - B stole
 - C purchased
 - D prepared
14. Paul's work ethic differentiated him from his lazier teammates.
- A confused
 - B distinguished
 - C held
 - D expelled
15. The fog dissipated shortly after sunrise.
- A swirled
 - B thickened
 - C expanded
 - D scattered

16. Millions were left homeless after the cataclysm of 2005's Hurricane Katrina.
- A scare
 - B inconvenience
 - C catastrophe
 - D threat
17. Dinah's grandiloquent speech prompted lots of eye rolling from her audience.
- A incoherent
 - B pompous
 - C courageous
 - D inane
18. A mule is a hybrid of a donkey and a horse.
- A relative
 - B crossbreed
 - C predator
 - D competitor
19. Rebecca experienced a deep sense of catharsis as she typed the last word in her first novel.
- A excitement
 - B remorse
 - C relief
 - D fear
20. Ryan gibed his sister Molly in an attempt to get her to abandon the toy she was playing with.
- A wheedled
 - B pushed
 - C taunted
 - D charmed
21. The images of the carnage in the Rwandan genocide were unbearable.
- A survivors
 - B drought
 - C fighting
 - D slaughter
22. A look of celestial happiness blossomed on Dante's face when his grandfather came for a visit.
- A uncertain
 - B divine
 - C calm
 - D genuine
23. A galaxy of children's authors appeared at the conference.
- A flotilla
 - B microcosm
 - C assortment
 - D group

24. The ranch hand covered his face with a bandana to keep the maelstrom of dust out of his mouth and nose.
- A storm
 - B whirlpool
 - C particles
 - D bunnies
25. Bill Gates is a titan of the computer industry.
- A proponent
 - B creator
 - C devotee
 - D giant
26. Joseph Pulitzer was once a titan of the newspaper industry.
- A despot
 - B giant
 - C reporter
 - D scavenger
27. Martin abominated gossip and refused to participate in those conversations.
- A adored
 - B disliked
 - C hated
 - D noticed
28. The publisher abridged the classic novel Great Expectations to make it easier for young people to read.
- A shortened
 - B illustrated
 - C extended
 - D annotated
29. The video game creator felt her career was off to an auspicious start when her first game sold ten thousand copies in its first week on the market.
- A unfortunate
 - B promising
 - C confusing
 - D exciting
30. At the next town meeting, the home owners will inveigh against the building of a nuclear power plant.
- A vote
 - B protest
 - C warn
 - D plan

II. Find an ANTONYM for each underlined word. Fill in the circle next to your answer.

31. The city that burgeoned during the tech boom has now returned to a quieter pace of life.
- A flourished
 - B expanded
 - C deteriorated
 - D lingered
32. Though she had the support of the area's elite, what the councilor really wanted was the trust of the city's plebeian families.
- A exclusive
 - B backward
 - C common
 - D refined
33. The swaying of the hammock and the crash of the surf had a somnolent effect on Yolanda.
- A peaceful
 - B distracting
 - C soothing
 - D stimulating
34. Warm, damp environments provide optimum conditions for mold to grow.
- A ideal
 - B impossible
 - C unlikely
 - D possible
35. Mutineers sabotaged navigational charts so the captain would be unsure of where they were last seen.
- A repaired
 - B damaged
 - C destroyed
 - D highlighted
36. The sadistic drill sergeant thought it toughened the troops to restrict their access to water while working out in the hot sun for hours.
- A cruel
 - B compassionate
 - C dangerous
 - D thoughtful
37. It transpired that the physics substitute was an impostor who knew nothing about the subject at all.
- A emerged
 - B turned out
 - C happened
 - D was rumored
38. The spare key was secreted underneath one of the floorboards.
- A stuck
 - B displayed
 - C located
 - D concealed

39. Car manufacturers struggled to keep up with burgeoning demand.
- A floundering
 - B flourishing
 - C growing
 - D continual
40. The grandiloquence of Graham’s speech frustrated people who wanted him to get to the point.
- A paranoia
 - B peculiarity
 - C plainness
 - D passion
41. Felix performed manifold duties as editor-in-chief.
- A various
 - B unique
 - C difficult
 - D plentiful
42. Grandma Baker was full of aphorisms such as “A penny saved is a penny earned.”
- A untruths
 - B adages
 - C prepositions
 - D statements
43. Her illness necessitates that she get plenty of rest.
- A encourage
 - B requests
 - C requires
 - D confirms
44. As a partisan for ballot measure 6, Shaun does volunteer work to raise awareness of the issue.
- A advocate
 - B supporter
 - C writer
 - D opponent
45. The calm look on her face belied the anger she felt inside.
- A protected
 - B hid
 - C revealed
 - D suppressed
46. The local restaurants have a great deal of diversity in the cuisines that they serve.
- A range
 - B uniformity
 - C spices
 - D rice

47. Payment of taxes is mandatory no matter how unfair it may seem.
- A expensive
 - B required
 - C comforting
 - D elective
48. Indirect sunlight and weekly watering is the optimum treatment for the spider plant.
- A worst
 - B usual
 - C best
 - D choice
49. You can compare the two columns of numbers if you juxtapose them on the paper.
- A overlap
 - B separate
 - C combine
 - D draw
50. The criminal was tried for his abominable acts of cruelty.
- A repulsive
 - B frequent
 - C detestable
 - D lovable

III. Choose the BEST way to complete each sentence or answer each question. Fill in the circle next to your answer.

51. Which of the following is most likely to be described as a concoction?
- A milk
 - B juice
 - C water
 - D a smoothie
52. A volatile substance does what quickly?
- A burns
 - B freezes
 - C condenses
 - D evaporates
53. A cathartic experience is least likely to be described as
- A cleansing.
 - B renewing.
 - C burdensome.
 - D demanding.
54. What is a band of partisans most likely to oppose?
- A an uprising
 - B a rebellion
 - C an occupation
 - D a free election

55. A dilemma is what sort of problem?
- A unusual
 - B simple
 - C difficult
 - D routine
56. To flout convention involves all of the following except which?
- A reverence
 - B ignoring
 - C scorn
 - D disrespect
57. A juxtaposition involves things arranged how?
- A in a pile
 - B side-by-side
 - C chronologically
 - D alphabetically
58. Which of the following is most related to an axiom?
- A request
 - B saying
 - C review
 - D outline
59. A company that dissipates all of its resources is most likely to
- A be successful.
 - B grow steadily.
 - C go out of business.
 - D grow rapidly.
60. To refurbish a house is to
- A sell it.
 - B abandon it.
 - C dirty it.
 - D renovate it.
61. The landlord refurbished the apartment before putting it up for rent. This means that he
- A replaced it with a better apartment.
 - B made it like new.
 - C tore it down.
 - D had it inspected.
62. Which best describes a gourmet?
- A prepares and serves his or her own food
 - B is exceptionally picky about what foods he or she will eat
 - C loves to eat and regularly wins eating contests
 - D likes fine food and is a good judge of its quality

63. Something is palatable if it is pleasing to the
- A taste.
 - B nose.
 - C touch.
 - D ear.
64. What is the occupation of a partisan?
- A chef
 - B carpenter
 - C poet
 - D fighter
65. Which generations are a part of posterity?
- A current generations
 - B future generations
 - C generations of the past
 - D all of the above
66. Which of these is an example of enormity?
- A the world's smallest house
 - B the world's tallest tree
 - C the world's coldest lake
 - D the world's rainiest town
67. The enormity of the house was such that
- A everyone raved about the decorations.
 - B it hadn't been cleaned in months.
 - C you could get lost walking from one end to the other.
 - D it was too small for even one person to be comfortable.
68. When faced with the dilemma, Peter found that
- A he needed more information.
 - B he was confused.
 - C it was easy to make his decision.
 - D it was difficult to make his decision.
69. Which of these is the best example of a dilemma?
- A reading either a magazine or a book before bed
 - B using tax dollars to fund either education or social programs
 - C going to the movies at either 7:00 or 9:00
 - D eating either an apple or an orange with lunch
70. Which of the following might be considered an aberration?
- A sand at the beach
 - B a blue sky
 - C an oak tree growing in the desert
 - D fish swimming in a lake

71. A galaxy is made up of
- A universes.
 - B stars and other matter.
 - C comets.
 - D points of light.
72. Galaxies do not contain
- A suns.
 - B universes.
 - C planets.
 - D moons.
73. A confidant is someone who
- A is able to keep a secret.
 - B is a good listener.
 - C works for the government.
 - D acts as an informant.
74. If you inure yourself to a bad smell you
- A get used to it.
 - B enjoy it.
 - C desire it.
 - D complain about it.

IV. Standardized Test Preview / Practice

75. The editor disparaged Will's cartoons as _____, saying they were derivative of Charles Schultz.
- A unoriginal
 - B fantastic
 - C stupid
 - D promising
 - E funny
76. OLFACTORY : NOSE ::
- A visual : eye
 - B aromatic : scent
 - C oral : music
 - D sensitive : feelings
 - E tasty : flavor
77. Since Jeanne considered her gibe about his shoes innocuous, she was _____ how _____ Andy was by it.
- A aware of ... amused
 - B surprised at ... offended
 - C disappointed by ... surprised
 - D oblivious to ... affected
 - E pleased about ... shocked

78. From the evidence in the aftermath, authorities determined that the explosion was not premeditated, but rather a(n) _____ disruption, and so dealt with those responsible _____ harshly.
- A planned ... equally
 - B accidental ... less
 - C careless ... more
 - D foolish ... particularly
 - E organized ... somewhat
79. Helene was less interested in celestial affairs and more concerned with _____ matters.
- A astronomical
 - B budgetary
 - C humanistic
 - D earthly
 - E literary
80. The mayor often _____ her constituents, and is more popular than her predecessor, who _____ talked to townspeople.
- A meets with ... rarely
 - B refers to ... often
 - C discusses ... sometimes
 - D listens to ... constantly
 - E thanks ... regularly
81. SABOTAGE : INTENTIONAL ::
- A damage : destructive
 - B accident : unplanned
 - C mistake : designed
 - D joke : constructive
 - E misfortune : lucky
82. Elena's churlish remarks at the dinner table made an already volatile _____ even _____ .
- A course ... sillier
 - B discussion ... worse
 - C mistake ... better
 - D introduction ... friendlier
 - E feast ... stranger
83. AGRARIAN : CROPS ::
- A budgetary : selling
 - B education : students
 - C government : capital
 - D health : sickness
 - E transportation : mechanic
84. The criminals were scourged for their _____ actions.
- A questionable
 - B thoughtful
 - C confusing
 - D inexcusable
 - E amusing

85. CULINARY : COOKING ::
- A astronomy : space
 - B aquatic : dolphin
 - C religion : church
 - D law : criminal
 - E philosophy : discussion
86. Darren flouted convention by wearing _____ to the prom.
- A a top hat
 - B sneakers
 - C a bow tie
 - D a suit
 - E a tuxedo
87. The somnolent effects of the _____ music made it hard for me to concentrate on the task at hand.
- A harsh
 - B soothing
 - C contemporary
 - D loud
 - E hard rock
88. The environmental group was a stalwart supporter of alternative sources of _____ and worked hard to eradicate the notion that hybrid _____ were less powerful than their gas-powered equivalents.
- A food ... irrigation systems
 - B fertilizer ... combines
 - C farming ... plows
 - D energy ... bicycles
 - E fuel ... cars
89. Jamal _____ rode the bus to school, so he could say with certitude that it would be about five minutes late.
- A infrequently
 - B rarely
 - C occasionally
 - D seldom
 - E often
90. The governor often _____ his constituents, and has done a lot more to improve education than his predecessor, who made _____ changes.
- A meets with ... few
 - B complains about ... good
 - C changes ... useful
 - D listens to ... excellent
 - E disregards ... constant