

Wordly Wise 3000® 2nd Edition

Test: Wordly Wise Final

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

1. After some minor reparations, a new family will be able to enjoy the old house.
 A payments
 B repairs
 C decoration
 D adjustments
2. The real estate developer endowed her alma mater with the funds for a new science lab.
 A manipulated
 B provided
 C threatened
 D billed
3. Maya felt that gossiping behind people's backs was a perversity she could not engage in.
 A hobby
 B practice
 C wrong
 D morality
4. The acrimonious tone in the courtroom suggested that the lawsuit was about much more than just the price of a fence.
 A bitter
 B understanding
 C forgiving
 D calm
5. Many holidays that began in church have taken on profane traditions over time.
 A dignified
 B festive
 C respectful
 D worldly
6. A galaxy of the state's most powerful businesspeople turned out for the opening of the new state arts complex.
 A representation
 B group
 C cross-section
 D handful
7. The supervisor checked each table top for asperity on its surface.
 A paint
 B unevenness
 C dirt
 D smoothness

8. The mayor lent his countenance to the graduation ceremony in the park.
- A playground
 - B funding
 - C office
 - D support
9. Reparations to the road were needed after the flood.
- A repairs
 - B accidents
 - C payments
 - D adjustments
10. It was an honest mistake and she does not deserve to be berated in public.
- A punished
 - B scolded
 - C embarrassed
 - D arrested
11. Religious heresy was often punished by death in the Middle Ages.
- A dissent
 - B belief
 - C practices
 - D dogma
12. Mayor Gonzales's main priority is to implement a plan to feed the homeless.
- A brainstorm
 - B carry out
 - C research
 - D give up
13. Fossils are vestiges of creatures that lived long ago.
- A pictures
 - B remnants
 - C bones
 - D memories
14. Some say that proper education is a panacea for all the world's problems.
- A cover
 - B cure-all
 - C deterrent
 - D agent
15. Joseph Pulitzer was once a titan of the newspaper industry.
- A despot
 - B giant
 - C reporter
 - D scavenger

16. Martin abominated gossip and refused to participate in those conversations.

- A adored
- B disliked
- C hated
- D noticed

17. The beleaguered soldiers had fallen into a trap set by their enemy.

- A confused
- B surrounded
- C bewildered
- D beaten

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

18. Nathan's friends think he is perverse because he is uninterested in getting a job and moving out of his mother's house.

- A reasonable
- B lazy
- C immature
- D smart

19. When vandals defaced the murals at the playground, the neighborhood was galvanized to form a watch group.

- A inhibited
- B motivated
- C tempted
- D afraid

20. 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

21. Warm, damp environments provide optimum conditions for mold to grow.

- A ideal
- B impossible
- C unlikely
- D possible

22. The police officer asked who had instigated the argument.

- A provoked
- B caused
- C calmed
- D escaped

23. Disgruntled employees are the most likely to go on strike.

- A satisfied
- B underpaid
- C longtime
- D inexperienced

24. He finished the complicated task in an expeditious manner.
- A happy
 - B experimental
 - C clumsy
 - D inefficient
25. The law suit claimed discrimination in hiring.
- A separation
 - B objectivity
 - C competition
 - D obstacles
26. “Separate but equal” was actually discrimination in disguise.
- A obstacles
 - B competition
 - C prejudice
 - D objectivity
27. The employees formed a committee to figure out how to ameliorate the parking situation.
- A worsen
 - B improve
 - C correct
 - D defy
28. The International Olympic Committee does not condone the use of performance-enhancing drugs.
- A reprimand
 - B allow
 - C solicit
 - D disapprove
29. Having traveled all over the world, Nils was truly omnivorous when it came to eating.
- A hungry
 - B picky
 - C fluent
 - D critical
30. Now that they are available on DVD, old TV shows have enjoyed a resurgence in popularity.
- A growth
 - B spike
 - C revival
 - D decrease
31. The school was able to rebuild the gym thanks to the largesse of the parents.
- A stinginess
 - B generosity
 - C hard work
 - D laziness

32. The only constraint on Thom's creativity was not having enough time to work on his projects.
- A condition
 - B restriction
 - C freedom
 - D disparagement
33. Too much homework can become onerous.
- A challenging
 - B unfair
 - C unwieldy
 - D freeing
34. Greg's plethora of excuses could not get him out of trouble this time.
- A assortment
 - B variety
 - C heap
 - D scarcity
35. Carla performed manifold duties as the class president.
- A rewarding
 - B thankless
 - C simple
 - D few
36. Starvation is a scourge affecting many third-world countries.
- A problem
 - B benefit
 - C triumph
 - D ill
37. The grass-roots activists fomented demonstrations that succeeded in getting voters to the polls.
- A financed
 - B shut down
 - C instigated
 - D planned
38. When juxtaposed, one can see how Allan Say's early illustrations differ from his later ones.
- A aligned
 - B separated
 - C inspected
 - D scattered
39. Marshall tried to sabotage the surprise party by telling Sheila all about it.
- A ruin
 - B create
 - C disrupt
 - D change

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

40. On what types of things do extroverts tend to focus their attention?
- A private things
 - B silly things
 - C serious things
 - D public things
41. Which of the following is most likely to be described as poignant?
- A a comedy
 - B a thriller
 - C a tragedy
 - D a mystery
42. Which of the following is least related to someone who is infatuated with movie memorabilia?
- A excessive
 - B foolish
 - C craving
 - D moderate
43. Which of the following is most related to colloquial?
- A informal
 - B archaic
 - C intellectual
 - D proper
44. Which of the following is most likely to be considered an implement for writing a letter?
- A stamp
 - B envelope
 - C pen
 - D address
45. Which of the following is most likely to be considered garish?
- A a business suit
 - B a military uniform
 - C a feathered hat
 - D a jean jacket
46. If the town is holding a centennial celebration, when was the town founded?
- A one year ago
 - B ten years ago
 - C one hundred years ago
 - D five hundred years ago
47. A visionary goal is one that
- A may be accomplished in the future.
 - B will probably never happen.
 - C is popular among psychics.
 - D requires good eyesight.

48. After losing her job, Shira incurred a great amount of
- A vacation time.
 - B anger.
 - C knowledge.
 - D debt.
49. To dissipate one's fortune is to
- A spend it foolishly.
 - B determine how to spend it.
 - C never spend it.
 - D spend it wisely.
50. 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.
51. 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.
52. Which of these experiences is most likely to be described as cathartic?
- A painting a mural
 - B going to a baseball game
 - C finding a great sale at the mall
 - D driving a long distance
53. Someone who wants to hide their culpability feels
- A blameless.
 - B fearful.
 - C honorable.
 - D guilty.
54. What is the occupation of a partisan?
- A chef
 - B carpenter
 - C poet
 - D fighter
55. 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

56. A juxtaposition of photographs is arranged

- A chronologically.
- B by event.
- C in an album.
- D side-by-side.

57. A scathing review of a movie is

- A overly flattering.
- B unusually good.
- C harshly critical.
- D somewhat sarcastic.

IV. Standardized Test Preview / Practice

58. ESPIONAGE : SECRET ::

- A painting : museum
- B reporting : news
- C singing : voice
- D spying : security
- E disclosure : revelation

59. INGRATIATE : FONDNESS ::

- A alienate : hostility
- B introduce : manners
- C offend : delight
- D charm : glamour
- E flatter : favor

60. Though he was emaciated after his appendicitis, after a few weeks Neal was back to his normal _____ .

- A rest
- B personality
- C appetite
- D weight
- E activities

61. Even with the scholarship committee's largesse in providing me with a stipend to pay my tuition, I still _____ to cover my _____ .

- A work ... expenses
- B borrow ... debt
- C scrimp ... interest
- D volunteer ... travel
- E save ... meals

62. The editor disparaged Will's cartoons as _____ , saying they were derivative of Charles Schultz.

- A unoriginal
- B fantastic
- C stupid
- D promising
- E funny

63. By convincing everyone to spay and neuter their _____, the ASPCA, a stalwart supporter of animal rights, hopes to eradicate the practice of _____ unwanted animals.
- A dogs ... adopting
 - B neighbors ... abandoning
 - C pets ... destroying
 - D cats ... enjoying
 - E yards ... donating
64. The unremitting sounds of the jackhammer were so _____ that I had to leave the house.
- A exciting
 - B tiring
 - C annoying
 - D entertaining
 - E musical
65. You need to _____ your equilibrium when walking on a tightrope.
- A keep
 - B drop
 - C practice
 - D invest
 - E flaunt
66. All the kids in the clique adulated the _____ musicians and _____ the way they dressed.
- A same ... imitated
 - B varied ... admired
 - C old ... refused
 - D intense ... criticized
 - E influential ... hated
67. After unsuccessfully proselytizing their _____ in the larger population, the group _____ their enclave.
- A invasion ... burned down
 - B cause ... retreated to
 - C people ... opened up
 - D garden ... cultivated
 - E election ... supported
68. Though the neighborhoods were adjacent, _____ due to flooding caused us to take a circuitous route to our friend's house, making us _____ for dinner.
- A damage ... early
 - B detours ... late
 - C problems ... on time
 - D worries ... guests
 - E bridges ... wait
69. The zephyr _____ bits of gossamer made by _____ into the sky.
- A carried ... silk
 - B stole ... elves
 - C tossed ... dew
 - D threw ... fabric
 - E blew ... spiders

70. AGRARIAN : CROPS ::
- A budgetary : selling
 - B education : students
 - C government : capital
 - D health : sickness
 - E transportation : mechanic
71. COHORT : COOPERATE ::
- A official : winner
 - B race : timed
 - C individual : compete
 - D team : win
 - E union : organize
72. Jonah's partisan politics make his decisions easy when it comes time to _____ .
- A vote
 - B hide
 - C study
 - D travel
 - E facilitate
73. Darren flouted convention by wearing _____ to the prom.
- A a top hat
 - B sneakers
 - C a bow tie
 - D a suit
 - E a tuxedo
74. 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
75. The iniquitous practice of child labor has been _____ in many countries.
- A celebrated
 - B changed
 - C growing
 - D useful
 - E banned