



English

linguistic Quiz 2023-24

SYLLABUS

GRADE

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1. Question: Which novelist was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986?

- a) Alva Reimer Myrdal b) Elie Wiesel c) Aung San Suu Kyi d) Alfonso García Robles

Answer: b

2. Question: Who wrote *The Shining*?

- a) Stephen King b) Stephen Hawking c) Stephen Crane d) Stephen Foster

Answer: a

3. Question: What was Charles Dickens's last novel?

- a) A Tale of Two Cities b) Little Dorrit c) Oliver Twist d) The Mystery of Edwin Drood

Answer: d

4. Question: What is considered the first Australian novel?

- a) Rolf Boldrewood's Robbery Under Arms b) Henry Kingsley's Recollections of Geoffry Hamlyn
c) Marcus Clarke's His Natural Life d) Henry Savery's Quintus Servinton

Answer: d

5. Question: Which of these novels was not written in the 19th century?

- a) Little Women b) Robinson Crusoe c) The Old Curiosity Shop d) Moby Dick

Answer: b

Question: Who wrote *The Last of the Mohicans*?

- a) James Earl Jones b) James Fenimore Cooper
c) James Russell Lowell d) James Whitcomb Riley

Answer: b

6. Question: The novel *Death Comes for the Archbishop* recounts the story of French Catholic missionaries in the southwestern United States. Who wrote it?

- a) Louisa May Alcott b) Lucy Maud Montgomery
c) Laura Ingalls Wilder d) Willa Cather

Answer: d

7. Question: Who created the amateur detective Ezekiel ("Easy") Rawlins?

- a) Walter Mosley b) Sue Grafton c) Patricia Highsmith d) Ralph Ellison

Answer: a

8. Question: Which American writer is considered the originator of the modern detective story?

- a) Edgar Allan Poe b) Herman Melville c) Harriet Beecher Stowe d) Mark Twain

Answer: a

9. Question: Which novel brought E.M. Forster his first major success?

- a) Where Angels Fear to Tread
- b) Howards End
- c) Maurice
- d) The Longest Journey

Answer: b

10. Question: What is an antonym for *dismantle*?

- a) strike
- b) assemble
- c) clothe
- d) remake

Answer: b

11. Question: Who wrote the autobiographical *Black Boy*?

- a) Malcolm X
- b) Langston Hughes
- c) James Baldwin
- d) Richard Wright

Answer: d

12. Question: Who wrote *Frankenstein*?

- a) Mary Austin
- b) Mary Meigs
- c) Mary Martin
- d) Mary Shelley

Answer: d

13. Question: What is a synonym for *noticeable*?

- a) awake
- b) hidden
- c) conspicuous
- d) unavailable

Answer: c

14. Question: Who wrote the children's classic *Where the Wild Things Are*?

- a) Maxine Hong Kingston
- b) Maurice Sendak
- c) Edward Gorey
- d) Raymond Carver

Answer: b

15. Question: What was Daniel Defoe's last major work of fiction?

- a) Journal of the Plague Year
- b) Robinson Crusoe
- c) Moll Flanders
- d) Roxana

Answer: d

16. Question: The title of a novel published in 1961 entered the English language as a reference to a problematic situation for which the only solution is denied by a circumstance inherent in the problem. What's the novel?

- a) Fish or Cut Bait
- b) Nineteen Eighty-four
- c) The Tommyknockers
- d) Catch-22

Answer: d

17. Question: Who wrote *Cry, the Beloved Country*, a novel that helped focus global attention on the injustices of apartheid in South Africa?

- a) Breyten Breytenbach
- b) Alan Paton
- c) Nadine Gordimer
- d) Chinua Achebe

Answer: b

18. Question: How many novels did Emily Bronte write?

- a) 1 b) 3 c) 7 d) 19

Answer: a

19. Question: What is a synonym for *moist*?

- a) dry b) swimming c) parched d) damp

Answer: d

20. Question: Who among these writers was initially known as an interpreter of New Orleans culture but was rediscovered in the late 20th century because of her concerns about the freedom of women?

- a) Kate Chopin b) Alice Walker c) Willa Cather d) Emily Dickinson

Answer: a

21. Question: Which American novelist was famous for his depiction of the Jazz Age?

- a) William Faulkner b) Flannery O'Connor
c) Alex Haley d) F. Scott Fitzgerald

Answer: d

22. Question: Whose novel *The Time Machine* is set in 802,701 CE?

- a) Robert Heinlein b) Isaac Asimov c) Ha Jin d) H.G. Wells

Answer: d

23. Question: In which century did science fiction become a major type of writing?

- a) 19th b) 17th c) 20th d) 18th

Answer: c

24. Question: Which writer of the Harlem Renaissance studied anthropology at Columbia University and did fieldwork in the American South?

- a) W.E.B. Du Bois b) Zora Neale Hurston
c) Claude McKay d) Langston Hughes

Answer: b

25. Question: What is the name for a record of a period in a person's life?

- a) fiction b) diary c) volume d) short story

Answer: b

26. Question: Which of these literary movements was concerned with clear, direct expression?

- a) surrealism b) neoclassicism c) imagism d) dadaism

Answer: c

27. Question: Which books is said to have contributed so much to popular feeling against slavery that it is sometimes cited among the causes of the American Civil War?

- a) Dred: A Tale of the Great Dismal Swamp b) Gone with the Wind
c) Ben Hur d) Uncle Tom's Cabin

Answer: d

28. Question: In which country might you (most likely) attend a Kabuki performance?

- a) Yemen b) Java c) Yugoslavia d) Japan

Answer: d

29. Question: I'm having some technical issues, please _____ with me.

- a) bare b) bear

Answer: b

30. Question: The new exhibit at the museum _____ her interest in ancient Egypt.

- a) peeked b) peaked c) piqued

Answer: c

31. Question: During her vacation, she went on a _____ tour of Europe.

- a) whirlwind b) world wind

Answer: a

32. Question: The road construction _____ everyone's commute.

- a) effected b) affected

Answer: b

33. Question: Bethany's uncle owns a _____ of land upstate.

- a) tract b) track

Answer: a

34. Question: Evelyn researched nursing homes to make sure her mom would get the _____ care.

- a) utmost b) upmost

Answer: a

35. Question: Elena was interrupted by a salesperson who was trying to _____ some cheap trinkets.

- a) peddle b) pedal

Answer: a

36. Question: The caravan leader thought long about the best _____ to take.

- a) coarse b) course

Answer: b



37. Question: The kids climbing up the tree were _____ to fall and break their arms.

- a) liable b) libel

Answer: a

38. Question: Eric was sure his speech would _____ cheers from the crowd.

- a) illicit b) elicit

Answer: b

39. Question: After seeing all the trouble Tony caused, Monica couldn't wait for him to get his just _____.

- a) deserves b) desserts c) deserts

Answer: c

40. Question: The flight delay made their discussion of where to have dinner a _____ point.

- a) mute b) moot

Answer: b

41. Question: The police were on the lookout for any _____.

- a) rabble-rousers b) rebel-rousers

Answer: a

42. Question: The manager told employees that even if they didn't like the new policy, they were still expected to _____.

- a) toe the line b) tow the line

Answer: a

43. Question: Studio executives gave the director _____ to make the movie she wanted.

- a) free rein b) free reign c) free rain

Answer: a

44. Question: Jason had to ask his neighbor if he could borrow her _____.

- a) wheelbarrow b) wheel barrel

Answer: a

45. Question: Morgan's family _____ from Sweden.

- a) immigrated b) emigrated

Answer: a

46. Question: Sawyer was excited to find a _____ in his backyard.

- a) preying mantis b) praying mantis

Answer: b

47. Question: Bruce expected his butler to be at his _____ day or night.

- a) beck and call b) beckon call

Answer: a

48. Question: The comic book superhero was famed for his many acts of _____.

- a) daring-do b) derring-do

Answer: b

49. Question: Despite the *cacophony*, the student tried to study.

- a) harsh sounds b) late hour c) difficult subject d) low lighting

Answer: a

50. Question: The director's latest movie has a *redoubtable* cast.

- a) great in number b) small in number c) celebrated d) inexperienced

Answer: c

51. Question: She's very *punctilious* about grammar.

- a) precise b) forgetful c) unconcerned d) lazy

Answer: a

52. Question: The young man enjoyed only *ephemeral* pleasures.

- a) intellectual b) temporary c) wholesome d) nighttime

Answer: b

53. Question: The *demagogue* easily captured everyone's attention.

- a) athletics instructor b) provocative politician
c) exotic animal d) street musician

Answer: b

54. Question: The website has *galvanized* support for the project.

- a) questioned b) disclosed c) crushed d) stimulated

Answer: d

55. Question: Rediscovering the diary she kept as a teen, she found some entries *mawkish*.

- a) prophetic b) overly sentimental
c) insightful d) hard to decipher

Answer: b

56. Question: The boss *upbraided* her employees.

- a) relocated b) promoted c) downsized d) scolded

Answer: d

57. Question: The waiter answered questions about the menu brusquely.

- a) rudely short
- b) enthusiastically
- c) with a foreign accent
- d) in excessive detail

Answer: a

58. Question: The first time she met her future husband was serendipity.

- a) lucky happenstance
- b) disastrous
- c) carefully arranged
- d) unremarkable

Answer: a

59. Question: The team found out their new coach was irascible.

- a) not punctual
- b) laser-focused
- c) hot-tempered
- d) even-keeled

Answer: c

60. Question: He served the fish with a piquant sauce.

- a) zesty
- b) homemade
- c) bland
- d) runny

Answer: a

61. Question: He had heard many apocryphal stories about George Washington.

- a) unauthentic
- b) tragic
- c) heartwarming
- d) patriotic

Answer: a

62. Question: The Broadway show was filled with ebullient performers.

- a) sorrowful
- b) famous
- c) enthusiastic
- d) veteran

Answer: c

63. Question: She dreaded sitting next to someone loquacious on the airplane.

- a) rude
- b) bad-smelling
- c) talkative
- d) hairy

Answer: c

64. Question: Books in that section of the store covered prurient topics.

- a) scientific
- b) current
- c) unwholesome
- d) culinary

Answer: c

65. Question: She knew her son had a predilection for spicy food.

- a) preference
- b) indifference
- c) hatred
- d) allergy

Answer: a

66. Question: She took a moment to review the surfeit of options.

- a) small amount
- b) low quality
- c) excessive amount
- d) high quality

Answer: c

67. Question: The senator got the law passed with some legerdemain.

- a) persistence b) haste c) assistance d) craftiness

Answer: d

68. Question: With one month left until the ceremony, the wedding plans were inchoate.

- a) canceled b) nearly done
c) more expensive than planned d) vague, unformed

Answer: d

69. Question: The business's new computer system proved not to be a panacea.

- a) cure-all b) costly burden c) obstacle d) secure space

Answer: a

70. Question: The student council president had many quixotic goals.

- a) expensive b) long-term c) impractical d) easily accomplished

Answer: c

71. Question: Meg was pragmatic when it came to selecting which car to buy.

- a) hasty b) easily convinced c) practical d) uncertain

Answer: c

72. Question: When Detective Wendell's partner retired, he was paired with a scrupulous rookie.

- a) crooked b) lazy c) inexperienced d) principled

Answer: d

73. Question: The teacher marked a particularly egregious paragraph from the student's essay.

- a) conspicuously bad b) minutely detailed c) very insightful d) hysterically funny

Answer: a

74. Question: When Rose told her brother that their mother loved him more, he demurred.

- a) objected b) agreed c) fainted d) blushed

Answer: a

75. Question: The town experienced a conflagration such as it had never seen before.

- a) celebration b) population increase c) fire d) flooding

Answer: c

76. Question: After much cajolement, Cindy joined the band.

- a) worrying b) practice c) wavering d) persuasion

Answer: d

77. Question: During the postgame interview, the athlete gave laconic answers.

- a) contradictory b) concise c) controversial d) lengthy

Answer: b

78. Question: Bill has intransigent political views.

- a) old-fashioned b) ever-changing c) uncompromising d) indifferent

Answer: c

79. Question: The first half of the book is more didactic than the second half.

- a) preachy b) mysterious c) action-packed d) full of floral language

Answer: a

80. Question: Josie's professional career reached its nadir in 2018.

- a) highest point b) lowest point c) end d) midway point

Answer: b

81. Question: Darla relegated Sawyer to the mail room.

- a) said negative things about b) introduced c) assigned d) gave directions to

Answer: c

82. Question: The politician was known above all else for his circumlocutions.

- a) charitable works b) unnecessarily large number of words
c) many trips around the world d) fashionable outfits

Answer: b

83. Question: Kat wore a staid sweater to the holiday party.

- a) dirty b) colorful c) sedate d) loose

Answer: c

84. Question: The teacher claimed the book had a pernicious effect on society.

- a) subtle b) healthy c) unusual d) harmful

Answer: d

85. Question: After appearing in only a handful of films, it was easy to tell Paul was a protean actor.

- a) stiff b) versatile c) charismatic d) hilarious

Answer: b

86. Question: This was Deion's first time reading an epistolary novel.

- a) loosely based on real events b) published after the author's death
c) composed of letters d) written in a foreign language

Answer: c

87. Question: The CEO remembered her days as an impecunious college student.

- a) politically active b) penniless c) hardworking d) carefree

Answer: b

88. Question: News pundits claimed the new legislation was antediluvian.

- a) vague b) too slow c) too costly d) old-fashioned

Answer: d

89. Question: Which of these devices is called a lift?

- a) toaster b) car jack c) forklift d) elevator

Answer: d

90. Question: While we wait in a line, we tend to form which of these?

- a) a faff b) a prat c) a pitch d) a queue

Answer: d

91. Question: A Brit who's headed to the *loo* is going _____.

- a) the garden b) the garage c) Scotland Yard d) the toilet

Answer: d

92. Question: Which of these games is the U.S. version of Britain's *Noughts and crosses*?

- a) red light, green light b) checkers c) tic-tac-toe d) Simon says

Answer: c

93. Question: Which adjective describes someone who is knackered?

- a) tall b) tired c) lonely d) excited

Answer: b

94. Question: If a person is chuffed, how would that person be described by us?

- a) angry b) hurt c) delighted d) winded

Answer: c

95. Question: Which of these is a synonym for *gormless*?

- a) bald b) poor c) healthy d) dim-witted

Answer: d

96. Question: Which of these people might be described as a *boffin*?

- a) a member of the House of Lords b) a bird-watcher
c) a juvenile criminal d) a research scientist

Answer: d

97. Question: 18"Someone stole ur TV." In the sentence, using Standard American English, "ur" should be replaced by:

- a) you are b) your c) you're d) you r

Answer: b

98. Question: Decipher means:

- a) to read or obscure or illegible matter
c) someone or something that causes something to happen or change
b) something or someone that speaks ill of
d) to undermine confidence or morale

Answer: a

99. Question: Corp means _____.

- a) Honor b) Body c) People d) Group

Answer: b

100. Question: By looking closely, I could see the _____ difference between the twins.

- a) ecstatic b) gorging c) retroactive d) subtle

Answer: d

101. Question: Name the problem with this sentence: "When the lady left her house, she was hoping to see her best friend, grab a few groceries, and that she would be home before supper."

- a) run on b) comma splice
c) faulty parallelism d) sentence fragment

Answer: c

102. Question: The synonym of goal is:

- a) object b) objective c) score

Answer: b

103. Question: 50Creating a body for the monster was a _____ task because it took so much detail and time.

- a) exculpate b) tedious c) elusive d) infuse

Answer: b

104. Question: Which choice best represents the error in the sentence? Studies show that adults who enjoyed exercising on a regular basis were more successful at losing weights than adults who participate in fad diets.

- a) Studies show b) on a regular basis c) who participates d) No error

Answer: c

105. Question: The synonym of dangerous is:

- a) scary b) healthy c) risky

Answer: c

106. Question: Which rule for using hyphens does the following sentence demonstrate?
Slavery was acceptable in the pre Civil War United States.

- a) Use hyphens between prefixes and capitalized b) Use hyphens with select prefixes.
c) Use hyphens with select suffixes. d) Use hyphens with compound modifiers.

Answer: a

107. Question: Detractor means _____.

- a) something or someone that speaks ill of b) to undermine confidence or morale
c) to read or obscure or illegible matter
d) someone or something that causes something to happen or change

Answer: a

108. Question: 55accidentals; casual refers to _____.

- a) adventitious b) agglomeration c) aggregate d) advert

Answer: a

109. Question: A style manual says "do not capitalize 'the' in the middle of a sentence."
However, it makes an exception for book titles. Which choice correctly demonstrates the exception?

- a) Hunter wanted to attend The University of Portland.
b) Tolkien wrote The Lord of the Rings.
c) History will never forget the role of The United Kingdom during World War I.
d) Engineering has become one of the most popular majors at the University of California.

Answer: b

110. Question: "The past is a foreign country: they do things differently there." - The Go-Between. In the sentence, the colon could be replaced by which punctuation mark without significantly changing the meaning and still maintaining its grammatical correctness?

- a) Exclamation points b) Dash c) Parentheses d) semicolon

Answer: d

111. Question: A guide who offers advice, criticism, and guidance to an inexperienced person to help him or her reach a goal is known as a/an:

- a) counselor b) mentor c) instructor d) associate

Answer: b

112. Question: Catastrophe means:

- a) relating to, or situated on the side
- b) a closed container with selected living plants and sometimes small animals are kept and observed
- c) a great, often sudden calamity
- d) someone or something that causes something to happen or change

Answer: c

113. Question: "Mr. Brooks lived an abstemious way of life." What does abstemious mean?

- a) successful or prosperous
- b) surly
- c) argumentative or ready to fight
- d) moderate and sparingly

Answer: d

114. Question: Choose the best question to continue the conversation.

My aunt is going to stay with me.

- a) How was it?
- b) How is she?
- c) How long will she stay?
- d) How far will she stay?

Answer: c

115. Question: Which choice best represents the error in the sentence? Eagles are small in number plus making nests in trees they are rarely seen in the wild.

- a) are
- b) plus making
- c) rarely seen
- d) No error

Answer: b

116. Question: Use a hyphen between a prefix and a capitalized word. Which choice correctly uses this rule?

- a) We live in a post-baby era.
- b) Many people who burn the flag are anti-American.
- c) We took steps to start pre-planning for retirement.
- d) I am pro Canadian.

Answer: b

117. Question: If you antedate something, the date comes before or precedes another.

- a) TRUE
- b) FALSE

Answer: a

118. Question: When someone is blatant, they are sneaky and secretive.

- a) TRUE
- b) FALSE

Answer: b

119. Question: Affront means _____.

- a) collection; heap
- b) readily managed or willing to be led; answerable or accountable legally
- c) insult; offense; intentional act of disrespect
- d) pertaining to land or cultivation

Answer: c

120. Question: John is the _____ in our science class who usually knows all the test review answers.

- a) pundit
- b) sage
- c) mar
- d) clandestine

Answer: a

121. Question: Images are often more _____ than words.

- a) ambiguous
- b) polemic
- c) hidden
- d) destructive

Answer: a

122. Question: Name the problem with this sentence: "When the boy opened his eyes, he couldn't believe what he saw, the horses were running gracefully toward him!"

- a) run on
- b) comma splice
- c) faulty parallelism
- d) sentence fragment

Answer: b

123. Question: Use hyphens with prefixes *ex*, *self*, and *all*, but only when *ex* means former. Which choice correctly uses this rule?

- a) The ex-principal wished he could get his job back.
- b) My sister showed she was very selfish when she ate the last piece of pizza.
- c) To be omniscient means to be all knowing.
- d) The self-serves itself.

Answer: a

124. Question: _____ is the reversion to an earlier stage of development.

- a) Regression
- b) Acting Out
- c) Repression
- d) Undoing

Answer: a

125. Question: Ride a _____ bike every week.

- a. stationary
- b. stationery

Answer: a

126. Question: Which choice best represents the error in the sentence?

As Shakespeare once said, "All the worlds' a stage."

- a) As Shakespeare
- b) said, "All
- c) the worlds'
- d) No error

Answer: c

127. Question: Choose the best response to the Question: When can we meet again?

- a) Where are you?
- b) When are you free?
- c) Can I meet you?
- d) Can you see me?

Answer: b

128. Question: Which choice best represents the error in the sentence? Studies showing a higher number of individuals entering the workforce, many families still complain that they can't make ends meet.

- a) Studies showing
c) still complain
- b) entering the workforce
d) No error

Answer: a

129. Question: The _____ is built out of repressed desires.

- a) brain
c) unconscious
- b) soul
d) oedipal complex

Answer: c

130. Question: The synonym of throughout is:

- a. end-to-end
b) all day
c) none of them

Answer: a

131. Question: The synonym of routine is:

- a) day
b) quotidian
c) same

Answer: b

132. Question: Use a hyphen to connect two words functioning as an adjective before a noun. Which choice correctly uses this rule?

- a) Mr. Harrison was a well-respected member of
b) Mr. Harrison was well-respected.
c) Long-term-planning is something ever high school should do.
d) On my birthday, I will turn twenty-one.

Answer: a

133. Question: Use a hyphen with compound expressions. Which choice correctly uses this rule?

- a) Cars should try-to-avoid driving the wrong way on one-way-streets.
b) Cars should try to avoid driving the wrong way on one-way streets.
c) Cars should try to avoid driving the wrong-way on one wrong way on way streets.
d) Cars should try to avoid driving the one-way streets.

Answer: d

134. Question: It is important to _____ yourself of your professor's knowledge while you have the chance to ask questions in class.

- a. prognosticates
b. elude
c. avail
d. indulge

Answer: c

135. Question: Even though my mother despised her twin sister, she always spoke about her without _____.

- a) melancholic
b) airs
c) rancor
d) trepidation

Answer: c

136. Question: Which choice best represents the error in the sentence? In many forests around the world, environmental agencies practice controlled burning to keep non-native species from gaining a foothold on the environment.

- a) practice controlled burning
- b) non-native species
- c) gaining a foothold
- d) No error

Answer: d

137. Question: Professional and scholarly journals are periodicals.

- a) TRUE
- b) FALSE

Answer: a

138. Question: Your conduct is _____ and will not be tolerated!

- a) headstrong
- b) lackluster
- c) reprehensible
- d) cryptic

Answer: c

139. Question: Incongruous means out of place.

- a) TRUE
- b) FALSE

Answer: a

140. Question: Maria's level of happiness rose to _____ when he was around.

- a) scintillating
- b) earnest
- c) lust
- d) ecstatic

Answer: d

141. Question: Interval means:

- a) of or relating to the interactions between individuals
- b) a space between two objects
- c) relating to or existing within the boundaries of the state
- d) existing or carried on within the bounds of an institution, especially a school

Answer: b

142. Question: A style manual says "do not capitalize 'the' in the middle of a sentence." Which choice violates this rule?

- a) I plan to attend The Ohio State University.
- b) We're taking a trip to the United Kingdom.
- c) The British Isles are a group of islands.
- d) I want to visit the Walt Disney World Resort.

Answer: a

143. Question: Even though the store claimed to have a _____ of bargains, my mother and I were unable to find a good deal.

- a) tangent
- b) plethora
- c) credulous
- d) laceration

Answer: b

144. Question: Use a hyphen with a compound modifier. Which sentence correctly uses this rule?

- a) They were ready to rock-hard at the concert.
- b) She was disappointed by the rock-hard cake at her wedding.
- c) He sent the cops on a wild-goose-chase.
- d) At a four way stop, the car that gets there first has the right-of-way.

Answer: b

145. Question: Which choice best represents the error in the sentence? At the ultrasound, the new parents found out the gender of there child.

- a) ultrasound, the
- b) found out
- c) of there
- d) No error

Answer: c

146. Question: Unison means together.

- a) TRUE
- b) FALSE

Answer: a

147. Question: Active or Passive Voice? I will introduce you to my boss this week.

- a) Active
- b) Passive

Answer: a

148. Question: Does what he/she says he/she will do; reliable

- a) Organized
- b) People skills
- c) Dependable
- d) Hardworking

Answer: c

149. Question: What is the definition of the word YOURN?

- a) A type of sewing material
- b) Another way of saying yours
- c) Something cats play with
- d) An older word to describe the morning

Answer: b

150. Question: You could say that he had an _____ interpretation of the rules.

- a) headstrong
- b) covert
- c) pliable
- d) reprieve

Answer: c

151. Question: If Bill is not careful, he will _____ his project on the way to school.

- a) mar
- b) admonish
- c) vilify
- d) scoff

Answer: a

152. Question: _____ is the refusal to accept reality.

- a) Dissociation
- b) Regression
- c) Repression
- d) Denial

Answer: d

153. Question: Nat means _____.

- a) Touch b) Know c) Name d) Born

Answer: d

154. Question: The questions on the SAT cover diverse topics as environmental science, civil disobedience, and regional dialect. The words "diverse topics" should read:

- a) as diverse topics b) such diverse topics
c) topics as diverse d) No change

Answer: c

155. Question: What is the definition of molestation?

- a) a scientific term used in physics b) to make improper advances sexually
c) hitting someone in the face d) the process of losing feathers

Answer: b

156. Question: When my mother is angry, she complains about one thing and then go on a _____ about a totally different item.

- a) pliable b) reprieve c) laceration d) tangent

Answer: d

157. Question: Which choice best represents the error in the sentence? Under the new law, motorists must wear their seat belts, obey the posted speed limit, and only driving in the left lane to pass.

- a) new law, motorists b) must wear their
c) driving in the left lane d) No error

Answer: d

158. Question: "Ima get me a glass of water." The sentence contains which errors?

- a) Incorrect capitalization b) Use of slang
c) Incorrect pronoun use d) Both b and c

Answer: d

159. Question: At a _____ meeting, the two spies exchanged secret information.

- a) mar b) scoff c) clandestine d) sage

Answer: c

160. Question: Sentence consisting of short, independent clauses coupled for a sense of immediacy; the effect produces a rhythmical quality to the text.

- a) simple sentence b) periodic sentence
c) loose sentence d) freight train sentence

Answer: d

160. Question: If you would like to discuss it _____, we can go to my office.

- a) farther b) further

Answer: b

161. Question: The king _____ on chicken wings, fruit from the villagers, and the finest wine.

- a) mismanaged b) gorged c) lusted d) defied

Answer: b

162. Question: If something is described as monochromatic, it is _____.

- a) multi-colored. b) only one-color c) powerful. d) boring.

Answer: b

163. Question: Which choice best represents the error in the sentence? Research has shown that yoga is an exercise we can do if you want to reduce your stress levels.

- a) has shown b) we can do c) reduce your d) No error

Answer: b

164. Question: Hints of what is to come in the action of a play or a story.

- a) Theme b) Diction c) Foreshadowing

Answer: c

165. Question: The following sentence correctly uses hyphens. The child was two-years-of-age.

- a) TRUE b) FALSE

Answer: b

166. Question: What type of sentence contains the following syntax? Subordinate constructions first, main clause closes the sentence (most important info is at the end).

- a) Periodic Sentence b) Loose Sentence
c) Compound Sentence d) Freight Train Sentence

Answer: a

167. Question: Use a _____ to show a break in thought or sentence structure.

- a) hyphen b) dash

Answer: b

168. Question: Which choice best represents the error in the sentence? Harper Lee was not only the author of one of the most iconic works of American literature, but also one of the reclusive writers of all time.

- a) not only b) most iconic c) reclusive d) No error

Answer: c

169. Question: Path, Pass means _____.

- a) Walk b) Able, Powerful c) Shape, Form d) Disease, Feeling

Answer: d

170. Question: An observant fellow would be deemed a percipient.

- a) TRUE b) FALSE

Answer: a

171. Question: The root word "poly" is closest in meaning to which root word?

- a) multi b) sub c) super d) terra

Answer: a

172. Question: When I have questions about my courses, I often seek advice from my _____, my college mentor.

- a) student b) sage c) debacle d) clandestine

Answer: b

173. Question: Cryptic means to accept something reluctantly but without protest.

- a) TRUE b) FALSE

Answer: b

174. Question: This is my _____ routine.

- a) everyday b) every day

Answer: a

175. Question: Egalitarian means believing in the equality of all people, especially in politics or social life.

- a) TRUE b) FALSE

Answer: a

176. Question: Which choice best represents the error in the sentence? After our meeting, we headed back to the hotel for some resting.

- a) After our b) headed back c) some resting d) No error

Answer: c

177. Question: Phil means _____.

- a) To Study b) To Love c) To Think d) All

Answer: b

178. Question: Hearing, technically known as _____, begins when a sound wave reaches the outer ear.

- a) audition b) audacity c) audio-visual d) autocracy

Answer: a

179. Question: A synonym for the word DELINEATE is limitless.

- a) TRUE b) FALSE

Answer: b

180. Question: Murder of one's children is called_____.

- a) Foeticide b) Filicide c) Fratricide d) Homicide

Answer: b

181. Question: The rude little rich girl thought it was fun to _____ at the poor children at her school.

- a) mar b) vilify c) exacerbate d) scoff

Answer: d

182. Question: Anthro means _____.

- a) Human b) Do c) Love d) Life

Answer: a

183. Question: Knowing how the ball reacts to different types of kicks helps kids become better soccer player. The words "helps kids become better soccer player" should read:

- a) help kids become better soccer player. b) helps kids become better soccer players.
c) helps kid become better soccer player. d) No change

Answer: b

184. Question: To avoid worrying his wife, the man-made a (n) _____ statement about the seriousness of his medical condition.

- a) oblique b) tangent c) credulous d) headstrong

Answer: a

185. Question: A note added to a letter after it has been written is called postscript.

- a) TRUE b) FALSE

Answer: a

186. Question: Which rule for using hyphens does the following sentence demonstrate? The mayor-elect signed the bill into law.

- a) Use hyphens with select prefixes. b) Use a hyphen with select suffixes.
c) Use a hyphen with a noun and past participle. d) Use a hyphen with compound modifiers.

Answer: b

187. Question: Make impure by adding inferior or tainted substances.

- a) adulterate b) alacrity c) amenable d) aerie

Answer: a

188. Question: Many doctors are wary prescribing the medication, it is because it is new and has not been thoroughly tested. The words “it is because it is new and has not been thoroughly tested” should read:

- a) because it is new and has not been thoroughly tested
- b) it is because it has not been thoroughly tested and it is new.
- c) because it was new and had not been thoroughly
- d) No change tested.

Answer: a

189. Question: Cid, Cis refers to _____.

- a) Cut, Kill
- b) War
- c) Shape, Form
- d) Great

Answer: a

190. Question: Given our present obsession with capitalism, such an outlook demonstrates how easy some people find it to _____ the poor.

- a) revile
- b) rancor
- c) consummate
- d) opulent

Answer: a

191. Question: What word means to be firmly resolved or determined; set in purpose or opinion?

- a) Opiniated
- b) Justified
- c) Resolutely
- d) Engaged

Answer: c

192. Question: _____ payments for last year will be included in the current year’s payouts.

- a) Retroactive
- b) Earnest
- c) Subtle
- d) Mismanaged

Answer: a

193. Question: “Yea, and if some God shall wreck me in the wine dark deep, even so I will endure...” - The Odyssey In the quote, where should the author insert a hyphen?

- a) Between God and shall
- b) Between wine and dark
- c) Between dark and deep
- d) Between even and so

Answer: b

194. Question: _____ is the directing of feelings directed at one person taken out on another person.

- a) Regression
- b) Displacement
- c) Undoing
- d) Sublimation

Answer: b

195. Question: When my husband does not want to cut the grass, he will _____ and complain about an imaginary stomach pain.

- a) malingering
- b) rebuff
- c) revile
- d) consummate

Answer: a

196. Question: Choose the best response to the **Question:** When do you study?

- a) I'm sleeping
- b) In the living room
- c) At home
- d) In the evenings

Answer: d

197. Question: Luc means _____.

- a) Chance
- b) Light
- c) Touch
- d) Calm

Answer: b

198. Question: Which of the following is likely to be the most vivacious?

- a) a tax lawyer
- b) a weather report
- c) a book review
- d) a cheerleader

Answer: d

199. Question: To be infirm is to be physically weak or feeble.

- a) TRUE
- b) FALSE

Answer: a

200. Question: Hypothermia is having a low body temperature.

- a) TRUE
- b) FALSE

Answer: a

201. Question: Ambidextrous means one is equally skillful with both the right and left hand.

- a) TRUE
- b) FALSE

Answer: a

202. Question: Psychological means:

- a) relating to the mind
- b) characteristic of the normal functioning of a living organism
- c) affecting only one side
- d) something or someone that speaks ill of

Answer: a

203. Question: Choose the word that best fills in the blank. The neonatal intensive care unit in a hospital is where the _____ babies are treated.

- a) premature
- b) overweight

Answer: a

204. Question: Aegis means _____.

- a) shield; defense
- b) combine; unite in one body
- c) supplying nourishment
- d) make impure by adding inferior or tainted substances

Answer: a

205. Question: What is a research tool that provides a list of words with similar meanings?

- a) a thesaurus b) a dictionary c) an encyclopedia d) an atlas

Answer: a

206. Question: Use a _____ to divide words at the end of a line. Be sure to make the break only between syllables.

- a) dash b) hyphen c) comma d) semicolon

Answer: b

207. Question: Cora chose to _____ the argument by throwing a lamp at Mark's head.

- a) debacle b) exacerbate c) mar d) vilify

Answer: b

208. Question: Which rules for using hyphens does the following sentence demonstrate? You should hire a new hair-stylist because that dye job is horrendous!

- a) Use hyphens with compound modifiers.
b) Use hyphens with compound expressions.
c) Use hyphens with two or more words functioning as an adjective before a noun.
d) Use hyphens with nouns and past participles.

Answer: a

209. Question: Choose the word that best fills in the blank. A transatlantic flight means that the plane goes _____ the Atlantic Ocean.

- a) under b) across c) below d) in between

Answer: b

210. Question: What is a promotion?

- a) A sale on products b) A campaign to advertise something
c) An attempt to start a movement d) A move to a better position at work

Answer: d

211. Question: Catalyst means _____.

- a) someone or something that causes something to happen or change
b) relating to the mind
c) a closed container with selected living plants and small animals are kept and observed
d) a great, often sudden calamity sometimes

Answer: a

212. Question: Since your offer does not benefit me, I will have to _____ it and walk away empty-handed.

- a) revile b) malingering c) rebuff d) rancor

Answer: c

213. Question: Government run by officials is called _____.

- a) Democracy b) Bureaucracy c) Gerontocracy d) Kakistocracy

Answer: b

214. Question: Active or Passive Voice? The house was cleaned, the fish were fed, and then the expensive vase was broken.

- a) active b) passive

Answer: b

215. Question: The word ludicrous is defined as causing laughter because of absurdity; provoking or deserving derision; ridiculous; laughable

- a) TRUE b) FALSE

Answer: a

216. Question: Use a _____ in compound numbers from twenty-one to ninety- nine.

- a) dash b) hyphen c) comma d) colon

Answer: b

217. Question: We like to go to the park almost _____.

- a) everyday b) every day

Answer: b

218. Question: Identify the independent clause in the following sentence. Because my alarm did not go off this morning, I was late to work.

- a) Because my alarm did not go off this morning b) I was late to work

Answer: b

219. Question: Canadian singer Michael Buble is a _____ singer, as exemplified by his uncanny ability to sing in four different octaves.

- a) consummate b) opulent c) implacable d) rebuffed

Answer: a

220. Question: Because of the security _____ at last week's basketball game, fans are no longer allowed to take backpacks into the arena.

- a) scoff b) clandestine c) mar d) debacle

Answer: d

221. Question: Which choice best represents the error in the sentence? After reviewing the latest sales report the CEO called all of his VPs in for a meeting.

- a) report the b) all of his c) for a meeting d) No error

Answer: a

222. Question: Modern paintings, containing bold colors and clean lines, reflect the aesthetic of current times. The words "Modern paintings, containing bold colors and clean lines," should read:

- a) Because modern paintings contain their bold colors and clean lines
- b) Through containing their bold colors and clean lines,
- c) Modern paintings containing their bold colors and clean lines
- d) No change

Answer: d

223. Question: The Fox and the Grapes, like other fables, have a moral. The words "like other fables, have" should read:

- a) like other fables, got
- b) like other fables, tell
- c) like other fables, has
- d) No change

Answer: c

224. Question: Which rule for using hyphens does the following sentence demonstrate? The low-flying airplane caused concern in the neighborhood.

- a) Use hyphens with select prefixes.
- b) Use hyphens with select suffixes.
- c) Use hyphens in compound adjectives with high or fractions.
- d) Use hyphens in compound adjectives with

Answer: c

225. Question: A wharf is usually built next to a lake, so people can dock their boats and go into the wharf to have a meal, or buy supplies.

- a) TRUE
- b) FALSE

Answer: b

226. Question: Which word means "absence of the government"?

- a) Anarchy
- b) Aristocracy
- c) Autocracy
- d) Autonomy

Answer: a

227. Question: Use hyphens in compound adjectives with comparatives or superlatives. Which choice correctly uses this rule?

- a) They were a low-income family.
- b) They were a family with a lower-income.
- c) It was a lower-stress job.
- d) The baby needed smaller-clothes.

Answer: c

228. Question: The synonym of effort is:

- a) attempt
- b) chance
- c) choice

Answer: a

229. Question: Is the sentence written using active or passive voice? "The movie is being made in Hollywood."

- a) Active
- b) Passive

Answer: b

230. Question: After Marla completed a week-long self-defense course, she hopes she could protect herself in the face of danger. The words "she hopes she could protect herself in the face of danger" should read:

- a) she hoping she could protect herself in the face of danger.
- b) then she hopes she could protect herself in the face of danger.
- c) she hoped she could protect herself in the face of change danger.
- d) No

Answer: c

231. Question: Cops can _____ anyone who goes over the speed limit.

- a) vilify
- b) debacle
- c) admonish
- d) scoff

Answer: c

232. Question: I would rather _____ to her demands than listen to her constantly scream!

- a) lament
- b) pliable
- c) reprieve
- d) acquiesce

Answer: d

233. Question: "All children, except one, grow up." - Peter Pan. In the sentence, the commas help achieve what purpose?

- a) Add another item to a list
- b) Provide an exception to a claim
- c) Give the reader additional information
- d) Make the sentence more interesting

Answer: b

234. Question: Which choice best represents the error in the sentence? When walking by yourself at night, you must be aware about your surroundings.

- a) by yourself
- b) you must
- c) aware about
- d) No error

Answer: c

235. Question: Portable property is that which can be carried on one's person.

- a) TRUE
- b) FALSE

Answer: a

236. Question: Solarium means:

- a) a closed container with selected living plants and
- b) a room, gallery exposed to the sun sometimes small animals are kept and observed
- c) something or someone that speaks ill of
- d) to undermine confidence or morale

Answer: b

237. Question: The synonym of instead is:

- a) better than b) alternatively c) such as

Answer: b

238. Question: EXTRAVAGANT spenders do not care about the cost of purchases.

- a) TRUE b) FALSE

Answer: a

239. Question: If all goes as planned, _____ going to be a great day.

- a) its b) it's

Answer: b

240. Question: Diffidence is a characteristic of a person willing to risk everything.

- a) TRUE b) FALSE

Answer: b

241. Question: Underneath that fakes _____ there lurked a vulnerable heart.

- a) lust b) retroactive c) ego d) ecstatic

Answer: c

242. Question: The spy tried to _____ capture but was stopped before he could escape.

- a) elude b) melancholy c) transform d) docile

Answer: a

243. Question: Do not _____ the temple by speaking loudly during your visit.

- a) clandestine b) debacle c) desecrate d) vilify

Answer: c

244. Question: If the word at the end of the line ends in Ing and the final consonant is doubled before the suffix, use the _____ between the consonants.

- a) comma b) dash c) hyphen d) semicolon

Answer: c

245. Question: Not even a beginning standing ovation could lessen his _____ for public speaking.

- a) rancor b) trepidation c) palaver d) opulence

Answer: b

246. Question: The Peirson's wedding was the talk of the town this week due to the lavish and luxurious decorations. Which of the following is a synonym for the word lavish?

- a) lithe b) odious c) opaque d) opulent

Answer: d

247. Question: Port refers to _____.

- a) Travel b) Send c) Walk d) Carry

Answer: d

248. Question: The synonym of achieve is:

- a) make b) take c) succeed

Answer: c

249. Question: You don't have much _____ to go until graduation.

- a) farther b) further

Answer: b

250. Question: Compassion is when you feel what others are feeling.

- a) TRUE b) FALSE

Answer: a

251. Question: A democracy is a government created by and for the _____.

- a) people b) earth c) space d) fields

Answer: a

252. Question: "All grownups were once children, but only few of them remember it." - The Little Prince. In the quote, which word is missing as a hyphen?

- a) grownups b) children c) only few d) remember

Answer: a

253. Question: Ben refers to _____.

- a) War b) Mind c) Name d) Good

Answer: d

254. Question: The first team to finish the relay, they were known as the Terrible Ten, finished in less than two hours. The words "they were known as" should read:

- a) they were known only as b) known as
c) to be known as d) No change

Answer: b

255. Question: What is the definition of UNILATERAL?

- a) having or formed of two sides b) relating to or situated on the side
c) relating to the mind d) affecting only one side

Answer: d

256. Question: Although negotiating a new contract was complicated, both parties came to an _____ that satisfied them.

- a) agree b) agreeable c) agreement d) agreeably

Answer: c

257. Question: The monster seemed _____ because it couldn't speak well.

- a) talkative b) inarticulate c) elusive d) tedious

Answer: b

258. Question: Gyn means _____.

- a) Mind b) Power c) Women d) Young

Answer: c

259. Question: To be compulsory means to be required; mandatory; obligatory.

- a) TRUE b) FALSE

Answer: a

260. Question: The use of words to imitate the sounds they describe.

- a) Hyperbole b) Onomatopoeia c) Oxymoron d) Metaphor

Answer: a

261. Question: Active or Passive Voice? The candidate believes that Congress must place a ceiling on the budget.

- a) Active b) Passive

Answer: a

262. Question: Because the clues in the crossword puzzle are _____, I am having a hard time coming up with the answers.

- a) reprehensible b) covert c) cryptic d) credulous

Answer: c

263. Question: Hypo glottis is the underside of the tongue.

- a) TRUE b) FALSE

Answer: a

264. Question: If you travel INTRASTATE, you are traveling within one state.

- a) TRUE b) FALSE

Answer: a

265. Question: A careful examination of how well or badly someone does something at work is known as _____.

- a) Performance Review b) Personality Review
c) Evaluation Form d) Worker Examination

Answer: a

266. Question: The repetition of the initial consonant.

- a) Hyperbole b) Simile c) Alliteration

Answer: c

267. Question: Neil Armstrong was not the first man to travel to the moon, but he has been the first man who walked on the moon. The words "has been the first man who walked" should read:

- a) was the first man to walk
b) was the first man having walked
c) had been the first man who walked
d) No change

Answer: a

268. Question: Tim is, without a doubt, the world's messiest person! The qualifying phrase "without a doubt" is a(n):

- a) participial phrase
b) adverbial phrase
c) absolute adjective phrase
d) appositive phrase

Answer: b

269. Question: The purpose of the agency's _____ operation is to rescue the kidnapped soldiers before the enemy troops can prepare a defense.

- a) covert
b) cryptic
c) reprehensible
d) credulous

Answer: a

270. Question: Unfortunately, the internet and social media have made it very easy for people to _____ their enemies.

- a. debacle
b) exacerbate
c) vilify
d) clandestine

Answer: c

271. Question: Is this sentence in the passive or active voice? The suggestions made by all three of the students on the food were negative.

- a) Passive
b) Active

Answer: a

272. Question: A CONTROVERSY is a dispute.

- a) TRUE
b) FALSE

Answer: a

273. Question: When you abhor someone, you adore them.

- a) TRUE
b) FALSE

Answer: b

274. Question: Is giving human qualities to animals or objects.

- a) Simile
b) Personification
c) Metaphor
d) Oxymoron

Answer: b

275. Question: Figure of speech involving a comparison between unlike things using like, as, or as though.

- a) Simile
b) Metaphor
c) Hyperbole
d) Personification

Answer: a

276. Question: Decipher means:

- a) to read or obscure or illegible matter
- c) someone or something that causes something to happen or change
- b) something or someone that speaks ill of
- d) to undermine confidence or morale

Answer: a

277. Question: By looking closely, I could see the _____ difference between the twins.

- a) ecstatic
- b) gorging
- c) retroactive
- d) subtle

Answer: d

278. Question: The cakes were designed too quickly, without enough thought about its structure. The words "too quickly, without enough thought about its structure" should read as:

- a) too quickly, and there was not enough thought about its structure.
- b) too quickly, without thinking enough about its structure.
- c) too quickly, without enough thought about their structure.
- d) No change

Answer: c

279. Question: Putting two contradictory words together.

- a) Hyperbole
- b) Metaphor
- c) Personification
- d) Oxymoron

Answer: d

280. Question: A figure of speech involving exaggeration is called _____.

- a) Hyperbole
- b) Metaphor
- c) Oxymoron

Answer: a

281. Question: A comparison in which one thing is said to be another.

- a) Hyperbole
- b) Metaphor
- c) Metaphor

Answer: b

282. Question: The conversation between characters.

- a) Parody
- b) Dialect
- c) Dialogue
- d) Monologue

Answer: c

283. Question: A recurring object, concept, or structure in a work of literature.

- a) Motif
- b) Myth
- c) Prose
- d) Refrain

Answer: a

284. Question: An association that comes along with a particular word.

- a) Connotation
- b) Definition
- c) Denotation
- d) Simile

Answer: a

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