

Intermediate Language Arts Exam

Please write the letter of your choice in the blank provided.

1. Which word is an **adjective**? _____
A. apple B. enthusiastic C. really D. happily
2. Which word is **NOT** an **adjective**? _____
A. two B. talented C. blue D. angrily
3. Which word is a **noun**? _____
A. sit B. sleep C. quickly D. house
4. Which word is **NOT** a **noun**? _____
A. chair B. tree C. walk D. computer
5. Which word is a **conjunction**? _____
A. see B. too C. or D. around
6. Which word is a **preposition**? _____
A. or B. and C. through D. if
7. Which word is a **pronoun**? _____
A. he B. she C. they D. A, B and C
8. Which is the **past participle** of buy? _____
A. to buy B. bought C. buyed D. bye
9. Which is the **past participle** of dream? _____
A. dreamed B. dreamt C. either A or B D. to dream
10. Which is the **past participle** of have? _____
A. had B. haved C. having D. to have
11. Which is the **present progressive** of make? _____
A. to make B. made C. am making D. maked E. were making
12. Which sentence demonstrates correct **verb** form? _____
A. I have dancing my whole life.
B. I to dance my whole life.
C. I have danced my whole life.
D. Yesterday I dance all day.
13. Which sentence is written in both the **first person singular** and the **past tense**? _____
A. She was eating pancakes when he arrived.
B. He eats pancakes for breakfast every Sunday.
C. I ate pancakes for breakfast last Saturday.
D. We will eat pancakes for breakfast tomorrow.
14. Which sentence is written in both the **third person plural** and the **present tense**? _____
A. She was eating pancakes when he arrived.
B. They are eating so many pancakes!

C. We are having a pancake-eating contest.

15. Which sentence, uttered by a child holding a basketball, uses **figurative**, not literal, language? _____

A. "This is a basketball." B. "This is the ticket to my future." C. "This basketball is orange."

16. Which of the following is an example of a **simile**? _____

A. Her brain is a sponge. B. Her hair is as dry and brittle as straw. C. Up is to down as left is to right.

17. Which of the following is an example of a **simile**? _____

A. Smile is to happy as frown is to sad. B. He is an open book. C. He is as sweet as pie.

18. Which of the following is an example of a **metaphor**? _____

A. She ran like the wind. B. Her brain is a sponge. C. Up is to down as left is to right.

19. Which of the following is an example of an **analogy**? _____

A. She ran like the wind. B. Her brain is a sponge. C. Up is to down as left is to right.

20. Which of the following is an example of an **idiom**? _____

A. Let's kill two birds with one stone. B. Let's do two things at once. C. Someone who knows very little.

21. Which sentence is written correctly? _____

A. Karen had went to school by walking?
B. how did Armen get to the school, hamik!
C. Are you kidding me?! I have to go to school today?!
D. Sam was running late they rode his bike to school.

22. Which word is a **synonym** for **scared**? _____

A. frightened B. thoughtful C. questioning D. absent

23. Which word is a **synonym** for **disrespectful**? _____

A. green B. awesome C. mean D. stinky

24. Which word is an **antonym** for **light**? _____

A. free B. small C. dark D. closed

25. Which sentence contains the simplest **pattern**? _____

A. There was running, screaming and also children threw paper.
B. There was running, screaming and they fought.
C. There was running, screaming and throwing and fighting.
D. There was running, screaming, throwing and fighting.

26. Which completes a **syllogism** and is therefore **logical**?

All of my mom's cars are hybrids. That red car is my mom's car. Therefore _____

A. That red car is a hybrid.
B. All of my mom's cars are red.
C. My dad doesn't have like hybrids.
D. Both A and B

27. A personal statement that is supported by an **anecdote** is an _____.

A. fact B. opinion

28. A statement that is supported by **statistics** or irrefutable **scientific evidence** is a _____.

A. fact B. opinion

29. Fact or opinion: Most polar bears are white. _____
A. fact B. opinion
30. Fact or opinion: Most teachers are mean. _____
A. fact B. opinion
31. Fact or opinion: Homework should be easy. _____
A. fact B. opinion
32. A reporter who writes: “the current president, who has been doing an excellent job, is slated to arrive in New York at 5PM...” is demonstrating _____.
A. objective reporting B. biased reporting C. irresponsible reporting D. both B and C
33. When an observer gives a play-by-play account of something that happened **without value judgments** or statements of opinion, he or she is said to be _____.
A. biased B. determined C. objective D. silly
34. When a journalist offers at least **two sides** to the same story, the story is said to be _____.
A. controversial B. heavy-handed C. balanced D. outdated
35. It is very easy to put aside your opinion and write a purely **objective** statement. _____
A. True B. False
36. In the word “prediction,” the **prefix** is _____.
A. predicted B. pre C. diction D. not present
37. In the word “solution,” the **base** or **root** word is _____.
A. solve B. tion C. resolution D. both A and C
38. In the word “happiness,” the **suffix** is _____.
A. happy B. sad C. ness D. elated
39. A Japanese poem about nature that contains a total of seventeen syllables is called a _____.
A. sonnet B. Limerick C. prose D. haiku
40. In the novel *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, the cage serves as a _____.
A. simile B. symbol C. both A and B D. alliteration
41. When two words sound alike at the end they exemplify “**rhyming**,” when they sound alike at the beginning or in the middle they exemplify _____.
A. rhythm B. metaphor C. symbolism D. alliteration
42. Another word for **genre** is _____.
A. story B. luck C. category D. pants
43. Harry Potter stories belong to the genre of _____.
A. humor B. non-fiction C. romance D. fantasy
44. In writing a **textbook**, the author’s primary purpose is _____.
A. to entertain B. to teach an important life lesson C. to inform
45. In writing a **novel**, the author’s primary purpose is _____.
A. to entertain B. to teach an important life lesson C. to inform

46. In writing a **fable**, the author's primary purpose is _____.
 A. to entertain B. to teach an important life lesson C. to inform
47. A girl trips over a ball, falls and gets a grass stain on her dress. Which acts as the **cause**? _____
 A. falling down
 B. mom yelling because the girl soiled her dress
 C. having to mow the lawn to make money to buy a new dress
 D. tripping over a ball
48. If school were to be six days instead of five, which would be the most immediate **effect**? _____
 A. a better education B. a better job C. more homework D. a bigger family
49. One can easily remember that the Spanish word "escribir" means "to write" because in English another word for "writer is _____.
 A. scribe B. script C. nom de plume
50. The definition of **cognate** is _____.
 A. one word related to another word in another language
 B. a type of literature
 C. the part of your brain where language is processed
51. **Primary research** is when you get information firsthand via interview or direct observation. **Secondary research** is when you _____.
 A. read several credible articles, books or magazines about a subject
 B. go to high school
 C. use a tape recorder
52. A one-word **summary** of a story is often the same as the story's _____.
 A. purpose B. author C. theme D. number of pages
53. The word **contrast** means _____.
 A. to turn the light on B. to copy C. to set in opposition or show differences
54. In the sentence "The teacher asked the children where they were going," the **pronoun** "they" refers to the **antecedent** _____.
 A. teacher B. sometimes C. preposition D. children
55. An example of **irony** would be _____.
 A. A sixteen year-old boy runs away from home and the first job he gets is working at a runaway center.
 B. A businessman sees that his dress shirt is wrinkled so he irons it.
 C. An astronaut, once he lands back on earth, continues to enjoy eating freeze-dried food.
56. A sentence is a **fragment** and therefore not a **complete sentence** if it is doesn't have the two basic elements – a **subject** and a _____.
 A. period B. predicate C. vowel D. pancake
57. **Long vowels** sound like their names, and they are often present in words that end with a silent _____.
 A. a B. e C. i D. o
58. Which word contains a short "a?" _____
 A. kite B. like C. hate D. hat

59. In the word “tricycle,” the prefix “tri” means _____.

- A. two B. ride C. fall D. three

60. In the word “bicycle,” the prefix “bi” means _____.

- A. two B. ride C. fall D. three

ESSAY WORTH TEN POINTS

On lined paper, please write a **six-paragraph persuasive essay** that convinces the reader of your opinion. Your essay should have:

- Introductory paragraph that ends with a strong thesis (your opinion);
- Three body paragraphs in support of your opinion;
- One body paragraph that addresses an opposing concern (a counterargument); and
- Conclusion

(OR instead of one single counter-argument paragraph, you can put a counter-argument in each of the previous body paragraphs).

Your essay should address *one* of the following issues:

1. Should children be allowed to vote?
2. Should homework be eliminated completely?
3. At what age should people be allowed to drive?
4. Should smoking be illegal?
5. Should cell phones be allowed in class?
6. OTHER SUBJECT OF YOUR CHOOSING

YOU MAY USE THIS THE SPACE BELOW FOR BRAINSTORMING
