VERBAL ADVANTAGE - LEVEL 01-10 VOCABULARY TESTS

Verbal Advantage – Level 04 Review Test

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1. Which word means specifically an amateur practitioner of an art?
A) tyro **B)** novice
C) neophyte **D)** dilettante

2. Which word is an antonym of ***garrulous***?
A) verbose **B)** laconic
C) loquacious **D)** voluble

3. The combining form ***auto-*** means _____.
A) other **B)** alone **C)** self **D)** only

4. The combining form ***pan-*** means _____.
A) one **B)** all
C) over **D)** through

5. Which phrase is ***not*** redundant?
A) a daily journal
B) the nonprofessional laity
C) a panacea for all ills
D) all of the above phrases are redundant

6. Which is ***not*** an accepted meaning of ***pantheon***?
A) a collection of the best examples of something
B) all the gods worshiped by a given people
C) a temple dedicated to all the gods
D) any group of highly respected or revered persons

7. ***Insipid, vapid***, and ***jejune*** are synonyms of _____.
A) abject **B)** myopic
C) prosaic **D)** deleterious

8. Which pair of words is ***not*** synonymous?
A) fraud, fake **B)** humbug, charlatan
C) imposter, dissident **D)** quack, mountebank

9. ***Mechanical, routine***, and ***listless*** are synonyms of _____.
A) jaded **B)** onerous
C) ambivalent **D)** perfunctory

10. Which statement does **not** apply to ***sophistry***?
A) it is clever **B)** it is confusing
C) it is plausible **D)** it is deceptive

11. Miss Thistlebottom, the hidebound grammarian, is the creation of _____.
A) Theodore M. Bernstein
B) H. W. Fowler
C) William Safire
D) Lewis Carroll

12. What is a lexicographer?
A) a writing instructor
B) an author of usage guides
C) a maker of dictionaries
D) an expert on word origins

13. Which word is a synonym of ***mundane***?
A) sublunary **B)** celestial
C) sublime **D)** ethereal

14. In ancient Greece, a ***myriad*** was _____.
A) a temple dedicated to all the gods
B) a period of fasting followed by a feast
C) a division of ten thousand soldiers
D) a marathon

15. Which pair of words is synonymous?
A) laudable, deplorable
B) meritorious, ignominious
C) commendable, contemptible
D) exemplary, estimable

16. Which of the following is least likely to make someone jaded?
A) abuse **B)** inactivity
C) overwork **D)** overindulgence

17. Which word is a synonym of ***latitudinarian***?
A) purblind **B)** obtuse
C) catholic **D)** myopic

18. Which sentence illustrates proper usage?
A) This is between you and me.
B) This is between you and I.

19. By derivation, the word ***pontificate*** is related to _____.
A) the Stoic philosophers
B) the Pope
C) snake-oil salesmen
D) the Sophists

20. Which word means expressing opinion as if it were fact?
A) diurnal **B)** disparaging
C) dogmatic **D)** demonstrable

21. In ***ambivalent*** and ***ambidextrous***, the combining form ***ambi-*** means _____.
A) around **B)** through **C)** other **D)** both

22. To ***speculate***, ***surmise***, and ***conjecture*** all mean _____.
A) to risk **B)** to guess
C) to examine **D)** to take for granted

23. Which word is an antonym of ***surreptitious***?
A) manifest **B)** furtive
C) clandestine **D)** covert

24. Which is the proper pronunciation of ***heinous***?
A) HEE-nis **B)** HAY-nis
C) HEE-nee-us **D)** HAY-nee-us

25. Which word is an antonym of ***impeccable***?
A) perfunctory **B)** extemporaneous
C) culpable **D)** jaded

26. Which word means a small sin, minor fault or flaw?
A) stigma **B)** idiosyncrasy
C) macula **D)** peccadillo

27. Which word means a lull, hiatus?
A) jade **B)** respite
C) abjection **D)** acquiescence

28. In ***preferable, formidable, comparable***, and ***applicable***, where does the stress properly fall?
A) on the first syllable
B) on the second syllable

29. The question "**What are you inferring?**" means _____.
A) What are you deducing or concluding?
B) What are you suggesting or indicating indirectly?
C) What are you explaining or defining?
D) What precisely are you saying?

30. "Amanda was _____ to improve her verbal skills." In careful usage, which word properly should fill the blank in that sentence?
A) anxious **B)** eager

31. By derivation, a ***cornucopia*** is _____.
A) an official decree
B) a horn of plenty
C) a worker of miracles
D) an artistic masterpiece

32. Which word is an antonym of ***stoic***?
A) apathetic **B)** astute
C) ardent **D)** ambivalent

33. Which pair of words are synonyms?
A) immutable, erratic
B) protean, mercurial
C) capricious, invariable
D) flighty, quiescent

34. ***Unsullied, immaculate***, and ***pristine*** are antonyms of _____.
A) onerous **B)** impeccable
C) volatile **D)** squalid

35. ***Conjecture*** and ***abject*** both come from the Latin verb ***jacere***, which means _____.
A) to accept **B)** to judge
C) to throw **D)** to make a mistake

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