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TEST 1

1 Three of the following words have similar meanings. Which word has a different meaning to the other three?

A FAIR
B IMPARTIAL
C OPEN-MINDED
D PREJUDICED

2 Rearrange all the words below to make the best sentence. What letter does the last word begin with?

of mankind the habit reading is one of resources of the greatest

A m
B r
C g
D h

3 The word AMNESTY is most nearly the *opposite* in meaning to

A DISMISSAL
B PARDON
C DOOM
D BLAME

4 RINGING is to TELEPHONE as

A DINGING is to TIMER
B PURPLE is to GRAPE
C SLEEP is to HUMANS
D CRAWLING is to BABIES

5 The word BAULK is *nearest* in meaning to

A IDENTITY
B PREVENT
C ENCOURAGE
D VERIFY

6 The word DEPOSIT is most nearly the *opposite* in meaning to

A SELL
B WITHDRAW
C COLLECT
D UNCOVER

7 Gary is a gambler. When he bets, he wins $50 but when he loses it costs him $30. He makes 10 bets and wins $340. How many times did he lose?

A 5
B 4
C 2
D 3

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8 Tony has $48. If Amy doubled her money, she would have three quarters of Tony's money. How much does Amy have?
A $128
B $18
C $24
D $36

9 If FRIEND is coded as HUMJTK, how can CANDLE be written in that code?
A DEQJQM
B DCQHQK
C EDRIRL
D ESJFME

10 DULL is to VIBRANT as:
A HUGE is to GIGANTIC
B BARKING is to DOGS
C CLARITY is to LIQUID
D BORED is to ENTHUSIASTIC

11 A book always has
A CONTENTS
B ILLUSTRATIONS
C CHAPTER
D PAGES

12 A book is three-sevenths full of writing. After 60 pages have been filled, it is nine-elevenths full. How many pages are in the notebook?
A 98
B 154
C 213
D 245

13 Each of my four best friends has $100 and I have $200. How much may I give to each of them, so that everyone has the same amount of money?
A $10
B $15
C $20
D $25

14 The word BOWDLERISE is *nearest* in meaning to
A PERSUADE
B CONFUSE
C CENSOR
D INDULGE

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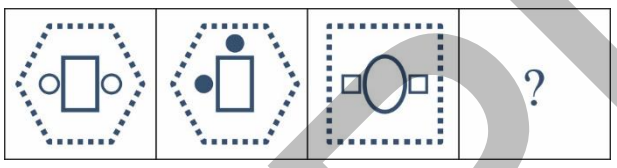
15 Find the two statements that together prove that:

SANDY IS A COUNTRY MUSIC SINGER?

I. Sandy sings in a band.
II. Sandy likes country music the best.
III. Difficult music such as country and classical require a strongly trained voice.
IV. Sandy's band plays country songs.
V. Sandy has attended singing lessons for many years.

A I & III
B II & V
C III & V
D I & IV

16 A figure is missing in the following sequence.



Which of the answer figures would best replace the question mark?

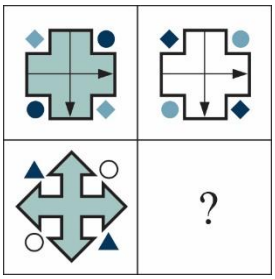


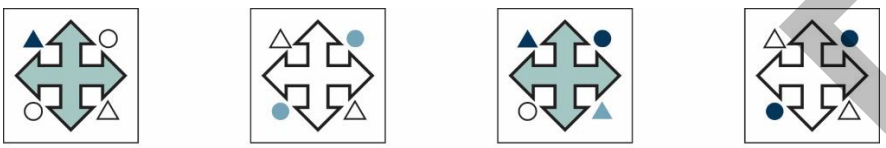
17 The word GAMBIT is *nearest* in meaning to
A EXPRESSION
B TRICK
C EXPLANATION
D APPEAL

18 PENALTY is to REWARD as GAUNT is to
A PASSAGE
B STOUT
C GLVOE
D SLIM

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19 The figures in the diagram below follow a set of rules. Which of the answer figures would best replace the question mark?





20 The study of life in outer space is known as

A Neurobiology
B Exobiology
C Geology
D Endobiology

21 The word ANIMOSITY is most nearly the *opposite* in meaning to

A LOVE
B PLANTLIKE
C BARREN
D TIDY

22

1	3	2
2	1	4

is to 13 as

5	2	1
1	6	4

is to

A 19
B 20
C 21
D 22

23 Rearrange all the words below to make the best sentence. What letter does the last word begin with?

are we enjoy that belong to us than if much more they borrowed reading books

A m
B b
C r
D t

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24 Use the clues to find out the day of Karen's birthday.

Clues:
The first day of May is a Wednesday.
Karen's birthday is in the second last week of May.
It's an even number divisible by 4.
It's not on a Friday.

A Tuesday
B Saturday
C Wednesday
D Monday

25 What letter is missing in the series?

3 4 L 2 11 V 1 8 ?

A G
B H
C I
D R

26 The word LETHAL is *nearest* in meaning to
A dreary
B dreadful
C deadly
D strange

27 Find the missing number that complete the sequence.

1	3		6	9		2	4		?	6
6	8		7	3		6	4		7	2

A 3
B 4
C 5
D 1

28 The word SARTORIAL is most nearly the *opposite* in meaning to
A CHEERFUL
B SINCERE
C INTELEGENT
D HOMESPUN

29 Rearrange all the words below to make the best sentence. What letter does the last word begin with?

prolong the operation life by or years two three his could

A p
B o
C t
D y

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1 **D**: Prejudiced means an unfavourable opinion or feeling; others mean fair.

2 **A**: The habit of reading is one of the greatest resources of mankind.

3 **D**: Amnesty means forgetting or overlooking of any past offence; doom means ruin or death.

4 **A**

5 **B**: Baulk means to stop or refuse to go on.

6 **B**

7 **C**: 8 wins and 2 losses.

8 **B**: Three quarters of $48 is 36. Amy has half of that amount which is $18.

9 **C**: First letter +2, +3, +4, +5, +6.

10 **D**: Opposite relationship.

11 **D**: A book always has pages.

12 **B**: The difference between $\frac{9}{11}$ and $\frac{3}{7}$ is 60 pages. $\frac{9}{11} - \frac{3}{7} = \frac{30}{77}$ = 60 pages. $\frac{1}{77}$ = 2 pages. So the total number of pages is 77 × 2 = 154 pages.

13 **C**: Total amount = 100 × 4 + 200 = 600. The average = 600 ÷5 = 120 so I have to give $20 to each to become $120 each.

14 **C**: Bowdlerise means to remove passage or words regarded as indecent from a play, novel etc; censor means to delete.

15 **D**

16 **C**

17 **B**: Gambit means any manoeuvre by which one seeks to gain an advantage.

18 **B**: Gaunt means extremely thin and bony; stout means bulky in figure.

19 **D**: The big figure is opposite in colour. The small figures on the corners are opposite in colours too.

20 **B**: Exobiology is the study of life beyond the earth's atmosphere.

21 **A**: Animosity means strong dislike, therefore love is the opposite.

22 **C**: The outside number is sum of product of the top and bottom numbers. 5×1 + 2×6 + 1×4 = 21.

23 **B**: We enjoy reading books that belong to us much more than if they are borrowed.

24 **D**: It's 20th May.

25 **B**: The alphabet is the product of the two previous numbers. 1× 8 = 8. The eighth alphabet is H.

26 **C**: Lethal means deadly.

27 **B**: 6×3 equals 18, 7×9 equals 63, 6×4 equals 24, 7×6 equals 42. Therefore ? should be replaced by 4.

28 **D**: Sartorial means of or relating to tailored clothes; homespun means homemade.

29 **D**: The operation could prolong his life by two or three years.

30 **B**: Each letter is moved 4 places forward.

31 **A**: The first words is what is sensed by the second word. Shrill is high-pitched and piercing in sound.

32 **D**

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