



I. Choose the one idiom that best completes each sentence.

1. After their car _____, Marty and Jack had to walk five miles to the nearest service station.

A. broke in	B. broke off
C. broke down	D. broke up

2. The train wreck _____ as a result of the engineer's negligence.

A. came around	B. came about
C. came across	D. came by

3. The Brindley Corporation had to _____ ten percent of its employees due to decreased sales.

A. lay out	B. lay in
C. lay up	D. lay off

4. We couldn't believe that Tim would _____ an opportunity to work for that global company.

A. pass up	B. pass through
C. pass on	D. pass for

5. Teenagers often try to _____ with their peers by wearing clothes of the same style and listening to the same music.

A. fit in	B. hang up
C. fit out	D. hang down

6. By law attorneys must _____ evidence to the court so that both sides may have a chance to review it.

A. turn down	B. turn out
C. turn aside	D. turn over

7. The Brazilian rain forest _____ 40 percent of all species of tree frog.

A. applies to	B. accounts for
C. gives in	D. gives onto



8. On your way to the dorm, _____ the library to see if the book is on reserve.
A. drop off
B. drop out
C. drop by
D. drop away
9. She had trouble _____ her dog's sudden death.
A. coming through with
B. coming to terms with
C. coming down with
D. coming forward with
10. By mistreating the prisoners, the general was _____ the rules laid out by the Geneva Convention.
A. in touch with
B. in danger of
C. in accordance with
D. in violation of
11. When you budget your money, you should _____ emergency expenses.
A. accede to
B. assure that
C. amount to
D. allow for
12. After the massive cutbacks at the plant, his uncle was _____ a large robot.
A. supplanted by
B. subject to
C. required of
D. voted for
13. The meeting was _____ on account of the blackout.
A. called in
B. called up
C. called off
D. called round
14. They _____ a two-month tour of the country with a marvelous party in the capital.
A. kicked down
B. kicked off
C. kicked against
D. kicked out
15. She felt relaxed after _____ in a ballet class for an hour.
A. working through
B. working over
C. working off
D. working out



II. Choose the answer that most nearly expresses the meaning of the word printed in heavy black type.

More About the Guitar

The guitar is one of the oldest instruments known to man. It probably originated in the **vicinity** of China. There were guitars in ancient Egypt and Greece as well, but the written history of the guitar starts in Spain in the 13th **century**. By 1500 the guitar was popular in Italy, France, and Spain. A French **document** of that time **concludes** that many people were playing the guitar. Stradivarius, the **undeniable** king of violin makers, could not **resist** creating a variety of guitars. Also, there was no **lack** of music written for the instrument. Haydn, Schubert, and others wrote guitar music. When the great Beethoven was asked to compose music for the guitar, he went into a **rage** and refused, but eventually even Beethoven could not **ignore** the **challenge**; legend tells us he finally called the guitar a **miniature** orchestra. Indeed the guitar does sound like a little orchestra! Perhaps that is why in rural areas around the world the guitar has been a **source** of music for millions to enjoy.

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| 16. century | A. countless years | B. three score years |
| | C. one hundred years | D. generation |
| 17. document | A. official paper | B. critical review |
| | C. decree | D. composition |
| 18. undeniable | A. essential | B. unforeseen |
| | C. comprehensive | D. unquestionable |
| 19. vicinity | A. region near a place | B. division of a city or town |
| | C. residential district | D. metropolitan area |
| 20. challenge | A. banish permanently | B. verify easily |
| | C. call to a fight | D. join together |



21. lack
 A. take responsibility
 C. be without
 B. correct
 D. give freely
22. miniature
 A. balanced
 C. eager
 B. tiny
 D. forbidden
23. rage
 A. extreme anger
 C. rapid movement
 B. foolish explanation
 D. bad habit
24. conclude
 A. show
 C. examine
 B. reorganize
 D. decide
25. source
 A. origin
 C. onlooker
 B. task
 D. chart
26. resist
 A. discuss honestly
 C. strive against
 B. change completely
 D. pay attention
27. ignore
 A. disregard
 C. exaggerate
 B. complete
 D. offer

III. There are four underlined words or short phrases in each question. Pick the one wrong word or short phrase that is grammatically incorrect in each sentence.

28. Dr. Robinson, in addition to being the leader of group of 50 highly respected
 A
 biotechnology researchers, also head the research and development department at
 B C D
 TriNoCor Pharmaceuticals.
29. Third-quarter sales were much slow than predicated, possibly because of the
 A B C
unusually cold autumn.
 D



30. According to developers, the purpose of virtual reality software is to provide the
 A B
 users with what wanted to explore otherwise unattainable environments.
 C D
31. Corporate espionage, the act of using spies to obtain information about a
 A B
competing company, it is generally considered inappropriate.
 C D
32. Perhaps as many as 60 percent of all disc drives installed in computers in current
 A B
 use in Europe was manufactured by the same factory.
 C D
33. Seven out of ten practicing lawyers in New England have worked for the private firm.
 A B C D
34. Although synthetic nylon is mainly synthesize for fabric, it is also manufactured
 A B
to make ropes, insulation, fiberglass, and other common household utensils.
 C D
35. New corporate policy states that all metal containers used for food storage must
 A B
 first be thoroughly washed and then disinfection to protect against harmful bacteria.
 C D
36. The 1979 power outage in New York City caused half of the city to be without
 A B
 electricity for several hours, crippling a hundred of businesses.
 C D



37. After beginning of any industrial revolution, the rural population steadily shifts
A B
toward urban centers.
C D
38. The study of the group dynamic has gained popularity as business managers
A B
attempt to find the optimal work environments for its employees.
C D
39. It was the invention of the assembly line rather of the increase in the average pay
A B C
that increased the popularity of the automobile.
D
40. The internet, with all its advanced technology, relies heavy on infrastructures
A B C
built over a generation ago.
D

IV. After reading each passage below, choose the best answer that can be most logically supported by the information given.

41. My day has not ended. When I get home I suddenly realize that I have between thirty and forty pounds of fish to clean--rockfish yet, all full of spines and pricklers and razor-sharp teeth. When I'm finished I have so many holes in me I look like a composite of George Custer, Saint Sebastian, Bonnie and Clyde, but my family comes out to view the catch and restore my faith in the whole enterprise.

"Yuk," says my daughter.

"That's a lot of codfish for people who aren't all that into codfish," says my wife.

"I wouldn't eat that on a bet," says my son.



- A. The family is on vacation.
B. The author's family appreciates his hard work to feed them.
C. The family will have fish for dinner.
D. When he praises his family for restoring his faith, the author is being sarcastic.
42. I guess I did it because I hadn't studied very much. And it seemed so easy--everybody knows that Mr. Brown keeps his office door unlocked. It's just too bad things didn't work out for me. Now my classmates are mad at me because they must re-study for the new test Mr. Brown is making up. My parents have taken away my car keys. And even worse, I'll have to go to summer school for biology.
- A. The speaker stole a test.
B. The speaker had been failing the course.
C. The speaker regrets not studying more.
D. The speaker will never cheat again.
43. A high school once offered a course called "Home Economics for Boys." Not very many boys signed up for the course. Then someone decided to rename the course instead of dropping it. So the next time the course was offered it was called "Bachelor Living," but the course otherwise remained the same. The class then drew 120 students.
- A. Most of the boys intend to remain bachelors.
B. Most of the boys did not want to sign up for a class that sounded like a class for girls.
C. Boys aren't really interested in cooking.
D. Both boys and girls signed up for the course.



44. Thinking his company had entirely too many rules, an office worker decided to do something about it. So he posted an official-looking notice next to the pencil sharpener. Next to that, he posted a log sheet. For each use of the sharpener, said the notice, everyone must write on the log the date, his or her name, and the number of pencils sharpened. After two weeks, seventeen people had signed the log. The worker who had thought it up had also signed it--twice. "Everyone else was doing it, so I thought I should sign it, too," he explained.
- A. Workers in that office were used to obeying orders.
 - B. This is the first of many times the writer of the notice would try to do something about office rules.
 - C. The writer of the notice rarely followed office rules.
 - D. The workers who did not sign the log were soon let go by the company.

In colonial America, anyone could become a physician merely by adopting the label. There were no medical schools or medical societies to license or regulate what was a free-for-all trade. Sometimes clergymen tried to provide medical care to their parishioners, and care of a sort was offered by all kinds of laypeople as well. Documents of the time record a doctor who sold "tea, sugar, olives, grapes, anchovies, raisins, and prunes" along with medicinals, and also tell of a woman who "Acts here in the Double Capacity of a Doctress and Coffee Woman" (Starr 1982, p.39). Training for medical practice, such as it was, was given by apprenticeship.

45. In comparison to today, a medical practice in colonial America
- A. must have been harder to establish.
 - B. must have been more expensive to establish.
 - C. probably required more study.
 - D. was less likely to be full-time.
46. Considering the medical training of the time, we might conclude that
- A. most doctors did medical research.
 - B. people were lucky to get good medical care.
 - C. very few people would have been considered qualified to be medical apprentices.
 - D. most colonial Americans were probably pretty healthy.



In the mid-1970s the networks tried to break down traditional viewing habits by introducing a new format, the mini-series. The idea was to get people hooked on the series in the first episode--usually broadcast on Sunday night--so they would tune in again the next several evenings. Mini-series have proven very popular and they are often scheduled during "sweep periods," when TV stations are monitored to determine audience sizes. (Sweeps are usually conducted three times a year--November, February and May--and are used to set advertising rates. High ratings mean higher ad rates for the local stations and networks.)

The mini-series concept actually came from public broadcasting, which began showing BBC-produced serials such as *The Forsyte Saga* in 1969 and *Upstairs Downstairs*.

47. Since mini-series usually begin on Sunday nights, we can conclude that
- A. the first episode usually lasts an hour.
 - B. mini-series appeal to the most religious Americans.
 - C. many Americans watch TV on Sunday nights.
 - D. there are usually fewer TV ads on Sunday nights.
48. Form the passage, we can conclude that public broadcasting
- A. broadcasts ads during its mini-series.
 - B. influenced the networks.
 - C. has "sweep periods."
 - D. would not begin its serials on Sunday nights.



If you want to take your mind off the trouble of the real world, you should watch local TV news. I know of no better way to escape reality, except perhaps heavy drinking.

Local TV news programs have given a whole new definition to the word news. To most people, *news* means *information about events that affect a lot of people*. On local TV news shows, *news* means *anything that you can take a picture of, especially if a local TV News Personality can stand in front of it*. This is why they are so fond of car accidents, burning buildings, and crowds: these are good for standing in front of. On the other hand, local TV news shows tend to avoid stories about things that local TV News Personalities cannot stand in front of, such as budgets and taxes and the economy. If you want to get a local TV news show to do a story on the budget, your best bet is to involve it in a car crash. (By Dave Barry)

49. A. Barry respects the way local TV newspeople cover important issues.
B. He believes the economy is much less newsworthy than a car accident.
C. Barry's main point is that local TV newspeople feel car accidents and burning buildings are more important public issues than local economics.
D. Barry's main point is that local TV newspeople ignore important stories because they are visually uninteresting.
50. A. Barry is probably a heavy drinker who likes to escape reality.
B. Barry no longer watches any news on TV.
C. He probably dislikes TV programs in general.
D. Barry thinks it is unlikely that a local TV news show will do many stories on the budget.