

A) Choose the one underlined part of the sentence(s) that is incorrect. On your answer sheet, write the letter of the answer you have chosen.

1. Every one of the contestants fought hardly to win the best-dessert championship.
A B C D
2. She wants to take less days off because the medicine affects her ability to communicate.
A B C D
3. Thomas proudly accepted the award for the project he concieved over the past year.
A B C D
4. An English proverb says great minds think similar while great appetites just eat a lot.
A B C D
5. In order to look pretty, Jennifer wore her girlfriend's earings to the school dance.
A B C D
6. However, far I travel, I cannot forget the place where all my journeys began.
A B C D
7. When the child wept, her grandmother's sleep interrupted.
A B C D
8. The luxury house probably didn't sell because the property's lawn was not cut properly.
A B C D
9. Beware of the fine prints; promises made can be taken away by conditions.
A B C D
10. We appreciate you as much for your accomplishments as to your polite demeanor.
A B C D
11. Would he knowingly give us a factually incorrect document, fondly angering us?
A B C D
12. Jeff wouldn't have gotten to know me if he hadn't been married with an influential politician.
A B C D
13. "I cannot see into the hole." "Is there anyway you could try? I would be grateful."
A B C D
14. I often read gossips about the Kennedys in the newspapers on Sundays.
A B C D
15. My eldest son's most famous poem is about how he doesn't like grapes nor raisins.
A B C D
16. "The army is in northern Italy, general." "They might attack the capital before winter."
A B C D
17. Bob's comments on Kenji's poem that won't publish until June are harsh.
A B C D
18. In spite of Dan's apology, I sensed a little regret in his voice; he was not truly sorry.
A B C D
19. As we don't have as much money as you, our bank isn't as agreeing to give us a loan.
A B C D
20. After Jen knelt down to apologize, she rose to her feet and was lead out of the room.
A B C D

B) Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence. On your answer sheet, write the letter of the answer you have chosen.

21. The kindergarten teacher was ___ by the student's mispronunciation of "fry pan" in her speech.
A. amused
B. thrilled
C. cheered
D. pleased
22. Tina received a small ___ for designing this year's festival poster.
A. income
B. payment
C. salary
D. money
23. The ___ house had to be demolished after a flood.
A. thirty-eight-year-old
B. thirty-eight year old
C. thirty-eight year-old
D. thirty eight year old
24. Jason's life would have been saved if he ___ the surgery.
A. undertook
B. had undertaken
C. underwent
D. had undergone
25. In science, we learned that human beings have a(n) ___ inside their bodies.
A. geoskeleton
B. exoskeleton
C. endoskeleton
D. thermoskeleton
26. Animal populations are declining. ___ many species may go extinct in the near future.
A. Nevertheless,
B. Eventually,
C. However,
D. Therefore,
27. Hemingway's novel is extremely long. Our English teacher said it is longer than ____.
A. Fitzgerald
B. that of Fitzgerald
C. Fitzgeralds novel
D. a Fitzgerald
28. The water shortage occurred ___ the lack of rainfall over the summer.
A. by
B. for
C. due to
D. based on
29. After the father of the bride's speech, everyone ___ their wine glasses together.
A. clinked
B. dinged
C. clattered
D. pinged
30. "I wonder if this pencil belongs ___ Val said.
A. to Igor,"
B. to Igor?"
C. to Igor."
D. to Igor;"
31. The businessman regretfully muttered that he should ___ the contract.
A. have never agreed to
B. have never agreed with
C. never have agreed with
D. have not never agreed to
32. The robbers ___ fled the scene in a red van.
A. , of who two were arrested,
B. , two of whom were arrested,
C. who two of them were arrested
D. that of whom two were arrested,
33. Roger has never ___ the sea because of his fear of sharks.
A. swum
B. swam in
C. swum in
D. swam
34. When I asked Rachel if she liked sci-fi movies, I ___ the latest *Star Wars* film.
A. was illustrated
B. was given a description of
C. was described
D. could learn about

35. Other people's opinions affect us. It is hard not to be concerned about what _____.
 A. the society will think C. societal tendency think
 B. society thinks D. the society thinks
36. _____ will you bring the diamonds we need to make our newest crown?
 A. By what purpose C. In which means
 B. In which purpose D. By what means
37. The separatists revolted using a form of _____ warfare.
 A. gorilla C. griller
 B. guava D. guerrilla
38. My favorite collection of poems is called _____.
 A. The Flowers of Evil C. "The Flowers of Evil"
 B. the flowers of evil D. *The Flowers of Evil*
39. The intelligent professor, whose thesis was published last year, is the best friend of both of my _____.
 A. father in law C. father-in-laws
 B. fathers-in-law D. fathers-in-laws
40. Alex and her mother _____ out of time if they had been more diligent.
 A. will not have run C. would not have ran
 B. would not have run D. will not have ran

C) Vocabulary: Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). On your answer sheet, write the letter of the word you have chosen.

41. Despite having their own vehicles, the police often appropriate the cars of others.
 A. proper B. seize C. suitable D. destroy
42. Centuries ago, Rome took over many cities due to its domineering ways.
 A. unpredictable B. mischievous C. inhospitable D. imperial
43. Roses are the most beautiful flowers; however, they are unfortunately short-lived.
 A. ephemeral B. permanent C. inedible D. potable
44. After drinking the potion, Alice lay immobile on the floor for hours.
 A. properly B. stationery C. inert D. ecstatic
45. Do not worry about the chalk. With time, the rain will erase the pictures you drew.
 A. efface B. erode C. preserve D. persevere
46. If you want to save money to travel, you will have to refrain from spending so much.
 A. continue B. forge on C. consecrate D. forego
47. Aurelian lived all over the world. He is the definition of a worldly person.
 A. naive B. cosmopolitan C. polyglot D. polychromatic

48. The examiner did everything she could to get a response from the criminal.
A. implant B. imbibe C. evaporate D. elicit
49. Jane looked around the room and thought to herself, "Something is awry here..."
A. misaligned B. correct C. broken D. missing
50. Jeremy is a true connoisseur of fine things, from music, to art, to food.
A. provider B. ignoramus C. pundit D. hater
51. Billy loves to play outside and dig holes. The only problem is he is afraid of insects.
A. entomophobic B. claustrophobic C. enamored D. xenophobic
52. I am afraid you do not understand the importance of losing the last animals on Earth.
A. gravity B. attraction C. incoherence D. justice
53. The fortuneteller cried out, "You are the harbinger of evil yet to come. Drink this!"
A. destroyer B. herald C. fear D. hoarder

D) Choose the word pair that best completes each analogy. On your answer sheet, write the letter of the answer you have chosen.

Example: “left : right” matches with “west : east” because the relationship between *left* and *right* is the same as the relationship between *west* and *east*.

54. baseball : sport
A. judo : Japan
B. music : drama
C. spruce : conifer
D. money : economy
55. library : reading
A. cheering : stadium
B. theater : acting
C. sailing : ocean
D. bistro : sleeping
56. epilogue : book
A. act : play
B. poem : anthology
C. noun : sentence
D. dessert : meal
57. wolf : pack
A. flock : seagulls
B. grid : streets
C. straw : bale
D. soup : can
58. sight : write
A. hear : call
B. foresee : foretell
C. craft : create
D. weight : late
59. satisfied : discontented
A. excited : fidgety
B. confident : unorganized
C. talkative : reserved
D. baffled : furious
60. germs : infection
A. painting : museum
B. dream : nightmare
C. surgery : accident
D. spark : fire
61. microscope : bacteria
A. kaleidoscope : color
B. periscope : submarine
C. stethoscope : eye
D. telescope : stars
62. shelter : storm
A. frozen : lake
B. armor : arrow
C. radio : waves
D. fabric : remnant

F) Read the following passages and choose the best answer for each of the questions. On your answer sheet, clearly print the letter of the answer you have chosen.

I. Working for the Godfather

On a morning when I had woken up later than usual, I saw a man standing on the front porch of 139 Hillcrest Lane. From a distance, I could see his purple bathrobe and slick black hair. He seemed to stare in my direction—his sunglasses made it hard to tell for sure—as I rode my bicycle down the long driveway that sloped gradually and then rose sharply as it approached his gigantic palazzo. “Palazzo” was the word one of the neighbors on my paper route used to describe the house because its tall windows, soaring Greco-Roman columns, balconies filled with greenery, and the dome-shaped gazebo on the West side all reminded one of an Italian villa. As I drew closer to the house, I passed the pond (or was it a lake?) next to the driveway. When the pond had been dug, of course the owner had asked the workmen to reclaim some of the land to form an island. He was the only one in the neighborhood who owned an island.

“There you are.”

“Sorry to keep you waiting Mr. Lupo. Here’s your paper.” I parked my bicycle and walked speedily up to the customer, trying to seem apologetic for the late delivery.

“No biggie. No biggie. I read the paper and enjoy a cigar out here in the morning on occasion. Mrs. Lupo won’t allow it in her *lovely domicile*,” he said, adding pizzazz to the final two words and gesturing backward toward the house. I half expected to see Mrs. Lupo’s heavily made-up face appear in one of the windows. “So, I’m out here often.”

“Oh, that sounds nice,” I responded, not knowing what else to say but feeling I needed to say something. “Well, I better get going.”

“Hey, can you do me a favor? You’ve got some time, right?”

“Sure.” I still had about thirty papers to deliver, but I wasn’t about to say no to the man everyone in the neighborhood referred to as “the Godfather.”

“When you get to the top of that hill, I want you to look down over the other side. If you see a cop car parked on Brabson Drive, ring that bell you got there.”

“Like this?” I rang my bicycle bell.

“Yeah, yeah, but not so loud. And kind of do it, you know, nonchalantly.” I rang the bell again, this time more nonchalantly.

“That’s the ticket.”

So it was that I went from being a mere paperboy to a paperboy who was also (maybe) a part-time mafia informant. Mr. Lupo had always been a generous customer. After I began alerting him whether or not the police were parked in the neighborhood, his monthly tips quadrupled. But after earning these tips, my responsibilities increased. As did my dread of our early morning rendezvous.

“You know my daughter, right,” he said to me one morning between puffs on his cigar.

“Cassandra?”

“Yeah, Cassie. We call her Cassie.”

“We’re in the same grade.”

“You don’t say? That’s great, because I think she’s seeing some creep. I mean, I

40 don't know if he's a creep, but I just get this hunch when I see his yellow Jeep pull up to my house. She's my only daughter; you understand right?" I nodded, even though I didn't. "Well, I'd like you to keep an eye on her at school."

"Keep an eye on her?"

"Yeah, I just want to know about this guy she's always out with."

45 "Well, everyone knows..." I stopped, suddenly realizing I had said too much. I didn't want to get caught in the middle of a spat between the Godfather and "Queen Cassie."

"Everyone knows *what*?" he demanded. I swallowed hard as the ash fell from his cigar.

"She's dating some college guy."

50 "College? College!" I had never heard higher education spoken of with such disdain. "I'm gonna put a stop to this. I told her to stop dating older boys, but she never listens! She should be seeing a nice boy her own age—a nice boy...like you." The twinkle that appeared in Mr. Lupo's eye at that moment left me with a realization: I had allowed myself to get too close to the Godfather.

71. Which of the following is **not** able to be inferred about Mr. Lupo?
- A. He is waiting for his newspaper at the start of the passage.
 - B. He has considerable wealth.
 - C. He knows the name of the paperboy.
 - D. He is an avid smoker.
72. Prior to the encounters between Mr. Lupo and the paperboy described in the passage, the paperboy gains information about Mr. Lupo through...
- A. the other customers on the paperboy's route.
 - B. the paperboy's previous encounters with Mr. Lupo.
 - C. the police who patrol the neighborhood.
 - D. Mr. Lupo's daughter, who the paperboy knows.
73. Which of the following best describes the primary focus of the opening paragraph?
- A. the size of Mr. Lupo's house and its historical significance
 - B. the paperboy's worry about being late and his desire to offer good service
 - C. Mr. Lupo's house, his pond, and his controlling attitude toward his family
 - D. Mr. Lupo's considerable wealth and the intimidating impression he creates
74. In the initial encounter between Mr. Lupo and the paperboy, the paperboy's attitude toward Mr. Lupo would best be described as...
- A. skeptical and concerned about the favor he will be asked to do.
 - B. compliant and trying to stay in Mr. Lupo's good graces.
 - C. apologetic and concerned that he will lose his job.
 - D. frightened by Mr. Lupo's reputation and unwilling to comply.

75. How much time passes during the course of the passage?
- A. several days
 - B. seemingly several days but the passage does not say exactly
 - C. several months
 - D. seemingly several months but the passage does not say exactly
76. The most likely reason that the paperboy agrees to carry out tasks for Mr. Lupo is that...
- A. the paperboy knows that he will be rewarded financially.
 - B. the paperboy feels a connection to Mr. Lupo through his daughter.
 - C. the paperboy is intimidated by Mr. Lupo and cannot refuse.
 - D. the paperboy wishes to make up for having delivered the paper late.
77. If the paperboy was earning \$40 each month in tips from Mr. Lupo previously, how much tip money does he receive after he begins carrying out tasks for Mr. Lupo?
- A. \$80
 - B. \$120
 - C. \$160
 - D. \$200
78. Which of the following best describes the contrast between the two females mentioned in the passage?
- A. While Cassandra is mature, her mother is childish.
 - B. While Mrs. Lupo is a rule maker, Cassandra is a rule breaker.
 - C. While Cassandra starts rumors, Mrs. Lupo tries to stop rumors.
 - D. While Mrs. Lupo puts considerable effort into her appearance, Cassandra puts much less effort into her appearance.
79. Mr. Lupo's attitude toward his daughter would best be described as...
- A. narrow-minded and unwilling to accept her opinion.
 - B. worried and contemplating the best way to speak with her about his concerns.
 - C. controlling and willing to use unconventional tactics to gain information about her.
 - D. angry and considering calling the police on the college student she is dating.
80. What does the final paragraph of the passage suggest?
- A. Mr. Lupo plans to use the paperboy to end Cassie's current relationship.
 - B. The paperboy has found a way to end his relationship with Mr. Lupo.
 - C. Cassie will do something she has not done yet: rebel against her father.
 - D. Mr. Lupo holds a grudge against people who have attended university.

II.

The first recorded measurements of time can be found in Ancient Egypt. The Ancient Egyptians used sundials to measure the moments of the day when there was sunlight, eventually breaking “time” into units that were similar to what we call hours today. However, the ability to measure time, of course, was limited by the amount of daylight a particular day had. Thus, time ceased to be measurable at night and would also change depending on the seasons. During winter, daylight time is shorter and in summer, longer, so this made the Ancient Egyptian concept of time rather fluid.

Eventually, humans started to look for ways to measure time without using the sun as a reference point. This gave rise to water clocks, hourglasses, and other means of measuring periods of time, but they were far more accurate at measuring the length of a particular activity than the length of a day or hour. It was not until much later that the modern concept of time (the measurable intervals of seconds, minutes, and hours) developed. Philosophically speaking, this may also be the reason why most Western thought describes people as moving “through” time, similar to the way a train moves from one town to the next. Where you start and where you stop are all relative to a single fixed point in the past moving toward another fixed point in the future. The present, or now, exists only within that finite understanding that time is linear and only ever moves forward.

An interesting contrast to this Western ideology is found in the thirteenth century in Japan. The Zen Buddhist monk, Dogen Zenji, developed the concept of the “time-being.” He did not see time as a linear concept like in the West; rather, he believed that both time and being are the same inseparable force. To Dogen, all beings (humans, plants, and animals) are time-beings. This concept is expressed in the Japanese term *uji* or *aru toki* meaning *exist* and *time* respectively. According to Dogen, to understand being is to understand time and vice versa. Therefore, in contrast to the idea that time starts in the past and moves into the future, the only time that exists according to this Buddhist philosophy is the present. All being is time, and all time is now. This is because no other time can be physically observed by the naked eye. Though difficult to understand at first, the idea is similar to such sayings as “carpe diem” and “no time but the present.” Simply put, Dogen’s philosophy emphasizes the need to be totally aware of the here and now—the things happening right this moment—rather than worrying about events to come or events that have already been. Though Dogen lived during the thirteenth century, his teachings live on today in Zen Buddhist temples the world over, the most famous of which is Eiheiiji in Fukui Prefecture, Japan.

To you, what is time? How do you experience it? Are you moving through time, or is time motionless? How do you know?

81. The passage uses the term *Western* to refer to...
- A. the western hemisphere including Europe and the Americas.
 - B. the western part of Japan including Fukui and Yamaguchi.
 - C. ideas that were created in the American West.
 - D. a Japanese concept of the seasons based on directions.

82. What did Ancient Egyptians do to measure the passage of time?
- A. They created water clocks whose water levels changed each hour.
 - B. Daylight hours were accurately measured using hourglasses.
 - C. Daylight was broken into intervals similar to modern hours using sundials.
 - D. Ancient Egyptians believed time was fluid and did not measure it.
83. The underlined word in the third paragraph most closely means...
- A. Showing respect to individuals regardless of where they are from.
 - B. Giving positive reinforcement to difficult concepts.
 - C. Collectively and one-in-the-same.
 - D. Separately or individually in the order already mentioned.
84. The main idea of this passage is most likely which of the following?
- A. Time can be easily measured by simple means.
 - B. Egyptian time is the most accurate in the world.
 - C. Philosophers continue to argue about time to this day.
 - D. Concepts of time differ depending on culture.
85. The phrases *carpe diem* and *seize the day* are examples of what?
- A. metaphor
 - B. onomatopoeia
 - C. aphorism
 - D. oxymoron
86. Which of the following is not applicable to Dogen's philosophy?
- A. All time and all beings are the same.
 - B. All time exists simultaneously.
 - C. Time stops and starts in separate fixed points.
 - D. Worry about the past or future is not necessary.
87. The location of Eihei-ji mentioned in paragraph three is...
- A. integral to the main theme of the passage.
 - B. superfluous information.
 - C. not mentioned in the passage.
 - D. incorrect. Eihei-ji is not in Japan.
88. In the passage, which metaphor describes the Western concept of time?
- A. Time is a fixed point and flows in all directions.
 - B. Time is a top, spinning out of control.
 - C. Time is a train moving forward from station to station.
 - D. Time is the present and now only.

89. In what century were water clocks and hourglasses used to measure time?
- A. the thirteenth century
 - B. the twenty-first century
 - C. unclear from the passage
 - D. They were never used.
90. The questions at the end of the passage are examples of...
- A. rhetorical questions.
 - B. unanswerable paradoxes.
 - C. riddles meant to confuse.
 - D. imperative voice.

III.

Dear *New Valley Times* Editorial Board,

I read your “insightful” editorial yesterday about how only the treatment of root causes can effectively make real, lasting societal change. You specifically explained that “minority communities too often look first to the government for help with problems (1)_____ sources
5 reside within the community when, (2)in fact, only the minority community can resolve the problem because the true source lies within.” At that moment, something (3)clicked. Inspiration took root.

The idea that members of society can “cancel” or delegitimize those people whose actions or ideas are deemed (4)reprehensible has swept across the nation in the last five
10 years. In this “cancel culture,” when public figures do something morally wrong or say something incendiary, people condemn the figure, often using social media. They mobilize their networks of friends to limit or even erase that antagonist’s influence on society. If abuse of social status is a disease, cancel culture is the cure. Swift and immediate, cancel culture has created an environment where poor judgment receives punitive treatment and
15 where prominent figures who profit from their positions of power are held accountable for their misdeeds. Cancel culture operates on the belief that traditional authority figures respond either too slowly or too meekly to offensive behavior. Furthermore, cancel culture recognizes that technology has given like-minded people the means to fill the void.

How does this concern your editorial? Well, to this point, the movement has focused
20 its newly found voice primarily on the people of the present day. After reading your editorial, I realized that limiting ourselves to the present day is (5)myopic because today is just a symptom of a much greater problem buried deep within our past. The Greek philosopher Aristotle considered slavery as beneficial to the slave. Spanish artist Pablo Picasso described women as “machines for suffering.” Even English playwright William Shakespeare
25 portrayed Jewish people, such as the merchant Shylock in his play *The Merchant of Venice*, in a harsh light. The foundation of Western culture is built on these kinds of artists and intellectuals. Hence, if we truly want to get to the root cause of the problems in our communities, I submit that we should cancel Western culture entirely. Perhaps, if we start over, we may get it right this time.

30 Sincerely,
Janice Q. Easton

91. Based on the entire passage, when Janice Q. Easton describes the editorial as “insightful,” she means which of the following statements?
- A. She enjoyed reading the editorial.
 - B. She learned a lot of new information.
 - C. She disagrees with the message of the editorial.
 - D. She failed to get the message.
92. The blank labeled (1) should be filled with which of the following words?
- A. those
 - B. their
 - C. whose
 - D. who’s
93. The phrase “in fact” (2) can be replaced by which of the following?
- A. in addition
 - B. in reality
 - C. in contrast
 - D. in summary
94. When the writer says that something “clicked,” (3) it means which of the following statements?
- A. The writer made a discovery.
 - B. The writer made a choice.
 - C. The writer heard a sound.
 - D. The writer lost interest.
95. Based on the passage, the underlined word “reprehensible” (4) is closest in meaning to which of the following choices?
- A. blameworthy
 - B. reasonable
 - C. difficult to understand
 - D. loud and obnoxious
96. What statement best matches Janice’s explanation of cancel culture?
- A. People use social media to gather their friends to discuss social status.
 - B. People use social media to publish information about celebrities.
 - C. People use social media to praise or condemn people of high social status.
 - D. People use social media to punish the bad behavior of public figures.
97. According to Janice, what belief supports the need for cancel culture?
- A. Authority figures believe there is nothing offensive about people’s behavior.
 - B. Authority figures are the source of the problem.
 - C. People in positions of authority lack social standing to take action.
 - D. People in power react slowly when important figures in society misbehave.

98. What statement best matches the reason behind the writer's use of Aristotle, Picasso, and Shakespeare?
- A. These important figures in Western culture expressed ideas that are contrary to modern values.
 - B. These important figures in Western culture expressed hatred for minorities in their works.
 - C. These important figures in Western culture supported ideas that correspond to modern sensibilities.
 - D. These important figures in Western culture are a symptom of a much larger issue.
99. The underlined word(5) could be replaced with which of the following words?
- A. long-term
 - B. reasonable
 - C. short-sighted
 - D. prudent
100. Which of the following best matches Janice's purpose for writing the letter?
- A. She wants to criticize the board on the contents of an editorial.
 - B. She wants to compliment the board on the contents of an editorial.
 - C. She wants to explain the concept of "culture" to the board.
 - D. She wants to describe the foundation of Western culture to the board.

