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2025-2026 Vocabulary Test – Set 1

• (UIL Vocab Mentor/eMentor Set 1 Questions)

1. Paresthesia is tingling or itching of the skin from --- .
 - A. a muscle cramp
 - B. no particular cause
 - C. sitting in one position too long
 - D. standing with knees locked for too long
2. Which of the following is a definition of 'militarize?'
 - A. adapt existing equipment for war
 - B. equip to go to war
 - C. train soldiers for fighting in a war
 - D. all of the above
3. Which of the following means a 'romantic sense of well-being?'
 - A. melliferous
 - B. sidereal
 - C. stardust
 - D. vitrescent
4. Which of the following is the meaning of escarpment?
 - A. a long cliff
 - B. a long slope separating two distinct levels of ground
 - C. a steep slope in front of a fortification
 - D. all of the above
5. Where would one find a Sherpa?
 - A. on Aconcagua Mountain
 - B. on Mount Everest
 - C. on Mount McKinley
 - D. on Mount Kilimanjaro
6. Which of the following is the meaning of serpiginous?
 - A. relating to a song or poem of lamentation
 - B. spreading skin disorders
 - C. terse, characterized by speaking in few words
 - D. plundering
7. An odalisque is a(n) --- .
 - A. antique figurine
 - B. concubine
 - C. piece of translucent china
 - D. woman of noble bloodlines
8. Stenophagous' is derived from the Greek words meaning 'to eat' and --- .
 - A. insect
 - B. plant
 - C. narrow
 - D. large
9. The lecture covered the --- activity in the arm and how movement and nerves relate.
 - A. apatetic
 - B. cardiovascular
 - C. irremediable
 - D. neuromuscular
10. Which of the following means an 'individual test score expressed as the deviation from the mean score?'
 - A. D score
 - B. G score
 - C. M score
 - D. Z score
11. 'You ought to ... well, you should go if you want' is an example of an --- with a phrase broken for emphasis.
 - A. anacoluthon
 - B. diatribe
 - C. exemplum
 - D. languor
12. Which of the following is a meaning of 'postiche?'
 - A. afterthought
 - B. French china
 - C. toupee
 - D. youth hostel
13. A librettist would write the text for a(n) --- .
 - A. how-to book
 - B. movie
 - C. opera
 - D. all of the above
14. Which of the following is the best antonym for contumacious?
 - A. insubordinate
 - B. recalcitrant
 - C. self-important
 - D. tractable

29. Misology is the intense dislike of --- .
 - A. enlightenment
 - B. participation in arguing
 - C. using reason
 - D. all of the above
30. A --- is a dry sound coming from the lungs that indicates mucus or restricted airways.
 - A. rhonchus
 - B. oncornavirus
 - C. leptcephalus
 - D. fremitus
31. A centaur is a creature from Greek mythology with the torso and head of a man and the lower body of a --- .
 - A. goat
 - B. horse
 - C. lion
 - D. snake
32. Which of the following is a definition of 'disabuse'?
 - A. exchange insults
 - B. set free from misconceptions
 - C. take one's punishment
 - D. treat badly
33. My grandfather was the --- for the minister to Italy, and he often became the primary leader when the minister was travelling.
 - A. charge d'affaires
 - B. commissioner
 - C. dean
 - D. papal nuncio
34. Which of the following is a meaning of 'equivoque'?
 - A. ambiguous word
 - B. word with a double meaning
 - C. pun
 - D. all of the above
35. The sheet music specified that the piece be played ---, so Al used the slowest setting on the metronome.
 - A. dolcissimo
 - B. lentissimo
 - C. prestissimo
 - D. fortissimo
36. Which of the following comes from the --- word meaning 'drum'?
 - A. English
 - B. French
 - C. Latin
 - D. German
37. The word maxillary comes from the Latin word meaning --- .
 - A. jaw or cheek
 - B. large
 - C. lower
 - D. upper teeth
38. What would one do with a balaclava?
 - A. serve it for breakfast
 - B. ride in it
 - C. use it as a weapon for self defense
 - D. wear it on one's head
39. In a heptathlon, an athlete would compete in --- .
 - A. athletic competition in which a participant competes in seven different events
 - B. chemical compound derived from the laurel tree
 - C. something short-lived or of passing interest
 - D. the act of reading a person's character by the lines on hands and shape of hands
40. A posteriori means which of the following?
 - A. adding data at the end of a writing
 - B. proceeding from the rear
 - C. relating to what can only be known by observation or experience
 - D. sending one to the back of the line
41. Priding himself on his skill in pomiculture, Mr. Way produced all of the following EXCEPT --- .
 - A. apples
 - B. blackberries
 - C. corn
 - D. tomatoes
42. Who would use a featherstitch?
 - A. a dressmaker
 - B. an embroiderer
 - C. a rug maker
 - D. a weaver