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Questions for Reading Level 1

Reading Level 1 - Prereading

Choose the most appropriate answer for each question.

- 1) To discover what the context of an assignment is before actually reading it is _____.
- A) prereading
 - B) previewing
 - C) predicting
 - D) preparing

Answer: A

- 2) To anticipate what the material will cover is _____.
- A) prereading
 - B) previewing
 - C) predicting
 - D) preparing

Answer: C

- 3) Prereading is a(n) _____ way to approach any reading assignment.
- A) smart
 - B) active
 - C) passive
 - D) organized

Answer: B

- 4) A technique used before you begin reading that will improve your comprehension and recall is _____.
- A) prereading
 - B) previewing
 - C) predicting
 - D) preparing

Answer: A

- 5) Prereading is a way to get acquainted with the _____ and content of the material.
- A) main idea
 - B) topic
 - C) supporting details
 - D) organization

Answer: D

- 6) One of the easiest reading techniques to use is _____.
- A) prereading
 - B) previewing
 - C) predicting
 - D) preparing

Answer: A

7) A result of prereading is _____.

- A) reading slower
- B) reading more
- C) reading faster
- D) understanding better

Answer: C

8) Another result of prereading is the ability to _____.

- A) read slower
- B) follow the author's train of thought easier
- C) read more carefully
- D) write better

Answer: B

9) Prereading is like _____.

- A) going through a traffic light when it's red
- B) driving a car without a license
- C) riding a horse without a saddle
- D) looking at a road map before taking a trip

Answer: D

10) When you preread you look at what the material is about and _____.

- A) who wrote it
- B) how it is organized
- C) what source it came from
- D) how long it is

Answer: B

11) The title of an assigned reading functions as a (n) _____.

- A) label
- B) tag
- C) deterrent
- D) transition

Answer: A

12) The title identifies the overall topic or _____.

- A) main idea
- B) conclusion
- C) subject
- D) theme

Answer: C

13) The first few paragraphs of a piece of writing are usually _____.

- A) important
- B) analysis
- C) lengthy
- D) introductory

Answer: D

14) The writer may explain the _____ of the piece in the first few paragraphs.

- A) subject
- B) title
- C) theme
- D) tone

Answer: A

15) If the introduction to an assignment is long, read only _____.

- A) the first paragraph
- B) the last paragraph
- C) the first two or three paragraphs
- D) the entire selection

Answer: C

16) Look at each _____ in order to see how an assignment is organized.

- A) boldface heading
- B) paragraph
- C) word
- D) page number

Answer: A

17) _____ serve as labels to identify the content of the material under them.

- A) Terms
- B) Page numbers
- C) Paragraphs
- D) Titles

Answer: D

18) When strung together, the headings form a _____.

- A) banner
- B) mini outline
- C) theme
- D) design

Answer: B

19) By reading the first sentence under each label, you can figure out the _____ of the passage.

- A) theme
- B) details
- C) central thought
- D) tone

Answer: C

20) Italics means _____.

- A) to be of the Italic descent
- B) slanted print
- C) listing
- D) to free-wright

Answer: B

Determine which answer displays the most useful guide question for the given topic.

21) Water On Mars

- A) Why is there water on Mars?
- B) How do we know there is water on Mars?

Answer: B

22) The Wild Men of Comedy

- A) What makes the men of comedy wild?
- B) Who are the men?

Answer: A

23) Six Million Kids Are Seriously Overweight

- A) Why are six million kids overweight?
- B) What can we do to help these kids?

Answer: A

24) Lies About Social Security

- A) Who do the lies effect?
- B) How can we tell what lies are being told about social security?

Answer: B

25) Scott McNealy, Microsoft's Enemy #1

- A) Why is Scott McNealy Microsoft's #1 Enemy?
- B) Who is Scott McNealy?

Answer: A

26) Is America in Change?

- A) Why do we care if America is in change?
- B) How can we tell whether America is in change?

Answer: B

27) Dr. Dre is Back On Track

- A) Why was Dr. Dre off track?
- B) Who is Dr. Dre?

Answer: A

28) Sites That Know What You Like

- A) How do sites know what you like?
- B) Which sites know what you like?

Answer: A

29) A Genome Milestone

- A) What is a Genome?
- B) What is the Genome Milestone?

Answer: B

30) Generation XXL

- A) What year is XXL?
- B) What is Generation XXL?

Answer: B

- 31) More Energy & Better Health
A) How can we have more energy & better health?
B) Who wrote the article?
Answer: A
- 32) Where Many Pros Invest Their Own Cash
A) Where do the pros invest their cash?
B) Why do the pros invest where they do?
Answer: B
- 33) The Three Newest Marriage Stresses
A) What are the three new marriage stresses?
B) Why are they stressful?
Answer: A
- 34) I Lost 80 lbs. for My Wedding
A) When did you lose the weight?
B) How did you lose the weight?
Answer: B
- 35) 5 Fast Fix Suppers
A) What are the ingredients for the suppers?
B) How fast can they be prepared?
Answer: B
- 36) Pick Your Perfect Look
A) How do you pick your perfect look?
B) Why would you want to pick your perfect look?
Answer: A
- 37) The Least Exercise You Can Do And Still Look Great
A) How long do you need to exercise?
B) How good will you look?
Answer: A
- 38) The One Step Love Plan
A) Why is there a one step love plan?
B) What is the one step love plan?
Answer: B
- 39) Arrange Flowers Like A Pro
A) What kind of flowers do you need for the arrangement?
B) How do you arrange flowers like a pro?
Answer: B
- 40) Make Mine Melon
A) What are we making melon?
B) Why are we making it
Answer: A

The following topics are given a guide question for your consideration. Answer True or False to determine whether the question is **the most** useful for studying.

- 41) Different Ways To Say The Same Thing
How many different ways can you say the same thing?
Answer: FALSE
- 42) On The Job
What happened on the job?
Answer: TRUE
- 43) The Visit
Who is involved in the visit?
Answer: TRUE
- 44) Singing In The Rain
Why is someone singing in the rain?
Answer: TRUE
- 45) The Baseball Game
Who is playing in the baseball game?
Answer: TRUE
- 46) TV Sports Schedule
Where is the TV sports schedule?
Answer: FALSE
- 47) Sports Questions
Who is asking the sports questions?
Answer: FALSE
- 48) American Culture
What aspect of American Culture is being discussed?
Answer: TRUE
- 49) The Right Price Game
How do you play the Right Price game?
Answer: TRUE
- 50) The Sky Is Falling
Where do we run?
Answer: FALSE
- 51) The Tic-Tac-Toe Game
Who can play the Tic-Tac-Toe game?
Answer: FALSE
- 52) Job Bingo
How is Job Bingo played?
Answer: TRUE

- 53) Weather Map
Why do we use a weather map?
Answer: FALSE
- 54) Treasure Maps
How do you read a treasure map?
Answer: FALSE
- 55) Ads From The Telephone Book
Why are we discussing ads from the telephone book?
Answer: TRUE

Reading Level 1 - Vocabulary

Choose the best synonym for the italicized word in the sentence.

- 1) Although the swimmers were warned about *diving* into the pool, most disobeyed the warning, and consequently one swimmer was injured.
A) running
B) plunging
C) jumping
D) sitting
Answer: B
- 2) During the draft, Chuck and Tom decided to *enlist* in the armed forces so that they could choose to serve in their favorite branches.
A) join
B) fight
C) hide
D) military
Answer: A
- 3) Even though Henry felt like a wealthy man, he had only a *fraction* of the money possessed by his mother.
A) small
B) break
C) list
D) part
Answer: D
- 4) A writer's greatest enemy is a *blank* sheet of paper.
A) large
B) white
C) empty
D) lined
Answer: C
- 5) The spy, trying to avoid detection, attempted to not act *abnormal*.
A) strange
B) usual
C) funny
D) spy-like
Answer: A

6) Sometimes people retreat into the *seclusion* of their own bedrooms.

- A) fear
- B) happiness
- C) privacy
- D) loneliness

Answer: C

7) Many people who passed the homeless man felt *sympathy* enough to drop money into his tin can.

- A) happy
- B) generous
- C) pity
- D) remorse

Answer: C

8) Although Frank said that he wanted my *opinion* on his new suit, he became angry with me when I told him that it made him look overweight.

- A) suit
- B) look
- C) weight
- D) judgement

Answer: D

9) The library is a *wonderful* source of books.

- A) excellent
- B) abundant
- C) lovely
- D) large

Answer: A

10) The students stood in awe of the painting, brilliant in *vivid* shades of red and yellow.

- A) clear
- B) highlighted
- C) intense
- D) subdued

Answer: C

Choose the best antonym for the italicized word in the sentence.

11) Since Dan has a heart condition, he uses *imitation* salt on his food.

- A) real
- B) pepper
- C) seasoned
- D) sea

Answer: A

12) I hadn't seen my cousin in years, and he was *delighted* that I could stay an extra day.

- A) happy
- B) upset
- C) lost
- D) tired

Answer: B

13) Because Mary owns a home, she is *passionate* about opposing the new bill that would raise property taxes.

- A) even-tempered
- B) excited
- C) political
- D) happy

Answer: A

14) Mary was *confident* that she would be promoted since she had increased her work performance.

- A) afraid
- B) sure
- C) unsure
- D) happy

Answer: C

15) In the kingdom, the townspeople are *dominated* by the rules imposed by the king.

- A) happy for
- B) excited by
- C) free of
- D) controlled by

Answer: C

16) Because the internet is accessible to people all over the world, it is successful in reaching people in the *global* business market.

- A) computer
- B) worldwide
- C) local
- D) search

Answer: C

17) The swearing-in of a new president is always a *historic* event.

- A) unimportant
- B) political
- C) democratic
- D) big

Answer: A

18) When George rescued the drowning boy, he earned the *admiration* of the whole town.

- A) scorn
- B) condemnation
- C) luck
- D) love

Answer: A

19) Archibald was set in his ways and was not open to any *novel* ideas.

- A) new
- B) book
- C) old
- D) weird

Answer: C

- 20) Before Fred trusted his car on the long trip, he first had to drive it around town on several *consistently* good short trips.
- A) changing
 - B) fast
 - C) unchanging
 - D) stylishly

Answer: A

Using context clues, choose the letter of the best meaning for each italicized word.

- 21) Mary *hoarded* her money in a shoe box so she would be prepared for an emergency.
- A) save or store
 - B) spend foolishly
 - C) throw away
 - D) measure every day

Answer: A

- 22) Tony's parents warned him not to tell *tales*; instead, they implored him to be truthful.
- A) true accounts
 - B) humorous anecdotes
 - C) jokes and riddles
 - D) lies or stories

Answer: D

- 23) The bridge was so *narrow* that only one car at a time could drive across
- A) short in length
 - B) small in width
 - C) weak in construction
 - D) old

Answer: B

- 24) Because Rob was not convicted of murder due to police error, many felt that an *injustice* had occurred.
- A) wrongful death
 - B) lawsuit for wrongful arrest
 - C) wrongful inequality or unfairness
 - D) early retirement

Answer: C

- 25) The antidote will *counteract* the rattlesnake's venom.
- A) cancel out
 - B) make worse
 - C) restrict
 - D) increase

Answer: A

- 26) Many hikers *contaminate* the pond by throwing their trash into it.
- A) pollute
 - B) beautify
 - C) swim in
 - D) redecorate

Answer: A

27) The jewelry store will *engrave* my initials on any bracelet I purchase.

- A) attach a new clasp
- B) paint gold
- C) carve into metal
- D) dip into metal cleaner

Answer: C

28) Each member of the class is required to write one *entry* per day into a class journal.

- A) one chapter
- B) a single posted item
- C) a long poem
- D) to go in

Answer: B

29) To conserve energy, we uncover our *solar* panels in the daytime; they provide us with inexpensive electricity.

- A) powered by sand
- B) powered by wind
- C) powered by water
- D) powered by the sun

Answer: C

30) The crowd was in a *panic* after it witnessed the crashing of two stunt planes.

- A) bad mood
- B) state of chaotic excitement
- C) sad mood
- D) state of indifference

Answer: B

31) Since Fred was not nice to Ethel the *preceding* day, Ethel was not nice to Fred that day.

- A) came before
- B) came after
- C) raised
- D) expected

Answer: A

Preview the following selection. Then read it and answer the questions that follow.

In the Middle Ages people had thought and acted primarily as members of a community—a manor, a guild, or, above all, the universal community represented by the Roman Catholic Church. But gradually individuals began to attach importance to themselves and to develop an interest in worldly things for their own sake. This new individualistic and secular spirit, the period in which it became prominent, and the ways in which it manifested itself in art, literature, and learning, are called the Renaissance.

The change took place earliest in the cities of fourteenth- and fifteenth-century Italy, and its intellectual and artistic aspects were linked to the practical activities of Renaissance civic life. Its intellectual manifestation, known as humanism—a movement that sought to recapture the learning and culture of ancient Greece and Rome—resulted in a revival of classical literature and learning; it led citizens to seek out and imitate what was relevant and useful in the classics. Scholars eagerly searched for ancient manuscripts and introduced the literature of Greece and Rome into contemporary life. Italian humanists also laid the foundation for modern scholarship. Thus they helped prepare the way for modern science, even though they themselves generally avoided the subject.

– Brummett, et al., *Civilization Past & Present*, 9th edition, 2000, p. 380.

32) Using context clues, the word **guild** means

- A) a guillotine.
- B) an association.
- C) a cult.
- D) a trough.

Answer: B

33) The word **secular** means

- A) moral.
- B) sacred.
- C) thorough.
- D) not religious.

Answer: D

34) The word **relevant** means

- A) reliable.
- B) pertinent.
- C) preferred.
- D) documented.

Answer: B

Reading Level 1 – Main Idea

Choose the topic of each group of sentences.

- 1) a) Drinking orange Juice
b) Everyone needs vitamin C on a daily basis.
c) Drinking orange juice is a good way to get vitamin C.

Answer: a

- 2) a) Heavy metal music has been replaced by gothic music in the 90s.
b) Heavy Metal Music
c) Ozzy Osbourne used to be considered America's #1 heavy metal rocker until Pete Steele from the gothic band Type-O-Negative came on the scene.

Answer: b

- 3) a) You do not have to do errands when it rains really hard.
b) Rainy Days
c) Rainy days are great for sleeping late and watching television in bed.

Answer: b

- 4) a) Writing can be therapeutic.
b) By capturing your thoughts on paper, you may relieve some built up stress in your life.
c) Writing

Answer: c

- 5) a) Nineteenth Century American Literature Addictions
b) Many writers in the nineteenth century had addiction problems.
c) Some critics say that Edgar Allan Poe was addicted to opium.

Answer: a

Choose the main idea for each group of sentences.

- 6) a) Drinking Orange Juice
b) Everyone needs vitamin C on a daily basis.
c) Drinking orange juice is a good way to get vitamin C.

Answer: b

- 7) a) Heavy metal music has been replaced by gothic music in the 90s.
b) Heavy Metal Music
c) Ozzy Osbourne used to be considered America's #1 heavy metal rocker until Pete Steele from the gothic band Type-O-Negative came on the scene.

Answer: a

- 8) a) You do not have to run errands when it rains really hard.
b) Rainy Days
c) Rainy days are great for sleeping late and watching television in bed.

Answer: c

- 9) a) Writing can be therapeutic.
b) By capturing your thoughts on paper, you may relieve some built up stress in your life.
c) Writing

Answer: a

- 10) a) Nineteenth century American Literature
b) Many writers in the nineteenth century had addiction problems.
c) Some critics say that Edgar Allan Poe was addicted to opium.

Answer: b

Choose the most appropriate answer for the following questions.

- 11) The subject of an entire paragraph is the
A) tone.
B) topic.
C) speaker.
D) main idea.

Answer: B

- 12) You ask yourself "What is the one thing that the author is discussing throughout the paragraph" to find the
- A) tone.
 - B) topic.
 - C) speaker.
 - D) main idea.

Answer: B

- 13) A clue to finding the topic is when a word is
- A) repeated.
 - B) in the first sentence.
 - C) the last in the paragraph.
 - D) misspelled.

Answer: A

- 14) The main idea of a paragraph is
- A) at the beginning of a paragraph.
 - B) the least important idea.
 - C) repeated in the paragraph.
 - D) the most important idea.

Answer: D

- 15) The main idea is an idea that the paragraph explains or _____ the entire paragraph.
- A) relates to
 - B) discusses
 - C) supports
 - D) sheds dark on

Answer: C

- 16) The main idea is usually expressed in one sentence called the
- A) topic sentence.
 - B) first sentence.
 - C) main sentence.
 - D) implied sentence.

Answer: A

- 17) The most _____ sentence in the paragraph expresses the main idea.
- A) lengthy
 - B) broad
 - C) specific
 - D) general

Answer: D

- 18) The main idea must make the rest of the paragraph
- A) expressive.
 - B) understandable.
 - C) meaningful.
 - D) stand out.

Answer: C

- 19) The topic sentence can be located
- A) in the first sentence.
 - B) anywhere in the paragraph.
 - C) in the last sentence.
 - D) in the middle of the paragraph.

Answer: B

- 20) Some paragraphs have
- A) no topic sentence.
 - B) three topic sentences.
 - C) two topic sentences.
 - D) five topic sentences.

Answer: A

- 21) Some paragraphs contain details that specifically point to
- A) time sequence.
 - B) the topic.
 - C) a detail.
 - D) the main idea.

Answer: D

- 22) To avoid confusion in their writing, writers follow a general _____ in developing paragraphs.
- A) pattern
 - B) theme
 - C) idea
 - D) topic

Answer: A

- 23) A paragraph is structured around three essential elements:
- A) the topic, the main idea, and the theme.
 - B) the theme, the main idea, and the focus.
 - C) the topic, the main idea, and the supporting details.
 - D) the main idea, the focus, and the style.
 - E) a group of related ideas.

Answer: C

- 24) A paragraph can be defined as
- A) a group of related ideas.
 - B) a bunch of topics.
 - C) a group of rhyming words.
 - D) a short story.

Answer: A

- 25) _____ words or phrases connect the sentences in a paragraph.
- A) Trigger
 - B) Repeated
 - C) Transitional
 - D) Conflicting

Answer: C

Read the paragraph and answer the questions.

One of the most important results of the Civil War was the freedom gained by southern slaves. In the decade following the defeat of the Confederacy, hundreds of thousands of freed men and women migrated throughout the South searching for land, work, and relatives lost through prewar sale. Some former slaves, however, took an even bolder step, leaving the South altogether and traveling west in search of cheap farmland or north seeking industrial employment. While most faced difficult years adjusting to the world of free labor and white prejudice, none would have exchanged their life of freedom for the days of bondage.

– Nash and Schultz, *Retracing the Past*, 4th edition, 2000, p. 4.

- 26) The topic of this paragraph is
- A) life in post-Civil War.
 - B) slavery.
 - C) freedom for slaves.
 - D) slave migration through the South.

Answer: C

- 27) The main idea of this paragraph is that
- A) slaves migrated to other places in search of a better life.
 - B) freedom slaves won was an important outcome of the Civil War.
 - C) life for slaves was still difficult even after the Civil War.
 - D) slaves had to adjust to their newfound freedom after the Civil War.

Answer: B

- 28) The main idea is
- A) located in the first sentence.
 - B) in the second sentence.
 - C) found in the last sentence.
 - D) not directly stated anywhere.

Answer: A

Read the passage and answer the questions.

Like the other forms of communication we covered, public communication is also a two-way process — both speaker and listener share in the success or failure of the interaction. Both also share in the moral implications of the public communication exchange. Two major principles govern the ethics of listening to a public speaker.

Give the speaker an **honest hearing**. Avoid prejudging the speaker before hearing her or him. Try to put aside prejudices and preconceptions so you can evaluate the speaker's message fairly. At the same time, try to empathize with the speaker. You don't have to agree with the speaker, but try to understand emotionally, as well as intellectually, what the speaker means. Then, accept or reject the speaker's ideas on the basis of some bias or incomplete understanding about the speaker or the topic.

Give the speaker **honest responses**. This means giving open and honest feedback to the speaker. In a learning environment, such as a communication class, it means giving honest and constructive criticism to help the speaker improve. It also means reflecting honestly on the questions that the speaker raises. Much as the listener has a right to expect an active speaker, the speaker has the right to expect an active listener who will actively deal with, rather than just passively hear, the message.

– DeVito, *Essentials of Human Communication*, 3rd edition, 1999, p. 297.

- 29) The selection is mainly about
- A) public communication.
 - B) moral implications of communication.
 - C) ethical listening.
 - D) being honest during communication.

Answer: C

- 30) The central point of the entire selection is located
- A) in the first sentence.
 - B) in the second sentence.
 - C) at the end of the first paragraph.
 - D) nowhere; it is implied.

Answer: C

- 31) The main idea of the second paragraph is
- A) the first sentence.
 - B) the second sentence.
 - C) the last sentence.
 - D) not stated.

Answer: A

- 32) The main idea of the third paragraph is
- A) the first sentence.
 - B) the second sentence.
 - C) the last sentence.
 - D) not stated.

Answer: A

Reading Level 1 – Supporting Details

Choose the most appropriate answer for the following questions.

- 1) The first thing you want to identify in a paragraph is (are) the
- A) topic sentence.
 - B) major details.
 - C) minor details.
 - D) conclusion.

Answer: A

- 2) The majority of a paragraph should contain
- A) topic ideas.
 - B) themes.
 - C) supporting information.
 - D) examples.

Answer: C

- 3) Some details are more _____ than other details.
- A) energetic
 - B) important
 - C) structured
 - D) fun

Answer: B

- 4) Ideas can be developed by using examples, reasons, and _____ to support a position.
- A) facts
 - B) information
 - C) explanations
 - D) topics

Answer: A

- 5) A writer includes details that explain, support, and _____ the main idea.
- A) introduce
 - B) provide facts about
 - C) evaluate
 - D) provide further information about

Answer: D

- 6) Details that directly explain and support the main idea are
- A) minor details.
 - B) major details.
 - C) supporting details.
 - D) important details.

Answer: B

- 7) Details that further explain details are called
- A) minor details.
 - B) major details.
 - C) supporting details.
 - D) important details.

Answer: A

8) Minor details provide information that _____ major details.

- A) explain
- B) shed dark on
- C) examine
- D) show interest in

Answer: A

9) To find _____ you should ask yourself "Which statement (s) directly prove the main idea."

- A) minor supporting details
- B) supporting details
- C) major supporting details
- D) the topic sentence

Answer: C

10) All of the following can be used as supporting details except

- A) facts and statistics.
- B) examples and illustrations.
- C) descriptions.
- D) drawings.

Answer: D

Choose the sentence that acts as a supporting detail for the group of sentences.

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15) a) Nineteenth Century American Literature Addictions

- b) Many writers in the nineteenth century had addiction problems.
- c) Some critics say that Edgar Allan Poe was addicted to opium.

Answer: c

- 16) a) Waiting for your opponent to make a move can be time consuming.
b) Playing chess
c) Playing chess is a good way to acquire patience.

Answer: a

- 17) a) Soda is more carbonated in a can.
b) Soda pop in a can
c) Soda in a can tastes better than soda in a bottle.

Answer: a

- 18) a) Gymnastics and Weight loss
b) You are constantly stretching, bouncing, and tumbling.
c) Gymnastics is great way to keep tone or take a few pounds off.

Answer: b

- 19) a) You can pet the monkeys and hand them treats.
b) Animals at the zoo
c) Animals at the zoo are very tame.

Answer: a

- 20) a) Little boys
b) Little boys are fun to watch.
c) Sometimes they laugh at the simplest things in life.

Answer: c

Reading Level 1 - Patterns of Organization

Choose the correct transitions for the following sentences.

- 1) compare last second first

1. There are many ways to _____ the electric guitar to the acoustic guitar.
2. _____, one must recognize that the electric guitar uses electricity, while the acoustic guitar does not.
3. The _____ comparison to consider is how the shapes of the guitars cause them to sound different from one another.
4. The _____ factor to compare is the difference between how sore our fingers get after playing each.

Answer: 1-compare, 2-first, 3-second, 4-last

- 2) however prior although whereas

1. John's reaction to his expulsion was fear; _____, he appeared calm.
2. He did not debate his misdeed, _____.
3. He had no idea, _____ to meeting with the dean of the content of his meeting.
4. He had no recourse to his expulsion, _____ his friend and accomplice could still deny his part in the vandalism.

Answer: 1-although, 2-however, 3-prior, 4-whereas

3) We were not happy that we had to drive him home; _____, knowing that he was safe made us feel a little better.

- A) furthermore
- B) however
- C) therefore
- D) similarly

Answer: B

4) Recent studies on peer pressure are educating teenagers on peer pressure danger; _____ parents and teachers are increasingly opening up as a source of help.

- A) furthermore
- B) however
- C) therefore
- D) similarly

Answer: A

5) Many people have begun to wear the bell-bottom style of the 1960s; _____, tie dyed tee shirts have come back into fashion.

- A) furthermore
- B) however
- C) therefore
- D) similarly

Answer: D

6) I warned you not to drive across that icy bridge; _____, I can not blame myself for your misfortune.

- A) furthermore
- B) however
- C) therefore
- D) similarly

Answer: C

7) I was under a lot of stress, taking care of my ailing parents; _____, my performance at work suffered.

- A) moreover
- B) instead
- C) consequently
- D) afterward

Answer: C

8) First I went to the movie, and _____ I finished my homework.

- A) moreover
- B) instead
- C) consequently
- D) afterward

Answer: D

- 9) They should have waited at the intersection; _____, they drove through it and were hit by another car.
- A) moreover
 - B) instead
 - C) consequently
 - D) afterward

Answer: B

- 10) I would like to move to the mountains. _____, I would like to live in a mountainside cabin.
- A) moreover
 - B) instead
 - C) consequently
 - D) afterward

Answer: A

- 11) The rabbit is easily frightened; _____, it scampers into the woods when it hears the slightest noise.
- A) also
 - B) nevertheless
 - C) thus
 - D) finally

Answer: C

- 12) I would like to finish school. _____, I would like to work part-time.
- A) also
 - B) nevertheless
 - C) thus
 - D) finally

Answer: A

- 13) I did not like Jasper; _____, I had to speak with him since we both work in the accounting department.
- A) also
 - B) nevertheless
 - C) thus
 - D) finally

Answer: B

- 14) I had performed all of the steps necessary for building the birdhouse. _____, it was ready to hang on my tree.
- A) also
 - B) nevertheless
 - C) thus
 - D) finally

Answer: D

Choose the best answer for the following sentences.

- 15) Another term for a transitional word is a _____ word.
- A) changing
 - B) connecting
 - C) omitted
 - D) lost

Answer: B

- 16) Transitional words lead to _____ or _____.
- A) change or fear
 - B) thoroughness or completion
 - C) continuation or change
 - D) metamorphosis or difference

Answer: C

- 17) Transitional words signal a continuation of
- A) the writer's thought.
 - B) the reader's thought.
 - C) the writer's uncertainty.
 - D) the reader's anticipation.

Answer: A

- 18) _____ is the feeling that may be associated with transitional words.
- A) Clarity
 - B) Confusion
 - C) Fear
 - D) Anticipation

Answer: D

- 19) A transition may be
- A) a word.
 - B) a paragraph.
 - C) a phrase.
 - D) both A and C are correct

Answer: D

- 20) Transitions can occur
- A) within a sentence.
 - B) between sentences.
 - C) at the end of a passage.
 - D) both A and B are correct

Answer: D

- 21) Describing the functions of components of a larger whole is an example of using
- A) cause and effect.
 - B) comparison and contrast.
 - C) classification.
 - D) listing.

Answer: C

22) _____ is the term that refers to organizing information about an object's physical location or position in space.

- A) Spatial order
- B) Cause and effect
- C) Comparison and contrast
- D) Listing

Answer: A

23) _____ emphasizes similarities and differences between ideas, concepts, or events.

- A) Cause and effect
- B) Comparison and contrast
- C) Classification
- D) Listing

Answer: B

24) _____ expresses a relationship between items or events that are connected in time.

- A) Cause and effect
- B) Comparison and contrast
- C) Classification
- D) Listing

Answer: A

Choose the letter of the pattern of organization that each topic suggests.

25) The following are four reasons why you should go to church.

- A) Definition and example
- B) Comparison and contrast
- C) Cause and effect

Answer: C

26) The Study Skills class will teach you the dos and don'ts of preparing for exams.

- A) Definition and example
- B) Comparison and contrast
- C) Cause and effect

Answer: B

27) A growing health concern has affected the way people drink socially.

- A) Definition and example
- B) Comparison and contrast
- C) Cause and effect

Answer: C

28) Denotation is the dictionary definition of a word usually used to contrast the connotations of that particular word.

- A) Definition and example
- B) Comparison and contrast
- C) Cause and effect

Answer: A

- 29) There are several possible reasons why your brother did not come to your birthday party.
- A) Definition and example
 - B) Comparison and contrast
 - C) Cause and effect

Answer: C

- 30) Jeffery's web site is very structured; as a result, he has been asked to design the new Desilu web cite for MGM.
- A) Definition and example
 - B) Comparison and contrast
 - C) Cause and effect

Answer: C

- 31) Although the band was really talented, they did not sell many concert tickets.
- A) Definition and example
 - B) Comparison and contrast
 - C) Cause and effect

Answer: B

- 32) Black cats represent many things, such as Hallow's Eve, mystery, and superstition.
- A) Definition and example
 - B) Comparison and contrast
 - C) Cause and effect

Answer: A

- 33) Bringing your teacher an apple will not help your grade. Similarly, missing class regularly will only result in a deduction of points.
- A) Definition and example
 - B) Comparison and contrast
 - C) Cause and effect

Answer: B

- 34) Because my up-stairs neighbor would not stop roller-blading in his apartment, I phoned the police.
- A) Definition and example
 - B) Comparison and contrast
 - C) Cause and effect

Answer: C

Fill in each blank with the appropriate transition word from the words listed below.

next	finally	however
for instance	another	consequently

- 35) Most narrators are reliable and honest. _____, Edgar Allan Poe's narrators are questionable.

Answer: however

- 36) One advantage of owning a home computer is that homework can be typed and turned in on time. _____ advantage is the constant availability to internet access.

Answer: another

37) There are a number of things that can be done to prevent a failing grade. _____, when reading the chapter, write the bold faced terms with an example explaining the meaning of each term in the margin of the page.

Answer: for instance

38) In order to go to Maryland you have to drive north to Jacksonville. _____, you need to follow Interstate 95 to Baltimore.

Answer: next

39) Making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich is easy. First, spread peanut butter on a slice of bread. Next, spread jelly on the other slice of bread. _____, place the two slices of bread together, and cut the sandwich in half.

Answer: finally

40) When we were at Gatorland last week an alligator hissed at Joe; _____, he (Joe) was frightened.

Answer: consequently

Read the paragraph and answer the questions that follow.

1 During the 1950s the Cleavers on the television show "Leave It to Beaver" epitomized the American family. 2 In 1960, over 70 percent of all American households were like the Cleavers: made up of a breadwinner father, a homemaker mother, and their kids. 3 Today, "traditional" families with a working husband, an unemployed wife, and one or more children make up less than 15 percent of the nation's households.

- Alexander and Lombardi, et al., *Joining A Community of Readers*, 1st edition, 1998, p. 199.

41) What is the main idea of the paragraph?

- A) The American family has changed since the 1950s.
- B) The Cleavers were the best American family role model of the 1950s.
- C) Traditional families make up less than 15 percent of the nation's households.

Answer: A

42) The main pattern of organization in this selection is

- A) list of items.
- B) time order.

Answer: B

43) The total number of major details is

- A) two.
- B) four.
- C) three.

Answer: A

44) The relationship of sentence 3 to the sentence before it is one of

- A) addition.
- B) time.

Answer: B

Read the paragraph below. Then answer the question and complete the outline that follows.

1 Aside from basic money management, what did I actually learn from all my summer and after-school jobs? 2 Each one may have given me some small skills but the cumulative effect was to deepen my belief that work was the essential aspect of grown-up life. 3 Even now, I am sometimes filled with anxieties at the prospect of stretches of free time. 4 When I do not immediately rush to fill that time with work, I have to fight off guilt, struggling mentally against a picture of a Real Grown-up shaking a finger at me, someone with the droning voice of our high school career counselor, but with firm overtones of former employers, teachers, even my mother. 5 "This," the voice beats relentlessly into my ear, "is your preparation for life."

- Smith, et al., *Breaking Through College Reading*, 5th edition, 1999, p. 150.

45) The main pattern of organization of the selection is

- A) definition and example.
- B) comparison and contrast.
- C) list of items.
- D) cause and effect.

Answer: D

46) Label the one cause and four effects of the paragraph by placing the number of the sentence in the appropriate blank.

Cause _____
Effect _____
Effect _____
Effect _____
Effect _____

Answer: Cause 1
Effect 1
Effect 2
Effect 2
Effect 4

Arrange the scrambled sentences below into a logical paragraph by lettering A, B, C, D, and E. Then choose the letter of the primary pattern of organization.

- 47) 1. ____ Third and finally, it involves adjustment or modification.
2. ____ First, it involves monitoring the impact or the influence of our messages on the other person.
3. ____ Feedback is not a simple, one-step process.
4. ____ Feedback can provide reinforcement for the speaker if it shows if he or she is being clear, accepted, or understood.
5. ____ Second, it involves evaluating why the reaction or response occurred as it did.

- McWhorter, et al., *Guide To College Reading*, 5th edition, 2000, p. 222.

The primary pattern of organization is:

- a. list of items.
- b. comparison and contrast.
- c. cause and effect.
- d. time order.

Answer: 1-D, 2-B, 3-A, 4-E, 5-C

The primary pattern of organization is: d. time order

Answer the following questions about transition words in the paragraph.

It is clear, however, that the Soviets resented the British-American delay in opening up a second front. They were fighting for survival against the full power of the German armies; any invasion, even an unsuccessful one, would have relieved some of the pressure. Roosevelt and Churchill would not move until they were ready, and Stalin had to accept their decision. At the same time, Stalin never concealed his determination to protect his country from future attack by extending its western frontier after the war. He warned the Allies repeatedly that he would not tolerate any anti-Soviet government along Russia's western boundary.

- Garraty and Carnes, *The American Nation: A History of the United States*, 10th edition, 2000, p. 799.

- 48) The transition word **however** in the first sentence indicates
- A) illustration.
 - B) comparison.
 - C) contrast.
 - D) cause-effect.

Answer: C

- 49) The word **even**, as in "any invasion, even an unsuccessful one, would have relieved some of the pressure" shows
- A) illustration.
 - B) comparison.
 - C) contrast.
 - D) cause-effect.

Answer: A

- 50) Find the transition word that indicates time order in the following sentence:
"Roosevelt and Churchill would not move until they were ready, and Stalin had to accept their decision."
A) would
B) ready
C) not
D) until
Answer: D

- 51) The transition **At the same time**, as in the sentence beginning "At the same time, Stalin never concealed his determination..." reflects
A) cause-effect.
B) illustration.
C) time order.
D) description.
Answer: C

Reading Level 1 - Literary Devices

Indicate whether each of the following one or two sentence passages is an example of simile, metaphor, symbolism, or personification.

- 1) The ocean sang to the night as it lapped the white sand shoreline.
A) simile
B) metaphor
C) symbolism
D) personification

Answer: C

- 2) Jack summoned his brother who had been sleeping like a log.
A) simile
B) metaphor
C) symbolism
D) personification

Answer: A

- 3) The crystal lake, a mirror to the heavens, reflected the stars so clearly that the water turned to sky.
A) simile
B) metaphor
C) symbolism
D) personification

Answer: B

- 4) The pool shark anticipated his next win and strutted like a peacock around the table.
A) simile
B) metaphor
C) symbolism
D) personification

Answer: A

5) My grandfather showed me how tenderly I must care for delicate pole beans. If treated too harshly, they bow and weep and hide their beans until next season.

- A) simile
- B) metaphor
- C) symbolism
- D) personification

Answer: D

6) Mornings, my brother is a dragon before he is fully awake and has his coffee.

- A) simile
- B) metaphor
- C) symbolism
- D) personification

Answer: B

7) One episode of the television show All in the Family dealt with racism when someone painted a swastika on the Bunkers' front door.

- A) simile
- B) metaphor
- C) symbolism
- D) personification

Answer: C

8) I could not help myself; the ice cream called to me from the freezer: "eat me, eat me."

- A) simile
- B) metaphor
- C) symbolism
- D) personification

Answer: D

9) Many celebrities who seem people-oriented on television and in magazines often live like hermits in real life.

- A) simile
- B) metaphor
- C) symbolism
- D) personification

Answer: A

10) In many foreign countries, Levi jeans represent American ideals.

- A) simile
- B) metaphor
- C) symbolism
- D) personification

Answer: C

Choose the correct answer to the following questions and statements.

11) Figurative language generally includes the writer's

- A) family, friends and pets.
- B) judgments and opinions.
- C) personal life.
- D) community standards.

Answer: B

12) The use of figurative language promotes

- A) easier reading.
- B) strong, meaningful images.
- C) great freedom of expression.
- D) Both B and C are correct.

Answer: D

13) Figurative language may be

- A) humorous.
- B) sarcastic.
- C) sad.
- D) all of the above

Answer: D

14) Figurative language tends to make sense

- A) literally.
- B) imaginatively.
- C) factually.
- D) Both A and C are correct.

Answer: B

15) Of those who read figurative language, the people who are likely to have the most difficulty with it are

- A) people who read for connotation.
- B) people who read for literal meaning.
- C) artists and poets.
- D) people who read a lot of text books.

Answer: B

16) Language that uses common words in a way that makes the words take on new meaning is _____ language.

- A) approximate
- B) figurative
- C) reader's
- D) literary

Answer: B

17) Examples of figurative language include

- A) metaphor and personification.
- B) wit and humor.
- C) formulas and directions.
- D) German and French.

Answer: A

18) Which of the following is NOT true of figurative language?

- A) Readers must infer meaning.
- B) Comparisons are often literally true.
- C) It uses everyday words.
- D) The words used often take on a different connotation than the reader is used to.

Answer: B

- 19) To figure out the meaning of figurative language, readers may use
- A) a dictionary to look up the literal meaning of the word.
 - B) a friend who has more street knowledge.
 - C) a method of guessing at meanings or loosely-connected words.
 - D) cues internal to the phrase and the reader's own knowledge.

Answer: D

- 20) Some common types of figurative language are
- A) personification, metaphor and symbolism.
 - B) conceit, exaggeration, and omniscience.
 - C) love, death, and war.
 - D) description, detail, and judgment.

Answer: A

Identify the symbols in the following passages.

- 21) Everyone in class cut Christmas trees from construction paper, and Mrs. Richards hung them around the chalkboard.
- A) Everyone
 - B) class
 - C) Christmas trees
 - D) chalkboard

Answer: C

- 22) Lucy panicked when she thought that she may have dropped her wedding ring down the drain while she was cleaning the bath tub.
- A) Lucy
 - B) wedding ring
 - C) drain
 - D) bath tub

Answer: B

- 23) The president of the prestigious Snively School for Boys was presented with a brand new Jaguar by the school's board of trustees. The board felt that the president must maintain a very high status in the community.
- A) president
 - B) school
 - C) Jaguar
 - D) Both A and C are correct.

Answer: D

- 24) Bob Dylan spoke for an entire generation when he sang his song "The Times They Are A-Changin'."
- A) Bob Dylan
 - B) generation
 - C) song
 - D) "The Times They Are A-Changin'"

Answer: D

25) The sixties were characterized by political and social turmoil. One of its premier events, a festival called Woodstock Music and Arts Festival, was staged as a protest against authority and our involvement in the war.

- A) turmoil
- B) Woodstock
- C) protest
- D) involvement

Answer: B

26) All of the children at Hampden Elementary School passed the statue of Fireball, the dragon that is the school's mascot, on their way to homeroom each morning.

- A) children
- B) school
- C) Fireball
- D) homeroom

Answer: C

27) Ricky gave Lucy a rose for Valentine's Day.

- A) Ricky
- B) Lucy
- C) rose
- D) Day

Answer: C

28) The President of the United States often signs bills into law in a private room of the White House.

- A) President of the United States
- B) bills
- C) White House
- D) Both A and C are correct.

Answer: D

29) All of the students in school were told that they could dress from their favorite era. Many of the students wore tie-dyed tee shirts to represent the sixties.

- A) school
- B) era
- C) tie-dyed tee shirts
- D) sixties

Answer: C

30) Chuck did not buy just any motorcycle; he bought a Harley Davidson.

- A) Chuck
- B) motorcycle
- C) Harley Davidson
- D) Both A and C are correct

Answer: C

Indicate whether each selection utilizes a simile or a metaphor.

31) He polished his dress shoes like mirrors.

- A) simile
- B) metaphor

Answer: A

32) He was a feather in the ring.

A) simile

B) metaphor

Answer: B

33) The huge rock was a chair for me while I sat in the woods.

A) simile

B) metaphor

Answer: B

34) No one could be as lonely as a hermit unless she lived and worked alone.

A) simile

B) metaphor

Answer: A

35) The weather forecaster stumbled through the forecast like a tornado.

A) simile

B) metaphor

Answer: A

36) He was fire when someone made him angry.

A) simile

B) metaphor

Answer: B

37) John was like a child when his favorite television show was canceled; he stomped his feet and cried.

A) simile

B) metaphor

Answer: A

38) Sven is a monster before he has his morning coffee.

A) simile

B) metaphor

Answer: B

39) Lucy and Ricardo are spending machines when they go on vacation.

A) simile

B) metaphor

Answer: B

40) Fred's wallet is tight as a steel trap.

A) simile

B) metaphor

Answer: A

Identify the idioms in the following statements.

41) Jasper wept when he realized that his plans to purchase the surf shop went up in smoke when he insulted the owner's son.

- A) up in smoke
- B) purchase the surf shop
- C) insulted
- D) wept

Answer: A

42) Archibald told everyone he met that this country went down the tubes when Clinton was elected President.

- A) told everyone
- B) went down the tubes
- C) Clinton was elected
- D) Both A and C are correct.

Answer: B

43) Stefan promised that he would be honest, but Laura remarked that they have been down that road before.

- A) Stefan promised
- B) he would be honest
- C) Laura remarked
- D) have been down that road before

Answer: D

44) While Laura insisted that Stefan would lie to her again, Stefan told her that they would cross that bridge when they get to it.

- A) Laura insisted
- B) Stefan would lie
- C) Stefan told her
- D) they would cross that bridge when they get to it

Answer: D

45) When Ned and Jasper decided to become partners in business together, we all knew they would bump heads because both are stubborn.

- A) became partners
- B) in business together
- C) bump heads
- D) both are stubborn

Answer: C

46) When Martin picked me up for school, he sat in the driveway honking his horn until I yelled, "hey, I'm almost ready; keep your shirt on."

- A) picked me up
- B) sat in the driveway
- C) keep your shirt on
- D) Both A and C are correct.

Answer: C

47) Although Fred is a good employee, he will be fired this afternoon because he just can't cut the mustard the way the younger employees can.

- A) a good employee
- B) he will be fired
- C) can't cut the mustard
- D) the younger employees

Answer: C

48) Now that he has retired, Roy needs to find a hobby or he will have too much time on his hands, like so many other retirees.

- A) he has retired
- B) too much time on his hands
- C) other retirees
- D) Both A and C are correct.

Answer: B

49) Al said, "I would like to lend you the rent money, but I've missed a lot of work, too, and my hands are tied."

- A) Al said
- B) would like to lend
- C) missed a lot of work
- D) my hands are tied

Answer: D

50) "Hold your horses," I called to Rick when he started to walk away after paying me only twenty dollars of the fifty dollars he owed me.

- A) hold your horses
- B) I called to Rick
- C) he started to walk away
- D) paying me only twenty dollars

Answer: A

51) Many people think that a man has lost his marbles when he talks about seeing UFOs.

- A) many people think
- B) lost his marbles
- C) when he talks
- D) seeing UFOs

Answer: B

52) I knew that Jerry was pulling my leg when he ran into the store and told me that someone had stolen my car.

- A) pulling my leg
- B) ran into the store
- C) told me that someone
- D) someone had stolen

Answer: A

53) When Jasper told me that I would never quit smoking, I replied, "You'll see. I'm going to make you eat your words."

- A) I would never quit smoking
- B) I replied
- C) You'll see
- D) eat your words

Answer: D

54) Cam got himself into a jam when he pulled out in front of an on-coming car.

- A) Cam got himself
- B) got himself into a jam
- C) he pulled out in front of
- D) in front of an on-coming car

Answer: B

55) Even though he knew his father would be mad, Cam had to face the music.

- A) Even though he knew
- B) his father would be mad
- C) face the music
- D) Both A and C are correct.

Answer: C

56) When the police began to follow Jake and Elvin, Jake hollered, "step on it!"

- A) When the police began
- B) began to follow
- C) Jake hollered
- D) step on it

Answer: D

57) Fritz felt so comfortable at his neighbor's house that he could really let his hair down and talk about himself honestly.

- A) felt so comfortable
- B) at his neighbor's house
- C) let his hair down
- D) talk about himself honestly.

Answer: C

58) My boss admired that I had taken on so many projects, but she warned me that I may have too many irons in the fire.

- A) boss admired
- B) I had taken on so many projects
- C) she warned me
- D) too many irons in the fire

Answer: D

59) When Jeremy embarrassed me in front of our friends, I told him to go jump in a lake.

- A) Jeremy embarrassed me
- B) in front of our friends
- C) I told him to go
- D) go jump in a lake

Answer: D

- 60) Often, my neighbor came to my house after work to chew the fat while we drank coffee.
- A) my neighbor came to my house
 - B) after work
 - C) chew the fat
 - D) while we drank coffee

Answer: C

Reading Level 1 - Critical Thinking

Identify the following statements as fact or opinion.

- 1) According to one survey, the typical American adult spends three to four hours a day watching television.

- A) fact
- B) opinion

Answer: A

- 2) White water rafting is a fun sport.

- A) fact
- B) opinion

Answer: B

- 3) Cracking your knuckles is an annoying habit.

- A) fact
- B) opinion

Answer: B

- 4) Cracking your bones can cause fluid to separate the bones and may result in arthritis.

- A) fact
- B) opinion

Answer: A

- 5) My dog Poe is the prettiest dog alive.

- A) fact
- B) opinion

Answer: B

- 6) At the end of the sixteenth century, the sonnet was one of the most overused elements of poetry.

- A) fact
- B) opinion

Answer: A

- 7) Bees have about a thousand lenses on one eye.

- A) fact
- B) opinion

Answer: A

- 8) Putting up a fake Christmas tree is easy for an adult to do.

- A) fact
- B) opinion

Answer: B

9) The other day, I went to the doctor for my cold.

- A) fact
- B) opinion

Answer: A

10) In an article in Vogue, Madonna and Rupert Everett compared their lives and commented on each other's lifestyles.

- A) fact
- B) opinion

Answer: A

Some of the statements below are facts, and some are opinions; in addition, some include fact and opinion. Choose the appropriate answer for each statement.

11) Rattlesnakes are the ugliest snakes around.

- A) fact
- B) opinion
- C) both fact and opinion

Answer: B

12) The birth control pill is only 98 percent effective if taken properly.

- A) fact
- B) opinion
- C) both fact and opinion

Answer: A

13) Because many people are against abortions, young people should use two forms of birth control in order to insure safe sex.

- A) fact
- B) opinion
- C) both fact and opinion

Answer: C

14) According to Peter Steele, Type-O-Negative has been touring on the road for ten months.

- A) fact
- B) opinion
- C) both fact and opinion

Answer: A

15) Type-O-Negative is the coolest gothic band since Skinny Puppy.

- A) fact
- B) opinion
- C) both fact and opinion

Answer: C

The following are short reviews of movies. Some reviews provide only factual reports; others contain opinions about the movie as well. In some cases, the entire review is an opinion. Choose the appropriate answer for each statement.

16) Casino, '95. Joe Pesci, Robert Deniro. A movie with seasoned actors. Robert Deniro plays an Irish Jew who makes his fortune working for the mob in Las Vegas.

- A) fact
- B) opinion
- C) both fact and opinion

Answer: C

17) I Married a Witch, '68. The basis for the 1970's comedy Bewitched. A man falls in love with a woman who later tells him that she is a witch.

- A) fact
- B) opinion
- C) both fact and opinion

Answer: A

18) The Invasion of the Body Snatchers is an old thriller with creative effects. It is a real blanket grabber.

- A) fact
- B) opinion
- C) both fact and opinion

Answer: B

19) Shakespeare in Love, '98. This movie is a poor adaptation of William Shakespeare's life.

- A) fact
- B) opinion
- C) both fact and opinion

Answer: C

20) Taxi Driver, '78. Robert Deniro plays a taxi driver who makes plans to assassinate a political officer.

- A) fact
- B) opinion
- C) both fact and opinion

Answer: A

Read the following paragraph and identify each sentence as fact, opinion, or both fact and opinion.

1 The narrator in "Eleonora," a narrative exalting not only madness but also love in its most obsessive manner, follows the same pattern of madness as in *The Black Cat* and *The Tell-Tale Heart*. 2 The narrator begins the story by explaining that he has been called mad, but the verdict is still out as to whether he is, indeed, mad or simply extremely intelligent. 3 The first paragraph is placed strategically to add a plausible effect to the story about to be "penned." 4 The narrator recognizes that some of his readers will find him mad and some of his readers will justify the madness by the fact that he has fallen in love. 5 The love that he speaks of later in the story is the kind that Charles May associates with his obsession.

21) Sentence 1

- A) fact
- B) opinion
- C) both fact and opinion

Answer: C

22) Sentence 2

- A) fact
- B) opinion
- C) both fact and opinion

Answer: C

- 23) Sentence 3
A) fact
B) opinion
C) both fact and opinion

Answer: B

- 24) Sentence 4
A) fact
B) opinion
C) both fact and opinion

Answer: A

- 25) Sentence 5
A) fact
B) opinion
C) both fact and opinion

Answer: A

Identify the point in each group of statements.

- 26) a. You are thirsty.
b. You should get a drink.

Answer: b

- 27) a. A sign should be hung to indicate where to stop.
b. Too many cars are getting into accidents.

Answer: a

- 28) a. Rain does not require cold weather.
b. Rain is better than snow.
c. Rain helps vegetation grow.

Answer: b

- 29) a. People can shop after work.
b. Shopping can be done at the customer's convenience.
c. The grocery store should stay open all night.

Answer: c

- 30) a. My neighbors are extremely rude.
b. They wrestle on the floor above our apartment.
c. They throw trash over their balcony onto our hedges.

Answer: a

- 31) a. You haven't been called back to work yet.
b. You better look for another job.
c. You really didn't get along with the boss.

Answer: b

- 32) a. My class is at 11:00 a. m.
b. My English teacher is fun.
c. English class is the best.

Answer: c

- 33) a. I am cranky today.
b. I didn't have any coffee.
c. I had a restless night of sleep.

Answer: a

- 34) a. More students are asking for this type of guidance.
b. Many students do not know how to study.
c. Colleges need to teach the Study Skills class in the freshman year.

Answer: c

- 35) a. He hasn't had a physical in ten years.
b. His throat hurts.
c. He should go to the doctor.

Answer: c

Reading Level 1 - Inferences

Read the poem and then choose the inferences that are most logically supported by the given information.

The Sick Rose

O rose, thou art sick!
The invisible worm
That flies in the night,
In the howling storm,

Has found out thy bed
Of crimson joy,
And his dark secret love
Does thy life destroy.

- William Blake. "The Sick Rose." 1794.

- 1) This poem is about
A) a worm and a flower.
B) a storm.
C) joy.
D) death.

Answer: A

- 2) The rose could represent
A) a male.
B) a female.
C) a journey.
D) death.

Answer: B

3) The speaker of the poem is speaking to

- A) his mother.
- B) it is not implied
- C) a lover.
- D) a friend.

Answer: B

4) The poet implies

- A) that the worm is not really invisible.
- B) that the rose is not really sick.
- C) that life is a rose.
- D) that we are really worms.

Answer: A

5) The supposed speaker of the poem is

- A) it is not implied
- B) a scientist.
- C) the worm.
- D) the rose.

Answer: A

6) The poem refers to

- A) life.
- B) nature.
- C) virginity.
- D) all of the above

Answer: D

7) The tone of the poem is

- A) optimistic.
- B) pessimistic.
- C) evil.
- D) frightening.

Answer: D

8) A connotation of the word sick is

- A) mad.
- B) wilted.
- C) ill.
- D) well.

Answer: C

9) According to the speaker of the poem who has found out what life will destroy?

- A) the rose
- B) the man
- C) the worm
- D) love

Answer: C

10) In the last stanza, life is destroyed by

- A) love.
- B) secrets.
- C) joy.
- D) the worm.

Answer: A

Choose the answer the best completes the statement.

11) To make a reasonable guess about what an author is trying to say is a(n)

- A) joke.
- B) impression.
- C) inference.
- D) assumption.

Answer: C

12) When making an inference you are directed to _____ for the answer.

- A) look in the glossary
- B) read between the lines
- C) ask your friend
- D) re-read the chapter

Answer: B

13) When a writer or an author states something indirectly he/she is

- A) implying meaning.
- B) interacting with meaning.
- C) stating meaning.
- D) hiding the meaning.

Answer: A

14) What does the reader or listener do when the author says something indirectly?

- A) implies
- B) daydreams
- C) infers
- D) questions

Answer: C

15) What you base your inference on.

- A) clues in the situation
- B) personal experiences from a similar situation
- C) a television program
- D) both A and B

Answer: D

16) Sometimes our inferences can help us predict

- A) what will happen in the future.
- B) what will happen next in the situation.
- C) the future of our country.
- D) none of the above

Answer: B

- 17) It is important to be able to distinguish between what the author is implying and
- A) what the author is stating.
 - B) what the teacher says.
 - C) our personal opinions.
 - D) all of the above

Answer: C

- 18) To be sure you are making a reasonable inference you should
- A) make sure there are clues to base your inference on in the reading.
 - B) re-read the chapter to get a better idea of what the author is saying.
 - C) remember everything you have learned in the previous chapters.
 - D) study the biography of the author who you are discussing.

Answer: A

- 19) Inferences in longer passages are sometimes
- A) harder to identify.
 - B) easier to identify.
 - C) there is no difference in identifying.
 - D) questionable.

Answer: B

- 20) A reasonable inference has _____ in the literature itself.
- A) supporting details
 - B) supporting clues
 - C) a main idea
 - D) a lot of ideas

Answer: B

Reading Level 1 - Point of View

*Label each item according to its main purpose: to **inform**, to **persuade**, or to **entertain**.*

- 1) Part time teachers should be given their own office and health benefits because they put in as much time as full time professors do with teaching and office hours.

Answer: persuade

- 2) It is easy to write a term paper in one evening; I've done it a thousand times.

Answer: entertain

- 3) In Sicily, pizza is made with white sauce instead of red sauce.

Answer: inform

- 4) When studying for an exam, make sure to turn the radio up really loud so that you can study without distractions.

Answer: entertain

- 5) Dogs see in black and white and view all objects up-side down.

Answer: inform

- 6) Bob Dylan is a wonderful folk singer, plays a mean harmonica, and has a neat voice.

Answer: persuade

- 7) To insure that your dog has a healthy coat, brush the fur toward the dog's neck instead of toward its tail.
Answer: inform
- 8) It was so hot yesterday that I thought Satan had thrown a BBQ and invited the entire world.
Answer: entertain
- 9) Glasses are so much nicer than contact lenses because your eyes do not get dry throughout the day when you wear glasses.
Answer: persuade
- 10) More hotels should allow pets to stay in the rooms with their owners. Pets would be quieter through the night if they were with their owners.
Answer: persuade

Below are statements expressing different attitudes about college life. Choose the best word to describe each attitude. Each statement uses a different tone.

ambivalent	bewildered	bitter	disbelieving	indignant
ironic	nostalgic	optimistic	pleading	pessimistic

- 11) I am going to get really good grades because I studied very hard for all of my finals.
I am _____.
Answer: optimistic
- 12) "Please, Miss Ruffner, give me the bonus points for my extra effort."
The student is _____.
Answer: pleading
- 13) My friends and I were going to go to a party, but I decided to stay out of trouble and go home instead. On my way home, I got a speeding ticket for driving 60 mph in a 35 mph zone.
The situation is _____.
Answer: ironic
- 14) I could hardly believe that my best friend flunked out of college in her first semester.
I am _____.
Answer: disbelieving
- 15) I am not sure whether I should go to the University after one year of community college or if I should wait until I finish two full years before I go.
I am _____.
Answer: ambivalent
- 16) Sometimes I think back to when I was in high school in Pennsylvania. My friends and I had such good times hanging out together.
I am _____ for the past.
Answer: nostalgic
- 17) When the professor gave Robin a lower grade on her thesis than she thought she deserved, Robin bit the end off of her pencil and said, "I hope that jerk chokes on a carrot stick."
Robin is _____.
Answer: indignant

18) Toni thinks she failed her physics final and scored low on her statistics project. She said, "my speech was so bad that when I was finished with it, the entire class looked as if they were asleep."

Toni is _____.

Answer: pessimistic

19) My mother always wondered how I had clean clothes, because I never did my laundry. My mother was _____.

Answer: bewildered

20) If only there were enough teachers that cared for their students' well being, some of the students I went to college with would have graduated instead of dropping out of school. I am _____.

Answer: bitter

Choose the correct propaganda technique for each sentence.

21) The majority of the crowd at a hockey game is drinking the sponsor's brand of beer.

- A) transfer
- B) bandwagon
- C) testimonial
- D) plain folks

Answer: B

22) The technique that uses sex appeal to sell a product is

- A) transfer.
- B) bandwagon.
- C) testimonial.
- D) plain folks.

Answer: A

23) Using emotionally loaded language to evoke negative images of people or movements is called

- A) glittering generalities.
- B) card stacking.
- C) testimonial.
- D) name calling.

Answer: D

24) O.J. Simpson is the spokesperson for a deodorant commercial.

- A) glittering generalities
- B) card stacking
- C) testimonial
- D) name calling

Answer: C

25) The owner of a huge casino stars in his own commercial wearing a sports jacket and serving drinks during a show.

- A) transfer
- B) bandwagon
- C) testimonial
- D) plain folks

Answer: D