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## Reading Comprehension II

### Part A: Choose the best synonym or definition for the underlined words.

- They said that they could convince people that a false thing was really true and a true thing false.  
a. support                      b. accuse                      c. disturb                      d. persuade
- When the time came for him to carry out his sentence, this great man comforted his weeping friends and calmly drank a cup of poison.  
a. interesting                      b. crying                      c. disturbing                      d. distressing
- The Yale study also found an intriguing connection between suicide and dreams.  
a. complex                      b. paradox                      c. subtle                      d. precise
- The duration of an action in a dream usually corresponds to the time it takes to perform that action in reality.  
a. communicates                      b. confuses                      c. equals                      d. comprises
- Titans were of enormous size and of incredible strength.  
a. amazing                      b. powerful                      c. perfect                      d. mysterious
- The other notable Titans were OCEAN, the river that was supposed to encircle the earth.  
a. hold                      b. protect                      c. govern                      d. surround
- Everywhere men journeyed to gaze upon her with wonder and adoration.  
a. respect                      b. look                      c. command                      d. neglect
- The misery of all when Psyche's father brought back this lamentable news can be imagined.  
a. pleasant                      b. amusing                      c. mysterious                      d. miserable
- This half-and-half companionship could not fully content Psyche; still she was happy and time passed swiftly.  
a. convince                      b. desire                      c. satisfy                      d. reproach

10. "There must be something very wrong," she cried, "for him so to shun the light of day." And she begged them to advise her.

- a. turn                      b. end                      c. leave                      d. avoid

11. She was unable to resist the temptation; she opened the box.

- a. refuse                      b. encourage                      c. happen                      d. improve

12. The more we remember of things said, the better we can manage our affairs today, and the more intelligently we can prepare for what is coming to us tomorrow.

- a. lives                      b. problems                      c. works                      d. facts

13. Select your patterns and fabrics for the flattering effects you wish to achieve.

- a. desirable                      b. precise                      c. subtle                      d. serious

14. Select bright colors with shiny or chunky textures to add roundness to the thin figure.

- a. thick                      b. thin                      c. loose                      d. flat

15. Violation of this relation is not confined to choice of punishment over reward.

- a. capture                      b. cover                      c. restrict                      d. extend

16. "Is there anywhere I could take him for help?" Jane pleaded.

- a. shouted                      b. requested                      c. cheered                      d. suggested

17. Stir in flour mixture, a third at a time, blending well.

- a. adding                      b. removing                      c. mixing                      d. pressing

18. Beat butter with sugar until light and fluffy.

- a. hard                      b. airy                      c. thick                      d. greasy

19. Sarawati became a disciple of religious leader instead of continuing a career in his major.

- a. teacher                      b. ranger                      c. follower                      d. guide

20. T.M. can be learned by almost anyone. Scientists from prestigious institutions have documented its physiological effects.

- a. thought                      b. produced                      c. proved                      d. leaded

21. Reading aloud promotes language and literacy development and enriches children's experience by adding to their growing body of knowledge.

- a. enhances                      b. shares                      c. reduces                      d. brings

22. The pages were then compiled into a class book to be circulated in the regular classrooms.

- a. inserted                      b. collected                      c. extended                      d. written

23. You need \$950 to dispose your body if you fall dead on the street.

- a. arise                      b. leave                      c. keep                      d. get rid of

24. The water that collects in a ship's hold, bilge water, is full of oil and mud.

- a. clean                      b. dirty                      c. clear                      d. heavy

25. The conventional machine for treatment relied on gravity.

- a. regular                      b. complex                      c. traditional                      d. new

26. This pole, a simple long stick, was carried in line with the direction of travel with a load suspended from each end.

- a. loaded                      b. carried                      c. passed                      d. hanged

27. At 35, Stephen's health was so poor that even climbing stairs was an ordeal.

- a. difficulty                      b. work                      c. amusement                      d. ease

28. Brisk walking forces the heart to pump harder to deliver more oxygen to the muscles.

- a. lose                      b. take                      c. change                      d. give

29. An attempt is presently under way to abolish all use of English in Quebec.

- a. blend                      b. maintain                      c. provide                      d. stop

30. Language, religion, politics, and economics are closely interwoven in Canada.

- a. mixed                      b. saved                      c. controlled                      d. followed

**Part B: Read the following sentences, and fill in the blanks with the proper choice.**

31. The ability of computer teaching machine is what ..... it with the human tutor.

- a. requires                      b. allies                      c. feeds                      d. responds

32. The natural ..... was then to let the girls send out their mail without passing it on to the supervisor.

- a. transfer                      b. possibility                      c. progression                      d. situation

33. Voltaire admired Sir Isaac and his theories ..... and offered a clear, insightful interpretation of his teachings.

- a. seriously                      b. tremendously                      c. mysteriously                      d. obviously

34. There are actually over 500 ..... versions of the tale in scores of languages.  
a. natural                      b. potential                      c. extant                      d. original
35. Why should one love peace? It is so obviously ..... to make war.  
a. wise                      b. vile                      c. strong                      d. clear
36. My grandmothers were strong. They were full of .....  
a. strength                      b. sturdiness                      c. memory                      d. happiness
37. A 1991 survey by the magazine of 1,223 Japanese ..... that 63% believe government efforts to raise the birth rate are useless.  
a. preferred                      b. compared                      c. mentioned                      d. revealed
38. Many in industry continue to ..... to the belief that an increase in salary motivates the worker to increase his output.  
a. believe                      b. think                      c. adhere                      d. produce
39. A woman told me about her mother, who has devoted her life to keeping a slash a(n)..... house.  
a. stingy                      b. immaculate                      c. hard working                      d. generous
40. The replacement of errorless programming for trial-and-error learning may be considered part of a social way which has seen the substitution of reinforcement procedures for ..... control.  
a. strong                      b. aversive                      c. similar                      d. weak

Read the following passages and answer the questions by choosing the best choice.

### Passage 1

Suppose, for example, that you had awakened this morning totally unable to remember any thing – all your other faculties working properly, but memory entirely gone. You would be in a bad way indeed! You wouldn't know who you were, or where; what you had done yesterday, or what you intended or other people expected you to do today. What you could do in that case? Wander about helplessly, seeing and hearing things, taking them in as altogether new, not at all knowing what they might mean in relation either to the past or future. You would have to discover your little world all over again, much as you discovered in childhood; you would have to reorient yourself and get a new running start. In short, you would be a lost soul because you had to cease to have any knowledge of history, the history of your personal doings and relations in the past.

41. What is the main idea of the text?

- a. Life would be very difficult without memory of the past.
- b. We can build up history by using our faculties.
- c. What we learn in childhood gives us a false image of reality.
- d. We must always reorient ourselves and learn things again.

42. The word “reorient” in line 9 means .....

- a. realize
- b. receive
- c. redirect
- d. repeat

43. Why would you have to discover your little world all over again?

- a. To find the relation between past and future
- b. To discover your own childhood
- c. To take the things all together
- d. To find your lost memory

## Passage 2

Once a National Park ranger commented that “the American Indian could carry every thing he could pack on his wife’s back”. While perhaps open to question, this remark does make an important point. The basic means of transport of non-literate peoples was, indeed, human portorage. Therefore, within any writing devoted to transport, consideration must be given to human burden carriers and any adjuncts to their task.

The manner in which loads are carried shows distinct cultural and sexual differences. Among American college students, books and notebooks, when not enclosed in briefcase or other handled container, are carried in different fashions by men and women. The men carry their books at the side, resting on the bent hand and pinned between the forearm and the hip. The women more commonly carry their books in the crook of the arm, resting against the lower chest. This may also be said of the carrying habits in other cultures; the mode used will often differ by sex.

44. According to first paragraph which statement is TRUE?

- a. Technology does not allow human beings to carry things.
- b. transportation has always been a human burden.
- c. Human has always had considerations for carrying loads.
- d. Carrying loads on human back is a symbol of illiterate societies.

45. According to the second paragraph, which of the following sentences is **CORRECT**?

- a. The way people carry books should be different from the way they carry brief cases.
- b. Load carrying habits in different cultures may differ by sex.
- c. Sexual differences may be recognized by the way people carry loads.
- d. It is easier to carry loads between the forearm and the hip than on the head.

46. The word “devoted” in paragraph 1 means .....

- a. allocated
- b. commented
- c. found
- d. linked

47. There are differences in .....

- a. people’s understanding of loads and transportation
- b. men and women’s loads
- c. the way people from different cultures carry loads
- d. the kinds of loads and containers

### Passage 3

The courts recently ruled that Hitachi was within its rights to fire a worker who refused overtime. Worried about the possible repercussions on the company’s reputation, however, Hitachi is setting up dorms with private rooms, improving work conditions and cutting back on working hours. Hitachi employs 880 people with doctorates and in an effort to hold on them, is rushing to change its image.

48. The courts .....

- a. voted for Hitachi
- b. worried about Hitachi
- c. voted against Hitachi
- d. fired Hitachi

49. The word “repercussions” in line 2 means .....

- a. rights
- b. impacts
- c. reputations
- d. conditions

50. Why is Hitachi improving its work conditions?

- a. Because of high employment
- b. Because of its rights
- c. Because of its reputation
- d. Because of high costs