

TOEFL Final Exam: 1-500

Part One: Choose which answer is most similar in meaning to the word in bold.

1. The temperature will drop in the envelope as well, as the particles become so **spread out** that they no longer are colliding enough to create tremendous heat.
 - A. To reflect as if in a mirror
 - B. To give a description of
 - C. To extend over a wide area
 - D. To make a portrait of

2. A degree in psychology is an excellent **springboard** for entering the world of business, industry, and organizations.
 - A. A point of departure
 - B. A flexible board for jumping upward
 - C. A committee having supervisory powers
 - D. A flat piece of material designed for a special purpose

3. The trick to the principle of the three red flags is to recognize when these events are beginning to **stack up** and work against you.
 - A. To cut using a crosscut
 - B. To add up; to measure up
 - C. To travel across or pass over
 - D. To meet at a point

4. Primary and secondary schools have a **stake** because, to create diverse classrooms, some of the nation's 15,000 districts use race in setting attendance policies and school boundaries.
 - A. A pole or stake set up to mark something
 - B. At issue— in jeopardy
 - C. Instrument of execution consisting of a vertical post that a victim is tied to for burning
 - D. A wild and exciting undertaking (not necessarily lawful)

5. Traditionally diamonds and gemstones were weighed against these seeds until the system was **standardized**, and one carat was fixed at 0.2 grams.
 - A. To come or bring to a finish or an end
 - B. To bring to a whole, with all the necessary parts or elements
 - C. To bring into conformity
 - D. To write all the required information onto a form

6. **Starch** and cellulose are complex carbohydrates, an important foodstuff.
- A. A volatile flammable mixture of hydrocarbons
 - B. A white odorless tasteless granular or powdery substance
 - C. A slippery or viscous liquid or liquefiable substance
 - D. A solid piece of something
7. The political atmosphere of this country is far from being **static**.
- A. Showing little change
 - B. Characterized by action or forcefulness or force of personality
 - C. Expressing action rather than a state of being
 - D. Of or relating to dynamics
8. Someone once remarked "a language is a dialect with an army," meaning that only the identity of a modern state can give a form of speech that **status**.
- A. A statement that expresses a personal opinion or belief
 - B. A notation representing the pitch and duration of a musical sound
 - C. The level of credit or respect at which a person or thing is regarded by others
 - D. Explicit notice
9. Remote sensing, a **stepchild** of the space age, is prying out many of Earth's innermost secrets.
- A. The child of one's aunt or uncle
 - B. A child of one's wife or husband by a former marriage
 - C. A male human offspring
 - D. The divine word of God; the second person in the Trinity (incarnate in Jesus)
10. Scientists have identified a spike representing fallout from **stepped-up** atmospheric testing that took place just prior to the 1963 Test Ban Treaty, which allowed for underground tests only.
- A. Express a negative opinion of
 - B. Lessen the authority, dignity, or reputation of
 - C. Become greater in number, amount, or intensity
 - D. Decrease in size, extent, or range
11. Due to noxious smog, there is a **stifling** heat in the Inland Empire during the Summer
- A. Free from liquid or moisture
 - B. Humorously sarcastic or mocking
 - C. Opposed to or prohibiting the production and sale of alcoholic beverages
 - D. Oppressive due to a lack of fresh air
12. Christ and sometimes accompanying religious ecstasy
St. Francis is depicted wearing a brown habit worn by Franciscan Monks and by the **stigmata** over the heart.
- A. The apical end of the style where deposited pollen enters the pistil
 - B. An external tracheal aperture in a terrestrial arthropod
 - C. Bodily marks or pains resembling the wounds of the crucified
 - D. A skin lesion that is a diagnostic sign of some disease

13. Increasing body heat also reduces the risk of muscular damage when **stretching** that can happen to 'cold' muscles.
 - A. Cause to move by striking
 - B. Extend one's limbs or muscles, or the entire body
 - C. Deal a blow to, either with the hand or with an instrument
 - D. Reach a point in time, or a certain state or level

14. Insufficient angiogenesis can occur following **stroke**.
 - A. An unexpected piece of good luck
 - B. A sudden severe instance of abnormal heart function
 - C. Sudden diminution or loss of consciousness, sensation, and voluntary motion caused by rupture or obstruction (as by a clot) of an artery of the brain
 - D. A personal or social separation (as between opposing factions)

15. Another way of identifying the thesis is to ask, "What is the unifying principle of this essay"? or "What idea does everything in this essay talk about"? or "Under what single main statement could all the **subdivisions** fit"?
 - A. A place of business for retailing goods
 - B. One of the parts into which something is divided
 - C. Receptacle providing a place in a wiring system where current can be taken to run electrical devices
 - D. Activity that releases or expresses creative energy or emotion

16. The most distinguished feature of the Atlantic is the mid-ocean ridge, a gigantic **submerged** mountain range larger in area than the Alps and the Himalayas combined.
 - A. Raise the level or amount of something
 - B. Being beneath the surface or the bottom of a liquid
 - C. Leavened usually with yeast
 - D. Increased especially to abnormal levels

17. His continued skepticism, however, shaped his **subsequent** theological studies at Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania, and at Boston University, where he received a doctorate in systematic theology in 1955.
 - A. Demanding attention
 - B. Following something else in time
 - C. Marked by tedious repetition
 - D. Persistently continual

18. Although these maps are valuable for the general location of unstable areas, they can not be **substituted for** a careful on site investigation.
 - A. Revolve quickly and repeatedly around one's own axis
 - B. One that takes the place of another; to give up in return for something else
 - C. Count again
 - D. Narrate or give a detailed account of

19. The digestive system changes the large carbohydrates in mashed potatoes into **sugary** glucose.
 - A. Relating to or having the power to cause or promote digestion
 - B. Having or suggesting the taste of sugar
 - C. Used of persons or actions
 - D. Chemical agent capable of activity

20. People with Multiple Personality Disorder may experience any of the following: depression, mood swings, **suicidal** tendencies, and sleep disorders.
 - A. Not having undergone fermentation
 - B. Having the tendency to take one's own life voluntarily and intentionally
 - C. Having a sweet nature befitting an angel or cherub
 - D. In an affectionate or loving manner

21. There are four types of politeness strategies, described by Brown and Levinson, that **sum up** human "politeness" behavior: Bald On Record, Negative Politeness, Positive Politeness, and Off-Record-Indirect Strategy.
- A. Give a description of
 - B. Recapitulate the salient facts of
 - C. Make a mark or lines on a surface
 - D. Give an account or representation of in words
22. The idea of a **supersonic** passenger plane gained momentum in the 1950s, after Chuck Yeager's 1947 blast through the sound barrier.
- A. A variable whose values are solutions of an equation
 - B. Of, being, or relating to speeds from one to five times the speed of sound in air
 - C. An unknown and unexplored region
 - D. Make undecipherable or imperceptible by obscuring or concealing
23. Due to events which sometimes cannot be explained, communities have developed **superstitions** which have been passed from one generation to the next.
- A. A vague idea in which some confidence is placed
 - B. Irrational fear of the unknown
 - C. Any cognitive content held as true
 - D. A personal belief or judgment that is not founded on proof or certainty
24. After Admiral Nelson won a victory at Trafalgar, Spain in 1805, England established a naval **supremacy** that would last for 100 hundred years.
- A. A piece of information about circumstances that exist or events that have occurred
 - B. The condition or fact of being dominant
 - C. A statement or assertion of verified information about something that is the case or has happened
 - D. An abstract or general idea inferred or derived from specific instances
25. All lakes undergo an aging process, in which a crystal clear lake becomes a **swamp** full of plant growth called algae.
- A. A lump or mass of hard consolidated mineral matter
 - B. Material consisting of the aggregate of minerals like those making up the Earth's crust
 - C. Hard stick bright-colored stick candy typically peppermint flavored
 - D. A usually low-lying area of waterlogged ground and standing water
26. A *small introductory gallery* shows 18th- and 19th-century electrostatic apparatus, including a globe machine probably designed by Benjamin Franklin, several leyden jars for storing electric charges, and a twin-plate generator of about 1800 in an active **tableau** of a parlor game called the electric kiss.
- A. A graphic description or representation
 - B. A number of sheets of paper fastened together along one edge
 - C. A dose of medicine in the form of a small pellet
 - D. A slab of stone or wood suitable for bearing an inscription
27. "We trust state and local officials," Peters said, suggesting it doesn't make sense to promote pedestrian safety for South Dakota's wide-open spaces or drunken-driving programs in largely **teetotaling** Utah.
- A. Being in a tense state
 - B. A solid formed by the solidification of a chemical and having a highly regular atomic structure
 - C. Characterized as having complete abstinence from alcoholic drinks
 - D. Completely demolished

28. Situated close to the Pacific Ocean, San Diego has a **temperate** climate with temperatures ranging from 60 - 75 degrees F.
- A. Adjusted or attuned by adding a counterbalancing element
 - B. Used to describe a climate that has a range of temperatures within moderate limits
 - C. Made hard or flexible or resilient especially by heat treatment
 - D. Made tough by habitual exposure
29. Some people with mental disorders have a **tendency** toward self-persecution, self-sabotage, and even violence.
- A. Given to sympathy or gentleness or sentimentality
 - B. Susceptible to physical or emotional injury
 - C. Inclined to heel over easily under sail
 - D. A way that somebody or something typically behaves or is likely to react or behave
30. Gold and silver were declared as legal **tender**, and as such were used for all payments.
- A. A numeral or string of numerals that is used for identification
 - B. Something offered, as in money
 - C. A concept of quantity derived from zero and units
 - D. An insufficient quantity or number
31. Today, we believe science is testable, explanatory, and **tentative**.
- A. Likely to have many later changes before it becomes final and complete
 - B. Capable of being or liable to be subjected to judgment or test
 - C. The act of comparing similarities
 - D. Examining resemblances or differences
32. They represent a **terrifying** and destructive force that kills more than two out of every five Americans.
- A. Very great or intense
 - B. Being or having the character of a miracle
 - C. Making somebody feel very frightened or alarmed
 - D. Too improbable to admit of belief
33. Hawai'i's volcanoes have, therefore, become the **textbook example** of nonexplosive volcanism, and the term "Hawaiian type" is used to refer to such eruptions.
- A. One by which others are compared
 - B. A copy of a written work or composition that has been published
 - C. The sacred writings of the Christian religion
 - D. A periodic paperback publication
34. Starting with the Retablo de maese Pedro, Cervantes demonstrates a mastery of **theatrical** illusion which, absent from part one, becomes another narrative function in part two.
- A. Worthy only of being despised and rejected
 - B. Full of exaggerated or false emotion
 - C. Morally reprehensible
 - D. Lacking in value or merit
35. The Puritan government of Massachusetts in the 1600's and 1700's has been called a **theocracy**.
- A. The doctrine that the numerical majority of an organized group can make decisions binding on the whole group
 - B. A political system in which the supreme power lies in a body of citizens who can elect people to represent them
 - C. The political orientation of those who favor government by the people or by their elected representatives
 - D. Government of a state by immediate divine guidance or by officials who are regarded as divinely guided

36. The causes of crime can be explained through through several **theoretical** perspectives.
- A. Of or relating to philosophy or philosophers
 - B. About, involving, or based on a belief used as the basis for action
 - C. Meeting trouble with level-headed detachment
 - D. Of or relating to or characterized by facts
37. According to **therapists** who specialize in Multiple Personality Disorder, the host (the victim/survivor's basic personality) is not necessarily aware of the existence of these alters.
- A. Children take the roles of doctor or patient or nurse and pretend they are at the doctor's office
 - B. Somebody trained to treat disease, disorders, or injuries, especially somebody who uses methods other than drugs and surgery
 - C. A leading theologian in the history of the Roman Catholic Church
 - D. A licensed medical practitioner
38. When a hang-glider gets caught in a **thermal**, his aircraft will spiral upward for hundreds of feet.
- A. Any collection of particles (e.g., smoke or dust) or gases that is visible
 - B. A visible mass of water or ice particles suspended at a considerable altitude
 - C. Suspicion affecting one's reputation
 - D. A rising body of warm air
39. Fusion produces the energy of the sun and other stars and the explosive force of **thermonuclear** weapons.
- A. Crackling or hissing noise cause by electrical interference
 - B. Relating to or concerned with electricity
 - C. Of or relating to the transformations in the nucleus of atoms of low atomic weight as hydrogen that require a very high temperature for their inception as in the hydrogen bomb or in the sun
 - D. Measuring instrument for measuring temperature
40. In Roman mythology, Mercury is the god of commerce, travel and **thievery**, the Roman counterpart of the Greek god Hermes, the messenger of the Gods.
- A. Stealing something from a person or place
 - B. The acquisition of something for payment
 - C. A means of exerting influence or gaining advantage
 - D. The mechanical advantage gained by being in a position to use a lever
41. Today's most sophisticated forecast models cannot **peg** mountain convection well enough to assess how it might trigger storm complexes downstream.
- A. Accompany as a circumstance or follow as a result
 - B. Contribute to the fulfillment of a need or furtherance of an effort or purpose
 - C. Establish the identification of
 - D. Give a certain impression or have a certain outward aspect
42. Many hunters and fur traders sought money in beaver and otter **pelts**, and deer and buffalo skins.
- A. The skin of an animal
 - B. Material consisting of the aggregate of minerals like those making up the Earth's crust
 - C. A crystalline rock that can be cut and polished for jewelry
 - D. A garment worn around the head or neck or shoulders for warmth or decoration

43. Jamestown, Virginia, founded during the latter half of the seventeenth century, was built on a **peninsula**.
- A. The property of a body that causes it to have weight in a gravitational field
 - B. A body of matter without definite shape
 - C. A piece of land jutting out into the water and connected with a larger body of land with an isthmus
 - D. A large number or amount or extent
44. The military outpost was **peppered** with machine gun fire continuously for three hours.
- A. Add pepper to
 - B. Bar from attention or consideration
 - C. Stop associating with
 - D. To direct a concentrated outpouring, as of missiles, words, or blows
45. Binet discovered that the **percentage** of subnormal children stayed about the same if he took the ratio between the child's "mental age" and "chronological age" instead of the difference between the two.
- A. The act of discovering something
 - B. A productive insight
 - C. Discover or determine the existence
 - D. Rate or proportion percent
46. Since lift always occurs **perpendicular to** the surface of the wing, the lift acts at an angle and the plane turns accordingly.
- A. At right angles to the horizon or to level ground
 - B. Something having the property of being analogous to something else
 - C. An imaginary line around the Earth parallel to the equator
 - D. Adjust the line of sight of (an optical instrument)
47. "Disgusting," "dirty," and "**pest**" are just some of the words we associate with the very unpopular insect, the cockroach.
- A. A reproach for some lapse or misdeed
 - B. The person or thing chosen or selected
 - C. A plant or animal detrimental to humans or human concerns (as agriculture or livestock production)
 - D. The quantity of a crop that is harvested
48. At Huntington Beach, the **pier** was almost destroyed by storm surges.
- A. A platform built out from the shore into the water and supported by piles; provides access to ships and boats
 - B. Long bench with backs; used in church by the congregation
 - C. A level shelf of land interrupting a declivity (with steep slopes above and below)
 - D. A strong worktable for a carpenter or mechanic
49. Many seaweeds and other plants that do not appear to be green also have chlorophyll and therefore can convert the sun's energy into food. In these plants, the greenness is hidden by other **pigments**.
- A. Domestic swine
 - B. A coarse obnoxious person
 - C. Dry coloring matter (especially an insoluble powder to be mixed with a liquid to produce paint etc)
 - D. A person regarded as greedy and pig-like
50. King emphasized the goal of black voting rights when he spoke at the Lincoln Memorial during the 1957 Prayer **Pilgrimage** for Freedom.
- A. Someone who journeys in foreign lands
 - B. A journey to a shrine or sacred place
 - C. A track or mark left by something that has passed
 - D. Evidence pointing to a possible solution

51. William Shakespeare, famous for the tragedy “Romeo and Juliet,” was one of the greatest **playwrights** to ever exist.
- A. Someone who manufactures something
 - B. Someone who finds financing for and supervises the making and presentation of a show (play or film or program or similar work)
 - C. Something that produces
 - D. A person who writes plays
52. **Polygyny** is allowable in Islamic tradition but is prohibited in Turkish law.
- A. The legal dissolution of a marriage
 - B. An amount allowed or granted (as during a given period)
 - C. Marriage in which a spouse of either sex may have more than one mate at the same time
 - D. A reserve fund created by a charge against profits in order to provide for changes in the value of a company's assets
53. The ability that humans have to change the earth's surface is rivaled only by colonies of tiny coral **polyps**, which over millions of years form massive coral reefs of limestone.
- A. The molecular weight of a substance expressed in grams; the basic unit of amount of substance adopted under the System International d'Unites
 - B. Small velvety-furred burrowing mammal having small eyes and fossorial forefeet
 - C. A protective structure of stone or concrete; extends from shore into the water to prevent a beach from washing away
 - D. A projecting mass of swollen and hypertrophied or tumorous membrane
54. The four-day visit, aimed at patching up differences between the two countries over issues such as the Iraq war, will be laden with state events and royal **pomp** such as Tuesday evening's state banquet in Putin's honor.
- A. Any agreeable (pleasing and harmonious) sounds
 - B. A ceremonial or festival display as a train of followers or a pageant
 - C. A hollow device made of metal that makes a ringing sound when struck
 - D. An artistic form of auditory communication incorporating instrumental or vocal tones in a structured and continuous manner
55. As researchers continue to search the skies for objects that **pose** an impact risk, they are also beginning discussions on how to deflect an object on a collision course with Earth.
- A. Exchange ideas via conversation
 - B. To present for attention or consideration; to put or set forth
 - C. Utter meaningless sounds, like a baby, or utter in an incoherent way
 - D. Divulge information or secrets; spill the beans
56. He steadily advanced at the UN, holding **posts** in budget, personnel, and refugee affairs.
- A. An upright consisting of a piece of timber or metal fixed firmly in an upright position
 - B. An office or position to which a person is appointed
 - C. Any particular collection of letters or packages that is delivered
 - D. A pole or stake set up to mark something (as the start or end of a race track)

57. The Midwestern part of the United States is characterized by vast **prairies**, rich agricultural farmland, and intense thunderstorms.
- A. An arid region with little or no vegetation
 - B. A large area of level or rolling land in the Mississippi River valley that has deep fertile soil, a cover of tall coarse grasses, and few trees
 - C. Medium-sized evergreen of southwestern United States and northwestern Mexico with oblong leathery often spiny-edged leaves
 - D. A ravine formed by a river in an area with little rainfall
58. The Battle of Shiloh would change all **preconceived** notions that the Civil War would be short-lived.
- A. Rebuffed (by a lover) without warning
 - B. To form an opinion prior to actual knowledge or experience
 - C. Cast off as valueless
 - D. Judged unacceptable
59. If language evolved by gradual Darwinian natural selection, we must be able to find some **precursor** of it in our closest relatives, the chimpanzees.
- A. A person to whom money is paid
 - B. A forerunner; one that proceeds and indicates the approach of another
 - C. The semantic role of the animate entity that is passively involved in the happening denoted by the verb in the clause
 - D. Set that receives radio or tv signals
60. Renaissance books established the convention of the **preface** that is found in most books of today.
- A. A short section of preliminary remarks
 - B. The outer boundary of an artifact or a material layer constituting or resembling such a boundary
 - C. The extended two-dimensional outer boundary of a three-dimensional object
 - D. A thin layer covering something
61. While a psychologist openly shares psychological principles to promote treatment, psychics use psychology as a personal tool to manipulate the client, known as the sitter, **presumably** for the sitter's own good.
- A. To a great extent
 - B. According to a tentative assumption
 - C. In an insensitive manner
 - D. Without knowledge or intention
62. Sulfates, which originate **primarily** in coal-fired power plants, started rising around 1900.
- A. In a precarious manner
 - B. To a minimal degree
 - C. For the greater or larger part
 - D. In an expressionistic or deathly

63. The best philosophy I can convey about how to avoid problems is the **principle** of the three red flags, which states that most accidents are not the result of an unavoidable "karmic-cannonball," but rather are the predictable outcome of a series of related events.
- A. The original amount of a debt on which interest is calculated
 - B. The educator who has executive authority for a school
 - C. An actor who plays a principal role
 - D. A broad and basic rule or truth
64. The Ontario report found a **probable** link between firefighting and cancer even though the evidence was inconsistent.
- A. Hard to comprehend or solve
 - B. Making great mental demands
 - C. Open to doubt or debate
 - D. Likely to happen or to be true
65. Most organ **procurement** organizations offer programs that forward letters from organ recipients to the families of organ donors.
- A. The act of getting possession of
 - B. Having the character of a proclusion
 - C. An abstraction belonging to or characteristic of two entities or parts together
 - D. A person related by blood or marriage
66. It is a complex story within the healthcare scheme of technological modernization that has one **profound** and simple reality: there will not be enough money to pay for the healthcare costs of this country.
- A. Having few parts
 - B. Beyond the understanding of the average mind
 - C. Apart from anything else; without additions or modifications
 - D. Exhibiting childlike simplicity and credulity
67. The costs of advances in modern medical technology and services have been **projected** between \$1.5 to \$2.3 trillion.
- A. To make a rough or tentative calculation
 - B. To move forward
 - C. To progress in development
 - D. To obtain advantages, such as points, etc.

68. Ebay, an Internet company allowing people to buy and sell products Online, is one of the most **prolific** businesses in recent history.
- A. Belonging to the modern era
 - B. Characteristic of present-day art and music and literature and architecture
 - C. Characterized by great productivity
 - D. Ahead of the times
69. Thompson and Allen are respectively touted as **prominent** west coast and east coast movie producers.
- A. Widely known and esteemed
 - B. Slightly short of or not quite accomplished
 - C. In essence or effect but not in fact
 - D. Without exaggeration
70. More areas in the world were **prone** to drought than those in the past.
- A. The quality of being determined to do or achieve something
 - B. What something is used for
 - C. Having or showing a tendency or likelihood
 - D. An anticipated outcome that is intended or that guides your planned actions
71. After a person chews and swallows, the food is **propelled** down the ten inches of esophagus and into the stomach.
- A. Crash together with violent impact
 - B. To force to move or advance with or as if with blows or pressure
 - C. Be incompatible; be or come into conflict
 - D. Shock physically
72. As the plane uses jet engines, or even a **propeller** in some cases, to move itself forward, air rushes by the wing.
- A. One of the horizontal airfoils on either side of the fuselage of an airplane
 - B. A stage area out of sight of the audience
 - C. A unit of military aircraft
 - D. Revolving shaft with blades, especially for propelling a ship or airplane
73. Sakalutan women show a low rate of remaining within their villages (just over 50%) and a high **propensity** to marry men in other locations.
- A. A point or extent in space
 - B. The act of putting something in a certain place
 - C. The principle that specific functions have relatively circumscribed locations in some particular part or organ of the body
 - D. An inclination or tendency to something

74. Morehouse College president Benjamin Mays and other **proponents** of Christian social activism influenced King's decision after his junior year at Morehouse to become a minister and thereby serve society.
- A. Someone who fights
 - B. One who supports or champions an activity, institution, etc.
 - C. A high-speed military or naval airplane designed to destroy enemy aircraft in the air
 - D. A connected series of events or actions or developments
75. The cut of a diamond refers to its **proportions**.
- A. A policy of taking direct and militant action to achieve a political or social goal
 - B. Satisfying arrangement marked by even distribution of elements, as in a design
 - C. An interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs
 - D. A regular route for a sentry or policeman
76. In the mid-1870s, gold was discovered, and press reports brought a rush of **prospectors** to California.
- A. Any agent (person or animal or microorganism) that carries and transmits a disease
 - B. Set used to broadcast radio or tv signals
 - C. One who searches for something, especially valuable minerals: gold, silver, and diamonds
 - D. Someone who transmits a message
77. Many gay couples are enjoying a higher level of economic **prosperity** than the average American and don't feel constrained in any way by a lack of marriage rights.
- A. Steady good fortune or financial security
 - B. Unnecessary and unforeseen trouble resulting from an unfortunate event
 - C. An unfortunate state resulting from unfavorable outcomes
 - D. An unknown and unpredictable phenomenon that causes an event to result one way rather than another
78. Given to reading books of chivalry, the **protagonist** Alonso Quijano, influenced by the exploits of his heroes, loses his mind and decides to become a knight, go out in search of adventure, and impose justice according to the code of the knights errant.
- A. A citizen who has a legal right to vote
 - B. The main performer in a theatrical production
 - C. Any of the German princes who were entitled to vote in the election of new Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire
 - D. A politician who is running for public office
79. Many Biblical **proverbs** are used in Western culture as informative verses by which a person can effectively govern his life.
- A. A literary work based on the imagination and not necessarily on fact
 - B. A usually familiar statement expressing an observation or principle generally accepted as wise or true
 - C. A deliberately false or improbable account
 - D. The act of making something (a product) from raw materials

80. This species nests in the ground and **provisions** its nest with cicadas.
- A. To cause to separate and go in different directions
 - B. To distribute loosely
 - C. To provide as of supplies; to be prepared beforehand
 - D. To move away from each other
81. It was in England, at the Crystal Palace--the popular name for the first World's Fair, held in London in 1851--that America's industrial and technological **proWess** was first widely recognized.
- A. The act of clearing yourself (or another) from some stigma or charge
 - B. Extraordinary ability
 - C. An act of removing by cleansing
 - D. Container into which liquid is poured to create a given shape when it hardens
82. At sea, large ships with heavy gear **proWl** in search of fish.
- A. To rotate or cause to rotate
 - B. To move about or wander stealthily in or as if in search of prey
 - C. Occur in soft rounded shapes
 - D. Flatten or spread with a roller
83. In the majority of cases, sitters go to **psychics** to address a personal problem, whether it's travel, health, expectations, sex, career, ambitions, or money.
- A. A person with advanced knowledge of one of more sciences
 - B. Considered to have powers such as telepathy or clairvoyance
 - C. A person who has general authority over others
 - D. A person who grows or makes or invents things
84. Many murderers are **psychotic**, and they have no remorse about killing their victims.
- A. Foretelling events as if by supernatural intervention
 - B. Being insane or mad
 - C. Concerning or affecting a particular person or his or her private life and personality
 - D. Intimately concerning a person's body or physical being
85. In 1993, Angelou wrote and delivered a poem, "On The **Pulse** of the Morning," at the inauguration for President Bill Clinton at his request.
- A. To make rhythmic contractions, sounds, or movements
 - B. A bag used for carrying money and small personal items or accessories (especially by women)
 - C. A sum of money spoken of as the contents of a money purse
 - D. Informal terms

86. Gov. Jeb Bush on Tuesday declared a state of emergency for seven southwestern Florida counties which were **pummeled** by torrential rain.
- A. Provide with fuel; as of aircraft, ships, and cars
 - B. To strike repeatedly by heavy blows so as to cause damage
 - C. Stimulate
 - D. To be burned so as to provide heat or power
87. Some cities are now **pumping** water which has lain in underground storage for more than 25,000 years.
- A. To throw or bend back or reflect (from a surface)
 - B. Give evidence that someone has acted in a certain way
 - C. To remove a liquid by a steady, gradual process
 - D. Reflect deeply on a subject
88. In a **pungent** diary, vivid letters, learned tracts, and patriotic speeches he revealed himself as a quintessential Puritan, patriarch of an illustrious family, tough-minded philosopher of the republic, sage, and sometimes a vain, stubborn, and vitriolic partisan.
- A. Persistently or morbidly thoughtful
 - B. Capable of physically reflecting light or sound
 - C. Devoted to matters of the mind
 - D. Affecting the organs of taste or smell with a strong and often harsh sensation; so sharp as to cause mental pain
89. It is fairly certain that Cervantes was a **pupil** of Lóópez de Hoyos in Madrid.
- A. A person working in the service of another (especially in the household)
 - B. In a subordinate position
 - C. One who is being educated
 - D. A dental appliance that holds teeth (or a prosthesis) in position after orthodontic treatment
90. Back in the early 1960's when the fishery was really developing quite strongly, there was a **push** from both industry and government to make sure that things were going to be sustainable.
- A. A vigorous effort to attain an end, drive
 - B. The organized action of making of goods and services for sale
 - C. The people engaged in a particular kind of commercial enterprise
 - D. A verbal or written request for assistance or employment or admission to a school
91. His attempts to measure intelligence caught on and were **pursued** by others.
- A. Maintain the security of by carrying out a control
 - B. Express as a number or measure or quantity
 - C. To move behind another in the same direction
 - D. Have certain dimensions

92. It is difficult to **quantitatively** measure the amount of pollution in the earth's atmosphere.
- A. In a relative manner
 - B. By comparison to something else
 - C. Relating to or involving the measurement of quantity or amount
 - D. Properly related in size or degree or other measurable characteristics
93. The great piano concertos and the string **quartets** dedicated to his "dear friend" Josef Haydn were also composed during this period.
- A. A district of a city having some distinguishing character
 - B. A unit of time equal to 15 minutes or a quarter of an hour
 - C. One of the four major division of the compass
 - D. A composition of four performers
94. Chimpanzees require massive regimented teaching sequences contrived by humans to acquire quite rudimentary abilities, mostly limited to a small number of signs, strung together in repetitive, **quasi-random** sequences, used with the intent of requesting food or tickling.
- A. Consisting of one of two equivalent parts in value or quantity
 - B. Seemingly; not really; almost
 - C. Related through one parent only
 - D. Partially or to the extent of a half
95. Each layer of ice in a core corresponds to a single year--or sometimes even a single season--and most everything that fell in the snow that year remains behind, including wind-blown dust, ash, atmospheric gases, even **radioactivity**.
- A. An elementary particle with 0 charge and mass about equal to a proton
 - B. An organic process that takes place in the body
 - C. The emission of ionizing radiation or particles caused by the spontaneous disintegration of atomic nuclei
 - D. A process existing in or produced by nature
96. Crows sometimes **raid** the nests and eat the eggs and the young of smaller birds.
- A. Confirm the truth of
 - B. To attack in order to steal, destroy, or conquer
 - C. Verify or regulate by conducting a parallel experiment or comparing with another standard, of scientific experiments
 - D. attach or append a legal verification to (a pleading or petition)
97. In a last effort to regain control of Shiloh, the confederate troops **rallied** against the union soldiers in a three day raging battle.
- A. Have or participate in a party
 - B. With reference to troops bring or come together again so as to continue fighting
 - C. Assign great social importance to
 - D. Celebrate, as of holidays or rites
98. NASA launches the first of two golf-cart-size rovers that will **ramble** across the rocky, red soil of Mars and drill for evidence that the Red Planet once had enough water to support life.
- A. Walk with long steps
 - B. To move aimlessly from place to place
 - C. Cover or traverse by taking long steps
 - D. Move fast by using one's feet, with one foot off the ground at any given time

99. Both are lonely in their **ramshackle** surroundings and, over a series of gin rummy games, they become acquainted.
- A. Enjoying or affording comforting warmth and shelter especially in a small space
 - B. Appearing ready to collapse
 - C. Having or fostering a warm or friendly atmosphere
 - D. Suggesting connivance
100. Flexibility is the ability to move joints freely through their full **range** of motion.
- A. Relative status
 - B. The limits within which something can be effective
 - C. A row or line of people (especially soldiers or police) standing abreast of one another
 - D. The body of members of an organization or group
101. If the inclusions are not visible to the naked eye, a higher clarity does not really improve the appearance of a diamond but rather the **rarity** and price
- A. The state or quality of being far beyond what is usual, normal, or customary
 - B. A piece of open land for recreational use in an urban area
 - C. Of no special distinction or quality
 - D. Common to or shared by two or more parties
102. Since Sept. 11, Beijing has **ratcheted** up its bluster against Xinjiang's Uighur separatists.
- A. Make a thrusting forward movement
 - B. To cause to move by steps or degrees
 - C. Throw forcefully
 - D. Utter vehemently
103. The Fed started its rate-**slashing** campaign in 2001, and by January 2002, the average interest rate on credit cards had fallen by more than 2 percentage points. But then they began a steady creep upward.
- A. Separated into parts or laid open or penetrated with a sharp edge or instrument
 - B. Fashioned or shaped by cutting
 - C. To reduce sharply
 - D. Made neat and tidy by trimming
104. Mercury is the only body in the solar system known to have an orbital/rotational resonance with a **ratio** other than 1:1.
- A. The quantitative relation between two amounts showing the number of times one value contains or is contained within the other
 - B. Amount of a charge or payment relative to some basis
 - C. A magnitude or frequency relative to a time unit
 - D. The relative speed of progress or change

105. The chlorophyll captures the light energy and uses this energy to build carbohydrates from simple **raw** materials (water, carbon dioxide and minerals).
- A. Having been prepared for eating by the application of heat
 - B. Of a specific thickness or of relatively great extent from one surface to the opposite usually in the smallest of the three solid dimensions
 - C. having the relationship of friends or pals
 - D. Uncooked; in its natural state, not processed
106. Ladybugs, those polka-dotted little beetles, have a **ravenous** appetite for aphids and other insects, which is why they can be used in place of insecticides in the citrus industry of California.
- A. Characterized by or arising from psychoneurotic hysteria
 - B. Desiring or craving food
 - C. Marked by excessive or uncontrollable emotion
 - D. Characterized by or arising from psychoneurosis
107. Page through the text and/or your notebook to **reacquaint** yourself with the important points.
- A. Give advice to
 - B. Speak, plead, or argue in favor of
 - C. Re-familiarize oneself with someone or something
 - D. Push for something
108. The developments in Rhythm and Blues of the mid and late 1980's are **readily** evident, especially the pervasive influence of hip-hop.
- A. Advancing in amount or intensity
 - B. With reluctance
 - C. Without hesitation, willingly; without difficulty, easily
 - D. In a mistaken manner
109. Cervantes's work, a keen critique of the literature of his time, presented the clash between **reality** and the ideals which Don Quijote sought to revive, and at the same time originated the theme of the clairvoyance of insanity.
- A. A series of mental images and emotions occurring during sleep
 - B. The state of things as they actually exist, as opposed to an idealistic or notional idea of them
 - C. A state of mind characterized by abstraction and release from reality
 - D. Someone of something wonderful
110. Although they loved Vinland, they **realized** there would always be trouble living with the Indians.
- A. Dismiss from the mind
 - B. Become fully aware of as a fact
 - C. Be unable to remember
 - D. Leave behind unintentionally
111. The life cycle of insects is so short that many generations can be **reared** each year.
- A. Provoke someone to do something through (often false or exaggerated) promises or persuasion
 - B. Dispose or incline or entice to
 - C. To take care of
 - D. Try to seduce
112. She/he may detect Multiple Personality Disorder as a result of the sudden appearance of new possessions that they cannot **recall** having purchased withdrawals from their bank account signed for in a strange handwriting, friends and family referring to past events of which they are not aware.
- A. Bar from sale or distribution
 - B. Cause one to remember or think of
 - C. Summon to return
 - D. Cause to be returned

113. Fortunately, after three days of Sunshine and no rain, the floods from the American River **receded** back into its banks.
- A. Look at again; examine again
 - B. Move back or farther away; gradually diminish
 - C. Appraise critically
 - D. Study anew, as for a test
114. Although the vibration **receptor** on the spider's leg seems most sensitive to frequencies above 1,000 hertz, previous research had indicated that vibrations induced by trapped prey never exceeded that frequency.
- A. Medium for communication
 - B. A cell or group of cells that receive stimuli
 - C. An electronic receiver that detects and demodulates and amplifies transmitted signals
 - D. A communication system based on broadcasting electromagnetic waves
115. Similar to city states of antiquity (e.g. Athens, Rome, Carthage) or medieval times (e.g. the Hanseatic League), except that modern citistates engage in instant electronic communication and capital transfer, and are the chief **recipients** of world population growth.
- A. The act of rejecting something
 - B. A person who receives something
 - C. A person who delivers a speech or oration
 - D. Immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign
116. It is important that a relationship be friendly and express group **reciprocity**.
- A. The practice of exchanging things with others for mutual benefit
 - B. Skill in persuading people to buy
 - C. Chemical process in which one atom or ion or group changes places with another
 - D. The act of giving something in return for something received
117. The program included songs and **recitations** of well-loved poems.
- A. Something immaterial that interferes with or delays action or progress
 - B. A public instance of reciting or repeating (from memory) something prepared in advance
 - C. Any obstruction that is burdensome
 - D. The area on a billiard table behind the balkline
118. Until we can discover an inexpensive system for **reclaiming** sea water, we must all work together to make sure there is fresh clean water for the next generations.
- A. Give temporarily; let have for a limited time
 - B. Retrieve or recover
 - C. Disposing of money or property with the expectation that the same thing (or an equivalent) will be returned
 - D. Have certain characteristics of qualities for something; be open or vulnerable to
119. By **recombining** the atoms of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen in different combinations, the plant creates the different carbohydrates.
- A. Act as a barrier between; stand between
 - B. Force, take, or pull apart
 - C. Divide into components or constituents
 - D. To put together again into one mass so that the constituent parts are more or less homogeneous

120. U.S. officials emphasized this was not evidence Iraq had a nuclear weapon -- but it was evidence the Iraqis concealed plans to **reconstitute** their nuclear program as soon as the world was no longer looking.
- A. Look at attentively
 - B. To form or make up again or anew
 - C. Consider or deem to be
 - D. Give careful consideration to
121. Therapists believe that the appropriate therapy involves the recovery of childhood abuse memories, through **recovered** memory therapy re-integration of the alters into the dominant personality.
- A. Lengthen or extend in duration or space
 - B. Undergo (as of injuries and illnesses)
 - C. Provide with nourishment
 - D. Return to a normal state of health, mind, or strength
122. Betsy Johnson lives in a humble three bedroom **rectangular** shaped house.
- A. Having many parts or sides
 - B. Forming or shaped like a triangle
 - C. A plane figure with four straight sides and four right angles, and with unequal adjacent sides
 - D. Having three angles
123. To save paper, one should consider buying books made only with **recycled** paper.
- A. Cause to go through a cycle
 - B. Use again after processing
 - C. Appropriate for achieving a particular end; implies a lack of concern for fairness
 - D. Being of striking appropriateness and pertinence
124. Court documents related to the guardian's medical plan for J.D.S. are **redacted** and do not disclose when and where the young woman will be taken to give birth.
- A. Make a logical or causal connection
 - B. To put in writing; to select or adapt for publication
 - C. Be about; have to do with; be relevant to; refer, pertain, or relate to
 - D. Give an account of
125. By **redeeming** this debt early, we continue with our stated policy to further reduce the company's total debt position.
- A. To remove the obligation of by payment
 - B. Any process in which electrons are added to an atom or ion (as by removing oxygen or adding hydrogen)
 - C. Dispose of
 - D. Remove something concrete, as by lifting, pushing, taking off, etc.; or remove something abstract
126. Because the dogs' salivation is **reflexive**, Pavlov decided to analyze how the dogs learned to associate the bell with being fed.
- A. Persistently or morbidly thoughtful
 - B. Devoted to matters of the mind
 - C. Acting or happening without apparent forethought, prompting, or planning
 - D. Physiologically ready to incubate eggs

127. He **refrained from** hitting him back.
- A. Cause to feel resentment or indignation
 - B. Stop oneself from doing something
 - C. Act in disregard of laws and rules
 - D. Strike with disgust or revulsion
128. For example, some argue that **regardless** of any individual's desire to get married, the community as a whole should support official recognition of their right to do so.
- A. Scheduled to arrive
 - B. Despite the prevailing circumstances
 - C. Owed and payable immediately or on demand
 - D. Because of the reason given
129. But Davis and Trier have found that mesoscale convective vortexes play a key role in helping storms **regenerate** over two or more days.
- A. Bring new and more vigorous life to an area or institution
 - B. Come or bring to a finish or an end
 - C. Complete or carry out
 - D. Write all the required information onto a form
130. William Tecupseh Sherman, division commander, was quoted saying to reporters, "Take your **regiment** to Ohio. No enemy is nearer than Corinth."
- A. A mark that is long relative to its width
 - B. A formation of people or things one behind another
 - C. A permanent unit of an army, typically divided into several smaller units and often into two battalions
 - D. Text consisting of a row of words written across a page or column or computer screen
131. Arnold speculated that the polar **regions** might have areas that are permanently shadowed, hence permanently cold.
- A. Either the left or right half of a body (human or animal)
 - B. An area of a country or the world having definable characteristics but not always fixed boundaries
 - C. The side or slope of a mountain
 - D. A land mass that projects well above its surroundings; higher than a hill
132. Some alters create new alters as needed. Others perform a system **regulatory** function; they determine which alter will be in charge at a given time.
- A. Recurring in scattered and irregular or unpredictable instances
 - B. Control or maintain the rate or speed of a machine or process; control
 - C. Seemingly without interruption; chiefly restricted to what recurs regularly or frequently in a prolonged and closely spaced series
 - D. Tiresomely long; seemingly without end

133. The precise composition, and **relative** proportions of that dust and gas, hold clues to the materials and physical conditions present in the frigid outer regions of the solar system where comets are formed.
- A. Functioning outside the boundaries or precincts of an organized unit
 - B. Relating to or being on or near the outer side or limit
 - C. Existing or possessing a characteristic only in comparison to something else
 - D. Originating or belonging beyond some bounds:"the outside world"
134. Going fishing by the lake last week was **reminiscent of** the times when I went fishing as a child.
- A. Be agreeable or acceptable to
 - B. Tending to remind one of something
 - C. Accord or comport with
 - D. Meant or adapted for an occasion or use
135. Deep into the jungles of Guatemala are the **remnants** of a civilization which existed more than a 1,000 years ago.
- A. Someone whose style is out of fashion
 - B. A surviving trace
 - C. A visible mass of water or ice particles suspended at a considerable altitude
 - D. Any collection of particles (e.g., smoke or dust) or gases that is visible
136. His principal **residence** during the next several months was near Paris, France, just around the corner from the Luxembourg Gardens, where he spent much of his time.
- A. A place off to the side of an area
 - B. The place where a person resides
 - C. An interior angle formed by two meeting walls
 - D. A temporary monopoly on a kind of commercial trade
137. Authors Jones and Dewey are **respectively** touted as prominent west coast and east coast psychics.
- A. Receiving deferential regard
 - B. Separately or individually and in the order already mentioned
 - C. Having or worthy of pride
 - D. Characterized by or attended with brilliance or grandeur
138. Warm ups prepare your body for the exercise ahead by increasing heart rate and **respiration**, and thus supplying energy (heat, oxygen) to the cells.
- A. Utter with a sigh
 - B. The action of breathing
 - C. Possession of controlling influence
 - D. A state powerful enough to influence events throughout the world

139. At that point the Sun would stop, briefly reverse course, and stop again before **resuming** its path toward the horizon and decreasing in apparent size.
- A. An instance of rapid strong pulsation
 - B. A sound with a strong rhythmic beat
 - C. Tremble convulsively
 - D. Begin again or continue after a pause or interruption
140. Twenty thousand years ago, the Earth was held in **thrall** by a relentless ice age.
- A. Fire that makes it difficult for the enemy to fire on your own individuals or formations
 - B. To make a slave of
 - C. Strip sewn over or along an edge for reinforcement or decoration
 - D. The act of concealing the existence of something by obstructing the view of it
141. Supporters and opponents alike agree the income **threshold** needs to be raised.
- A. A geometric element that has position but no extension
 - B. A level, point, or value above which something is true or will take place and below which it is not or will not
 - C. A brief version of the essential meaning of something
 - D. An isolated fact that is considered separately from the whole
142. When it finally reaches the coast, a tsunami may appear as a rapidly rising or falling **tide**, a series of breaking waves, or even a bore.
- A. A lightweight material in cellular form
 - B. An effervescent beverage (usually alcoholic)
 - C. The area within view
 - D. Something suggestive of running water
143. They enter the heart of the palms and feed on the tender **tissues** within.
- A. Dense growth of hairs covering the body or parts of it (as on the human head)
 - B. Organic body material in animals and plants made up of large numbers of cells that are similar in form and function and their related intercellular substances
 - C. A very small distance or space
 - D. Filamentous hairlike growth on a plant
144. The aim of this site is to help you avoid low grades, lost employment opportunities, lost business, and **titters** of amusement at the way you write or speak.
- A. A relaxed state
 - B. The act of laughing in a nervous, affected, or partly suppressed manner
 - C. A natural and periodic state of rest during which consciousness of the world is suspended
 - D. A torpid state resembling sleep

145. Things such as wind, temperature, relative humidity, **topography**, and fuel levels all need to be taken into account.
- A. The weather in some location averaged over some long period of time
 - B. The features on the surface of a particular area of land
 - C. The prevailing psychological state
 - D. A classification of propositions on the basis of whether they claim necessity or possibility or impossibility
146. Sometimes a slow-moving sequence of mesoscale convective systems will extend over several days, causing **torrential** rains over a large area.
- A. Of comparatively little physical weight or density
 - B. Having a relatively small amount of coloring agent
 - C. Relating to large amounts of liquids such as water or lava
 - D. Of the military or industry
147. At its worst, it could cause some to disagree with the **totality** of the comments.
- A. Occurring so frequently as to seem ceaseless or uninterrupted
 - B. The state of being complete
 - C. Continuing forever or indefinitely
 - D. A quantity that does not vary
148. Vomiting and diarrhea are dangerous and can cause damage to the digestive **tract**.
- A. A line or route along which something travels or moves
 - B. System of body parts or organs that collectively serve some purpose
 - C. Evidence pointing to a possible solution
 - D. A pair of parallel rails providing a runway for wheels
149. The developing world is slower to catch on, but a movement by astronomers and geoscientists in South Africa to establish a National Working Group to assess NEO impact risk and mitigation is gaining **traction**.
- A. A source of danger
 - B. A firm controlling influence
 - C. A venture undertaken without regard to possible loss or injury
 - D. A possibility due to a favorable combination of circumstances
150. West Africa promised a peace force of at least 5,000 troops for Liberia if warring sides halt fighting, and France suggested Saturday it was open to contributing troops - stepping in where the United States, Liberia's colonial-era founder, has so far declined to **tread**.
- A. Come upon, as if by accident; meet with
 - B. To step or walk on or over
 - C. Knock against with force or violence
 - D. Dance erotically, as in "bump and grind": dance with the pelvis thrust forward
151. They have also identified a spike representing fallout from stepped-up atmospheric testing that took place just prior to the 1963 Test Ban **Treaty**, which allowed for underground tests only.
- A. Something considered choice to eat
 - B. The act of punishing
 - C. A formal contract or agreement negotiated between countries or other political entities
 - D. An assay conducted for diagnostic purposes

152. Sitting Bull and the Sioux realized they could not defeat the army alone, and they must stand with other **tribes**.
- A. A vote to select the winner of a political office
 - B. A group of people sharing a common ancestry
 - C. A group of people who work together
 - D. The activity or result of distributing or disposing persons or things properly or methodically
153. Slab and other avalanches can be hard or soft, wet or dry and can be **triggered** naturally or artificially.
- A. Bring to an end or halt
 - B. To set something off
 - C. Lessen in force or effect
 - D. Give in, as to influence or pressure
154. In the 17th century, the Conestoga wagon had a **trough** attached to its rear end, so the horses could feed.
- A. Any of various kinds of wheeled vehicles drawn by a horse or tractor
 - B. A long shallow often v-shaped receptacle for the drinking water or feed of domestic animals
 - C. Van used by police to transport prisoners
 - D. A group of seven bright stars in the constellation Ursa Major
155. It recommended that drivers turn on their headlights at the first sign of **twilight**.
- A. The time after sunset and before sunrise while it is dark outside
 - B. The period spent sleeping
 - C. Roman goddess of night; daughter of Erebus; counterpart of Greek Nyx
 - D. The period between afternoon and nighttime
156. A hydroelectric dam is built in mountainous land, where the water will have a steep drop that will build up pressure to keep the turbines turning **ultrafast**.
- A. Having hills and crags
 - B. Rocky and steep
 - C. Not moving quickly
 - D. Marked by an extremely high rate of speed
157. If fires are always suppressed, dense **underbrush** soon becomes so abundant that a simple spark can start a fire within minutes.
- A. Old World vine with lobed evergreen leaves and black berrylike fruits
 - B. A tall perennial woody plant having a main trunk and branches forming a distinct elevated crown; includes both gymnosperms and angiosperms
 - C. Shrubs, small trees, or other vegetation growing beneath the trees in a forest
 - D. A figure that branches from a single root

158. Juniors, too, may have their math grades substituted for their test scores, though **underclassmen** who did not pass will have to retake the exam.
- A. A member of the freshman or sophomore class in a school or college
 - B. An undergraduate student during the year preceding graduation
 - C. A person who is older than you are
 - D. A person who has received a degree from a school (high school or college or university)
159. Even computer maker Gateway has joined the fray. It **undercut** competitors last fall with its debut of a \$3,000 42-inch plasma TV and promises to have a dozen other plasma, LCD and rear-projection models for sale later this year.
- A. Cause someone to believe an untruth
 - B. To offer to sell at lower prices than or to work for lower wages than a competitor
 - C. Be false to; be dishonest with
 - D. Reduce to bankruptcy
160. Contrary to what is popularly believed, the **underlying** cause of the Civil War was the issue of state rights.
- A. On or near an edge or constituting an outer boundary; the outer area
 - B. Electronic equipment connected by cable to the CPU of a computer
 - C. Related to the key issue but not of central importance
 - D. Arising from or going to the root of the source
161. The details of the double murder **unfolded** during the three month trial.
- A. Announce publicly or officially
 - B. Foreshadow or presage
 - C. To be disclosed gradually
 - D. Have as a meaning
162. "Individual components may have small effects that emerge only when the components are integrated into a simple, **unidimensional** score," the researchers said.
- A. Formed or united into a whole
 - B. Resembling a living organism in organization or development
 - C. Lacking depth: superficial
 - D. Fuse or cause to grow together
163. The tiny seeds of this tree are well known for their **uniformity** and consistent weight.
- A. Equipment used in calisthenic exercises and weightlifting
 - B. The relative importance granted to something
 - C. The vertical force exerted by a mass as a result of gravity
 - D. A condition in which everything is regular and unvarying

164. In celebration of the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art's 15th anniversary on the National Mall, the museum **unveiled** a major interior redesign of its entrance pavilion on October .
- A. Provide with a covering or cause to be covered
 - B. Span an interval of distance, space or time
 - C. Make visible
 - D. Deal with verbally or in some form of artistic expression
165. The war had overthrown peace-time standards and ideals, and not even President Woodrow Wilson could **uphold** them.
- A. Refuse to accept or acknowledge
 - B. Look down on with disdain
 - C. Open disrespect for a person or thing
 - D. Keep from yielding or failing during stress or difficulty
166. According to legend, St Francis was observed standing **upright** in his tomb after his death. Zurbaran attempted to capture the fact that it is a corpse by painting a somewhat frightening face.
- A. Be seated
 - B. Standing vertically or straight upward
 - C. Be in session, as of courts of law, for example
 - D. Work or act as a baby-sitter
167. In the office, however, a booming subwoofer may trigger an **uprising** among your coworkers.
- A. A formally arranged gathering
 - B. A casual or unexpected convergence
 - C. Sterile member of a colony of social insects that forages for food and cares for the larvae
 - D. A usually localized act of popular violence in defiance usually of an established government
168. The eyes are staring **upward** and the lips are parted.
- A. On or toward a surface regarded as a base
 - B. Extending or moving from a higher to a lower place
 - C. Away from a more central or a more northerly place
 - D. In, to, or toward a higher place, level, or position
169. Mark Twain, known for his **urbanity** and his artistic integrity, developed a love for writing about the South.
- A. A deliberate infliction of pain and suffering
 - B. Feelings of extreme heartlessness
 - C. Mercilessness characterized by a lack of pity
 - D. Refined, effortless beauty of manner, form, and style
170. Even if, in the end, all they collectively learn is that a household of African twentysomethings can be as self-obsessed, **vacuous** and obnoxious as reality-television contestants in other parts of the world.
- A. Devoid of serious occupation : idle; marked by lack of ideas or intelligence: stupid
 - B. Without an occupant or incumbent
 - C. Causing disapproval or protest
 - D. Very unpleasant or annoying

171. We find relationships that are **vaguely** reminiscent of the way biologists can group species into families, and these in turn into the larger classes, phyla, and so on.
- A. Clear to the mind; with distinct mental discernment
 - B. In a way that is not detailed or exact
 - C. In a distinct and distinguishable manner
 - D. Without doubt or question
172. “Lefty loosey” and “righty tighty” is a saying which helps one to remember how to turn a **valve** on or off.
- A. A passageway through or under something, usually underground (especially one for trains or cars)
 - B. A hole in the ground made by an animal for shelter
 - C. A device controlling the flow of liquid through a pipe
 - D. A word or phrase that particular people use in particular situations
173. She said that it can be found over **varied** country, embracing the mountains up to altitudes of 8000 ft, the seacoasts levels, inland plains, desert areas.
- A. Situated away from an area's coast or border
 - B. Established by or founded upon law or official or accepted rules
 - C. Having legal efficacy or force
 - D. Showing or characterized by many different forms or kinds
174. The ocean is believed to be a **vast** storehouse of natural resources, the exploitation of which depends on three factors: knowledge of geology, advances in technology, and the legal protection for investments of national governments or private industry.
- A. Concerning things deeply private and personal
 - B. Concerning one person exclusively
 - C. Of extraordinary size and power
 - D. Not expressed
175. Like the steam engine, the internal-combustion engine has a long and **venerable** history.
- A. Very old
 - B. Subject to question
 - C. Able to be refuted
 - D. Calling forth respect through age, character, and attainments
176. The **venom** of the rattlesnake is injected through fangs which fold back when the mouth is closed.
- A. A white nutritious liquid secreted by mammals and used as food by human beings
 - B. The fluid (red in vertebrates) that is pumped by the heart
 - C. The descendants of one individual
 - D. A poisonous fluid produced by an animal and injected by a bite or sting in order to immobilize prey or defend itself.
177. More than simply a renowned Mississippi writer, the Nobel Prize-winning novelist and short story writer is acclaimed throughout the world as one of the greatest writers of the twentieth century, one who transformed his "postage stamp" of native soil into an apocryphal setting in which he explored, articulated, and challenged "the old **verities** and truths of the heart."
- A. The quality of not being open or truthful
 - B. The quality of being true or real
 - C. Unfaithfulness by virtue of being unreliable or treacherous
 - D. The quality of being changeable and variable

178. Tsunamis can be generated when the sea floor abruptly deforms and **vertically** displaces the overlying water.
- A. Firmly and solidly
 - B. In a square shape
 - C. At a right angle to the horizon or to level ground
 - D. Directly and without evasion; not roundabout
179. While healthcare strategies abound from **diverse** viewpoints and divergent professional groups, no one strategy has all the answers to reform the medical-healthcare enterprise.
- A. Having the same or similar characteristics
 - B. Marked by correspondence or resemblance
 - C. Distinctly dissimilar or unlike
 - D. A personal perspective from which somebody considers something
180. A pamphlet entitled A Dissertation on the Canon and the Feudal Law and town instructions denouncing the Stamp Act (1765) marked him as a **vigorous**, patriotic penman, and, holding various local offices, he soon became a leader among Massachusetts radicals.
- A. An appeal intended to arouse emotions
 - B. Showing lack of love for your country
 - C. Inspired by love for your country
 - D. Extremely strong and active, physically and mentally
181. Except for dietary fibers (nuts, husks, bran, celery strings and such), our gut disassembles **virtually** everything we eat into smaller components that our body can use.
- A. Near to in quantity or amount
 - B. At no time in the past or future
 - C. Small or little relative to something else
 - D. Not fully grown
182. Both children played the keyboard, but Wolfgang became a violin **virtuoso** as well.
- A. A person who participates in or is skilled at some game
 - B. An important participant (as in a business deal)
 - C. A musician who shows exceptional ability, technique, or artistry
 - D. A person responsible for hiring workers
183. Smallpox, influenza, polio, rabies, and measles are diseases caused by **viruses**.
- A. Light and humorous drama with a happy ending
 - B. A quaint and amusing jest
 - C. Anything that is injurious, destructive, or fatal
 - D. Waggish behavior
184. In a pungent diary, **vivid** letters, learned tracts, and patriotic speeches he revealed himself as a quintessential Puritan.
- A. Relating to or presented by a graph
 - B. Producing strong and distinct mental images
 - C. Written or drawn or engraved
 - D. Describing nudity or sexual activity in graphic detail

185. The Consumer Price Index, the most widely used gauge of U.S. inflation, was unchanged last month, the Labor Department said. But the so-called core CPI, which strips out **volatile** food and energy prices, climbed 0.3 percent after two consecutive flat readings.
- A. Sharply and deeply indented
 - B. Cut or impressed into a surface
 - C. Write upon; engrave a pen, for example
 - D. Characterized by or subject to rapid or unexpected change
186. Among her **volumes** of poetry are A Brave and Startling Truth (Random House, 1995), The Complete Collected Poems of Maya Angelou (1994), Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now (1993), Now Sheba Sings the Song (1987), I Shall Not Be Moved (1990), Shaker, Why Don't You Sing? (1983), Oh Pray My Wings Are Gonna Fit Me Well (1975), and Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water 'fore I Die, (1971), which was nominated for the Pulitzer prize.
- A. The magnitude of sound (usually in a specified direction)
 - B. The amount of energy transmitted (as by acoustic or electromagnetic radiation)
 - C. Chromatic purity: freedom from dilution with white and hence vividness of hue
 - D. A publication that is one of a set of several similar publications
187. Scientists Christopher Davis, Stanley Trier, and colleagues have also gained new insight on a type of low-pressure center that connects one mesoscale convective **vortex** to the next.
- A. Any whirling motion or mass
 - B. Moral weakness
 - C. A specific form of evildoing
 - D. The state of being weak in health or body (especially from old age)
188. A spouse may feel that he or she is fulfilling wedding **vows**.
- A. An anticipated outcome that is intended or that guides your planned actions
 - B. The goal with respect to a marriage proposal
 - C. A solemn promise or assertion
 - D. An arrangement scheme
189. Henry sent out more than 50 expeditions but went on none of these **voyages** himself.
- A. The act of testing something
 - B. A race run on foot
 - C. A small stream
 - D. A course or period of traveling by other than land routes
190. To survive the ice ages, man learned to anticipate and to adopt to the habits of animals, including their **wandering** migrations.
- A. A narrow strait connecting two bodies of water
 - B. Leading the life of a person or animal without a fixed home
 - C. Limited in size or scope
 - D. Lacking tolerance or flexibility or breadth of view

191. There are reports that several hundred innocent civilians have been killed in fighting in and around Monrovia and of **wanton** destruction of property and widespread looting.
- A. Greatly desired
 - B. Merciless, inhumane
 - C. Wanted intensely
 - D. Have a craving, appetite for
192. Because there was a colonial preference for imported **wares** and because there were bad economic conditions, the glass business of Caspar Wistar failed in 1774.
- A. Concrete pavement is sometimes referred to as cement
 - B. A building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay; used with water and sand or gravel to make concrete and mortar
 - C. A specialized bony substance covering the root of a tooth
 - D. Manufactured articles; goods
193. When conditions **warranted**, gold and silver miners arrived in California.
- A. To be proper or sufficient occasion for
 - B. To make strong or stronger
 - C. To prepare oneself for a military confrontation
 - D. To add nutrients to; as of foods
194. People **wary** of aggressive drivers make good defensive drivers who are less likely to have an accident.
- A. Physically and mentally fatigued
 - B. Trying attentively to avoid danger, risk, or error
 - C. Exhaust or tire though overuse or great strain or stress
 - D. Less than normal in degree or intensity or amount
195. Once all the "good stuff" is removed from the small intestine, our gut passes the indigestible **watery** gruel that is left to the colon.
- A. Nocturnal mouselike mammal with forelimbs modified to form membranous wings and anatomical adaptations for echolocation by which they navigate
 - B. Mild and pleasant
 - C. Lower than normal in strength or concentration due to a mixture
 - D. Informal or slang terms for mentally irregular

196. Although he never **wavered** in his devotion to colonial rights and early committed himself to independence as an unwelcome last resort, Adams's innate conservatism made him determined in 1770 that the British soldiers accused of the Boston Massacre receive a fair hearing.
- A. Get something; come into possession of
 - B. Receive a specified treatment (abstract)
 - C. Express willingness to have in one's home or environs
 - D. To become unsure or begin to change from a previous opinion
197. She also answered questions during a live **Webcast** from children around the world.
- A. A transmission of sound and images (as of an event) via the World Wide Web
 - B. A way of regarding situations or topics etc.
 - C. The visual percept of a region
 - D. The act of looking or seeing or observing
198. More **white-collar** workers would lose eligibility due to new language that redefines what qualifies as professional, executive and administrative work.
- A. Of or designating work or workers in occupations not requiring well-groomed appearance
 - B. Of, relating to, or constituting the class of salaried employees whose duties do not call for the wearing of work clothes or protective clothing
 - C. Of those who work for wages especially manual or industrial laborers
 - D. The lowest class of citizens of ancient Rome who had no property
199. The **wholesale** evolutionary restructuring of some reptiles over a period of thousand of years equipped the new animals to escape their predators and to find food more easily.
- A. Selling or related to selling goods in large quantities for resale to the consumer
 - B. The selling of goods to consumers; usually in small quantities and not for resale
 - C. Transfer possession of something concrete or abstract to somebody
 - D. Be the cause or source of
200. Earlier studies of firefighter mortality that did not identify brain cancer as a cause of death were done before the **widespread** introduction of plastics in the 1950s.
- A. Extended meanings; capable of change
 - B. Able to adjust readily to different conditions
 - C. Making or willing to make concessions
 - D. Existing or happening in many places, or affecting many people
201. Yet he **wielded** political power virtually to the end, prevailing upon President Bush to appoint his 29-year-old son, Strom Jr., as U.S. Attorney in South Carolina in 2001.
- A. Declare untrue; contradict
 - B. Exert one's authority
 - C. Deny formally (an allegation of fact by the opposing party) in a legal suit
 - D. Being such in essence or effect though not in actual fact

202. In more modern times in the United States, **windmills** were erected as the West was developed during the late 19th century.
- A. A structure taller than its diameter; can stand alone or be attached to a larger building
 - B. A powerful small boat designed to pull or push larger ships
 - C. A building with a set of wind-driven revolving sails or blades attached to the site of its roof that drive a grinding machine inside
 - D. Anything tall and thin approximating the shape of a column or tower
203. That a **withdrawal** of \$35,000 was made after his wife's murder is evidence that the suspect is a flight risk.
- A. The state of being purchasable; offered or exhibited for selling
 - B. Something that happens at a given place and time
 - C. An occasion (usually brief) for buying at specially reduced prices
 - D. The act of taking money from a bank account, or the amount of money taken out
204. It was once believed that witchcraft and **wizardry** was practiced among some of the citizens of Salem, Massachusetts.
- A. A formal contractual relationship established to provide for regular banking or brokerage or business services
 - B. The act of informing by verbal report
 - C. The use of supernatural powers to influence or predict events
 - D. A statement of recent transactions and the resulting balance
205. Home buying has jumped as borrowing costs plummet, providing support to a **wobbly** economy.
- A. Having strength or power greater than average or expected
 - B. Lacking stability
 - C. Having stability
 - D. Used of syllables or musical beats
206. An economist at Fannie Mae, the top source of U.S. housing finance, said accounting **woes** at the second largest such financing source, Freddie Mac, had had little impact on mortgage lending over the last week.
- A. A condition of deep suffering from misfortune, affliction, or grief
 - B. The process whereby a person concentrates on some features of the environment to the (relative) exclusion of others
 - C. The work of caring for or attending to someone or something
 - D. The faculty or power of mental concentration
207. In a surprise attack, Little Turtle's forces killed or **wounded** about 900 American soldiers.
- A. Scrape gently
 - B. Feed as in a meadow or pasture
 - C. Break the skin (of a body part) by scraping
 - D. To cause or inflict an injury to the body that involves laceration or breaking of a membrane (as the skin) and usually damage to underlying tissues

208. The Russian president also visited Westminster Abbey where he laid a **wreath** on the Grave of the Unknown Warrior.
- A. A cord that is drawn through eyelets or around hooks in order to draw together two edges (as of a shoe or garment)
 - B. A delicate decorative fabric woven in an open web of symmetrical patterns
 - C. Something—usually made of some type of plant—intertwined into a circular shape
 - D. Spin or twist together so as to form a cord
209. That many poets such as Edgar Allen Poe suffered a **wretchedness** beyond anyone’s imagination served as inspiration for their verses.
- A. The emotion of great happiness
 - B. A state of prolonged anguish and privation
 - C. The accumulation of knowledge or skill that results from direct participation in events or activities
 - D. The content of direct observation or participation in an event
210. It is learned that a citistate is a region consisting of one or more historic central cities surrounded by cities and towns which have a shared identification, function as a single **zone** for trade, commerce and communication, and are characterized by social, economic and environmental interdependence.
- A. An area regarded as separate or kept separate, especially one with a particular use or function
 - B. A shape whose base is a circle and whose sides taper up to a point
 - C. Visual receptor cell sensitive to color
 - D. Cone-shaped mass of ovule- or spore-bearing scales or bracts
211. In 1569 he went to Italy as part of Cardenal Acquaviva's **retinue** and after signing up as a soldier in 1570 fought in the battle of Lepanto aboard the galley Marquesa.
- A. A hostile meeting of opposing military forces in the course of a war
 - B. A group of advisers or assistants accompanying an important person
 - C. An open clash between two opposing groups (or individuals)
 - D. An energetic attempt to achieve something
212. The long cylinders of ancient ice that they **retrieve** provide a dazzlingly detailed record of what was happening in the world over the past several ice ages.
- A. Emit an odor
 - B. Smell bad
 - C. Get or bring back
 - D. A public display of a (usually written) message
213. Natural flooding of rivers **revitalizes** the habitats of many plants and animals and enriches soils for planting.
- A. Make vague or obscure or make (an image) less visible
 - B. Cut a girdle around (a plant) so as to kill by interrupting the circulation of water and nutrients
 - C. Make less lively, intense, or vigorous; impair in vigor, force, activity, or sensation
 - D. To give new life or vigor to

214. The standards of validity for experimental research are so **rigorous** that it may take a researcher several years to get his results published in a scholarly journal.
- A. Elaborately or excessively ornamented
 - B. Richly and brilliantly colorful
 - C. Not deviating from correctness, accuracy, or completeness
 - D. Having the deep slightly brownish color of gold
215. The bicyclists raced around the southern **rim** of the Grand Canyon
- A. An architectural partition with a height and length greater than its thickness; used to divide or enclose an area or to support another structure
 - B. The upper or outer edge of something more or less circular
 - C. An embankment built around a space for defensive purposes
 - D. Anything that suggests a wall in structure or effect
216. To fully exterminate an ant colony, the must be located and treated—and in some cases, walls must be **ripped** open.
- A. Separate or pull apart by force
 - B. Cease to operate or cause to cease operating
 - C. Complete a business deal, negotiation, or an agreement
 - D. Move so that an opening or passage is obstructed
217. Another group doesn't want to **risk** repercussions while perhaps another group just doesn't care one way or the other.
- A. Speak with others about (something)
 - B. Consider or examine in speech or writing
 - C. Get into one's hands, take physically
 - D. Expose to a chance of loss or damage
218. Multiple Personality Disorder (MPD) specialists generally believe that people with MPD may experience any of the following: depression, mood swings, suicidal tendencies, sleep disorders, panic attacks and phobias, alcohol and drug abuse, compulsions and **rituals**, psychotic-like symptoms, and eating disorders.
- A. A religious or solemn ceremony involving a series of actions performed according to a set order
 - B. Any sensation or change in bodily function that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease
 - C. Something that serves to indicate or suggest
 - D. A number or ratio (a value on a scale of measurement) derived from a series of observed facts; can reveal relative changes as a function of time
219. Second only to iron and steel, aluminum is used in the construction of lawn chairs, baseball bats, air and space vehicles, and even the **rivets** that hold them together.
- A. Any of several chemical elements that are usually shiny solids that conduct heat or electricity and can be formed into sheets etc.
 - B. The consequence of an effort or activity
 - C. The yield from plants in a single growing season
 - D. A headed pin or bolt used for uniting two or more pieces by passing the shank through a hole in each piece and then beating or pressing down the plain end so as to make a second head

220. This is important in sports such as track and field and football, as well as **routine** activities such as lifting groceries or moving furniture.
- A. Tending to select; characterized by careful choice
 - B. Characterized by very careful or fastidious selection
 - C. A sequence of actions regularly followed; a fixed unvarying program
 - D. Not divided or shared with others
221. During the San Francisco earthquake at the beginning of the 20th century, many buildings were reduced to nothing more but a pile of **rubble**.
- A. Rectangular block of clay baked by the sun or in a kiln; used as a building or paving material
 - B. Broken fragments, especially of a building
 - C. A good fellow; helpful and trustworthy
 - D. An artifact made of hard brittle material produced from nonmetallic minerals by firing at high temperatures
222. To show why the chimpanzees signaling system is not homologous to human language, Zachary says that chimpanzees require massive regimented teaching sequences contrived by humans to acquire quite **rudimentary** abilities, mostly limited to a small number of signs, strung together in repetitive, quasi-random sequences, used with the intent of requesting food or tickling.
- A. Farther along in physical or mental development
 - B. Involving or limited to basic principles
 - C. Comparatively late in a course of development
 - D. Highly developed especially in technology or industry
223. Eventually, experimental tests by Army Majors William Gorgas and Walter Reed **ruled out** dirt and poor sanitation conditions as causes of Yellow Fever, and a mosquito was the suspected carrier.
- A. Have as a part, be made up out of
 - B. Dismiss from consideration
 - C. Consider as part of something
 - D. Add as part of something else; put in as part of a set, group, or category
224. Picking up on Safronov's general ideas, Hartmann and Davis **ran** calculations of the rate of growth of the 2nd-largest, 3rd largest, etc., bodies in the general vicinity of Earth, as the Earth itself was growing.
- A. Move fast by using one's feet, with one foot off the ground at any given time
 - B. Escape or flee; take to one's heels; cut and run
 - C. Stretch out over a distance, space, time, or scope
 - D. Do in a formal manner or according to prescribed ritual
225. "It's been a rough spring, just an extraordinary amount of rainfall," said Ray Bowman, spokesman for the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management. "The ground is completely saturated, so everything is **runoff**. We could have flash floods just about any time."
- A. The portion of precipitation on land that ultimately reaches streams often with dissolved or suspended material
 - B. A low triangular area where a river divides before entering a larger body of water
 - C. A large natural stream of water (larger than a creek)
 - D. A navigable body of water
226. The big ears of a bat detect the returning echoes, as well as the sounds of prey, such as insects **rustling** in the leaves.
- A. Cause or allow (a liquid substance) to run or flow from a container
 - B. To act or move with energy or speed; to forage food
 - C. Eject the contents of the stomach through the mouth
 - D. Tending to return to an earlier state

227. In 1772, von Colloredo retained Wolfgang as concertmaster at a token salary. In this capacity Mozart composed a large number of **sacred** and secular works.

- A. A swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property
- B. Sell something to or obtain something from by energetic and esp. underhanded activity
- C. Regarded with particular reverence or respect
- D. Concerning those not members of the clergy

228. Thorvald Eiriksson, son of Eirik the Red, **sailed** from Greenland to the New World which he had been told about by his brother Leif.

- A. Travel or be transported in a vehicle
- B. Move quickly or suddenly
- C. Travel through the air; be airborne
- D. To move swiftly through the water through the use of boat

229. William Faulkner's written description of the gardens would later be revised for the closing of his novel **Sanctuary**.

- A. A public square with room for pedestrians
- B. Mercantile establishment consisting of a carefully landscaped complex of shops representing leading merchandisers
- C. A sacred or holy place; the state of being protected or safeguarded, as from danger or hardship
- D. A modern version of the traditional marketplace

230. Nearly three-fifths of the 4.8 billion people in developing countries lack basic **sanitation**, almost a third have no access to clean water, a quarter lack adequate housing, and a fifth lack access to modern health services.

- A. A mark or flaw that spoils the appearance of something (especially on a person's body)
- B. The act or process of being readily kept in cleanliness
- C. A black-tipped plug clogging a pore of the skin
- D. A natural protective covering of the body; site of the sense of touch

231. Political **satire**, found in newspapers across the US, aims at prominent leaders such as the president, governors, and leaders of congress.

- A. A work, as a novel or play, that exposes folly by the use of humor or irony
- B. A written explanation or criticism or illustration that is added to a book or other textual material
- C. A statement that expresses a personal opinion or belief
- D. A report (often malicious) about the behavior of other people

232. During the early 1940's, Germany created many **savage** labor camps which were not liberated by the allies until 1945.

- A. Having a high state of culture and development both social and technological
- B. So intense as to cause extreme suffering
- C. Marked by refinement in taste and manners
- D. Reduce to a fine, unmixed, or pure state; separate from extraneous matter or cleanse from impurities

233. Some farmers put up **scarecrows** to keep crows from invading their cornfields.
- A. Black birds having a raucous call
 - B. An explosive device fused to denote under specific conditions
 - C. An object usually suggesting a human figure that is set up to frighten birds
 - D. An event that fails badly or is totally ineffectual
234. New research casts T-Rex dinosaurs as little more than a **scavenger**, hunting out the kills of other carnivores and stealing them.
- A. Any animal that lives by preying on other animals
 - B. Someone who attacks in search of booty
 - C. A watch with a hinged metal lid to protect the crystal
 - D. An organism that feeds habitually on garbage or dead and putrefying flesh
235. NASA is likely to launch its first space shuttle since the Columbia tragedy in the first three months of next year and expects to announce a launch date in about six weeks, a top space agency official said on Wednesday. That **scenario** would mean a one-year stand down after the Feb. 1 Columbia crash, compared to a nearly three-year wait following the 1986 Challenger accident.
- A. A visual representation of an object or scene or person produced on a surface
 - B. A sequence of events especially when imagined
 - C. Graphic art consisting of an artistic composition made by applying paints to a surface
 - D. Acting the part of a character on stage; dramatically representing the character by speech and action and gesture
236. Three fossil skulls recovered from the windswept **scrabble** of Ethiopia's dry and barren Afar rift valley lend archaeological credence to the theory that modern humans evolved in Africa before spreading around the world.
- A. A repeated scratching or clawing
 - B. A board game in which words are formed from letters in patterns similar to a crossword puzzle
 - C. Material used to pave an area
 - D. Walk consisting of a paved area for pedestrians
237. Despite this fact, the mission had to pass **scrutiny** from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for violations of the space agency's "planetary protection" rules.
- A. The act of making and recording a measurement
 - B. The act of observing
 - C. The act of examining carefully
 - D. The phenomenon of a propagating wave (light or sound) being thrown back from a surface
238. As a large group of Keoua's warriors traveling with their families passed the crater of Kilauea Volcano, there was a sudden explosive eruption of **searingly** hot ash and gas.
- A. To a small degree or extent
 - B. To a moderately sufficient extent or degree
 - C. In a soothing manner
 - D. At a manner of having damage by or as if by fire

239. Many **seaweeds** and other plants that do not appear to be green also have chlorophyll and therefore can convert the sun's energy into food.
- A. Tiny leafy-stemmed flowerless plants
 - B. A mass of growth of marine plants
 - C. Any of numerous plants of the division Bryophyta
 - D. A tall perennial woody plant having a main trunk and branches forming a distinct elevated crown; includes both gymnosperms and angiosperms
240. Adams helped draft the Declaration of Independence, **secured** its unanimous adoption in Congress, and wrote his wife on July 3, 1776, that "the most memorable Epoch in the History of America has begun."
- A. Make certain of
 - B. Refuse to accept
 - C. Show unwillingness towards
 - D. Grow smaller
241. As penguins adapted to marine life, their wings changed to flippers and their feathers to a waterproof covering, hence suiting the birds to a **semiaquatic** existence.
- A. Of or relating to the sea
 - B. Relating to or involving ships or shipping or navigation or seamen
 - C. Native to or inhabiting the sea
 - D. Frequently but not living completely in water
242. Until modern methods of oil prospecting were put into place, most oil strikes were **serendipitous**.
- A. Likely but not certain to be or become true or real
 - B. Apparently destined
 - C. Characterized by the faculty of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for
 - D. Apparently reasonable and valid
243. But every metro area that's **set apart** geographically — a Houston, a Denver, a Burlington, Vermont — qualifies as a citistate too.
- A. Make noticeable or different
 - B. Heat by a natural force
 - C. Cooking by direct exposure to radiant heat (as over a fire or under a grill)
 - D. Move through with or as if with a rake
244. The hot weather in Palm Springs had **severely** tired the bicyclists.
- A. Slightly short of or not quite accomplished
 - B. To a serious degree
 - C. Imprecise but fairly close to correct
 - D. Without exaggeration

245. On the other hand, there are those who decry marriage as a **sexist** and patriarchal institution that should be avoided at all costs.
- A. Marked by or tending to arouse sexual desire or interest
 - B. Exciting sexual desire
 - C. A drug or other agent that stimulates sexual desire
 - D. Having prejudice or discrimination, especially against women, on the grounds of sex
246. They're getting people [as contestants] who watch the show already, not someone from a **shack** in Kampala.
- A. 4-wheeled motor vehicle; usually propelled by an internal combustion engine
 - B. A conveyance for passengers or freight on a cable railway
 - C. Small crude shelter used as a dwelling
 - D. Car suspended from an airship and carrying personnel and cargo and power plant
247. Some scientists have speculated that the polar regions of the moon might have areas that are permanently **shadowed**, hence permanently cold. The water might accumulate there.
- A. To shelter, especially from light
 - B. Provide with a covering or cause to be covered
 - C. Span an interval of distance, space or time
 - D. Deal with verbally or in some form of artistic expression
248. Josiah Hornblower came over with the engine to assemble and install it at the mine, where Schuyler hoped to use it to pump water from the **shafts**.
- A. A large entrance or reception room or area
 - B. A vertical or inclined opening of uniform and limited cross section made for finding or mining ore, raising water, or ventilating underground workings (as in a cave)
 - C. A college or university building containing living quarters for students
 - D. United States chemist who developed an economical method of producing aluminum from bauxite (1863-1914)
249. A student who doubles his reading speed **sharpens** his mind, hence becoming more mentally efficient.
- A. To improve the intellect of someone
 - B. Make dull in appearance
 - C. Become dull or lusterless in appearance; lose shine or brightness, as of a varnished surface
 - D. Deaden (a sound or noise), esp. by wrapping

250. Chimpanzees require massive regimented teaching sequences contrived by humans to acquire quite rudimentary abilities, mostly limited to a small number of signs, strung together in repetitive, quasi-random sequences, used with the intent of requesting food or tickling. This contrasts **sharply** with human children, who pick up thousands of words spontaneously, combine them in structured sequences where every word has a determinate role, respect the word order of the adult language, and use sentences for a variety of purposes such as commenting on interesting objects.
- A. Not much
 - B. Of short duration or distance
 - C. Severely, suddenly, harshly, abruptly
 - D. Not fully grown
251. By sailing into the New World, Christopher Columbus **shattered** the belief that the world was flat.
- A. Contribute to the progress or growth of
 - B. Inspire with confidence; give hope or courage to
 - C. Spur on
 - D. To cause the complete ruin or wreckage of; to split into fragments by a blow
252. Consequently, as the tsunami's speed diminishes as it travels into shallower water, its height grows. Because of this **shoaling** effect, a tsunami, imperceptible at sea, may grow to be several meters or more in height near the coast.
- A. Referring to an area of shallow water
 - B. Make flat or flatter
 - C. Lower the pitch of (musical notes)
 - D. To fall vertically
253. Emotionally and physically depleted caregivers may **shortchange** their own needs, risking burnout, poor health and depression.
- A. Assign a duty, responsibility or obligation to
 - B. To deprive of or give less than something due
 - C. To make a rush at or sudden attack upon, as in battle
 - D. Blame for, make a claim of wrongdoing or misbehavior against
254. Due to the popularity of trains in European cities, airlines are halting or reducing **short-haul** service and focusing more on the longer runs.
- A. Involving an extended span of time
 - B. Suitable for or reaching long distances
 - C. Desire strongly or persistently
 - D. Transport, as in a truck, plane for a relatively short distance
255. Denver, **showcasing** its snowcapped Rocky Mountains and lush vegetation, is one of the most beautiful cities for this time of the year.
- A. Place in a place where something cannot be removed or someone cannot escape
 - B. Throw or cast away
 - C. Presenting, especially attractively, to the general attention of someone
 - D. Lock up or confine, in or as in a jail

256. Fog **shrouded** parts of the California coast between San Francisco and Los Angeles.
- A. Raise from a lower to a higher position
 - B. Take hold of something and move it to a different location
 - C. Move upwards
 - D. To cut off from view: obscure
257. As irritating as they are, the subsidies, which mostly take the form of government loans, are a **sideshow** to the main contest, as Bombardier and Embraer jockey for position in a market that, while stagnant today, is expected to explode with demand.
- A. An incidental diversion or spectacle
 - B. Facts learned by observing
 - C. The act of making and recording a measurement
 - D. A remark expressing careful consideration
258. Rebels pulled out of the city Friday after a four-day **siege** by artillery and rockets, and after fighting that left an estimated 500 civilians dead.
- A. The act of going to see some person or place or thing for a short time
 - B. A military blockade of a city or fortified place to compel it to surrender
 - C. A meeting arranged by the visitor to see someone (such as a doctor or lawyer) for treatment or advice
 - D. A loud utterance; often in protest or opposition
259. The film widely regarded as Woody Allen's best, with Diane Keaton's **signature** role, "Annie Hall," plays at 7:30 p.m. at the Academy of Motion Pictures and Sciences.
- A. Your name written in your own handwriting
 - B. A figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not literally denote in order to suggest a similarity
 - C. Describing a tune, musical number, or sound effect or in television a characteristic used to identify a program, entertainer, or orchestra
 - D. An iconic mental representation
260. In July, the Sahara Desert is characterized by **sizzling** days and sultry nights.
- A. Containing or characterized by a great deal of water vapor
 - B. A mild viral infection involving the nose and respiratory passages (but not the lungs)
 - C. The absence of heat
 - D. Marked by much heat
261. His continued **skepticism**, however, shaped his subsequent theological studies at Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania, and at Boston University, where he received a doctorate in systematic theology in 1955.
- A. A lack of conviction or certainty
 - B. Conformity to reality or actuality
 - C. A fact that has been verified
 - D. A true statement
261. Part of maintaining a pool is to **skim** the surface daily for leaves, drowned insects, and other forms of debris.
- A. Consider in detail and subject to an analysis in order to discover essential features or meaning
 - B. Observe, check out, and look over carefully or inspect
 - C. Question closely
 - D. To pass quickly and lightly through

262. After the countdown, the space shuttle explosively launched itself **skyward** and ultimately reached speeds of 25,000 miles per hours while in orbit.
- A. Recklessly determined
 - B. Going in an upward direction
 - C. Characterized by firmness and determination
 - D. On or toward a surface regarded as a base
263. There are many different types of avalanches, but the one that worries us the most is the **slab** avalanche, in which a mass of cohesive snow releases as a unit.
- A. A charge of ammunition for a single shot
 - B. A relatively long, straight, rigid piece of metal or other solid material
 - C. An interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs
 - D. A regular route for a sentry or policeman
264. In the Sierra Nevada mountain range, trees growing at altitudes of at least 9,000 feet **slant** away from the prevailing Northern winds.
- A. Having a circular shape
 - B. Shaped like a ring
 - C. To move from true vertical or horizontal
 - D. Marked by or moving in a cycle
265. Running five miles day helps to create a **slender** body.
- A. Having little flesh or fat on the body
 - B. Physically strong
 - C. Marked by richness and fullness of flavor
 - D. Excess bodily weight
266. Around the margins of the Pacific Ocean, for example, denser oceanic plates **slip** under continental plates in a process known as subduction.
- A. Crash together with violent impact
 - B. To shift or be shifted out of place
 - C. Be incompatible; be or come into conflict
 - D. Cause to collide
267. Derek Jeter and Alfonso Soriano continued their **slumps** at the top of the order, going a combined 0-for-8.
- A. An unbroken series of events
 - B. A distinctive characteristic
 - C. A period of poor or losing play by a team or individual
 - D. A marking of a different color or texture from the background
268. At some point in the geological future a large chunk of rock and ice will **smack** into Earth and destroy life as we know it.
- A. Change location; move, travel, or proceed
 - B. Change residence, affiliation, or place of employment
 - C. Cause to move, both in a concrete and in an abstract sense
 - D. To strike so as to produce a sharp slap or blow

269. Michael A'Hearn will lead a team that's planning to find out what's inside comet Tempel 1 by **smashing** into it with a 771-pound copper "hammer" -- the biggest they could loft into space.
- A. To deliver a powerful blow suddenly and sharply so as to cause something to split into fragments
 - B. Combine into one
 - C. Blend or harmonize
 - D. Mix together different elements
270. It is almost certain that Earth will be hit by an asteroid large enough to exterminate a large percentage of our planet's life, including possibly over a billion people. This is a cold, **sober**, scientific fact, according to Andrea Milani, a researcher at the University of Pisa in Italy.
- A. Of words so related that both cannot be true and both cannot be false
 - B. Marked by sedate or gravely or earnestly thoughtful character or demeanor
 - C. That confounds or contradicts or confuses
 - D. In disagreement
271. **Sociological** research influences the way we think about work and organizational life, and enables us to discover new knowledge.
- A. Characterized by the interdependence of living organisms in an environment
 - B. The science of matter and energy and their interactions
 - C. Relating to the systematic study of the development, structure, interaction, and collective behavior of organized groups of human beings
 - D. The science and technology of metals
272. Issues still before the court which could be decided Thursday include a Texas ban on **sodomy**, a corporate free speech case involving Nike, and the case of a death row inmate who claims his lawyers botched the case.
- A. A tight embrace
 - B. The act of caressing with the lips (or an instance thereof)
 - C. A light glancing touch
 - D. Copulation with a member of the same sex or with an animal; noncoital and especially anal or oral copulation with a member of the opposite sex
273. This outcome is a reflection of strong sense of **solidarity** within the corporate peasant community, also apparent in the tendency for almost every man to remain within his village over his lifetime.
- A. An identity or coincidence of interests, purposes, or sympathies among the members of a group
 - B. A state of separation between persons or groups
 - C. The act of isolating something; setting something apart from others
 - D. A defense mechanism in which memory of an unacceptable act or impulse is separated from the emotion originally associated with it

274. Responsible for generating all images on your monitor, the graphics subsystem ships in PCs either as a removable expansion board or as a chip **soldered** permanently to the motherboard.
- A. The process whereby heat changes something from a solid to a liquid
 - B. To become united or repaired by or as if by a metal or metallic alloy used when melted to join metallic surfaces
 - C. Become more relaxed, easygoing, or genial
 - D. Lose its distinct outline or shape; blend gradually
275. A rise in lodging and housing costs pushed underlying U.S. inflation up in May at the fastest rate in nine months, the government said on Tuesday in a report that **soothed** deflation fears.
- A. A strong emotion; a feeling that is oriented toward some real or supposed grievance
 - B. Open (a place) to members of all races and ethnic groups
 - C. To bring comfort, solace, or reassurance to
 - D. Belligerence aroused by a real or supposed wrong (personified as one of the deadly sins)
276. An agitated Montezuma demanded that his **soothsayers** explain the meaning of these dire signs and was told that they prophesied the destruction of his kingdom.
- A. A professional person authorized to practice law; conducts lawsuits or gives legal advice
 - B. A person skilled in a particular type of therapy
 - C. A person with special knowledge or ability who performs skillfully
 - D. A person who predicts the future by magical, intuitive, or more rational means
277. Even today's most **sophisticated** forecast models cannot peg mountain convection well enough to assess how it might trigger storm complexes downstream.
- A. Made easy or uncomplicated
 - B. Reduced in complexity
 - C. Experienced in the ways of the world; lacking natural simplicity
 - D. Unrealistically simple
278. His career **spans** nearly all types of popular music from jazz to rock to dance and all genres between.
- A. Decide upon or fix definitely
 - B. To cover a wide area
 - C. Restrict or confine
 - D. The greatest amount of something that is possible or allowed
279. If fires are always suppressed, dense underbrush soon becomes so abundant that a simple **spark** can start a fire within minutes.
- A. Hard stick bright-colored stick candy typically peppermint flavored
 - B. Material consisting of the aggregate of minerals like those making up the Earth's crust
 - C. A hot glowing particle struck from a larger mass
 - D. A lump or mass of hard consolidated mineral matter

280. A growing trend toward emphasis on neural aspects of various cognitive processes has **spawned** what is referred to as the Cognitive Neuropsychology track, with students studying jointly in cognitive and in clinical neuropsychology.
- A. To put down by force or authority
 - B. Control and refrain from showing; of emotions
 - C. Put out of one's consciousness; in psychiatry
 - D. To give rise to a particular development; to cause to come into existence
281. The live Western Diamondback rattlesnake on display in this aquarium is a perfect **specimen** for us to examine in today's biology class.
- A. One that is representative of a group or class
 - B. A reproduction of a written record
 - C. Matter to be printed; exclusive of graphical materials
 - D. Something intended to communicate a particular impression
282. The other, a composite of four wide-angle images, shows the moon as a **speck** just as it sets below the Martian horizon.
- A. The line at which the sky and Earth appear to meet
 - B. A small discoloration or spot especially from stain or decay; a very small amount
 - C. A specific layer or stratum of soil or subsoil in a vertical cross section of land
 - D. The range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
283. From CPUs to RAM to optical storage, we'll break down the jargon--and tell you which **specs** are most important to your purchase.
- A. Short for specimen: a bit of tissue or blood or urine that is taken for diagnostic purposes
 - B. Short for special: unique or specific to a person or thing or category
 - C. Short for specification: a detailed description of design criteria for a piece of work
 - D. Short for spectacular: sensational in appearance or thrilling in effect
284. She continues to produce a wide **spectrum** of music and is truly a musical treasure.
- A. Accumulated wealth in the form of money or jewels etc.
 - B. Any possession that is highly valued by its owner
 - C. A collection of precious things
 - D. A continuous range or sequence
285. Many **speculations** exist about the origin and composition of dark matter.
- A. The act or process of thinking, reasoning, or theorizing
 - B. The content of cognition; the main thing you are thinking about
 - C. The organized beliefs of a period or group or individual
 - D. A personal belief or judgment that is not founded on proof or certainty
286. Anxious to finish since it was the last day of class, the students **speedily** completed the exam.
- A. In a sluggish manner
 - B. Without speed
 - C. At a high rate of speed
 - D. Not hurried or forced

287. A **spell** of freezing weather before the onset of Winter is usually enough to kill any remaining mosquitos or larvae.
- A. A period of 10 years
 - B. Any period of seven consecutive days
 - C. Hours or days of work in a calendar week
 - D. A rather short period