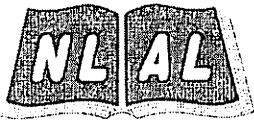


NATIONAL LANGUAGE ARTS LEAGUE - 2022

Grade 5 and Grade 6 Contest

TIME: 35 Minutes

DATE: April 25 through May 6, 2022



Name _____

PART I: VOCABULARY

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| 1. _____ | 7. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 8. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 9. _____ | 15. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 10. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 11. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 12. _____ | |

PART II: PUNCTUATION, CAPITALIZATION AND GRAMMAR

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| 18. _____ | 23. _____ |
| 19. _____ | 24. _____ |
| 20. _____ | 25. _____ |
| 21. _____ | 26. _____ |
| 22. _____ | 27. _____ |

PART III: READING COMPREHENSION

PARAGRAPH A

- 28. _____
- 29. _____
- 30. _____
- 31. _____
- 32. _____

PARAGRAPH B

- 33. _____
- 34. _____
- 35. _____
- 36. _____
- 37. _____

PARAGRAPH C

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| 38. _____ | 42. _____ |
| 39. _____ | 43. _____ |
| 40. _____ | |
| 41. _____ | |

PART IV: SPELLING

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| 44. _____ | 47. _____ | 50. _____ |
| 45. _____ | 48. _____ | |
| 46. _____ | 49. _____ | |

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PART I: VOCABULARY

DIRECTIONS: From the box above each group of sentences, choose the word closest to the meaning of the underlined word in each sentence. Write the letter of the word that you choose in the space on the answer sheet. You will not use all of the words in the box.

A. correspondence	B. locale
C. excursion	D. large

1. The group planned the trip for Wednesday.
2. The setting for the photograph was beautiful.

A. ascend	B. bestow
C. decipher	D. conduct

3. The balloon began to rise over the mountain.
4. I wish to confer this medal.

A. deduct	B. mangle
C. plumage	D. particles

5. Be sure to subtract the box from the inventory.
6. They had to pluck the feathers from the bird.

PART II: PUNCTUATION, CAPITALIZATION, AND GRAMMAR

DIRECTIONS: Read each set of sentences. Only one sentence in each set has the correct capitalization, punctuation, and grammatical structure. Write the letter of the sentence next to the number on the answer sheet.

18. A. Rain caused a cancellation of Friday's Game at the town's high school.
B. Rain caused a cancellation of Friday's game at the town's high school.
C. Rain cause a cancellation of Friday's Game at the town's High School.
D. Rain caused a cancellation of Friday's game at the towns high school.
19. A. Laura and me are science fiction and History fans.
B. Laura and me are Science Fiction and History fans.
C. Laura and I are Science Fiction and History fans.
D. Laura and I are science fiction and history fans.
20. A. "I can never do these homework assignments, " Barbara complained.
B. "I can never do these homework assignments" Barbara complained.
C. "I can never do these homework assignments Barbara complained."
D. I can never do these homework assignments Barbara complained.
21. A. I went to the Smithtown National Bank, did some shopping in Mason's department store, and returned home by eleven.
B. I went to the Smithtown National bank did some shopping in Mason's Department Store, and returned home by eleven.
C. I went to the Smithtown National bank did some shopping in Mason's Department store and returned home by eleven.
D. I went to the Smithtown National Bank, did some shopping in Mason's Department Store, and returned home by eleven.
22. A. Alfred Holmes was born on February 12 1950 in Englewood, New Jersey, according to the Historical Record.
B. Alfred Holmes was born on February 12 1950 in Englewood New Jersey according to the historical record.
C. Alfred Holmes was born on February 12, 1950, in Englewood, New Jersey, according to the historical record.
D. Alfred Holmes, was born on February 12, 1950 in Englewood, New Jersey, according to, the Historical Record.

DIRECTIONS: Decide the part of speech represented by the underlined word in each sentence and write the letter of the correct answer next to each number on the answer sheet.

23. Sophia ate a large apple.
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| A. adjective | B. noun |
| C. verb | D. adverb |

24. The cars on the highway stopped for the accident.
A. adjective B. adverb
C. preposition D. verb
25. They served cheese sandwiches to the guests.
A. adjective B. preposition
C. conjunction D. adverb
26. The claws of the cat were very sharp.
A. adjective B. adverb
C. noun D. verb
27. The very loud music hurt my ears.
A. noun B. adjective
C. verb D. adverb

PART III: READING COMPREHENSION

DIRECTIONS: Read each paragraph. Answer each question, writing the letter of the correct answer in the space next to the number on your answer sheet.

PARAGRAPH A

Every chance that you get,
Now and in the future,
Just pick up something to read
On any subject ...
You will learn from volumes-

Return to events in history...
Enter fantasylands...
Allow your imagination to work...
Diligently accumulate facts...
Interest yourself in biographies...
Never stop gathering information...
Go on... pick up a book -

28. The persona (speaker in the poem) suggests that you read _____.
A. after school B. whenever you can
C. in your room D. on weekends
29. According to the persona you will learn from _____.
A. television B. talking
C. noise D. reading
30. In the selection another word that means books is _____.
A. fantasy B. volumes
C. history D. diligently

31. Reading the first letter of each line gives you the phrase _____.
- A. Entertain Yourself
 - B. Enjoy Books
 - C. Reading is Fun
 - D. Enjoy Reading

32. The best title for the selection is _____.
- A. "Reading in School"
 - B. "Reading History"
 - C. "Read"
 - D. "Reading Fiction"

PARAGRAPH B:

From his earliest years James Cook (1729-1779) wanted to be a sailor. He began as an apprentice on a large craft carrying coal from Newcastle to London. In winter he studied hard, poring over books on navigation and seamanship, and mastering the sea routes of the world as they were then known. One fact quickly struck his eye as he scrutinized the maps---how little of the vast Pacific had been chartered. Graduating from his barge to sailing ships, he eventually enlisted in the Royal Navy, where he was posted to Canada during the Seven Years War. The French had removed all landmarks from the St. Lawrence River, making navigation of the narrows almost impossible. So, Cook was sent to take soundings, and he managed to get nearly two hundred ships through safely. Without his help the siege of Quebec could not have been undertaken. His charts continued to prove remarkably accurate, and having been commended by his officers, he continued to be promoted. He proved to be a competent navigator of the Newfoundland coast, and his work so impressed the Admiralty that he was promoted to lieutenant in the Royal Navy. Given command of the Endeavor, he was ordered to Tahiti to do scientific observation of a solar eclipse. He was then ordered to explore the South Pacific, which he did till he came upon the East Coast of New Zealand which had not been explored. He discovered the strait between the north and south islands, proceeded in the direction of Tasmania, and reached Australia at a point he named Botany Bay because of the strange and interesting plants found there. He continually sent reports to the Royal Society, and preparations for a second voyage were made. This second voyage would lead to a full chartering of the South Pacific in a voyage that lasted over a thousand days and was noteworthy for the conquering of scurvy, a disease that for centuries had been a bane of navigators everywhere.

33. Captain Cook first sailed on a _____.
- A. merchant ship
 - B. privateer
 - C. coal barge
 - D. sailboat
34. His first assignment as a member of the Royal Navy was in _____.
- A. the North Pacific
 - B. the South Pacific
 - C. Canada
 - D. Australia
35. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant because of his navigational work around _____.
- A. Newfoundland
 - B. Tasmania
 - C. Quebec
 - D. Tahiti
36. Cook's major navigational work was in _____, which had not yet been explored.
- A. the South Pacific
 - B. Canada
 - C. New Zealand
 - D. Mexico

37. Botany Bay was named because of its _____.
A. tributaries B. animals
C. plants D. eclipse

PARAGRAPH C:

There is the false notion that otters destroy a large number of fish. This is not true. The favorite food of the otter is the crayfish. As it turns out, crayfish feed extensively on young fish. Therefore, the otter, because it eats the crayfish, actually helps to protect fish. The otter also enjoys frogs, snakes, turtles, insects, worms, and some fruits and vegetables. Both young and adult otters are active, playful creatures. Mother otters are very good parents. The newborn babies do not open their eyes until the twenty-fifth to thirty-fifth day. Around the eighty-fifth day the baby otter begins playing around the edge of the water. When the baby is about one hundred days old, it starts to be treated like an adult. The father otter does not live in the den with the mother and babies. He does, however, stay nearby. When the young do come out of the nest, the father will join them and will help teach them to swim. Most otters enjoy sliding. They climb to the top of the hill, then slide their way down. The otter has a very strong tail that is useful to help it balance upright so that it can periscope the landscape.

38. Because the otter enjoys eating crayfish, it helps to save _____.
A. snakes B. turtles
C. fish D. frogs
39. The baby otter opens its eyes as early in life as _____.
A. the hundredth day B. the twenty-fifth day
C. the eighty-fifth day D. birth
40. An activity an otter enjoys is _____.
A. digging B. sliding
C. fighting D. howling
41. According to the selection to help it sit up straight an otter uses its _____.
A. snout B. foot
C. head D. tail
42. The baby otter begins its adulthood around _____.
A. the thirty-fifth day B. the twenty-fifth day
C. the hundredth day D. the eighty-fifth day
43. The best title for this selection is _____.
A. Eating Habits B. Playing
C. The Ways of an Otter D. Parents

PART IV: SPELLING

DIRECTIONS: Read each sentence. On your answer sheet write the letter that gives the correct spelling of the word.

44. The scout troop _____ went on a trip to the mountains.
A. recently B. recantly
C. recentley D. recantley
45. The _____ were placed next to the fork.
A. napkens B. napkans
C. napkins D. napkines
46. The _____ was about to turn into a moth.
A. caterpillar B. catarpillar
C. caterpilar D. catarpilar
47. It was always believed that there was _____ in numbers.
A. sacuruty B. sacurety
C. security D. security
48. The magician made the rabbit _____ in front of the audience.
A. materealize B. materialize
C. materalize D. meterialize
49. The baseball star proved to be _____.
A. unaproachable B. unapproachable
C. unapprochable D. unapproachable
50. The counselor decided to _____ the student.
A. repremand B. reparamand
C. reprimand D. reprimand