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| **Reading World 2** | **Midterm Exam**  **(Units 1- 5)** | **Score: / 100** |
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**Vocabulary:**

**Part A: Choose the word that best matches the definition (1 point each).**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: desirable

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: to weaken something so it collapses

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: a shelter that protects something from danger or trouble

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: lacking too much water

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: causing a lot of discussion or argument

*Word Bank (only 5 answers are correct):*

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| controversial | condemn | dehydration |
| critic | refuge | fortune |
| intrigue | undermine | attractive |

**Part B: Choose the word that best completes the sentence (1 point each).**

6. If you lose or damage a part of your device, it is easy to find \_\_\_\_\_\_ parts online.

a. spare

b. medical

c. social

d. plenty

7. To manufacture tires, the company has to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rubber from overseas.

a. spell

b. devise

c. stamp

d. import

8. In the factory, workers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ computers using many different parts.

a. stamp

b. assemble

c. arrest

d. devise

9. After starting his own business, the hard-working man was able to build up a large \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. triumph

b. rebellion

c. critic

d. fortune

10. Exercising on an empty stomach can cause you to become lightheaded and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. expand

b. pass out

c. life-sized

d. brag

11. The student was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from school yesterday because he was sick.

a. influential

b. absent

c. advantageous

d. available

12. The company was originally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by two Americans in 1969.

a. resolved

b. insulated

c. established

d. awarded

13. The printing press spread \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by giving more people the opportunity to read.

a. stamping

b. legacy

c. nationality

d. literacy

14. The hurricane was a major natural \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; it destroyed many people’s homes and lives.

a. nationality

b. honor

c. legacy

d. disaster

15. Every time I get a high score on a test, my mother likes to show off and \_\_\_\_\_ to her friends about it.

a. feat

b. sacrifice

c. brag

d. symbolize

16. After winning the game, the team had a huge party to celebrate their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. triumph

b. legacy

c. rebellion

d. recipient

17. It is no easy \_\_\_\_\_\_ to climb and reach the peak of a tall, steep mountain.

a. feat

b. burnout

c. sacrifice

d. heroism

18. The ­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between a parent and child often grows through shared experiences.

a. perseverance

b. endurance

c. disability

d. bond

19. Every March, there is an important \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for English teachers. Many famous linguists are invited to give speeches and share their research.

a. review

b. scholarship

c. explosion

d. conference

20. The police \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the crime scene to find out who was guilty.

a. condemned

b. investigated

c. resolved

d. accused

**Part C: Choose the SYNONYM ( = ) or ANTONYM ( <-->) for each word (1 point each).**

21. perfect = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

22. situation = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

23. not helpful <-->\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

24. sad = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

25. extra =\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Word Bank (only 5 answers are correct):*

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| colony | advantageous | influential |
| condition | unexpected | ideal |
| category | grim | spare |

**Reading Comprehension & Skills:**

**Read the passage and answer the questions.**

Prairie dogs are small, burrowing rodents native to the prairies of the United States, Canada, and Mexico. They are actually a type of squirrel. Prairie dogs are named for the place where they live and the warning call they give when they are threatened, which sounds similar to a dog’s bark. One of the amazing things about prairie dogs is the way that they live in large colonies or “towns.” These colonies can contain many hundreds of prairie dog families.

Prairie dogs like to live with other prairie dogs, so they join together to make prairie dog towns. These are collections of prairie dog families that can span one or two square kilometers. Prairie dog towns are big because each family lives in their own tunnel system, which is usually 10-30 meters wide. Families usually consist of 1 male, 2 to 4 females, and their children. When the young prairie dogs reach three years of age, they leave home to **establish** their own families on the edges of the colony.

Prairie dog tunnels usually have several chambers. These chambers are like rooms in a house. Female prairie dogs use them when they give birth and when they raise their pups. The other chambers are used by the family for sleeping. To make them comfortable, prairie dogs insulate the chambers by lining the walls with grass. The tunnels are also a refuge when the prairie dogs are threatened by predators. For this reason, they are designed with two or more escape holes.

(taken from Rodent Town)

**Questions 26-29. Circle the correct answer (2.5 points each):**

26. Why are they called “prairie dogs”?

a. because of where they live and the warning call they give

b. because they are a type of squirrel

c. because they have their own tunnel system

d. because they live with hundreds of prairie dog families

27. What does a prairie dog family usually consist of?

a. 1 female, 2 to 4 males, and their children

b. 1 male, 2 to 4 females, and their children

c. 1 child, 2 to 4 males, and their females

d. 1 female, 2 to 4 children, and their males

28. Which sentence about prairie dogs is NOT true?

a. They are native to the US, Canada, and Mexico.

b. They are burrowing rodents.

c. They start their own families at the age of 4.

d. They live in prairie dog towns.

29. In line 11, what does **establish** mean?

a. to settle or work something out

b. to protect against attack

c. to set up or create something

d. to be made up of

**Question 30. Short answer (5 points):**

30. How do prairie dogs make their living chambers comfortable?

**Read the passage and answer the questions.**

Joseph Pulitzer’s story, like that of many immigrants to the United States, is one of hardship, hard work, and triumph. Born in Hungary, Joseph Pulitzer moved to the United States in 1864. He wanted to be a reporter, but he started his American life by fighting in the American Civil War. After the war, Pulitzer worked for the German-language newspaper, the *Westliche Post*. His skills as a reporter were wonderful, and he soon became a partial owner of the paper.

In 1878, Pulitzer was able to start a newspaper of his own. Right from the first edition, the new paper took a controversial approach to news. Pulitzer wanted to appeal to the average reader, so he produced exciting stories of scandal and intrigue. Such an approach is commonplace today, but in Pulitzer’s time it was new and different. The approach led to the discovery of many instances of corruption by influential people. Pulitzer’s paper became very famous and is still produced today.

The success of Joseph Pulitzer’s newspaper made him a very wealthy man, so he wanted to give something back to his profession. Throughout his later years, he worked to establish university programs for the teaching of journalism, and he funded numerous scholarships to assist journalism students. Finally, he wanted to leave a legacy that would encourage writers to remember the importance of quality. On his death, he gave two million dollars to Columbia University so they could award prizes to great writers.

(taken from The Pulitzer Prize)

**Questions 31-34. Circle the correct answer (2.5 points each):**

31. What did Pulitzer do before starting his own newspaper?

a. He fought in the American Civil War.

b. He immigrated to Hungary in 1864.

c. He was the owner of the paper.

d. He worked for an American newspaper.

32. What was unique about Pulitzer’s paper?

a. It was written for a Hungarian-American audience.

b. It was about events in the American Civil War.

c. It was written specifically for Columbia University students.

d. It contained stories of scandal and intrigue.

33. What made Pulitzer’s newspaper controversial during this time?

a. It was a German-language newspaper.

b. It revealed many instances of corruption by influential people.

c. It only appealed to rich and famous people.

d. It was corrupt and unprofessional.

34. What is the main idea of paragraph 2?

a. Pulitzer’s personal scandals caused intrigue amongst the readers of his paper.

b. Pulitzer’s paper became famous by appealing to the average reader with stories of scandal.

c. In 1878, Pulitzer’s newspaper discovered some instances of corruption and scandal.

d. Pulitzer’s paper was very scandalous in the past, but is less scandalous today.

**Question 35. Short answer (5 points):**

35. What are two ways in which Joseph Pulitzer gave back to his profession?

**Read the passage and answer the questions.**

Gutenberg’s invention was a printing press that used “movable type printing.” Movable type printing uses a set of blocks with symbols, such as a letter of the alphabet, carved into them. These blocks can be arranged and rearranged in different orders. By assembling individual blocks it is possible to spell words, and these words can be made into pages of text. The next step is to coat the blocks with ink and stamp them onto paper. Writing books by hand was time-consuming, but printing books with movable type was much quicker.

Gutenberg was not the first person to use movable type. The Chinese invented it but they carved their blocks out of wood. The Koreans used it too, and they were the first to use metal blocks, but they still used Chinese characters. Gutenberg’s great advantage was that he used the Latin alphabet. That’s the same alphabet that we use to write English. This was advantageous because the Latin alphabet only has 26 characters, whereas Chinese has thousands.

Next, Gutenberg devised a faster way of stamping the blocks onto paper. This was the first printing press. It worked mechanically, so pages could be printed quickly and accurately. Gutenberg also invented an ink that used oil instead of water. This ink rolled onto the blocks evenly, and didn’t dry as fast as water-based ink.

Gutenberg’s printing press allowed the mass production of books for the first time. With printed material widely available, literacy spread across Europe and then the rest of the world. For the first time, ideas could be easily shared with many people. Gutenberg’s machine was so useful that its basic design was left unchanged for the next 600 years.

(taken from The First Printing Press)

**Questions 36-39. Circle the correct answer (2.5 points each):**

36. What was one of the outcomes of Gutenberg’s printing press?

a. the spread of literacy throughout the world

b. the use of the Latin alphabet

c. the change in design of other printing presses

d. the mass production of paper

37. Which is NOT true about Gutenberg’s printing press?

a. It allowed for the mass production of books.

b. It was the first to use moveable type.

c. Its basic design did not change for 600 years.

d. It used moveable type printing.

38. What was Gutenberg’s great advantage over the Chinese and Koreans?

a. He could carve his printing blocks out of wood.

b. He was able to buy metal at a very cheap price.

c. He owned his own paper company.

d. He used the Latin alphabet, which only has 26 characters.

39. According to the passage, what was one advantage of oil-based ink compared to water-based ink?

a. It rolled onto the printing blocks more evenly.

b. It dried faster than water-based ink.

c. It was easier to use with the Latin alphabet.

d. It was lighter and easier to ship.

**Question 40. Short answer (5 points):**

40. What is the main advantage of using a printing press to make books over writing them by hand?

**Read the passage and answer the questions.**

When Rick was a high schooler, he wanted to help a college student who had become paralyzed. Rick told his dad, “I have to do something for him, and show him that his life is not over.” A 5-mile marathon was organized to raise money for the student. Dick was not a great runner, but he was a great dad. While Dick pushed Rick in his wheelchair, they ran all 5 miles and finished second to last. After the race, Rick told his father, “Dad, when we run, I feel like my **disability** disappears.”

Team Hoyt went on to run in over 1000 competitions, including the Ironman Triathlon and the Boston Marathon. In the Ironman Triathlon, Dick swam while pulling a raft with Rick in it. During the cycling stage, Rick sat in front of a tandem bike while Dick pedaled from behind. In the final running section of the race, Dick pushed Rick in his wheelchair. They finished all 226 kilometers in less than the 16 hour limit! In 2008, they were added to the Ironman Hall of Fame.

Of all the races, the Boston Marathon was the most special to Team Hoyt. The team ran more than 30 times, and the 2009 marathon was their official 1000th race. In 2013, the Hoyts were honored with a life-sized bronze statue placed near the start line of the Boston Marathon. The statue of Dick pushing Rick symbolizes self-sacrifice, heroism, and the strong bond between a father and son.

(taken from Team Hoyt)

**Questions 41-44. Circle the correct answer (2.5 points each):**

41. Why did Rick want to participate in the 5-mile marathon for the paralyzed student?

a. Rick wanted his dad to become a better runner.

b. Rick wanted his disability to disappear.

c. Rick wanted to show the student that his life is not over.

d. Rick wanted to show Dick that he is a great dad.

42. How did Team Hoyt run together in their first marathon?

a. Dick pushed Rick in his wheelchair.

b. Rick pushed Dick in his wheelchair.

c. Dick ran for Rick.

d. Rick ran for Dick.

43. Which sentence is NOT true about Team Hoyt’s experience at the Boston Marathon?

a. They ran more than 30 times.

b. 2009 was their official 1000th race.

c. Dick swam while pulling a raft with Rick in it.

d. The Boston Marathon was the most special to them.

44. In line 5, what does “**disability**” mean?

a. a physical state where one is unable to move all or part of their body

b. the act of giving up something for the sake of something else

c. being able to fight through continued difficulty or failure

d. having the mental ability to do particular things

**Question 45. Complete the chart (5 points):**

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| ***Team Hoyt*** | |
| What happened to Dick and Rick in 2008? |  |
| What happened to Dick and Rick in 2013? |  |

**Read the passage and answer the questions.**

Milli Vanilli was formed by music producer Frank Farian in 1988. He began the group by writing a number of songs and selecting five singers to sing them in the recording studio. These singers were very good at singing, but they were not very attractive, or very good at dancing. This was a problem because someone had to perform the songs in concerts and music videos.

The solution was found in a Berlin night club. There, Farian met two young, handsome model/dancers named Fab Morvan and Rob Pilatus. He asked the two men to lip-sync his songs during concerts and in music videos. Fab and Rob were very good at their job and the plan worked perfectly. Milli Vanilli’s first album was amazingly successful and they even won a Grammy Award for Best New Artist in 1990.

It was later in 1990 when Frank Farian’s perfect plan hit a snag. During a live Milli Vanilli performance in Connecticut, U.S.A., the recording of the song *Girl You Know It’s True* jammed and began to skip, repeating the line “Girl, you know it’s-” **over and over**. Fans attending the concert didn’t seem to notice, and the concert continued as if nothing had happened. But the critics did, and they questioned Rob and Fab in their concert reviews.

The pressure to explain the situation led Frank Farian to call a media conference on November 12, 1990. At the conference, he confessed to reporters that Morvan and Pilatus did not actually sing on the records! The confession led to Milli Vanilli’s Grammy being withdrawn four days later. It was a tragic end for a group that had sold over 30 million singles, 14 million albums, and had become one of the most popular pop acts in the world.

(taken from The Greatest Pop Scandal)

**Questions 46-49. Circle the correct answer (2.5 points each):**

46. Why didn’t the five singers perform the songs in concerts and music videos?

a. They weren’t very good at singing.

b. They weren’t attractive or good at dancing.

c. They weren’t good at lip syncing.

d. They didn’t want to be popular singers.

47. Which sentence about Milli Vanilli is true?

a. Their first album was not successful.

b. They only made music videos and did not perform live.

c. Their Grammy was withdrawn after they confessed to reporters.

d. They confessed that they actually sang on the records.

48. What happened at the Milli Vanilli performance in Connecticut, U.S.A?

a. The fans noticed Milli Vanilli were not singing.

b. The recording of one of the songs skipped.

c. Milli Vanilli’s Grammy was withdrawn.

d. Frank Farian called a media conference.

49. In line 12, what does “**over and over**” mean?

a. again and again

b. very slowly

c. back and forth

d. louder and louder

**Question 50. Complete the chart (5 points):**

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| ***Milli Vanilli*** | |
| What happened at the media conference on November 12, 1990? | Frank Farian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to reporters that Morvan and Pilatus did not sing on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |
| What did the group accomplish? | They sold \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ singles, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ albums, and had become one of the most popular pop \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the world. |

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| **Answer Key** | |

**Vocabulary:**

**Part A: Choose the word that best matches the definition (1 point each).**

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| **1** | *attractive* | **2** | *undermine* | **3** | *refuge* | **4** | *dehydration* | **5** | *controversial* |

**B. Choose the word that best completes the sentence (1 point each).**

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| **6** | *a* | **7** | *d* | **8** | *b* | **9** | *d* | **10** | *b* |
| **11** | *b* | **12** | *c* | **13** | *d* | **14** | *d* | **15** | *c* |
| **16** | *a* | **17** | *a* | **18** | *d* | **19** | *d* | **20** | *b* |

**C. Synonyms (=) and Antonyms (<-->)**

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| **21** | **perfect** | = | *ideal* | **22** | **situation** | = | *condition* |
| **23** | **not helpful** | <--> | advantageous | **24** | **sad** | = | *grim* |
| **25** | **extra** | = | *spare* |

**Reading Comprehension & Skills:**

**Questions 26-29. Circle the correct answer (2.5 points each):**

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| **26** | *a* | **27** | *b* | **28** | *c* | **29** | *c* |

**Question 30. Short answer (5 points):**

*(Answers may vary.)*

*-Prairie dogs insulate their chambers by lining the walls with grass.*

**Questions 31-34. Circle the correct answer (2.5 points each):**

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| **31** | *a* | **32** | *d* | **33** | *b* | **34** | *b* |

**Question 35. Short answer (5 points):**

*(Answers may vary.)*

*-He established university programs for the teaching of journalism. He also funded scholarships to assist journalism students. (He gave two million dollars to Columbia University.)*

**Questions 36-39. Circle the correct answer (2.5 points each):**

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| **36** | *a* | **37** | *b* | **38** | *d* | **39** | *a* |

**Question 40. Short answer (5 points):**

*(Answers may vary.)*

*-It is much faster to print books than to write them by hand.*

**Questions 41-44. Circle the correct answer (2.5 points each):**

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| **41** | *c* | **42** | *a* | **43** | *c* | **44** | *a* |

**Question 45. Complete the chart (5 points):**

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| What happened to Dick and Rick in 2013? | They were honored with a life-sized statue placed near the start line of the Boston Marathon. |

**Questions 46-49. Circle the correct answer (2.5 points each):**

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| **46** | *b* | **47** | *c* | **48** | *b* | **49** | *a* |

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**- Reading World Midterm and Final Test Grading Rubric -**

**Points available by test:**

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| **Vocabulary** | 25 points |
| **Reading Comprehension & Skills** | 75 points |
| Total | 100 points |

**Breakdown by question type:**

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| **Vocabulary** | | | |
| **Question Type** | **Number of Questions** | **Point Value** | **Total**  **Points Available** |
| *Definition* | 5 | 1 | 5 |
| *Sentence Completion* | 15 | 1 | 15 |
| *Synonym and Antonym Matching* | 5 | 1 | 5 |
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| **Reading Comprehension and Skills** | | | |
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| *Multiple Choice* | 20 | 2.5 | 50 |
| *Graphic Organizer or Short Answer* | 5 | 5 | 25 |
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