

## OLYMPIADS SCHOOL/SSAT UPPER LEVEL/CLASS 15 HANDOUTS/SUMMER 2016

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Relationships

Decide what type of relationship the words below have to each other. If the words have similar meanings, write S next to the pair of words. If they have different or opposite meanings, write O next to the words.

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1) synthetic::real         | 15) plea::request               |
| 2) predominant::minor      | 16) solemn::excited             |
| 3) inedible::delicious     | 17) pittance::ration            |
| 4) succumb::surrender      | 18) gorge::starve               |
| 5) pragmatic::impractical  | 19) pitch::light                |
| 6) hysterical::agitated    | 20) skeptic::believer           |
| 7) potent::strong-smelling | 21) placate::soothe             |
| 8) astute::unintelligent   | 22) gallant::cowardly           |
| 9) homage::honor           | 23) similar::opposite           |
| 10) studious::careless     | 24) pertinent::important        |
| 11) pompous::humble        | 25) gallows::hanging grounds    |
| 12) anticipate::expect     | 26) scrutiny::close examination |
| 13) gore::clean            | 27) pathological::diseased      |
| 14) apathy::passion        | 28) pry::mind your own business |

### 2. Fill in the Blank

Choose the word that best completes each of the following sentences.

- Michelle left the movie of her own \_\_\_\_\_ because it was boring.  
a. accord    b. volition    c. desire    d. need
- Brian was hoping for a short \_\_\_\_\_ between his two most difficult classes at school.  
a. nap    b. lunch    c. reprieve    d. postponement

- 3) William had a \_\_\_\_\_ idea when he invented a toilet that cleaned itself.  
a. bland    b. mediocre    c. smart    d. novel
- 4) The disappearance of Robert's pet hamster was quite a/an \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. enigma    b. event    c. tragedy    d. problem
- 5) Sean's criticism of his best friend Tyler was rather \_\_\_\_\_ during their fight.  
a. harsh    b. virulent    c. infectious    d. grand
- 6) Judy liked it when her grandparents would sit on their front porch and \_\_\_\_\_ about when they were children.  
a. talk    b. think    c. laugh    d. reminisce
- 7) New York City is often a/an \_\_\_\_\_ for tourists from around the world.  
a. mecca    b. intention    c. plan    d. goal
- 8) It's a good thing to be interested in \_\_\_\_\_ activities.  
a. some    b. prior    c. diverse    d. potent
- 9) Natasha was caught \_\_\_\_\_ her school locker and had to go to detention.  
a. stealing    b. cleaning    c. breaking    d. vandalizing
- 10) Marla was \_\_\_\_\_ to go to the hospital even though she needed to get stitches.  
a. reluctant    b. excited    c. frustrated    d. bored
- 11) Brad thought that I was a good idea to bring a \_\_\_\_\_ of fruit home to his grandmother instead of just apples.  
a. jumble    b. medley    c. pittance    d. bouquet
- 12) Edward \_\_\_\_\_ between buying a bagel or a sandwich for lunch.  
a. decided    b. thought    c. vacillated    d. fought
- 13) Lou felt very smart after he made a very \_\_\_\_\_ point during his math class.  
a. funny    b. selected    c. nice    d. relevant
- 14) Harriet was disgusted when she read about the \_\_\_\_\_ mobs that were common in the Southern United States before the Civil War.  
a. frightening    b. lynch    c. racist    d. angry
- 15) Danny chose engineering as the \_\_\_\_\_ he wanted to study in college.  
a. area    b. idea    c. discipline    d. issue

- 16) In order for the police to search your house they must first have a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. permission      b. note      c. letter      d. warrant
- 17) Max took \_\_\_\_\_ in the fact that he was right about quitting his job.  
a. refuge      b. comfort      c. peace      d. anxiety
- 18) Annie was amazed at how \_\_\_\_\_ the collection of stain glass windows were at the museum.  
a. unattractive      b. pretty      c. luminous      d. pertinent
- 19) Before they made their \_\_\_\_\_ into the mouth of the cave Julie and Sam thought it would be a good idea to make sure their flashlight worked.  
a. way      b. descent      c. homage      d. steps
- 20) If you \_\_\_\_\_ a crime take place it's best to call the police immediately.  
a. notice      b. see      c. participate      d. witness
- 21) Jill decided to \_\_\_\_\_ her differences with Amy.  
a. pretend      b. reconcile      c. refuge      b. discuss
- 22) Carrie was relieved that the principal was \_\_\_\_\_ with her even though she'd broken the school rules.  
a. compassionate      b. irreparable      c. prodigal      d. lenient
- 23) Susan felt a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ after she'd had a fight with her mom.  
a. dejection      b. fickleness      c. passion      d. sorrow
- 24) When you're riding your bike it is always wise to \_\_\_\_\_ to pedestrians.  
a. Stop      b. wave      c. yield      d. salute
- 25) As an excellent student, Melanie had a certain \_\_\_\_\_ with all of her teachers.  
a. attitude      b. expedient      c. scrutiny      d. rapport

### 3. Matching

Match each word on the left to a word with the similar meaning on the right.

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| 1. sedentary | a. useful   |
| 2. ostracize | b. strategy |
| 3. explicit  | c. harsh    |
| 4. underfoot | d. impose   |
| 5. severe    | e. confused |

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 6. orate          | f. continue      |
| 7. expedient      | g. blind         |
| 8. inclination    | h. unlimited     |
| 9. risqué         | i. specific      |
| 10. obstructive   | j. harmony       |
| 11. exception     | k. demanding     |
| 12. rant          | l. dangerous     |
| 13. resume        | m. actualization |
| 14. obsolete      | n. speak         |
| 15. euphony       | o. tool          |
| 16. tactic        | p. nosy          |
| 17. realistically | q. tease         |
| 18. oblivious     | r. tendency      |
| 19. inflict       | s. underneath    |
| 20. weld          | t. sensibly      |
| 21. manifestation | u. tirade        |
| 22. flummoxed     | v. unused        |
| 23. infinite      | w. motionless    |
| 24. insistent     | x. unaware       |
| 25. chisel        | y. abnormality   |

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1. exasperating::annoying
2. witty::funny
3. compromising::comfortable
4. assuage::aggravate
5. predicament::trouble
6. aflame::blazing
7. docent::guide
8. adjacent::distant
9. rekindle::restart
10. newfound::discovered
11. alike::different
12. upfront::dishonest
13. extract::remove
14. proceeds::losses
15. comradery::enemies
16. wellbeing::discomfort
17. heist::robbery
18. beneficial::disadvantageous

- 19. fawn::ignore
- 20. declaim::denounce
- 21. fortuitous::lucky
- 22. ominous::promising
- 23. gilded::golden
- 24. surmise::guess
- 25. abandoned::used
- 26. breach::violation
- 27. imperative::unimportant
- 28. pace::walk
- 29. downtrodden::satisfied