*Here are fifty brief phrases, each containing one italicized word; it is up to you to check*

*the closest definition of each such word. To keep your score valid, refrain, as far as*

*possible, from wild guessing.*

1. disheveled appearance:

(a) untidy; (b) fierce, (c) foolish, (d) peculiar, (e) unhappy

2. a baffling problem:

(a) difficult, (b) simple, (c) puzzling, (d) long, (e) new

3. lenient parent:

(a) tall, (b) not strict, (c) wise, (d) foolish, (e) severe

4. repulsive personality:

(a) disgusting, (b) attractive, (c) normal, (d) confused, (e) conceited

5. audacious attempt:

(a) useless, (b) bold, (c) foolish, (d) crazy, (e) necessary

6. parry a blow:

(a) ward off, (b) fear, (c) expect, (d) invite, (e) ignore

7. prevalent disease:

(a) dangerous, (b) catching, (c) childhood, (d) fatal, (e) widespread

8. ominous report:

(a) loud, (b) threatening, (c) untrue, (d) serious, (e) unpleasant

9. an incredible story:

(a) true, (b) interesting, (c) well-known, (d) unbelievable, (e) unknown

10. an ophthalmologist:

(a) eye doctor, (b) skin doctor, (c) foot doctor, (d) heart doctor, (e) cancer specialist

11. will supersede the old law:

(a) enforce, (b) specify penalties for, (c) take the place of, (d) repeal, (e) continue

12. an anonymous donor:

(a) generous, (b) stingy, (c) well-known, (d) one whose name is not known, (e)

reluctant

13. performed an autopsy: (a) examination of living tissue, (b) examination of a corpse to

determine the cause of death, (c) process in the manufacture of optical lenses, (d)

operation to cure an organic disease, (e) series of questions to determine the causes of

delinquent behavior

14. an indefatigable worker:

(a) well-paid, (b) tired, (c) skillful, (d) tireless, (e) pleasant

15. a confirmed atheist:

(a) bachelor, (b) disbeliever in God, (c) believer in religion, (d) believer in science, (e)

priest

16. endless loquacity:

(a) misery, (b) fantasy, (c) repetitiousness, (d) ill health, (e) talkativeness

17. a glib talker:

(a) smooth, (b) awkward, (c) loud, (d) friendly, (e) boring

18. an incorrigible optimist:

(a) happy, (b) beyond correction or reform, (c) foolish, (d) hopeful, (e) unreasonable

19. an ocular problem:

(a) unexpected, (b) insoluble, (c) visual, (d) continual, (e) imaginary

20. a notorious demagogue:

(a) rabble-rouser, (b) gambler, (c) perpetrator of financial frauds, (d) liar, (e)

spendthrift

21. a naïve attitude:

(a) unwise, (b) hostile, (c) unsophisticated, (d) friendly, (e) contemptuous

22. living in affluence:

(a) difficult circumstances, (b) countrified surroundings, (c) fear, (d) wealth, (e) poverty

23. in retrospect:

(a) view of the past, (b) artistic balance, (c) anticipation, (d) admiration, (e) second

thoughts

24. a gourmet:

(a) seasoned traveler, (b) greedy eater, (c) vegetarian, (d) connoisseur of good food, (e)

skillful chef

25. to simulate interest:

(a) pretend, (b) feel, (c) lose, (d) stir up, (e) ask for

26. a magnanimous action:

(a) puzzling, (b) generous, (c) foolish, (d) unnecessary, (e) wise

27. a clandestine meeting:

(a) prearranged, (b) hurried, (c) important, (d) secret, (e) public

28. the apathetic citizens:

(a) made up of separate ethnic groups, (b) keenly vigilant of their rights, (c) politically

conservative, (d) indifferent, uninterested, uninvolved, (e) terrified

29. to placate his son:

(a) please, (b) help, (c) find a job for, (d) make arrangements for, (e) change a feeling

of hostility to one of friendliness

30. to vacillate continually:

(a) avoid, (b) swing back and forth in indecision, (c) inject, (d) treat, (e) scold

31. a nostalgic feeling:

(a) nauseated, (b) homesick, (c) sharp, (d) painful, (e) delighted

32. feel antipathy:

(a) bashfulness, (b) stage fright, (c) friendliness, (d) hostility, (e) suspense

33. be more circumspect:

(a) restrained, (b) confident, (c) cautious, (d) honest, (e) intelligent

34. an intrepid fighter for human rights:

(a) fearless, (b) eloquent, (c) popular, (d) experienced, (e) famous

35. diaphanous material:

(a) strong, (b) sheer and gauzy, (c) colorful, (d) expensive, (e) synthetic

36. a taciturn host:

(a) stingy, (b) generous, (c) disinclined to conversation, (d) charming, (e) gloomy

37. to malign his friend:

(a) accuse, (b) help, (c) disbelieve, (d) slander, (e) introduce

38. a congenital deformity:

(a) hereditary, (b) crippling, (c) slight, (d) incurable, (e) occurring at or during birth

39. a definite neurosis:

(a) plan, (b) emotional disturbance, (c) physical disease, (d) feeling of fear, (e) allergic

reaction

40. made an unequivocal statement:

(a) hard to understand, (b) lengthy, (c) politically motivated, (d) clear and forthright,

(e) supporting

41. vicarious enjoyment:

(a) complete, (b) unspoiled, (c) occurring from a feeling of identification with another,

(d) long-continuing, (e) temporary

42. psychogenic ailment:

(a) incurable, (b) contagious, (c) originating in the mind, (d) intestinal, (e) imaginary

43. an anachronous attitude:

(a) unexplainable, (b) unreasonable, (c) belonging to a different time, (d) out of place,

(e) unusual

44. her iconoclastic phase:

(a) artistic, (b) sneering at tradition, (c) troubled, (d) difficult, (e) religious

45. a tyro:

(a) dominating personality, (b) beginner, (c) accomplished musician, (d) dabbler, (e)

serious student

46. a laconic reply:

(a) immediate, (b) assured, (c) terse and meaningful, (d) unintelligible, (e) angry

47. semantic confusion:

(a) relating to the meaning of words, (b) pertaining to money, (c) having to do with

the emotions, (d) relating to mathematics, (e) caused by inner turmoil

48. cavalier treatment:

(a) courteous, (b) haughty and highhanded, (c) negligent, (d) affectionate, (e)

expensive

49. an anomalous situation:

(a) dangerous, (b) intriguing, (c) unusual, (d) pleasant (e) unhappy

50. posthumous child:

(a) cranky, (b) brilliant, (c) physically weak, (d) illegitimate, (e) born after the death of

the father