

**TEST # 2**

Directions: Each problem in this part consists of a sentence in which one word or phrase has been underlined. From the four choices given, you should choose the one word or phrase which could be substituted for the underlined word or phrase without changing the meaning of the sentence. Mark your choice on the answer sheet.

1. The two companies are going to merge by the first of the year.
  - a. Become one
  - b. Divide into two
  - c. Dissolve
  - d. Change owners
2. The old woman is too feeble to cross the street without her nephew's help.
  - a. Tired
  - b. Weak
  - c. Timid
  - d. Blind
3. There is no alternative; the president must approve the bill if Congress passes it.
  - a. Chance of agreement
  - b. Doubt
  - c. Other choice
  - d. Mistake
4. It is futile to argue with him once he has made up his mind.
  - a. Unpleasant
  - b. Encouraging
  - c. Helpful
  - d. Useless
5. He hurled the statue to the floor with such force that it shattered.
  - a. Dropped
  - b. Pulled
  - c. Pushed
  - d. Threw
6. He is the most intrepid explorer in the present century
  - a. Successful
  - b. Fearless
  - c. Reliable
  - d. Fearsome
7. It isn't easy to remain tranquil when events suddenly change your life.
  - a. Superior
  - b. Serious
  - c. Severe
  - d. Serene
8. One symptom of the disease is a high fever.

- a. Symbol
  - b. Sign
  - c. Cause
  - d. Pain
9. He was vexed by the new and unexpected development.
- a. Astonished
  - b. Annoyed
  - c. Enlightened
  - d. Contented
10. The clerk had been insolent to his superior once too often now he was without a job.
- a. Affectionate
  - b. Rude
  - c. Dishonest
  - d. Sly
11. The picture is twisted please straighten it
- a. High
  - b. Level
  - c. Crooked
  - d. adjustable
12. His employer appeared to be in such an affable mood that Tom decided to ask for a raise.
- a. Despondent
  - b. Irresponsible
  - c. Agreeable
  - d. Uncertain
13. The boy felt disgraced because he knew that he had been wrong to steal.
- a. Ashamed
  - b. Worried
  - c. Template
  - d. Phony
14. Since he had never been in such a situation before. His apprehension was understandable
- a. Eagerness
  - b. Fear
  - c. Hesitation
  - d. Excitement
15. A sealed bottle thrown into the ocean often floats aimlessly before it reaches land.
- a. Sinks
  - b. Leaks
  - c. Disintegrates
  - d. Drifts
16. His face was flushed because he had run all the way from the dormitory
- a. Red
  - b. Shaking

- c. Pale
  - d. Wet
17. The initial step is often the most difficult.
- a. Quickest
  - b. Longest
  - c. Last
  - d. First
18. The noise was so faint that it was impossible to be sure what it was or even where it came from.
- a. Frightening
  - b. General
  - c. Loud
  - d. Indistinct
19. The clerk had to break off the conversation in order to wait on a customer.
- a. Interrupt
  - b. Hurry
  - c. Continue
  - d. Begin
20. The mother soothed the disappointed child and then promised to take him on a picnic as soon as it stopped raining.
- a. Hugged
  - b. Comforted
  - c. Whipped
  - d. Praised
21. The new tax law is explicit; that type of certificate is law exempt
- a. Definite
  - b. Deficient
  - c. Harsh
  - d. Imprecise
22. Zinnia seeds will begin to germinate in seven to ten days.
- a. Grow
  - b. Rot
  - c. Sink
  - d. Bloom
23. The unions' grievance committee met with the school board to protest the teacher's firing.
- a. Personnel
  - b. Scholarship
  - c. Investment
  - d. Complaint
24. Argon, an inert gas, constitutes nearly one percent of the atmosphere.
- a. Inflammable
  - b. Colorless
  - c. Inactive

- d. Odorless
25. Most high school students look up to the star player on the football team.
- a. Envy
  - b. Respect
  - c. Trust
  - d. Pursue
26. Quiet's 9,350 foot elevations make it the third loftiest capital in the world.
- a. Mildest
  - b. Highest
  - c. Largest
  - d. Flattest
27. The concurrence of the heads of state was totally unexpected.
- a. Rejection
  - b. Proposal
  - c. Agreement
  - d. Objection
28. The police confiscated the stolen goods.
- a. Reported
  - b. Located
  - c. Released
  - d. Seized
29. A conscientious teacher spends hours preparing for classes and correcting students papers
- a. Creative
  - b. Leading
  - c. Skillful
  - d. Careful
30. The French detective novelist Georges Simenon is one of the most prolific writers of the twentieths country.
- a. Instructive
  - b. Productive
  - c. Famous
  - d. Pacemaker