1.

Which one of the following English words comes from French, rather than Old English?

Who
Justice
How
What

2.

Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales* is written in...

Old English
Middle English
Early Modern English
Modern English

3.

Words which are no longer commonly used are referred to as...

jargon
slang
archaic
pointless

4.

Which of the following is written in Old English?

The Canterbury Tales
The Rime of the Ancient Mariner
Beowulf
The Lord of the Rings

5.

Which of the following words has come into the English language from the world of I.T.?

App
Robot
Virus
Automaton

6.

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Which would be the modern equivalent of 'thine'?

You
You're
Your
Yours

7.

Which of the following is an example of gender-neutral language?

Everyone should put his books under the table
All men were created to be equal
A good driver learns to recognize when he is too tired to drive safely
Studying law will equip students with the skills necessary for a future legal career

8.

'A sailor's wife had chestnuts in her lap, and mounch'd, and mounch'd, and mounch'd: "Give me," quoth I: -- "Aroint thee, witch!" the rump-fed ronyon cries. Her husband's to Aleppo gone, master o' the Tiger: But in a sieve I'll thither sail...' These lines from *Macbeth* are an example of...

Old English
Middle English
Early Modern English
Modern English

9.

In the 18th century, this writer compiled his famous dictionary.

Samuel Johnson
William Shakespeare
William Caxton
Charles Dickens

10.

Which of these is NOT a reason why language changes over time?

New inventions and technologies require new words
Language changes through contact with other cultures
Changes in social conventions over time influence changes in language

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11.

Highly-informal language which can include elements of jargon, neologism and colloquialism.

Standard English
American English
Slang
Sociolect

12.

A word which would only be used in an informal, familiar context is described as a...

metaphor
colloquialism
ellipsis
contraction

13.

Whether you are speaking or writing, this will determine the language variety which you employ.

Audience
Context
Subject
All of the above

14.

The particular way a language is pronounced by an individual or a group is known as...

idiom
dialect
slang
accent

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15.

The particular version of a language used by those who are members of a large group (i.e. inhabitants of the same geographical region or members of the same socio-economic class).

Idiolect
Dialect
Slang
Accent

16.

A freshly-coined word or phrase is known as a...

cliché
imported word
neologism
received term

17.

Specialist language which is not usually understood by those who are not members of the group using it.

Jargon
Technicalities
Received pronunciation
Idiolect

18.

The dialect of English which is agreed by the majority of native speakers as 'correct' is known as...

everyday English
official English
standard English
poetic English

19.

A language variety chosen to suit the audience is known as...

accent
dialect
persuasion
register

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