INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF MONTERREY

9th grade Literature

NAME:_____ DATE:_____ Trim. #:___ LIST #:___ - ___

I. DIRECTIONS: Choose the answer that best fits the question.

____**1.** You would have empathy if you _____.

a. shared sad feelings

b. lost in a game

c. hurt your arm

d. ate a large meal

____**2.** How would you feel if there was a dearth of food?

a. Happy

b. Hungry

c. Full

d. Sleepy

____**3.** If something is a convenience, then it makes _____ .

a. you very angry

b. you feel sick

c. a lot of money

d. a task easier

____**4.** How would a resourceful person deal with a problem?

a. Ignore it

b. Give up

c. Cry and ask for help

d. Find a solution

____**5.** If something was deliberate, then it was _____.

a. done with pride

b. done easily

c. done on purpose

d. not done at all

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____**6.** How would you describe someone feeling a sense of outrage?

a. Peaceful

b. Upset

c. Tired

d. Arrogant

____**7.** What fanciful idea might a doctor have?

a. Give a patient medicine

b. Be kind to them

c. Tell them to rest

d. Ask a fairy for advice

____**8.** What would a tired person likely opt to do?

a. Watch a movie

b. Exercise

c. Finish a book

d. Go to bed

____**9.** To rectify hurting your friend, you would _____.

a. say sorry

b. laugh at him

c. hit him

d. ignore him

____**10.** What might appall a teacher?

a. Smart students

b. A happy student

c. A mean attitude

d. A long test

II. DIRECTIONS: Choose the one that is similar in meaning to the given word.

____**11.** outrage

a. idea

b. anger

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c. beauty

d. personality

____**12.** rectify

a. to correct

b. to sadden

c. to bore

d. to be hard

____**13.** sustenance

a. belief

b. flowing

c. food and drink

d. torn

____**14.** dire

a. terrible

b. likely

c. large

d. small

____**15.** opt

a. to remove

b. to yell

c. to shout

d. to choose

III. DIRECTIONS: Choose the one that is opposite in meaning to the given word.

____**16.** tedious

a. fun

b. to read

c. to shrink

d. to love

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____**17.** appall

a. to greet

b. to lower

c. to please

d. to create

____**18.** paltry

a. worthless

b. large

c. ugly

d. absent

____**19.** grueling

a. rough

b. exact

c. easy

d. necessary

____**20.** resourceful

a. foolish

b. realistic

c. impressive

d. surprising

IV. DIRECTIONS: Write C if the italicized word is used correctly. Write I if the word is used incorrectly.

21. [ ] I had a big breakfast. Many hours will ***elapse*** before I feel hungry again.

22. [ ] Dan was a nice man, but no one would work for him because of his ***fanciful*** ideas.

23. [ ] I was very grateful for my birthday gifts. I ***griped*** about them to all of my friends.

24. [ ] Because there was a ***dearth*** of food at home, the family went out to eat.

25. [ ] The puppy was happy to learn new tricks. Each one was very ***mundane*** for him.

26. [ ] Mother ***allotted*** me and my brother the money. Now she had all the money.

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27. [ ] The boy was proud of his trophies. He displayed them in a ***cache*** for everyone to see.

28. [ ] Because he had planned for the trap to capture his victim, he was very ***deliberate.***

29. [ ] The violent criminal was on the news this evening. His actions ***appalled*** most people.

30. [ ] That man is very selfish. He has ***empathy*** for every person he meets.

V. DIRECTIONS: Read the following story, then answer the questions.

The Little Mice



Beth was a very resourceful and conservative mouse. She knew that winter was coming and that there would soon be a dearth of food. So she decided to make gathering food for winter her primary job. Gathering food was a grueling and mundane activity, but Beth made a deliberate effort because she knew that it was important. She allotted herself a few hours every day to collect beans. By winter, she had collected a massive pile and hid them in a cache.

Beth had a sister named Mary. Mary lacked ambition. She had fanciful ideas about how she would survive winter. She thought that food would just come to her and that she could work at her own convenience. She opted to spend the days playing and dancing, instead of gathering beans. When the final hours of autumn elapsed, Mary had only a paltry amount of food stored away.

Mary realized that her food supply was too small to last through winter. She visited her sister. Mary said, "Beth, I'm in a dire situation. I didn't gather enough food for winter. Will you let me share your beans? Please have some empathy for your sister!"

Beth thought for a moment. Then she replied, "Mary, I am truly sorry for you. But I will not give you any of my beans. Instead, I will let you have my empty bag. You can still work hard and gather enough food for the winter. It will be tedious, but you will learn the value of hard work."

Beth's words appalled Mary. Mary cried with outrage, "There is too much work! I won't have any time to dance or play!"

Beth said, "It is crucial that you gather enough food. You must have sustenance before you have fun. Go now, and rectify your situation."

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Mary griped some more, but she knew that her sister was right. She took the bag and went to work gathering her own beans for the winter.

VI. DIRECTIONS: Part A: Mark each statement T for true or F for false. Rewrite the false statements to make them true.

____**31.** Beth was resourceful and conservative, so she gathered a paltry pile of beans for her cache.

____**32.** Because gathering food was tedious, Beth allotted a few hours of every day to do it.

____**33.** Beth did grueling and mundane work to overcome the dearth of food in the winter.

____**34.** Beth's reply appalled Mary and made her reply in outrage.

____**35.** When the hours of autumn elapsed, Mary had a massive amount of food.

VII. DIRECTIONS: Part B: Answer the questions.

36. What was Beth's primary job?

37. What fanciful idea did Mary opt to try?

38. What did Mary want her sister to have empathy about?

39. How did Mary rectify her dire situation and get sustenance?

40. Even though she griped, what did Mary know at the end of the story?

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