



## Language Arts Exam # 1 - Middle Grades 2020-21 Governor's Cup Practice Questions

### Student Instructions:

- Write your complete ID code on your answer sheet.
  - If you change your answer, erase well.
1. Its preface details the narrator's firing from the Custom House. Which of the following novels then shifts to a prison in the Massachusetts Bay Colony?
    - A. *Moby Dick*
    - B. *The Scarlet Letter*
    - C. *The House of the Seven Gables*
    - D. *The Turn of the Screw*
  2. Which one of the characters below is NOT found in *Uncle Tom's Cabin*?
    - A. Emmeline
    - B. George Harris
    - C. Evangeline St. Clare
    - D. Muff Potter
  3. His drunken, abusive father kidnaps him to access his money. Which of the following characters fakes his death and hides on Jackson Island to escape?
    - A. Tom Sawyer
    - B. Huckleberry Finn
    - C. Billy Budd
    - D. Jim Conklin
  4. Which of the following authors explores the racism Jordan Banks experiences at Riverdale Academy in the Newbery-winning novel *New Kid*?
    - A. Erin Entrada Kelly
    - B. Matt de la Peña
    - C. Jerry Craft
    - D. Meg Medina
  5. In the novel *Moon Over Manifest*, the title town is located in what state?
    - A. Oklahoma
    - B. Nevada
    - C. South Carolina
    - D. Kansas
  6. Jack Frost, a member of the Jacks of All Trades, is the antagonist of which Newbery Medal-winning novel?
    - A. *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*
    - B. *The Graveyard Book*
    - C. *The Tale of Despereaux*
    - D. *The Giver*
  7. Which of the following authors won Newbery Medals for both *...And Now Miguel* and *Onion John*?
    - A. Joseph Krungold
    - B. Jean Craighead George
    - C. Hendrik Willem van Loon
    - D. William Pène du Bois

8. The fast food chain Long John Silver's derives its name from that of a character in which novel below?
- Swiss Family Robinson*
  - The Wind in the Willows*
  - Gulliver's Travels*
  - Treasure Island*
9. In *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, which one of the Pevensie siblings is the first to visit Narnia and encounter Faun Tumnus?
- Susan
  - Peter
  - Lucy
  - Edmund
10. Match each *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* character with his or her fate.
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| x. Veruca Salt        | 1. falls down a garbage chute     |
| y. Violet Beauregarde | 2. falls into the chocolate river |
| z. Augustus Gloop     | 3. turns into a giant blueberry   |
- x-2, y-3, z-1
  - x-1, y-3, z-2
  - x-1, y-2, z-3
  - x-2, y-1, z-3
11. Jarrett J. Krosoczka recounts his life with an unknown father, a drug-addicted mother, and the grandparents who raised him in a memoir with which of the following titles?
- The Hate U Give*
  - Hey, Kiddo*
  - P. S. Be Eleven*
  - Other Words for Home*
12. Lesa Cline-Ransome won a Scott O'Dell Award for which novel below, about a young boy's life during the Great Migration?
- Long Way Down*
  - Patron Saints of Nothing*
  - Finding Langston*
  - Piecing Me Together*
13. Which of the following authors wrote of a blues-loving boy in *Clayton Byrd Goes Underground*, as well as sisters Vonetta, Fern, and Delphine in an earlier trilogy?
- Erika L. Sánchez
  - Pam Muñoz Ryan
  - Laura Amy Schlitz
  - Rita Williams-Garcia
14. The Sibert Honor Book *All in a Drop* describes how which scientist below was the first person to observe protozoa and bacteria?
- Antony van Leeuwenhoek
  - Louis Pasteur
  - Charles Darwin
  - Carl Linnaeus

15. He passed away in July 2020. Which of the following men was a civil rights activist and politician who co-authored the autobiographical graphic novels *March*?
- Jim Clyburn
  - John Lewis
  - Andrew Young
  - Elijah Cummings
16. Nikki Grimes won a Sibert Honor for her memoir about foster care, mental illness, and the power of words. Which choice below names that book?
- Ordinary Hazards*
  - Heart and Soul*
  - Written in Stone*
  - The Unwanted*
17. Which one of the following poems did Robert Frost recite at the inauguration of John F. Kennedy?
- “Nothing Gold Can Stay”
  - “Birches”
  - “Fire and Ice”
  - “The Gift Outright”
18. At right is the first stanza of what poem?
- “Annabel Lee”
  - “Old Ironsides”
  - “Paul Revere’s Ride”
  - “The Chambered Nautilus”
19. She won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 1923. Which of the following women is remembered for “Renascence”?
- Gwendolyn Brooks
  - Sylvia Plath
  - Edna St. Vincent Millay
  - Elizabeth Bishop
20. Match each man with his speech.
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| x. Douglas MacArthur  | 1. “The Man with the Muck Rake” |
| y. Charles de Gaulle  | 2. “Duty, Honor, Country”       |
| z. Theodore Roosevelt | 3. “Appeal of 18 June”          |
- x-2, y-1, z-3
  - x-2, y-3, z-1
  - x-3, y-1, z-2
  - x-1, y-2, z-3
21. Which choice below names the former foundling who invents the title character in *The Importance of Being Earnest*?
- Jack Worthing
  - Henry Higgins
  - Matthew Harrison Brady
  - Jacob Marley

Ay, tear her tattered ensign down!  
 Long has it waved on high,  
 And many an eye has danced to see  
 That banner in the sky;  
 Beneath it rung the battle shout,  
 And burst the cannon’s roar;—  
 The meteor of the ocean air  
 Shall sweep the clouds no more!

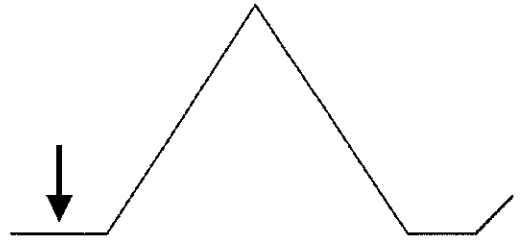
22. In a speech addressing the Rochester Ladies' Anti-Slavery Society, Frederick Douglass questioned the meaning of which holiday below to enslaved people?
- A. Thanksgiving
  - B. Easter
  - C. Christmas
  - D. the Fourth of July
23. Tessie Hutchinson, Laurie, and Mr. John Philip Johnson are all characters in stories by which of the following writers?
- A. Cynthia Rylant
  - B. Josephine Preston Peabody
  - C. Shirley Jackson
  - D. Toni Cade Bambara
24. In which story below does James Thurber recount a humorous incident from his childhood?
- A. "The Night the Bed Fell"
  - B. "The Rocking-Horse Winner"
  - C. "The Scholarship Jacket"
  - D. "The Open Window"
25. Ray Bradbury wrote three of the following stories. Which one was the work of Isaac Asimov?
- A. "All Summer in a Day"
  - B. "There Will Come Soft Rains"
  - C. "A Sound of Thunder"
  - D. "Hallucination"
26. Which of the following choices names a sea monster that allegedly lives in whirlpools off Norway's coast?
- A. basilisk
  - B. sphinx
  - C. kraken
  - D. banshee
27. In an Aesop fable, which creatures below beg for a king to rule them, but grow dissatisfied with the crane Jupiter sends?
- A. frogs
  - B. wolves
  - C. crows
  - D. cats
28. The theme song of a Disney TV show about which of the following men claimed he was "raised in the woods so he knew every tree" and "kilt him a b'ar when he was only 3"?
- A. Johnny Appleseed
  - B. Pecos Bill
  - C. Paul Bunyan
  - D. Davy Crockett
29. "Harvey tried to study in the cafeteria for his math quiz, but it was too noisy." How many dependent clauses does the previous sentence contain?
- A. none
  - B. one
  - C. two
  - D. three

30. Match each sentence with the type of phrase it contains.
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| x. The Statue of Liberty, which is now green, was once copper.    | 1. infinitive  |
| y. Wearing his new shoes, Bill was ready for basketball practice. | 2. participial |
| z. I decided not to go to Egypt for vacation.                     | 3. appositive  |
- A. x-3, y-1, z-2  
 B. x-1, y-2, z-3  
 C. x-3, y-2, z-1  
 D. x-2, y-3, z-1
31. "The cat in the middle of the pile is cute, but the one at the edge of the basket is adorable." How many prepositional phrases are part of the previous sentence?  
 A. one  
 B. two  
 C. three  
 D. four
32. No usage errors appear in which one of the sentences below?  
 A. You can lay on the couch until the dizziness passes.  
 B. The fire drill didn't effect my concentration at all.  
 C. Less and less people are coming to this beach.  
 D. The canoe carried the group farther than they'd planned.
33. Which of the following punctuation marks serves the MOST similar function to both commas and parentheses?  
 A. dash  
 B. quotation marks  
 C. semicolon  
 D. hyphen
34. Which sentence below contains ONLY correct capitalization?  
 A. Chicago is located in Cook county, Illinois.  
 B. My aunt received a scholarship to Cambridge university.  
 C. Andrew Jackson's nickname was "Old Hickory."  
 D. The 2020 Olympic games have been postponed.
35. Which one of the following sentences is compound-complex?  
 A. While they were waiting for the results, Orion paced and Greg fidgeted.  
 B. The baby bird chirped to express its hunger.  
 C. They spoke to her in Portuguese, but she responded in Spanish.  
 D. Sara has an early bedtime because she must wake up early.
36. Which choice below is a coordinating conjunction?  
 A. than  
 B. either  
 C. while  
 D. for

37. Below are four pronouns. Which one can be demonstrative or relative, depending on context?
- my
  - that
  - whose
  - which
38. Which of the following sentences is written in the past perfect tense?
- By then, she had already finished the assignment.
  - He has gone to the dentist for a cleaning.
  - Between them, they ate seven pickles at lunch.
  - Have you written your essay yet?
39. Which adjective below means “agitatedly confused”?
- fastidious
  - flustered
  - feasible
  - formidable
40. Match each word with its antonym.
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| x. durable  | 1. graceful  |
| y. ungainly | 2. delicate  |
| z. servile  | 3. imperious |
- x-1, y-3, z-2
  - x-1, y-2, z-3
  - x-2, y-1, z-3
  - x-3, y-2, z-1
41. Which word below is spelled CORRECTLY?
- aplication
  - suspisious
  - propeller
  - parlament
42. The words “disrupt,” “interrupt,” and “abrupt” all contain a root with which of the following meanings?
- throw
  - break
  - late
  - sudden
43. Which of the following words contains a Latin root meaning “lean”?
- incline
  - deposit
  - cyclone
  - fragment
44. A medical procedure that involves visual examination is MOST likely to end in which of the suffixes below?
- phone
  - scopy
  - ette
  - phile

45. If someone is schmoozing, they are, by definition, doing which of the following?
- A. eating
  - B. dancing
  - C. studying
  - D. chatting
46. The Italian word “gelato” references a type of what food?
- A. pasta
  - B. cheese
  - C. ice cream
  - D. tomato
47. Three of the dog breeds below are German words. Which one is French?
- A. papillon
  - B. rottweiler
  - C. dachshund
  - D. schnauzer
48. Which one of the following choices is an example of narrative poetry?
- A. ode
  - B. mock-epic
  - C. sonnet
  - D. elegy

49. In the diagram at right, the arrow points to which portion of the Freytag pyramid?
- A. climax
  - B. denouement
  - C. exposition
  - D. rising action



50. Match each literary device with its example.

- x. paradox
- y. hyperbole
- z. euphemism

1. “She’s running faster than the wind.”
2. “He was let go from his job today.”
3. “The enemy of my enemy is my friend.”

- A. x-1, y-2, z-3
- B. x-2, y-1, z-3
- C. x-3, y-2, z-1
- D. x-3, y-1, z-2

