**General Offline Instructions:**

Today you will take the Acuity test. Read each question carefully and decide which answer is correct. Using your scan sheet, fill in the bubble that contains the letter for the answer you choose.
1. Select the statement that most correctly reflects the West Virginia vote in the 2008 election.

   - A Voters in the more rural regions voted for John McCain but in the more urban regions the voters supported President Barack Obama.
   - B John McCain carried the vote in the eastern panhandle region and Barack Obama carried the southern coalfield region.
   - C Voters voted a straight Republican ticket.
   - D Voters voted a straight Democratic ticket.

2. The sites of West Virginia's original and present state capital are located within these two geographic regions.

   - A Ohio River Valley and Allegheny Plateau
   - B Ohio River Valley and Potomac Section
   - C Potomac Section and Allegheny Highland
   - D Potomac Section and Allegheny Plateau

3. The building of Hawk's Nest Tunnel, in Fayette County, in 1930-31 is remembered for

   - A the deaths of hundreds of laborers from silicosis.
   - B being the beginning work on Hawk's Nest State Park.
   - C opening railroad service to the famous New River coalfield.
   - D the discovery of Indian artifacts.

4. At the general election in November 1956, the following amendment to the state constitution was approved by the voters: "Regardless of sex, all persons, who are otherwise qualified, shall be eligible to serve as petit jurors, in both civil and criminal cases, as grand jurors and as coroner's jurors.” What did this amendment do?

   - A established equal rights for women
   - B gave women the right to trial by jury
   - C gave women the right to vote
   - D allowed women to be jurors
5. As a direct result of the New Deal's National Industrial Recovery Act:

- **A** yellow-dog contracts were outlawed.
- **B** the West Virginia Legislature created a workers compensation program.
- **C** tens of thousands of West Virginia miners were organized by the United Mine Workers of America.
- **D** public works projects were started in each the state's fifty-five counties to help unemployed workers.

6. Which of the following statements describe the West Virginia coal fields between 1919 and 1921?

- **A** John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America successfully organized miners in Logan and Mingo counties in 1921.
- **B** John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, asked President Warren G. Harding to send federal troops to West Virginia to make mine owners accept yellow-dog contracts.
- **C** The United Mine Workers of America hired agents of the Baldwin-Felts Agency to protect labor organizers working in southern West Virginia.
- **D** Mine owners opposed efforts to unionize miners, leading to violent conflicts at Matewan and Blair Mountain.

7. The elected official who is keeper of the Great Seal of West Virginia is:

- **A** the State Auditor
- **B** the Governor
- **C** the Secretary of State
- **D** the Attorney General

8. On April 22, 1861, nearly twelve hundred Harrison County citizens gathered at the courthouse in Clarksburg and in response to the Ordinance of Secession by Virginia it was the resolved that

- **A** Delegates from all counties in northwestern Virginia be chosen to meet in Convention at Wheeling.
- **B** Delegates from all counties in northwestern Virginia be chosen to meet in Convention at Fairmont.
- **C** Delegates from all counties in northwestern Virginia be chosen to meet in Convention at Guyandotte.
- **D** Delegates from all counties in northwestern Virginia be chosen to meet in Convention at Richmond.
9. Prehistory is divided into time periods (i.e., Paleo-Indian, Archaic, etc.). Which of the following is NOT a criterion used in establishing these periods?

- O A  Manner in which dead were honored
- O B  Types of languages spoken
- O C  Ways of making a living
- O D  Kinds of tools used

10. The exploits of this West Virginian during the Spanish-American War were documented in "A Message to Garcia."

- O A  French Ensor Chadwich
- O B  Tony Gaujot
- O C  Elbert Hubbard
- O D  Andrew Summers Rowan

11. This author of The Good Earth, who was born in Pocahontas County on June 26, 1892, was the first American woman to be awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.

- O A  Pearl Buck
- O B  Mary Lee Settle
- O C  Eugenia Price
- O D  Louise McNeill Pease

12. Which of the following events is NOT associated with the Hatfield-McCoy Feud?

- O A  Sid Hatfield was shot and killed on the steps of the McDowell county courthouse by Baldwin-Felts agents.
- O B  Ellison Mounts was convicted of murder and hanged in February 1890.
- O C  An 1882 Election Day fight between members of the Hatfield and McCoy families led to the death of Ellison Hatfield.
- O D  The United States Supreme Court ruled that the arrest of several members of the Hatfield clan by a Kentucky posse was legal.
13. As a result of the Virginia Land Law of 1730, western Virginia:

   O A attracted an ethnically and religiously different group of settlers from those who lived in eastern Virginia.
   O B attracted large numbers of land-hungry settlers from Tidewater Virginia.
   O C was surveyed for Lord Fairfax by George Washington.
   O D was closed to further settlement.

14. On November 16, 1898, J.R. Clifford brought the case of Williams v. Board of Education of Tucker County to the West Virginia Supreme Court. This case is significant because

   O A This was the first ruling in U.S. history to determine that racial discrimination was illegal.
   O B J.R. Clifford was the first African American attorney in West Virginia.
   O C Children in all-black schools attended school for five months of the year and children in all-white schools attended school for eight months of the year.
   O D The court found in favor of Williams, an African American Teacher.

15. *O Beulah Land*, a novel written by this Charleston native, describes the economic, political, and social background of early settlers in western Virginia following the American Revolution.

   O A Gail Galloway Adams
   O B Cynthia Rylant
   O C Mary Lee Settle
   O D Betsy Byars

16. Harman Blennerhassett was indicted for this crime because of his plot with Aaron Burr.

   O A treason
   O B murder
   O C perjury
   O D extortion
17. On December 6, 1907, the worst mine disaster in U.S. history occurred in this Marion County community, when an explosion resulted in the deaths of at least 361 miners.

   - A Monongah
   - B Mannington
   - C Eccles
   - D Fairmont

18. This Kanawha County native is a Country Music Association award-winning singer whose song "Eighteen Wheels and a Dozen Roses" was a No. 1 hit.

   - A Brad Paisley
   - B Kathy Mattea
   - C Rachel Proctor
   - D Little Jimmy Dickens

19. Who was the first African American woman elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates?

   - A Anna Gates
   - B Minnie Buckingham Harper
   - C Elizabeth Simpson Drewery
   - D Elizabeth Harden Gilmore
20. What are West Virginia's official state colors?

O A  blue and gold
O B  old blue and gold
O C  old gold and blue
O D  blue and white
21. *Color the Two Panhandles* by Louise McNeil:

Color the handle jutting north  
Black of iron and blue of steel,  
The white-hot metal and silver reel;  
The flaming orange that spits and pours  
Out of the seething furnace doors.

Color the river a green that flows;  
Color the upland orchard rows-  
Apple blossoms that float and fall  
Over the Barges where they crawl;  
Then paint the smoke with a yellow spume,  
Mix some iron and apple bloom-  
And then paint high on the 'Statehood Tree'  
The flag of the Union for '63.

Color the counties leaning east,  
Green of meadow and gold of grain;  
Paint a courtyard where time has ceased;  
The apple orchards still wet with rain.

Color the houses brick and stone-  
Old, old brick where the mosses creep;  
The green the hills where the blood was sown;  
But paint the pastures with sunlit sheep,  
And black with cattle, or red and white.

Color the race track neon bright,  
Color the Ferry for old John Brown;  
Green the willows of Shepherdstown;  
Then wind some blue where the river stray,  
And add a touch of Confederate gray.

Read the passage by Louis McNeil. Which of the following statements best describes information that you could learn from the poem?

- **A** West Virginia has plentiful gold and silver deposits in its two panhandles.
- **B** The economies of the northern and eastern panhandles are dependent on apple farming.
- **C** The northern and eastern panhandles are very different in history and economy.
- **D** The northern and eastern panhandles should be colored differently on a map of West Virginia.
22. The federal "Help America Vote Act" of 2002 required states to make several changes in the way they handle voter registration by January 2006. Which of the following changes in West Virginia took place as a result of this act?

- A Replacement of punch card and lever voting machines.
- B Adoption of a centralized voter registration system.
- C Modification of provisional voting requirements.
- D All answers are correct.

23. This former Huntington resident is known as "the father of Black History."

- A Carter G. Woodson
- B Bryd Prillerman
- C Booker T. Washington
- D Joe Trotter

24. The subcommittee finds that...the dust was allowed to collect in such quantities and became so dense that visibility of workmen was lowered to a few feet. That workmen left at the close of a working shift with their clothing and bodies covered with a dense coating of white silica dust. Their air-circulating system, insufficient, and out of repair. The respirators were not furnished to or used by the employees... That as a result many workmen became infected with silicosis..."

This congressional report dealt with which 20th century event?

- B The deaths of 125 people in the Buffalo Creek disaster of 1972.
- C The miners' strike at Paint Creek and Cabin Creek in 1912-13.
- D The 1969 strike in support of black lung compensation.
25. In 2006, this man became the nation's longest-serving U.S. Senator.

O A  Jay Rockefeller  
O B  Strom Thurmond  
O C  Robert C. Byrd  
O D  Jennings Randolph

26. This Clarksburg native, who served as a Union officer during the Civil War, later served as secretary of the navy under President Rutherford B. Hayes.

O A  Nathan Goff  
O B  John McCausland  
O C  Jesse Reno  
O D  David Hunter Strother

27. After West Virginia split from Virginia during the Civil War, the two states argued over how much of Virginia's public debt the new State of West Virginia had to pay. Which of the following statements about the controversy is correct?

O A  Virginia sued West Virginia in the United States Supreme Court, which ruled that West Virginia owed Virginia a little more than $7 million.  
O B  In 1871, the Virginia General Assembly claimed West Virginia should pay the entire debt because the money had paid for transportation improvements in western counties.  
O C  The constitution West Virginia adopted in 1862 assumed responsibility for half of the public debt Virginia owed in 1861.  
O D  Abraham Lincoln refused to sign the West Virginia statehood bill until the Restored Government of Virginia gave a promissory note for West Virginia's portion of the debt.

   2. A temporary agreement, the Treaty of Camp Charlotte, is signed between Dunmore and the Shawnee.

   3. John Brown and his followers seize the arsenal at Harpers Ferry.


   5. Betty Zane performs an act of heroism during the second attack on Fort Henry.

Examine the statements about the early history of western Virginia and decided upon the correct chronological order.

   O A  1,4,5,3,2
   O B  4,1,2,5,3
   O C  1,5,4,3,2
   O D  1,4,5,2,3

29. According to a Mine Safety and Health Administration report issued in May 2007, what was the primary cause of the Sago mine disaster of January 2006?

   O A  company negligence
   O B  miners smoking underground
   O C  the absence of breathing devices
   O D  lightning and the failure of mine seals

30. Parts of West Virginia face dramatic change in the wake of development. Three examples are a proposed housing development along the New River Gorge, rapid housing growth in the eastern panhandle, and construction of Corridor H through Tucker, Grant and Hardy counties. Which of the following statements is NOT true of development in these three locations?

   O A  Development in each of the locations will expand the local tax base.
   O B  Development in each of the locations will bring permanent high-paying jobs to the area.
   O C  Development in each of the locations will increase their respective populations.
   O D  Development in each of the locations will increase the need for new infrastructure.
31. Which of the following BEST describes the requirements an individual must meet in order to register to vote in West Virginia?

- **A** An individual must be a citizen of the United States.
- **B** An individual must be a resident of West Virginia and of a local jurisdiction in which he/she intends to vote.
- **C** An individual must be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of registration before the next general election.
- **D** All answers are correct.

32. Which of the following statements BEST shows the role geography played in the sectionalism that developed between east and west in antebellum Virginia?

- **A** Salt producers in the Kanawha Valley made use of slave labor, which brought a sharp decline in the slave population of eastern counties after 1830, angering plantation owners who depended on hired slaves to tend their cotton fields.
- **B** Western Virginia was hilly and poorly suited to the slave-supported plantation system that existed in the east, creating different economic systems in east and west.
- **C** Western Virginia was settled by independent-thinking Scots-Irish who became isolated from the rest of the country and developed a mountain culture that had nothing in common with eastern Virginia.
- **D** The Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains blocked settlers from moving westward from the Tidewater region, so none of the people who lived in western Virginia came from the eastern part of the state.

33. In 2001, the majority of West Virginians who were not employed in farming worked in these two areas:

- **A** services and wholesale/retail trade
- **B** mining and manufacturing
- **C** transportation and utilities
- **D** construction and real estate

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34. During the Civil War, West Virginians were important to both the North and South for all of the following reasons, EXCEPT:

- **A** The division of Virginia would be a military and political victory for the Confederacy.
- **B** The eastern panhandle included parts of the Shenandoah Valley, which contained rich farmland and was an important north-south route.
- **C** The salt works in the Kanawha Valley were important for the preservation of meat.
- **D** The division of Virginia would be a military and political victory for the Union.

35. How many justices serve on the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals?

- **A** Nine
- **B** Seven
- **C** Five
- **D** Six

36. Which BEST describes a labor "strike"?

- **A** A group effort to enforce a demand by refusing to work.
- **B** A refusal to allow nonunion members to work.
- **C** An organized "showdown" in production to force an employer to raise wages.
- **D** A demonstration against an employer.