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In items 1-10, choose the standard spelling for each word.

1.
 - a. Abequitate
 - b. Abaquitate
 - c. Abequitete
 - d. Abaquitete
 - e. Abbaquitate
2.
 - a. Paleantological
 - b. Palaentological
 - c. Palentological
 - d. Pelaentological
 - e. Palaeontological
3.
 - a. Sinesthesia
 - b. Synasthasia
 - c. Synesthesia
 - d. Sinesthaesia
 - e. Synaesthaesia
4.
 - a. Tamarity
 - b. Temerity
 - c. Temarity
 - d. Temaritey
 - e. Tamaritey
5.
 - a. Zenophobia
 - b. Zynophobia
 - c. Zeenophobia
 - d. Xenophobia
 - e. Xynophobia
6.
 - a. Decrepid
 - b. Decrepit
 - c. Decrapid
 - d. Decrepad
 - e. Decrepat
7.
 - a. Daggerel
 - b. Doggerel
 - c. Dougerel
 - d. Dogerel
 - e. Doggeral
8.
 - a. Punilious
 - b. Puntilious
 - c. Punctalious
 - d. Punctillious
 - e. Punctilious
9.
 - a. Mandorcant
 - b. Mandicant
 - c. Mendicant
 - d. Mendorcant
 - e. Mendercant
10.
 - a. Rebas
 - b. Rebes
 - c. Rabus
 - d. Rebus
 - e. Raybus

In items 11-30, find the answer that best develops the meaning of the word in boldface.

11. The quantity of **sphagnum** in the area was immense, though not surprising.
 - a. The salty, warm sea water provided conditions highly supportive of aquatic animal life.
 - b. The ancient trees had been protected by government mandate for decades.
 - c. The local ecosystem encouraged rapid bacterial growth.
 - d. Many types of peat moss thrived in the cool bog.

12. His **coiffure** was heinous, but his attire was impressive.
 - a. The tuxedo fit well, but the muddy brown color was repellant.
 - b. Although the outfit was appealing, the hairdo failed to impress.
 - c. The wingtip shoes were not as fashionable as the tuxedo.
 - d. The man's date was ill-dressed, but the man looked exceptional.

13. Katya quite enjoyed studying **medieval** culture and history.
 - a. She found the fourteenth century fascinating.
 - b. Furthermore, Shakespeare was her favorite author.
 - c. Nothing interested her more than the political developments of the eighteenth century.
 - d. She was especially interested in the building of the Egyptian pyramids.

14. A **patriarchal** social system can pose problems in the modern-day work force.
 - a. Workers need more frequent holidays than most professional fields allow.
 - b. Both men and women workers want equal opportunities for advancement and equal pay.
 - c. We should abolish the hierarchical system of instituting bosses and employees.
 - d. All workers, whether male or female, deserve sick days.

15. Alfredo made a **magnanimous** decision the day after his birthday.
 - a. He decided to exchange all his gifts for cash money.
 - b. He sent "Thank You" cards to each and every guest who came to his party.
 - c. He angrily berated his friends who did not attend the party.
 - d. He forgave his friends who RSVP'd but did not attend the party.

16. Sharon completed a multi-kilometer run and felt **enervated**.
 - a. She felt weakened.
 - b. She felt energized.
 - c. She felt cheerful.
 - d. She felt nervous.

17. The announcement was met with signs of incredible **disapprobation**.
 - a. People were saddened by the news although they had expected to hear it sooner or later.
 - b. People cheered happily at the good news.
 - c. Most people deeply disapproved of the news.
 - d. Most people were shocked into a state of silence by the surprising announcement.

18. Teresa pondered the series of **fortuitous** events which had led to her current situation.
 - a. She regretted many of the decisions she had made.
 - b. She was proud of her accomplishments.
 - c. She had had some lucky accidents.
 - d. She could not understand why her life had featured so many misfortunes.

19. The lawyer made a persuasive case for **vindication** of the suspect.
- The lawyer made the suspect's culpability seem obvious.
 - The lawyer made the suspect seem human and likeable, even while admitting to the suspect's guilt.
 - The lawyer's defense case was airtight and subsequently the suspect was acquitted.
 - The lawyer clearly demonstrated that the suspect was not in his right mind at the time of the crime.
20. Lucas's **alacrity** was very attractive to some people, but frustrating to others.
- He was always enthusiastic and very eager to try any and all activities.
 - He was very intelligent but self-absorbed.
 - He was brooding and serious.
 - He was kind to his friends but rude to strangers.
21. The doctor prescribed an **analgesic** after my surgery.
- He prescribed a pain reliever.
 - He told me to rest in bed.
 - He gave me a muscle relaxer.
 - He told me to take the week off.
22. The **raconteur** amused the audience.
- Her juggling kept them at rapt attention.
 - Her singing was tremendous.
 - She excelled as a storyteller.
 - She was hilarious.
23. At one time, **pelagic** crab fishing was the mainstay of the island's economy.
- Hunting spotted crabs provided income for several fishermen.
 - Collecting crabs from the beach was a celebrated pastime.
 - Fishermen used large tools to protract the crabs from the bay.
 - Every night, fishermen braved the seas to catch crabs.
24. The test taker printed a **purloined** copy of the exam.
- He intended to distribute the stolen exam to his friends.
 - He wanted to take a practice test.
 - He had printed the wrong copy.
 - The copy of the exam was incomplete.
25. The **protean** writer was comfortable writing in several genres.
- He has been hardly tried, regardless of what he was writing.
 - He was experienced.
 - He had a great ability to assume different styles.
 - He was quick in his work.
26. In the movie's **denouement**, the protagonist returns home.
- It was terribly written.
 - The falling action was soon upended by drama at home.
 - The boring section of the movie was thankfully short.
 - The credits rolled soon afterward.

27. The opposing generals agreed to **parley** after two months on the battlefield.
- They agreed to a coup.
 - They crossed battle lines to discuss peace.
 - They charged into ferocious battle.
 - They retreated.
28. The coach was **apoplectic**.
- He jumped for joy.
 - He threw the clipboard across the gym.
 - He had a panic attack.
 - He was stunned in disbelief.
29. The townspeople gave **succor** to the homeless in their neighborhood.
- They circulated a petition.
 - They handed out pamphlets.
 - They treated the homeless poorly.
 - They offered food and housing.
30. The **froward** actions had to come to an end.
- The gossip was ruining their relationship.
 - The pranks were disrupting the classroom.
 - He was moving the relationship too fast.
 - Every meeting was the same.

In items 31-35, select the sentence that has no errors in grammar, punctuation, or mechanics.

- 31.
- One of the most interesting experience a person can have while traveling is speaking with the locals.
 - Tourists usually have the option to: stay in hotels, tour cities with professional tour companies, and visit well-trod visitors' sites; however, tourists should venture into more interesting areas.
 - If a tourist does not know the local language, he or she should learn some key phrases and words such as "Hello" and "Good-bye".
 - If the tourist does know the local language, he or she might be able to learn some local slang and develop familiarity with the local, regional accent.
- 32.
- I love to enter the homes of new friends because the experience is so immersive.
 - One's home can communicate a wealth of information, one's personality, hobbies, and memories are often on display.
 - For instance, my good friend's home always smells like vanilla and floral potpourri, which makes clear the fact that she put a lot of thought into surrounding herself with beauty and comfort.
 - My home; however, smells like the ingredients I am cooking with that day, usually a mix of fresh herbs and pungent spices that go into my favorite dishes.

- 33.
- The opening words of Geoffrey Chaucer’s *Canterbury Tales* “When April with its sweet showers” directs our attention to how human activity often reflects the natural seasons of the year.
 - Chaucer’s words are reflected in the modern saying that “April showers bring May flowers,” and he shows that the literal flowering of plant life in May can inspire people to flower spiritually by traveling to important religious sites.
 - Although the practice of religious pilgrimage is rarer in modern society than in Chaucer’s society we still see remnants of the practice in modern religious tourism.
 - The Way of Saint James is a pilgrimage route in Spain, for example, it leads to the sacred shrine at Santiago de Compostela.
- 34.
- I like black clothes because they are easy to match with almost everything.
 - Despite their heat-trapping attributes I wear black year round.
 - Although associated with the goth or emo scenes, black is a versatile color, that suggests balance.
 - My particular favorite is a black cardigan, it belonged to my grandfather.
- 35.
- Alma a jazz musician never wanted to play blues like her father.
 - Despite growing up around blues music, Alma was only interested in jazz; in particular the jazz flute.
 - While her father was initially disappointed in her, he eventually decided to support her ambitions.
 - Alma now plays venues across the United States, and wants to continue playing jazz for the rest of her life.

In items 36-45, select the sentence group that best revises any grammatical or punctuation errors or improves the style. If you see no error, select “no change necessary.”

36. We have a long history, Alejo and me; we were classmates in kindergarten and have remained friends throughout our lives.
- We have a long history Alejo and me; we were classmates in kindergarten and have remained friends throughout our lives.
 - We have a long history, Alejo and me, we were classmates in kindergarten and have remained friends throughout our lives.
 - We have a long history, Alejo and me; we were classmates in kindergarten and have remained friends throughout our life.
 - No change necessary.
37. There are several extra tables and chairs in the restaurant because the chef is expecting a large crowd for his new dish which is a blend of cuisines encountered on his travels.
- There are several extra tables and chairs in the restaurant because the chef is expecting a large crowd for his new dish, which is a blend of cuisines encountered on his travels.
 - There are several extra tables and chairs in the restaurant because the chef is expecting a large crowd for his new dish; which is a blend of cuisines encountered on his travels.
 - There are several extra tables and chairs in the restaurant, because the chef is expecting a large crowd for his new dish which is a blend of cuisines encountered on his travels.
 - No change necessary.

38. The local Chamber of Commerce has announced its support for removing the penny from circulation in the town and they're planning a campaign to convince taxpayers across the state to join in their efforts.
- The local chamber of commerce has announced its support for removing the penny from circulation in the town, and they're planning a campaign to convince taxpayers across the state to join in their efforts.
 - The local Chamber of Commerce has announced it's support for removing the penny from circulation in the town, and they're planning a campaign to convince taxpayers across the state to join in their efforts.
 - The local Chamber of Commerce has announced its support for removing the penny from circulation in the town, and they're planning a campaign to convince taxpayers across the state to join in their efforts.
 - No change necessary.
39. The lawyer ruined his case when he introduced evidence that amounted to hearsay, and cannot be supported by facts.
- The lawyer ruined his case when he introduced evidence that amounted to hearsay, and which cannot be supported by facts.
 - The lawyer ruined his case when he introduced evidence that amounted to hearsay and cannot be supported by facts.
 - The lawyer ruined his case when he introduced evidence that amounted to hearsay and which cannot be support by facts.
 - No change necessary.
40. Chess boxing is a sport that some people enjoy, but to outsiders, it is odd to see men beat each other in the ring and on the board.
- Chess boxing is a sport that some people enjoy; but to outsiders it is odd to see men beat each other in the ring and on the board.
 - Chess boxing is a sport that some people enjoy; but, to outsiders, it is odd to see men beat each other in the ring and on the board.
 - Chess boxing is a sport that some people enjoy, but to outsiders it is odd to see men beat each other in the ring and on the board.
 - No change necessary.
41. A recent news article highlighted a group of stalwart librarians who have been working for over 30 years to archive newspapers meticulously and prepare them for an exhibition that will be open to the public.
- A recent news article highlighted a group of stalwart librarians who have been working for over 30 years to archive newspapers meticulously, and prepare them for an exhibition that will be open to the public.
 - A recent news article highlighted a group of stalwart librarians, who have been working for over 30 years, to archive newspapers meticulously and prepare them for an exhibition that will be open to the public.
 - A recent news article highlighted a group of stalwart librarians who have been working for over 30 years to archive newspapers meticulously, and prepare them for an exhibition, that will be open to the public.
 - No change necessary.

42. Jaylen burst into his dorm room, the night of the party, in search of his roommate, saying, "I'm almost done studying. I just need a little more time."
- Jaylen burst into his dorm room the night of the party in search of his roommate, saying, "I'm almost done studying. I just need a little more time."
 - Jaylen burst into his dorm room the night of the party in search of his roommate, saying, "I'm almost done studying. I just need a little more time".
 - Jaylen burst into his dorm room the night of the party in search of his roommate, saying "I'm almost done studying. I just need a little more time."
 - No change necessary.
43. There was an accident on Route 68 last night, several people were injured, including the ambassador to Germany.
- There was an accident on route 68 last night: several people were injured including the ambassador to Germany.
 - There was an accident on route 68 last night, several people were injured including the ambassador to Germany.
 - There was an accident on Route 68 last night: several people were injured, including the ambassador to Germany.
 - No change necessary.
44. Heather missed several paper assignments, she knew her grade would be lowered, but she didn't expect a D.
- Heather missed several paper assignments. She knew her grade would be lowered, but she didn't expect a D.
 - Heather missed several paper assignments. She knew her grade would be lowered; but, she didn't expect a D.
 - Heather missed several paper assignments, she knew her grade would be lowered but she didn't expect a D.
 - No change necessary.
45. The housing project that spans across a wide swath of the city is in desperate need of repair, but the state legislature, which cites a lack of appropriate funds, have been reluctant to supply the needed cash.
- The housing project that spans across a wide swath of the city is in desperate need of repair, but the state legislature which cites a lack of appropriate funds have been reluctant to supply the needed cash.
 - The housing project that spans across a wide swath of the city is in desperate need of repair, but the state legislature, which cites a lack of appropriate funds, has been reluctant to supply the needed cash.
 - The housing project that spans across a wide swath of the city is in desperate need of repair but the state legislature, which cites a lack of appropriate funds, has been reluctant to supply the needed cash.
 - No change necessary.

In items 46-50, select the phrase that best describes the underlined words.

46. Hachiro's friends were lapped in the horse race.
- Past progressive tense
 - Past perfect tense
 - Passive voice
 - Dependent clause

47. Bayani had read "The Cat in the Hat" at least a hundred times; reading it with her family is her most treasured memory.
- Dependent noun clause
 - Because The Cat in the Hat is the title of a book, it should be underlined.
 - Because *The Cat in the Hat* is the title of a book, it should be italicized.
 - Because "The Cat in the Hat" is the title of a book, it should be in quotation marks.
48. The building must be constructed of the finest materials because we are building a new castle for the Duke of Wales.
- A subordinating conjunction that introduces an adverb clause.
 - A subordinating conjunction that should be preceded by a comma.
 - Adverb phrase
 - Inappropriate use of the subjunctive mood
49. The writers of a new think tank report made it a priority to carefully check every fact and figure that they cited before the report was released to media outlets.
- Noun clause
 - Appositive that includes an adjective clause
 - Split infinitive followed by an adjective clause with an imbedded adverb clause
 - Declarative mode
50. Aho and Rafia were playing in the sand; however, because of the high tide, their sand castle was washed away into the sea.
- A conjunctive adverb followed by a preposition
 - An introductory adverb clause followed by a gerund phrase
 - A coordinating conjunction joining two independent clauses
 - An introductory adjective clause followed by a present participle phrase

Read the following selection from the end of TS Eliot's "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock" and answer the questions in items 51-60. The speaker has been contemplating his urban existence which is both lonely and plagued with social demands.

And would it have been worth it, after all, 1
 Would it have been worth while,
 After the sunsets and the dooryards and the sprinkled streets,
 After the novels, after the teacups, after the skirts that trail along the floor—
 And this, and so much more?— 5
 It is impossible to say just what I mean!
 But as if a magic lantern threw the nerves in patterns on a screen:
 Would it have been worth while if one, settling a
 Pillow or throwing off a shawl,
 And turning toward the window, should say: 10
 "That is not it at all,
 That is not what I meant, at all."

No! I am not Prince Hamlet, nor was meant to be;
 Am an attendant lord, one that will do
 To swell a progress, start a scene or two, 15
 Advise the prince; no doubt, an easy tool,
 Deferential, glad to be of use,

Politic, cautious, and meticulous;
 Full of high sentence, but a bit obtuse;
 At times, indeed, almost ridiculous—
 Almost, at times, the Fool.

20

I grow old . . . I grow old . . .
 I shall wear the bottoms of my trousers rolled.
 Shall I part my hair behind? Do I dare to eat a peach?
 I shall wear white flannel trousers, and walk upon the beach.
 I have heard the mermaids singing, each to each.

25

I do not think that they will sing to me.

I have seen them riding seaward on the waves
 Combing the white hair of the waves blown back
 When the wind blows the water white and black.

30

We have lingered in the chambers of the sea
 By sea-girls wreathed with seaweed red and brown
 Till human voices wake us, and we drown.

51. Where is there an example of enjambment?
 - a. Lines 27-28
 - b. Lines 22-23
 - c. Lines 8-9
 - d. Lines 6-7
52. Eliot's reference to Prince Hamlet is an example of
 - a. Allusion
 - b. Alliteration
 - c. Elision
 - d. Illusion
53. T.S. Eliot is a well-known Modernist poet. Judging from the selection of his work above, we might infer that Modernist literature is characterized by
 - a. Rationalism, empiricism, and egalitarianism
 - b. Disillusionment, cynicism, and alienation
 - c. Aesthetic innovation, humanism, and middle-class values
 - d. Mysticism, idealism, and a love of nature
54. The question "Do I dare eat a peach?" demonstrates
 - a. The speaker's irrational level of indecision
 - b. The speaker's realization that the fruit supply has been chemically contaminated
 - c. The speaker's fear of his domineering wife
 - d. That the speaker has many odd phobias
55. What does the speaker mean when he says he is not Prince Hamlet?
 - a. The speaker is not in psychological distress
 - b. The speaker cannot financially support himself
 - c. The speaker has never been in love
 - d. The speaker is merely a supporting character in the world

56. What word best describes the speaker's tone in line 6?
- Frustration
 - Rage
 - Bewilderment
 - Joy
57. There is a subtle reference to a classical piece of literature in Line 27; but just as in the reference to *Hamlet*, the speaker is NOT like the protagonist. What text might Eliot be pointing to?
- Anna Karenina*
 - Pride and Prejudice*
 - The Odyssey*
 - Paradise Lost*
58. Why does the speaker call himself the Fool in Line 21?
- He knows he is foolish.
 - He is referring to a stock Shakespearean character who is supposedly unimportant, but often demonstrates wisdom.
 - As an aging man, the speaker is coming to terms with his thinning hair, increasingly frail body, and lessening attractiveness to women
 - The speaker feels ridiculous for writing poetry
59. T.S. Eliot is also the author of the well-known work,
- Mrs. Dalloway*
 - "The Wasteland"
 - Ulysses*
 - "The Second Coming"
60. How does the poem seem to end?
- The speaker is killed by his enemies who have been lying in wait
 - England sinks into the sea and all of its residents perish
 - The speaker realizes that his dreams cannot survive the realities of modern life
 - The speaker walks into the sea and commits suicide

Read the following selection from *Frankenstein* by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley and answer the questions in items 61-70. Young Victor Frankenstein is an eager, bright young man at school, on the verge of a unique—and horrifying—career.

One of the phenomena which had peculiarly attracted my attention was the structure of the human frame, and, indeed, any animal endued with life. Whence, I often asked myself, did the principle of life proceed? It was a bold question, and one which has ever been considered as a mystery; yet with how many things are we upon the brink of becoming acquainted, if cowardice or carelessness did not restrain our inquiries? I revolved these circumstances in my mind and determined thenceforth to apply myself more particularly to those branches of natural philosophy which relate to physiology. Unless I had been animated by an almost supernatural enthusiasm, my application to this study would have been irksome and almost intolerable. To examine the causes of life, we must first have recourse to death. I became acquainted with the science of anatomy, but this was not sufficient; I must also observe the natural decay and corruption of the human body. In my education my father had taken the greatest precautions that my mind should be impressed with no supernatural horrors. I do not ever remember to have trembled at a tale of superstition or to have feared the apparition of a spirit. Darkness had no

effect upon my fancy, and a churchyard was to me merely the receptacle of bodies deprived of life, which, from being the seat of beauty and strength, had become food for the worm. Now I was led to examine the cause and progress of this decay and forced to spend days and nights in vaults and charnel-houses. My attention was fixed upon every object the most insupportable to the delicacy of the human feelings. I saw how the fine form of man was degraded and wasted; I beheld the corruption of death succeed to the blooming cheek of life; I saw how the worm inherited the wonders of the eye and brain. I paused, examining and analyzing all the minutiae of causation, as exemplified in the change from life to death, and death to life, until from the midst of this darkness a sudden light broke in upon me—a light so brilliant and wondrous, yet so simple, that while I became dizzy with the immensity of the prospect which it illustrated, I was surprised that among so many men of genius who had directed their inquiries towards the same science, that I alone should be reserved to discover so astonishing a secret.

Remember, I am not recording the vision of a madman. The sun does not more certainly shine in the heavens than that which I now affirm is true. Some miracle might have produced it, yet the stages of the discovery were distinct and probable. After days and nights of incredible labour and fatigue, I succeeded in discovering the cause of generation and life; nay, more, I became myself capable of bestowing animation upon lifeless matter.

61. Victor is obsessed with physiology, which is
 - a. The study of human illnesses and diseases
 - b. The study of matter and its motion through space, also called physics
 - c. The study of the functions of living bodies
 - d. The study of the creation story in the Book of Genesis

62. At the end of Paragraph 1, Victor discovers an astonishing secret through
 - a. The burgeoning field of DNA analysis
 - b. Inventing the light bulb
 - c. Mysterious hallucinations
 - d. Unclear methods, though he studies decaying bodies

63. Victor says “Darkness had no effect upon my fancy.” This most likely means that
 - a. He worked most efficiently by candlelight
 - b. Darkness did not over-activate his imagination
 - c. He read anatomy books well into the night
 - d. Darkness frightened him, especially in graveyards

64. The word “endued” in Line 2 could NOT be changed to
 - a. “Imbued”
 - b. “Deprived”
 - c. “Endowed”
 - d. “Invested”

65. How should we interpret the phrase “I am not recording the vision of a madman” in Paragraph 2, Line 1?
 - a. Victor’s scientific genius is real, though his sanity may be questionable
 - b. Victor does not really make a discovery, but he insists that he does
 - c. Victor sees a vision of supernatural beings, but this does not mean he is mad
 - d. Victor is passionate, but not an angry person in general

66. A charnel-house is
- A house of “ill repute,” a brothel
 - A repository for corpses or bones
 - A hospital
 - A place where women go to give birth
67. Judging from this passage, *Frankenstein* was written in a time of
- Immense superstition
 - Idealism and optimism
 - Interest in the mysteries of science
 - Moral decrepitude
68. What negative effect do “cowardice” and “carelessness” have on society, according to Paragraph 1?
- They lead to pointless wars
 - They lead people to believe in ghosts and spirits
 - They prevent doctors from experimenting on patients
 - They cut short important investigations
69. *Frankenstein* is a landmark text in the tradition of
- Folk literature
 - Science fiction
 - Naturalism
 - Postmodernism
70. Much of *Frankenstein’s* horror stems from the fact that, in this passage, Victor becomes
- An evil villain through his obsession with corpses
 - Both god-like and mother-like in his ability to bestow life
 - A raving madman, incapable of perceiving reality
 - Infected with disease from contaminated corpses

Read the following selection from “The Disfranchisement of the Negro” by Charles W. Chestnutt and answer the questions in items 71-80.

The right of American citizens of African descent, commonly called Negroes, to vote upon the same terms as other citizens of the United States, is plainly declared and firmly fixed by the Constitution. No such person is called upon to present reasons why he should possess this right: that question is foreclosed by the Constitution. The object of the elective franchise is to give representation. So long as the Constitution retains its present form, any State Constitution, or statute, which seeks, by juggling the ballot, to deny the colored race fair representation, is a clear violation of the fundamental law of the land, and a corresponding injustice to those thus deprived of this right.

For thirty-five years this has been the law. As long as it was measurably respected, the colored people made rapid strides in education, wealth, character, and self-respect. This the census proves, all statements to the contrary notwithstanding. A generation has grown to manhood and womanhood under this great, inspiring freedom conferred by the Constitution and protected by the right of suffrage—protected in large degree by the mere naked right, even when its exercise was hindered or denied by unlawful means. They have developed, in every Southern community, good citizens, who, if sustained and encouraged by just laws and liberal institutions, would greatly augment their number with the passing years, and soon wipe out the reproach of ignorance, unthrift, low morals, and social inefficiency, thrown at them

indiscriminately and therefore unjustly, and made the excuse for the equally indiscriminating contempt of their persons and their rights. They have reduced their illiteracy nearly 50 per cent. Excluded from the institutions of higher learning in their own States, their young men hold their own, and occasionally carry away honors, in the universities of the North. They have accumulated three hundred million dollars worth of real and personal property. Individuals among them have acquired substantial wealth, and several have attained to something like national distinction in art, letters, and education leadership. They are numerous represented in the learned professions. Heavily handicapped, they have made such rapid progress that the suspicion is justified that their advancement, rather than any stagnation or retrogression, is the true secret of the virulent Southern hostility to their rights.

71. Chestnutt designed the opening phrase, “The right of American citizens of African descent,” to
- Emphasize that African-Americans are first and foremost Americans
 - Suggest that the political right side needs to stay the course
 - Argue that Africans have descended, or fallen, from their noble origins
 - Show that he is speaking to people who have no white ancestors
72. In Line 4, “foreclosed” means
- Not addressed
 - Addressed and settled
 - Foolishly ignored
 - Pledged
73. Paragraph 1 mainly appeals to the reader’s anticipated
- Disillusionment with the government’s ability to rule effectively
 - Frustration with bureaucracy
 - Desire to uphold Constitutional policies
 - Belief in universal equality
74. The purpose of this text seems to be
- To convince voters to emancipate slaves, because there are other ways that African-Americans can contribute to the economy
 - To convince voters to grant African-Americans the right to vote
 - To show that African-Americans are talented in a variety of artistic and professional fields
 - To convince voters to abolish any policies that prevent African-Americans from exercising their voting rights
75. When Chestnutt writes in Paragraph 2 that, “This the census proves, all statements to the contrary notwithstanding,” he
- Values empiricism over individuals’ perceptions and testimonies
 - Shows that Southerners are not to be trusted
 - Rejects numbers in favor of testimonies
 - Demonstrates that African-Americans have not benefited from Constitutional voting laws
76. This text was written in
- 1903
 - 1850
 - 1975
 - 1740

77. The term “suffrage” in Paragraph 2 refers to
- Only women’s right to vote
 - The suffering African-Americans have endured
 - The right to vote
 - The government submitting, or “suffering”
78. The sentence containing the phrase “the reproach of ignorance, unthrift, low morals, and social inefficiency, thrown at them indiscriminately” in Paragraph 2 communicates the idea that
- African-Americans have been discriminated against
 - White Americans have not bothered to distinguish the differences between African-American individuals
 - White Americans are immoral and ignorant
 - African-Americans have faced many insults, but do not face discrimination
79. In Paragraph 2, the words “indiscriminately” and “undiscriminating” are
- Actually antonyms
 - Different in form, different in meaning
 - Homonyms
 - Different in form, similar in meaning
80. The final sentence in this selection states that
- African-Americans have made such great social strides that Southern voters are upset
 - African-Americans keep professional secrets within very close-knit communities, so as to prevent white Southerners from advancing
 - Social handicaps have prevented African-American progress
 - Southerners have aided African-American advancement