

Mensa® Quizzes with Regent Seven Seas Cruises

Issue XIX

1. What two words, formed from different arrangements of the same eight letters, can be used to complete the second sentence below?

The young man brought in his bank statement and pointed out an error. The manager
____ that the error be corrected and that the account be
_____ with the missing money.

2. If all squiggles are blue, and some dingles are purple, and some ratchets are squiggles, will you get a blue ratchet if you order a ratchet without specifying the color?

a. yes b) no c) can't tell from information given

3. Two years ago, Jim was one-half his father's age. At that time, adding all the digits (no zeros) in their ages would give you a number that is one-seventh of the father's age now. (Hint: Jim's father is not yet 50.) What are their ages?

4. Find the number that best completes the following sequence.

10, 3, 11, 6, 12, 9, 13, 12, 14, 15, ____

5. Take a word that means "worship" or "adore," change one letter and find a word that means "strict."

6. The signpost read:

Springfield 43
Boston 22
Hartford 32
Singac ?

7. Following the same plan as in the first sample, finish the other examples.

Best Bear Collar
Have ____ Stand
Cheap ____ Begin

8. A simple substitution cryptogram has been used to encode a puzzle. Work out the code to discover the answer.

GNV Z VNQC KHJD NUDQRHFGS BZM GZUD SVN BNMSQZCHBSNQX LDZMHMFR?

9. What is the common name for the animal *Arius felis* that, despite appearances, is not part of the genus *Felis*?

10. To the best of our knowledge, only one other word can be made from all of the letters in the word LOGARITHMS. Can you figure out what it is?

11. The following definition requires some thought. The explanation includes all the facts. Ex: To study; twist rope = pore. (The word “rope” twisted into “pore.”)

A fairy-tale heroine who bore the hallmarks of pyromania, perhaps.

12. A palindrome is a word, sentence or group of words that reads the same backward or forward.

Mother gave daughter a cut of meat.

13. A simple substitution code has been used to conceal a “quote.” Work out the code to decipher the original words.

Billy the Kid:

H VNMCDQ VGZS SGDX'KK BZKK LD VGDM H FQNV TO.

14. If seven boys can eat 14 pizzas in three hours, how many pizzas can six boys eat in four and a half hours?

15. Who wrote “Go Tell It on the Mountain” and “Giovanni’s Room”?

16. In a school lunchroom, one table and half a table ate a pizza and a half in a minute and a half. At the same rate, how many pizzas could two tables of hungry children eat in three minutes?

17. Fill in the following word square using four A's, two each of the letters D, E, N and R, and one each of the letters L, M, S and W (for a total of 16 letters) so that each word can be read the same across and down.

S	A	N	D
A			
N			
D			

18. What two words, formed from different arrangements of the same seven letters, can be used to complete the sentence below?

For anyone who _____ to an acting career,
_____ from a reviewer are welcome indeed

19. A popular proverb has been put into a fancy language below. Can you put it back into its original form?

The most highly prized objects are often seen upon arrival as being contained in minuscule arrangements.

20. A simple substitution cryptogram has been used to encode a puzzle. Work out the code and discover the answer.

IPX UBSABO NBOBHFT UP CF BMXBZT DMFBO-TIBWFO.

Answers

1. directed, credited
2. c) Some ratchets may be other than squiggles, and not blue.
3. Jim is 22; his father is 42 now.
4. 15 (one sequence is 3,6,9,12 etc.; the other is 10, 11, 12, 13, etc.)
5. Revere, severe
6. 22 (5 per consonant, 1 per vowel)
7. hand, chin (The first two letters of the words in the first column, and the last two letters of those in the second.)
8. How a word like oversight can have two contradictory meanings? (Code: Z = A, A = B, B = C, etc.)
9. marine catfish
10. Algorithms
11. Cinderella
12. Ma handed Edna ham.
13. I wonder what they'll call me when I grow up. (Code: A = B, B = C, Z = A, etc.)
14. 18. (Each boy can eat one pizza in an hour and a half.)
15. James Baldwin
16. Four pizzas (Each table eats a pizza in a minute and a half, so the cafeteria manager will need four pizzas.)
- 17.

S	A	N	D
A	L	A	R
N	A	M	E
D	R	E	W

18. Aspires, praises
19. Good things come in small packages.
20. How Tarzan manages to be always clean-shaven. (Code: A = Z, B = A, C = B, etc.)