

*Mensa® Quizzes with Regent Seven Seas Cruises*

**Issue XXII**

1. To find a common nine-letter word, unscramble the letters below and supply the missing letter in the center square.

D	S	I
R	?	N
S	A	O

2. All the vowels (including “y”) have been removed from the following quotation. Can you read it?

F L S R S H N W H R N G L S F R T T R D

3. Jody is two-thirds Jim’s age. In five years, she will be three-fourths his age, and five years ago she was half his age. How old are they now?

4. There is an odd toy store down the block that has its own system of pricing items. A drum is 18¢, a top is 13¢ and a game is 16¢. According to the same system, how much will a scooter cost?

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

The young page was forced to \_\_\_\_\_ many trials before he was knighted and could receive the \_\_\_\_\_ of his lord.

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

101, 102, 100, 101, 99, 100, 98, ?, 97, 98

7. Fill in the blanks below to complete three words that contain the word “ATE.”

\_\_\_\_\_ ATE (fine)  
\_\_\_\_\_ ATE (part of a sentence)  
\_\_\_\_\_ ATE (light up)

8. All the vowels (including “y”) have been removed from the following proverb. Can you read it?

B R D N T H H N D S W R T H T W N T H B S H

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

The non-green thumb gardener was having trouble with her \_\_\_\_\_. A friend told her, "It's obvious that the pot lacks good \_\_\_\_\_."

10. The poem below can be completed by finishing each couplet with words that sound the same but have different meanings.

Although the prince was, of course, the \_\_\_\_\_,  
He had a shy and pleasant \_\_\_\_\_.

He loved his farm, his cows and \_\_\_\_\_.  
He loved to sit beside his \_\_\_\_\_.

He just preferred to sit there \_\_\_\_\_.  
Instead of enjoying his royal \_\_\_\_\_.

11. What one three-letter word can be added to the blanks below to make a new word in each case?

BL \_\_\_\_\_  
D \_\_\_\_\_ Y  
COMM \_\_\_\_\_  
BR \_\_\_\_\_ ED  
W \_\_\_\_\_ ERED  
ST \_\_\_\_\_ ARD

12. Change the first letter of each pair of words to form a new word. Place the letter, the same for each pair, on the blank line in the middle. When you have finished, you will have a new word reading down.

Tail \_\_\_ Bank  
Onto \_\_\_ Us  
Mink \_\_\_ Post  
Ring \_\_\_ Hill

13. There is a word that changes from singular to plural by inserting a "c." What is it?

14. The local travel agency held a contest. The person who came the closest to guessing the correct number of shells in a big jar would win a weekend in Atlantic City. Nancy guessed 71, Bob guessed 68, Carol guessed 69, Don guessed 75, Ellen guessed 67 and Paul guessed 70. One was correct, two were off by 1, one was off by 2, one was off by 5 and one was off by 3. How many shells were in the jar?

15. Fill in the blanks below to complete the names of cities or states in the United States.

\_\_\_ D \_\_\_ N \_\_\_ O \_\_\_ S  
\_\_\_ A \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ N \_\_\_  
\_\_\_ L \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ M \_\_\_  
\_\_\_ I \_\_\_ W \_\_\_ E \_\_\_

16. What word can be formed from the following letters?

A C I I I L L N N R S T Y

17. Fill in the blanks below to complete three words that contain the word "PORT."

Picture PORT \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

The act of carrying something, usually a boat, over land PORT \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

City on the west coast of the U.S. PORT \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_

18. The names of nine people are hidden in the sentence below. Can you find them? (The letters are in consecutive order.)

There are many annual events noted in the calendar.

19. The word "garter" has two anagrams. Can you find both of them?

20. An eight-letter word is in the box below. Find it by beginning with the correct letter and moving clockwise or counterclockwise around the box, using each letter only once.

E	V	I
A		T
B	L	A

**Answers**

1. Dinosaurs. (The missing letter is "U.")
2. Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.
3. Jody is 10; Jim is 15.
4. 29¢ (Consonants are worth 5¢; vowels are worth 3¢.)
5. Undergo, guerdon
6. 99 (There are alternating sequences, both decreasing.)
7. Delicate, Predicate, Illuminate
8. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.
9. gardenia, drainage
10. heir, air; ewes, yews; idle, idyll
11. And
12. Silk
13. die, dice
14. 70
15. INDIANAPOLIS, CALIFORNIA, ALABAMA, MILWAUKEE
16. Intrinsically
17. Portrait, Portage, Portland
18. Rea, Ann, Al, Eve, Ted, Ed, Di, Cal, Len
19. Garret, grater
20. Ablative