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Big Book 4 Midterm Test

Units 01-10

A. Choose the right answer to fill in each blank from the box.

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- One day, Pinocchio saw a puppet show.
- Alonso read books about chivalry, which tells a person how to become a knight.
- The warriors jumped out of the horse and opened the gate for their army.
- Psyche loved Cupid and was happy to obey him.
- The heart is one of the most important organs in the body.
- Lightning is the flash of light seen in the sky during thunderstorms.
- There are several advantages to using money, but there are also disadvantages.
- A census is the process of gathering information from a population.
- The fires help keep the environment healthy by helping the plants to renew.
- The carvings on totem poles contain images of people, animals, and events.

B. Match each word or phrase to its correct definition.

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| 11. convince | • | a. to begin travelling |
| 12. set off | • | b. a person who buys, sells, or trades things |
| 13. suspect | • | c. to go in a stealthy way |
| 14. sneak | • | d. the uncovering of something previously unknown |
| 15. chest | • | e. to have doubts about |
| 16. discovery | • | f. land completely surrounded by water |
| 17. merchant | • | g. to discuss or argue |
| 18. decade | • | h. to persuade |
| 19. island | • | i. ten years in a row |
| 20. debate | • | j. the part of the body between the neck and the belly |

C. Read and answer.**[21-22]****Totem Poles**

Have you ever heard of a totem pole? A totem pole is a structure carved from a tree. Totem poles were created by native people from the northwestern part of North America.

The carvings on totem poles contain images of people, animals, and events. Originally, some people believed totem poles were religious symbols. However, this is a myth. Totem poles were not worshiped. They were mainly used to tell legends or to describe events. Totem poles also marked important families.

Because totem poles are tall, the images are on top of each other. Researchers have debated about which images are most important. Some believe images on the bottom of the poles are the least important. This has created the saying, "the lowest man on the totem pole." This means the least important person in a group is like the bottom image on a totem pole. However, other people believe the most important images are on the bottom.

Some totem poles can still be seen. Totem poles can still be found in places like Alaska. Maybe you will see a totem pole someday!

21. What is this reading about?

- a. People from the northwestern part of America
- b. Poles that contain images of people, animals, and events**
- c. Places to visit in Alaska
- d. Important families in Alaska

22. According to the reading, what does "the lowest man on the totem pole," mean?

- a. The least important person in a group**
- b. A person who is very wise
- c. The most important person in a family
- d. A person who is good at drawing images

[23-25]

Census

Do you hear reports about the people in your country? Does the report talk about what types of people live in your country and how much they earn? How is this information discovered? Usually, it's gathered through a census.

A census is the process of gathering information from a @population. Most countries around the world use a census to help determine certain kinds of information. The census is a list of questions. Traditionally, people went from door to door, asking people the questions. Common questions include how much a person earns, how many children live in the house, and how people vote. Other questions include a person's age, gender, and nationality.

Census-taking has been around for thousands of years. One of the earliest censuses was taken in China, more than 4,000 years ago! In the United States, a census is taken every decade. The questions are used by the government to determine how people vote, how to set taxes, and other things. The information also helps the government discover who lives in the country, what they do, and what they like. Perhaps you will be asked to take a census soon!

23. What is the purpose of paragraph 3?

- a. To describe the history of censuses in the United States
- b. To explain the process of taking a census
- c. To describe the type of questions found on a census
- d. To explain the purpose of having a census**

24. Which of the following is true about censuses?

- a. The United States is the only country to have a census.
- b. A census is the process of gathering information about all of the people in the world.
- c. The government of the United States takes a census every ten years.**
- d. Censuses have only been used for the last forty years.

25. What does @population mean in the reading?

- a. A list of questions
- b. A statement describing an event
- c. People who gather information about others
- d. All of the people who live in a country**

D. Read and write.**Cupid**

Cupid is the Roman god of love. Cupid caused people to fall in love by shooting them with arrows. A person shot by one of Cupid's arrows would fall in love with the next person he or she saw.

Cupid was the son of Venus and Mars. Venus was beautiful. However, she was jealous of a beautiful human, Psyche. People began worshiping Psyche instead of Venus. Angered, Venus told Cupid to make Psyche fall in love with an ugly person. As Cupid was sneaking up on Psyche, he scratched himself with an arrow. This caused him to fall in love with Psyche.

Cupid visited Psyche during the night. This was so she could not see him. Psyche loved Cupid and was happy to obey him. However, Psyche's two sisters made her believe Cupid was a monster. One night, Psyche held a candle over Cupid's face while he slept. Cupid awoke. Angered, he left Psyche for disobeying him. Psyche searched for Cupid until the god Jupiter felt bad for her. He allowed Psyche to live forever so she could be with Cupid again.

Rewrite the sentence to make it correct.

26. Cupid caused gods to fall in love by shooting them with arrows.

Cupid caused **people** to fall in love by shooting them with arrows.

27. Cupid was the son of Psyche and Mars.

Cupid was the son of **Venus** and Mars.

28. Venus told Cupid to make Psyche fall in love with a handsome person.

Venus told Cupid to make Psyche fall in love with an **ugly** person.

29. Psyche's two brothers made her believe Cupid was a monster.

Psyche's two **sisters** made her believe Cupid was a monster.

30. Psyche searched for Cupid until the god Jupiter felt happy for her.

Psyche searched for Cupid until the god Jupiter felt **bad** for her.