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***Circle your answer***

1. Other than being a Puzzle Aficionado, what other sport is Will Shortz associated with?  
a) Gurning      **b) Ping-Pong**      c) Swimming      d) Jai Alai
2. If all the gold mined in one year was made into a cube, how long would each side be?  
**a) About 14 feet**      b) About 7 feet      c) About 98 feet      d) About 1,200 feet
3. How many people competed in the 2018 American Crossword Puzzle Tournament?  
a) 298      b) 409      **c) 688**      d) 1,129
4. How many US states border Rhode Island?  
a) 1      b) 2      **c) 3**      d) 4
5. Who was the first US President born in the United States?  
**a) Martin Van Buren**      b) George Washington      c) Barack Obama      d) Andrew Jackson
6. How much pressure do the strings in a grand piano exert on the frame?  
a) 3 tons      b) 30 pounds      **c) 30 tons**      d) 300 pounds
7. What percentage of the River Nile is located in Egypt?  
a) 9%      **b) 22%**      c) 83%      d) 100%
8. What is the best selling novel of all time?  
a) Lord of the Rings      b) The Little Prince      c) Harry Potter & The Philosopher's Stone  
**d) Don Quixote**
9. What artist was struck in the face with a mallet by an envious rival, disfiguring him for life?  
a) Raphael      **b) Michelangelo**      c) Titian      d) Rembrandt
10. What character in *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* insists that "It's just a flesh wound"?  
a) Roger the Shrubber      b) King Arthur      c) Sir Lancelot      **d) Black Knight**
11. How many US Presidents are featured in the documentary, "Wordplay?"  
a) None      **b) One**      c) Two      d) Three
12. In the equation  $X^2 + mx + n = 0$ ,  $m$  and  $n$  are integers. The *only* possible value for  $x$  is -3. What is the value of  $m$ ?  
a) 3      b) -3      **c) 6**      d) -6

***(Turn over)***

13. What political theorist wrote, "Freedom of the press, freedom of association, the inviolability of domicile, and all the rest of the rights of man are respected so long as no one tries to use them against the privileged class. On the day they are launched against the privileged they are overthrown"?

- a) Karl Marx      b) Peter Kropotkin      c) Malcom X      d) Ralph Nader

14. Speaking of Marx, what were the two rival countries in the movie "Duck Soup?"

- a) Nambia & Africa      b) Persia & Siam      c) Huxley & Darwin      d) Freedonia & Sylvania

15. What is a group of storks called?

- a) A mustering      b) An illusion      c) A cast      d) A diligence

16. In poker, what is "a wheel"?

- a) Pair of tens      b) A player with no money      c) Ace to 5 straight      d) Aces and eights

17. Which of these is heaviest?

- a) a Troy ounce of gold      b) an avoirdupois ounce of lead  
c) a metric ounce of Upsidaisium      d) 10 grams of Osmium

18. Where is the Mount of Venus?

- a) In the Louvre      b) On the moon      c) Calabria      d) The palm

19. What is the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world?

- a) Damascus      b) Athens      c) Jerusalem      d) Jericho

20. What is the fifth largest state, in area, in the United States?

- a) Montana      b) New Mexico      c) Arizona      d) Nevada

21. Which of these stories was not written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle?

- a) The Case of Wilson, the notorious canary-trainer      b) The Adventure of the Engineer's Thumb  
c) The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax      d) The Adventure of the Blanched Soldier

22. Which is the smallest of these microbes?

- a) Small pox virus      b) Amoeba      c) Polio virus      d) E. coli

23. How many US Presidents were elected without winning the popular vote?

- a) 3      b) 4      c) 5      d) 6

24. When was Ithaca incorporated as a city?

- a) 1868      b) 1817      c) 1828      d) 1888

25. Which state requires couples to be at least 21 to marry without parental consent?

- a) Mississippi      b) Georgia      c) Hawaii      d) Utah