1. “Tootle him with _________.
   a. vigor
   b. urgency
   c. diligence
   d. exuberance

2. The first crossword puzzle appeared in *New York World* on what date?
   a. December 21, 1883
   b. December 21, 1893
   c. December 21, 1903
   d. December 21, 1913

3. What modern word in English is taken from the Italian word *garbuzo*, which was taken from the Old Italian word *garbuglio*, which was taken from the Latin *bullire*?
   a. grab
   b. garble
   c. garbage
   d. garbanzo

   a. March 23, 1819
   b. March 23, 1829
   c. March 23, 1839
   d. March 23, 1849

5. In 1906, the philanthropist ___________________ donated $250,000 to establish the Simplified Spelling Board.
   a. Andrew Carnegie
   b. J. P. Morgan
   c. John Jacob Astor
   d. Charles M. Schwab

6. According to this book, what is the agreed international language of discourse for 157 nations out of 168 in the world?
   a. Latin
   b. English
   c. German
   d. Esperanto
7. The *-chester* in Manchester and the *-caster* in Lancaster both derive from the Roman word for what?
   a. camp
   b. town
   c. hill
   d. lake

8. The following words (and 1,685 others) are original to the writings of ____________, apparently created by him: critical, leapfrog, monumental, majestic, obscene, frugal, radiance, hint, hurry, dwindle, lonely, summit, excellent
   a. Jonson
   b. Chaucer
   c. Cervantes
   d. Shakespeare

9. Using ideographic Chinese radicals, the way to write “quarrel” depicts two__________, and “gossip” is three__________.
   a. birds
   b. goats
   c. women
   d. mosquitos

10. In 1987, a hoard of lead “curse tablets” was found near a spring dedicated to which goddess?
    a. Pax
    b. Juno
    c. Minerva
    d. Bellona

11. History tells us the printing press was invented by Johann Gutenberg, but there is reason to believe nonmovable type was actually invented by a Dutchman named ____________?
    a. Peter Schoffer
    b. Andreas Dritzman
    c. Andreas Heilmann
    d. Laurens Janszoon Koster

12. Which popular 19th century writer became enamored of the “phonographic alphabet” invented by Isaac Pitman?
    a. Mark Twain
    b. Jack London
    c. Herman Melville
    d. Nathaniel Hawthorne
13. Which of these did Noah Webster NOT do?
   a. led his church choir
   b. founded Boston College
   c. proffered unwanted advice to politicians
   d. authored *The American Dictionary of the English Language*

14. An analysis of speech at the Bell Telephone Laboratories by Dr. John R. Pierce detected more than ______ separate sounds just for the letter *t*.
   a. 60
   b. 70
   c. 80
   d. 90

15. According to this book, in India there are more than ______ newspapers written in English?
   a. 1000
   b. 2000
   c. 3000
   d. 4000

16. The study of names is ____________?
   a. onomastics
   b. linguistics
   c. diachronics
   d. leomostics

17. Across the pond in England, “to hump” is to what?
   a. to camp
   b. to hike
   c. to swive
   d. to carry a heavy load

18. To what does this quote by Charles Laird refer? “Most speakers of other languages are not aware that such books exist.”
   a. books of sonnets
   b. books of limericks
   c. books of synonyms
   d. book of onomatopoeias

19. In Southern Utah, around St. George, people speak a dialect called ________.
   a. Dixie
   b. Deseret
   c. Zionese
   d. Elderspeak
20. These are all __________ in England: Shoulder of Mutton, Hope and Anchor, Romping Donkey, Flying Spoon, Man with a Load of Mischief
   a. pubs
   b. towns
   c. streets
   d. horses