A LOGO-TRIVIA QUIZ

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It had to happen. The recent trivia craze sweeping the nation has finally invaded the sacred precincts of logology. Here, then, is the first full-fledged logological trivial quiz. It happens to be one placing the beginner on a par with the expert: so far as I know, none of the items included has previously appeared in Word Ways, my books, or anywhere else. Have fun!

1. The Greek letter upsilon is sometimes called the ----------- letter or the ----------- letter, though it could also be called the ----- letter.

2. All three editions of Webster's Unabridged have used the word floccose-woolly in defining the term ------ -----------, even though floccose-woolly is internally redundant (floccose means woolly) and is not included as an entry in any known English dictionary.

3. When he died in 1977, singer Elvis Presley fulfilled the anagrammatic prediction that he would pass into a state of eternal, ------- -----.

4. The ----- chicken is actually a Nova Scotian herring.

5. How inauspicious it is that Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday numerologically exemplify the ------ -- --- -----!

6. The difference betwee ------ and -------, two homonyms, is that the first is flat whereas the second is round.

7. The technical term for the pleasurable excitation enjoyed by men watching girls in miniskirts is -----------------.

8. The palindromic, tautonymic, and univocalic Hawaiian village name Eleele appears in boldface type on the numerologically remarkable Page ---- of Webster's Third Edition. As what?

9. An indispensable English word designating certain real-world entities, one of Anglo-Saxon or Old English origin, ends with two consecutive, different plural suffixes. That word is --------. What are the two suffixes?

10. The longest known English designation for one of the chemical elements is ---------------- ------ ----. It is an exact synonym for --------.

11. In rhetoric, replacing one pronunciation of a word with another pronunciation, for the sake of rhyme or euphony, is known as -----------.

12. The ---UMNE-, the -----UMNE, and the ----UMNE are three of the mighty rivers coursing through central ----------.

13. ------ ---------'- well-known crossword dictionary cites the 21-letter term **honnisoitquimalypense** as the longest English word "in the dictionary." How should the term be spelled? What is it? What does it mean?

14. Someone experiencing a ---- -------- is choking on food. The victim uses --------'- ---- to signal his condition to those around him, and the rescuer executes the -------- -------- in an attempt to dislodge the food from the victim's windpipe. (Note: the final term called for is <u>not</u> "luckless sufferer"!)

15. That language which includes both the alphabetically first and the alphabetically last uncompounded, one-word number names is ------. The number names are ---- and -----.

16. In the comparatively recent Pinyin system of orthography, the name of Shanghai is spelled --------.

17. A commonly-purchased over-the-counter drug that could easily be touted as a remedy for companionlessness uses the trademark name --------. What logological advertising slogan would you recommend for this product?

18. The ------INDIAN was a fictional product of 19th-century England.

19. The - suit and the ---- - suit are at once exactly the same and exact opposites.

20. An area frequently referred to as the ----- -- -----, smaller in size than is the Philippine island of Luzon, includes both Levant and Orient within its borders, in addition to China, Denmark, Egypt, Lebanon, Mexico, Norway, Peru, Poland, and Sweden. What are some of the other names for the same area?

21. The game of trictrac or tables reminds us of the Garden of Eden because each player --- - ---- -' ----.

22. Within the text of the definition of --------, intermediate-size dictionaries variously describe a certain location, one which has acquired particular significance in recent decades, as an area, cleft, depression, hollow, separation, or space.

23. On the --------- scale, water boils at a temperature of 270.27 degrees.

24. What staid British reference work lists Belmont as one of the states of the United States? (The name is not a misprint for Vermont, since the work in question also includes that name.)

25. In terms of its absolute (signless) value, the smallest real number identifiable by means of a concise verbal designation or description using all four of the rare alphabetic letters J, Q, X, and Z is the number ----. How?

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