

SHOOTOUT CURRENT EVENTS

2005-2006 TEST 1

1. Half of the 3000 employees of _____ were laid off.
 - A. Miami
 - B. New Orleans
 - C. Chicago
 - D. Los Angeles
2. The _____ flu, which killed millions in 1918, was brought back to life for research.
 - A. Spanish
 - B. Hong Kong
 - C. Moscow
 - D. Irish
3. “America’s Mayor”, _____, said his planning a return to politics.
 - A. Bob Dole
 - B. Al Gore
 - C. Rudy Guiliani
 - D. Richard Daly
4. The New Orleans Hornets will play most of their home games this season in
 - A. Little Rock.
 - B. Nashville.
 - C. Oklahoma City.
 - D. Austin.
5. Which was NOT a great factor in the Bush approval rating of 38%?
 - A. the war in Iraq
 - B. hurricanes
 - C. the deficit
 - D. the economy
6. The use of the word “ _____ ” in regard to hurricane victims was criticized.
 - A. refugee
 - B. evacuee
 - C. displaced
 - D. needy

7. A/An _____ playwright won the Nobel Prize for literature.
 - A. American
 - B. Polish
 - C. British
 - D. Italian

8. Rep. _____ was accused of money laundering.
 - A. Henry Bonilla
 - B. Tom DeLay
 - C. John Cornyn
 - D. Lamar Smith

9. A tour boat capsized in _____ killing 20 elderly passengers.
 - A. Nevada
 - B. New York
 - C. Georgia
 - D. Iowa

10. Which politician benefited most from Gulf Coast hurricanes?
 - A. George Bush
 - B. Rick Perry
 - C. Ray Nagin
 - D. Arnold Swarzenegger

11. U.S. millionaire Gregory Olsen paid \$20M for
 - A. a rare postage stamp.
 - B. a flight into space.
 - C. the first vaccination against bird flu.
 - D. an interview with Osama bin Laden.

12. Which occurred during the first two weeks of October?
 - A. a tornado in Maine
 - B. a volcanic eruption in Washington
 - C. a killer quake in California
 - D. 30 inches of snow in Colorado

13. _____ got into trouble by saying that one could hypothetically lower the crime rate by aborting every black baby.
- A. Bill Cosby
 - B. Jerry Falwell
 - C. William Bennett
 - D. Rush Limbaugh
14. Which group threatened to boycott the voting for the new constitution in Iraq?
- A. Sunnis
 - B. Kurds
 - C. Shiites
 - D. Taliban
15. For the first time, a World Series game was played in
- A. Missouri.
 - B. Illinois.
 - C. Colorado.
 - D. Texas.
16. _____'s case about her husband's will reached the Supreme Court.
- A. Elizabeth Taylor
 - B. Martha Stewart
 - C. Madonna
 - D. Anna Nicole Smith
17. _____ became the new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
- A. Harriet Mier
 - B. John Roberts
 - C. William Rehnquist
 - D. Robert Bork
18. The governor of _____ vetoed a gay marriage bill.
- A. Wisconsin
 - B. Massachusetts
 - C. California
 - D. New York

19. Hurricane Rita destroyed or damaged _____% of the oil rigs in the gulf.
A. 40
B. 25
C. 10
D. 3
20. _____ is planning to add terminally ill infants to its euthanasia list.
A. The Netherlands
B. Russia
C. China
D. Norway
21. Ashley Smith, who talked about her faith to courthouse killer Brian Nichols, revealed
A. she is now engaged to him.
B. they made a suicide pact.
C. they had sex.
D. she gave him methamphetamines.
22. _____ had a quarterly profit of \$9.92B, largest in U.S. history.
A. Exxon Mobil
B. Microsoft
C. Walmart
D. Boeing
23. A survey in Africa revealed that _____ men were 65% less likely to catch AIDS.
A. circumcised
B. black
C. athletic
D. irreligious
24. 22000 tourists were stranded in _____ when Wilma hit.
A. Havana
B. Cancun
C. Puerto Rico
D. the Bahamas

25. If approved, SBC and _____ will form a \$16B merger.
- A. Viacom
 - B. Microsoft
 - C. ITT
 - D. AT&T
26. A suicide hanging in a tree in _____ was thought for several days to be a Halloween prop.
- A. New Mexico
 - B. Alabama
 - C. Delaware
 - D. South Carolina
27. Which is NOT a problem for the shrimping industry?
- A. oil slicks
 - B. fuel prices
 - C. hurricanes
 - D. cheap imports
28. The nickname for Cindy Sheehan whose son was killed in Iraq is
- A. Rabble Rouser.
 - B. Shiite Sheehan.
 - C. Peace Mom.
 - D. Candy Cindy.
29. 58 were killed and dozens wounded by 3 blasts in
- A. Rome.
 - B. New Delhi.
 - C. Beijing.
 - D. Mexico City.
30. The president of _____ said, “wipe Israel off the map.”
- A. Syria
 - B. Lebanon
 - C. Iraq
 - D. Iran

31. In a terrorism case, a Yemeni immigrant was found guilty of funneling \$21.9M overseas from his
- A. car dealership.
 - B. auto repair shop.
 - C. ice cream shop.
 - D. grocery store.
32. The ruling party in _____ may rewrite its constitution to legalize war.
- A. India
 - B. Japan
 - C. South Korea
 - D. Israel
33. Prop.2 on the Texas ballot forbids the legislature from
- A. legalizing casinos.
 - B. inaugurating a state income tax.
 - C. changing the traditional concept of marriage.
 - D. banning abortions.
34. _____ is closing after 37 years.
- A. AstroWorld
 - B. Six Flags
 - C. Schlitterbahn
 - D. Sea World
35. A train derailed and fell into a river, killing 111 in
- A. Argentina.
 - B. Switzerland.
 - C. India.
 - D. El Salvador.
36. 24 of 32 Texas legislators signed a plea to Bush to
- A. control illegal immigration and violence along the border.
 - B. extend funding for the space program in Houston.
 - C. declare the Beaumont area a disaster area.
 - D. pardon Tom DeLay.

37. A doctor testified in a trial against Merck that one day's use of _____ posed a risk.
- A. Phen Fen
 - B. Vioxx
 - C. nicotine
 - D. Viagra
38. Each citizen of _____ will receive an \$845 dividend check from an investment funded by oil profits.
- A. Canada
 - B. Alaska
 - C. Russia
 - D. Venezuela
39. " _____ " City in Florida, 500 trailer houses resulting from Hurricane Charley destruction, is hot, dusty, treeless, and stressful for its inhabitants.
- A. Bush
 - B. Government
 - C. Charleyville
 - D. FEMA
40. _____ was fined \$300M for price fixing involving chips and memory.
- A. Samsung
 - B. IBM
 - C. Apple
 - D. Dell

Shootout Current Events Answer Sheet

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| 1. B | 21. D |
| 2. A | 22. A |
| 3. C | 23. A |
| 4. C | 24. B |
| 5. D | 25. D |
| 6. A | 26. C |
| 7. C | 27. A |
| 8. B | 28. C |
| 9. B | 29. B |
| 10. B | 30. D |
| 11. B | 31. C |
| 12. D | 32. B |
| 13. C | 33. C |
| 14. A | 34. A |
| 15. D | 35. C |
| 16. D | 36. A |
| 17. B | 37. B |
| 18. C | 38. B |
| 19. C | 39. D |
| 20. A | 40. A |