

WORD POWER

Circle the correct meaning of the word

Score two point for each correct answer.

Answers below.

SCORING:

- 18-20 points –Post Graduate
- 14-16 points –Graduate
- 10-12 points – High School
- 6-8 points –Elementary
- 4 or less points – Keep Trying



1. arrayed

- a. to air out
- b. to put in order; to arrange
- c. to behave in an unfriendly manner

2. cerulean

- a. deep blue in colour
- b. a crustacean found in the Gulf Islands
- c. one who has expertise in the Cyrillic alphabet.

3. davit

- a. system used to lower a lifeboat
- b. hole made by a golfer
- c. a small davenport

4. histrionic

- a. the applied study of contemporary history
- b. an area where new immigrants settle
- c. a melodramatic outburst

5. culpable

- a. a member of (actor) Robert Culp's fan club
- b. one who is responsible
- c. a hockey player's first year as a professional

6. taxonomy

- a. submitting your tax return on time
- b. something that is burdensome or demanding
- c. classification of something, especially of organisms

7. alimentary

- a. relating to nourishment or sustenance.
- b. a simplified way of doing things
- c. fundamentally sound or reliable

8. creatine

- a. one who is creative or inventive
- b. nitrogenous organic acid
- c. a synonym for cryovac

9. humoresque

- a. a short, lively piece of music
- b. a David Letterman monologue
- c. humor that is very risque

10. vitiate

- a. to make (something) more effective
- b. to seek out honest political leaders
- c. to make (something) less effective

Subject: The Telephone

Digging to a depth of 1,000 meters last year, French scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 1,000 years. The French came to the conclusion that their ancestors had a telephone network centuries ago. Not to be outdone by the French, English scientists dug to a depth of 2,000 meters. Shortly thereafter headlines in the UK newspapers read: "English archaeologists have found traces of a 2,000-year-old fiber-optic cable and have concluded that their ancestors had an advanced high-tech digital communications network a thousand years earlier than the French." One week later, Israeli newspapers reported the following: "After digging as deep as 5,000 meters in a Jerusalem marketplace, they found absolutely nothing. No copper wire, no cable — nothing." They thus concluded that 5,000 years ago Jews were using wireless.

Word Power Answers

1b, 2a, 3a, 4c, 5b, 6c, 7a, 8b, 9a, 10c