

Benjamin Franklin Test

1. There were _____ children in Benjamin Franklin's family.

- A. twelve
- B. seventeen
- C. ten
- D. fifteen

2. Benjamin's father wanted him to take over the family business of _____.

- A. farming
- B. making furniture
- C. making candles
- D. making wooden barrels

3. His father took him on long walks to watch _____.

- A. men at their trades
- B. the ships in the harbor
- C. the birds
- D. people paint pictures

4. _____ is a person who learns a trade by watching a skilled person work.

- A. An artist
- B. An apprentice
- C. A laborer
- D. A mentor

5. When he was _____ years old Benjamin worked for his brother James.

- A. fourteen
- B. sixteen
- C. eighteen
- D. twelve

6. One person was made to work for another for a certain period of time with a contract of _____.

- A. employment
- B. servitude
- C. indenture
- D. realty

7. When his brother James went to prison Ben _____.

- A. went to prison with him
- B. said he would not help him
- C. went home to his father
- D. published the paper for him

8. Ben ran away to Philadelphia and started a _____ business.

- A. printing
- B. dressmaking
- C. candle making
- D. blacksmith

9. Franklin is famous for writing _____.

- A. Quotes from Famous People
- B. How to Make Spectacles
- C. Poor Richard's Almanack
- D. The Poor Man's Diary

10. One of his sayings was "Early to bed and early to rise _____."

- A. makes for a productive life
- B. makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise
- C. makes a man wish for better eyes
- D. keeps a man feeling tired all the time

11. Benjamin Franklin gained people's cooperation by _____.

- A. insisting on getting the credit for himself
- B. bribing them with money
- C. giving them credit for ideas
- D. putting them on his list of friends

12. Franklin started the first _____ in America.

- A. library
- B. dairy farm
- C. church
- D. school

13. Before he came to Pennsylvania there were no _____ in the state.

- A. policemen
- B. hospitals
- C. schools
- D. churches

14. If a letter cannot be delivered it goes to the _____.

- A. central post office
- B. North Pole
- C. Dead Letter Office
- D. courthouse

15. He invented _____ to protect people's homes.

- A. bifocals
- B. the lightning rod
- C. the printing press
- D. laboratories

16. Franklin's _____ helped people to see well.

- A. bifocals
- B. contacts
- C. laser surgery
- D. eye drops

17. He refused to patent the Franklin stove because _____.

- A. he wanted to make a lot of money
- B. he thought it was not a good invention
- C. he wanted many people to benefit from it
- D. someone else already had the patent on it

18. He served as a diplomat to _____ for ten years.

- A. England
- B. Scotland
- C. Germany
- D. France

19. Franklin helped to write the _____.

- A. Magna Carta
- B. Declaration of Independence
- C. Monroe Doctrine
- D. Emancipation Proclamation

20. Even today people throw _____ on his headstone.

- A. flowers
- B. silver dollars
- C. pennies
- D. confetti