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ASL 103: Intermediate ASL  
Midterm EXAM: Part 1

- 1) To sign, "Wow," the hand is shaken by the \_\_\_\_\_ in an expression of wonder.
  - a) head
  - b) leg
  - c) ear
  - d) side
- 2) Why is the sign YOUR made with an open palm? It signifies:
  - a) possession
  - b) happiness
  - c) caring
  - d) misunderstanding
- 3) To sign BEAUTIFULLY, the hand outlines the face; it is indicating the \_\_\_\_\_ of a face.
  - a) features
  - b) flatness
  - c) oval shape
  - d) beauty
- 4) WATCHING-HER is the same as a two handed sign for WATCH, except: the fingertips are pointing to the position in the signing space where:
  - a) the other person is signing.
  - b) the pronoun "her" is placed.
  - c) you want to sign
  - d) the Deaf person listens.
- 5) Which two signs are combined to sign NO-ONE?
  - a) NO and ONE
  - b) NONE and ONE
  - c) NO and SOME
  - d) NO and NONE
- 6) In the sentence YOUR COUSIN SIGNS BEAUTIFULLY, ASL does not have affixes like -LY. Therefore, the signs BEAUTIFUL and BEAUTIFULLY will be made in the same manner, with variations only in:
  - a) sign movement
  - b) handshape
  - c) location of the sign
  - d) facial expressions
- 7) What is missing in the ASL translation of OF COURSE. SHE'S DEAF (HINT: because there are no to-be verbs in ASL)?
  - a) was
  - b) is
  - c) when
  - d) her

8) IF YOU PRACTICE, ASL WILL BE EASY FOR YOU TOO. This is an example of a conditional sentence.

In a conditional sentence, there is a CONDITION and an:

- a) comment
- b) person marker
- c) personal pronoun
- d) outcome

9) IF YOU PRACTICE, ASL WILL BE EASY FOR YOU TOO.

There should be a slight pause after the sign PRACTICE. This is because in ASL, a pause occurs:

- a) when you're feeling tired
- b) when you need to yawn
- c) after the condition is stated
- d) after the outcome is discovered

10) MY COUSIN UNDERSTOOD YOU WHEN YOU SIGNED.

How would a person know whether you are signing UNDERSTOOD or UNDERSTAND?

- a) by the movement of the hands
- b) by the handshape used
- c) by the facial expression used
- d) by the context of the sentence

11) YOU ARE NOT FUNNY.

In ASL, it is common practice to add the pronoun at the end of the sentence as a way of doing what?

- a) being confused
- b) changing grammar
- c) organizing thoughts
- d) emphasizing it

12) Why is the word "am" (in "I'm") not translated into ASL? There are no \_\_\_\_\_ in ASL!

- a) action
- b) passive
- c) to-be verbs
- d) progressive

13) SUPPORT is which kind of verb-sign?

- a) action-based
- b) conditional
- c) directional
- d) anticipatory

14) YOUR SIGNING IMPROVING QUICKLY. What kind of ASL sentence is this?

- a) topic-comment
- b) conditional
- c) rhetorical questions
- d) simple

15) YOUR SIGNING IS IMPROVING QUICKLY.

How can you emphasize (while signing) how much someone has improved signing?

- a) give them a thumbs-up
- b) move your right hand further up the left arm
- c) smile a lot
- d) jump up and down excitedly

16) YOU SEEM MOTIVATED TOO. WHY?

Aside from signing WHY?, how would a person know you're asking a question?

- a) location of the sign
- b) facial expression
- c) movement of the sign
- d) orientation of the sign

17) MY GOAL IS TO BECOME AN INTERPRETER.

The reason the signer asks the question, then answers it, is because this is a:

- a) topic-comment sentence
- b) conditional sentence
- c) rhetorical question
- d) time adverb marker

18) YES. I WANT SUPPORT DEAF HEARING PEOPLE COMMUNICATE EACH OTHER.

What are TWO ways you can emphasize part of a sentence in ASL?

- a) signing it quickly
- b) signing it with more force than the other
- c) shouting loudly
- d) using a lot of hand gestures
- e) holding the sign (pausing) slightly longer
- f) make the sign with larger gestures

19) Some hearing persons may hesitate signing to a Deaf person because they believe their signing skills are:

- a) too good
- b) incredibly fast
- c) so inadequate
- d) in need of practice

20) Sometimes hearing persons worry that Deaf people will sign \_\_\_\_\_ they will not be able to understand what is being signed.

- a) exact English
- b) so slow
- c) and speak so
- d) so fast

21) Some Hearing people might see meeting a Deaf person as an opportunity to do what?

- a) put their ASL knowledge to use
- b) speak loudly
- c) be scared to sign
- d) play charades

TRUE or FALSE. Determine whether each statement below is true or false.

22) Most Deaf people appreciate Hearing persons attempts to use ASL.

- a) True
- b) False

23) Most Deaf people are VERY impatient while you attempt to use ASL.

- a) True
- b) False

- 24) Whatever knowledge of ASL you have will be useful in communication with Deaf people.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 25) ASL is the third largest language spoken in the United States.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 26) When communicating with Deaf persons, you should apologize about your poor ASL skills.
- a) True
  - b) False
- 27) If you don't know the correct sign used in a Deaf community, what should you do?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (If someone does not understand you then you will be told).
- a) Cry and walk away.
  - b) Try speaking slowly and loudly.
  - c) Use the sign that you know.
  - d) Hope no one notices
- 28) If there is a sign that is particularly used in a community then someone will likely \_\_\_\_\_ after you have used a different sign.
- a) show it to you
  - b) be embarrassed
  - c) hope you stop signing
  - d) shake his head
- 29) The sign SPEAK can mean to "say something in speech" as well as \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) "to hear something"
  - b) "to speak loudly"
  - c) "to read sign language"
  - d) "to sign something"
- 30) When you see a sign you must consider what the meaning is given the \_\_\_\_\_ of what is being said
- a) context
  - b) volume
  - c) space
  - d) grammar
- 31) How do we know COUNSELOR is not the sign COUNSEL? It includes a \_\_\_\_\_ sign.
- a) time adverb marker
  - b) person-marker
  - c) conditional statement
  - d) outcome
- 32) YOU WORK WHAT-SHRUG?  
Which sign in this ASL translation demonstrates the importance of correct facial expressions?
- a) YOU
  - b) WHAT-SHRUG
  - c) WORK
  - d) WHAT DO

33) HAVE YOU ALWAYS WORKED AS A COUNSELOR?

Why is HAVE not used in the ASL translation? Because HAVE in ASL means to

- \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) take something
  - b) want something
  - c) possess something
  - d) get rid of something

34) HAVE YOU ALWAYS WORKED AS A COUNSELOR?

Tilting the head is used in which TWO ways in the ASL translation?

- a) to show the signer is smart
- b) the signer likes to use gestures
- c) to ask a question
- d) emphasize always
- e) to get the attention of the other person

35) What do you do to a sign to turn it into an occupation or job Place a \_\_\_\_\_ at the end.

- a) time adverb marker
- b) person marker
- c) question mark
- d) conditional statement

36) The motion for the sign THIS is: the index finger points \_\_\_\_\_ (or at something) if it is present.

- a) upward
- b) side to side
- c) in a circle
- d) downward

37) Which two signs are combined to create the sign MENU?

- a) EAT and FOOD
- b) EAT and RESTAURANT
- c) FOOD and LIST
- d) EAT and LIST

38) A way to remember how to sign MENU is one hand acts as a menu while the other hand starts at the top and \_\_\_\_\_ the menu.

- a) moves up
- b) moves down
- c) touches
- d) pats

39) THIS RESTAURANT, MY FAVORITE.

What type of ASL sentence is this?

- a) time adverb
- b) conditional
- c) topic-comment
- d) rhetorical question

40) THIS IS MY FAVORITE RESTAURANT?

Which TWO of the following should you do to show HOW MUCH you like this restaurant?

- a) change your facial expression
- b) shout loudly
- c) jump up and down
- d) change your body language
- e) stick out your tongue

41) IT'S A VERY CLEAN AND FRIENDLY RESTAURANT.

The sign TRUE is often used in ASL to translate the meaning of which English word?

- a) often
- b) very
- c) seldom
- d) maybe

42) IT'S A VERY CLEAN AND FRIENDLY RESTAURANT. What would you do to show different degrees of emphasis on CLEAN and FRIENDLY?

- a) change facial expressions
- b) lean forward
- c) stick out your tongue
- d) get very quiet

43) HEY, I AM CURIOUS, HOW DO DEAF PEOPLE ORDER FOOD?

How is "Hey" translated in ASL?

- a) fingerspelling HEY
- b) a natural gesture
- c) signing HELLO
- d) nodding yes

44) SOME TALK AND SOME POINT TO MENU.

Why is AND not part of the ASL translation of this sentence? It does not change the

- \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) facial expressions
  - b) body language
  - c) meaning of the sentence
  - d) conditional sentence

45) HEARING PEOPLE POINT TO THE MENU TOO.

Which word stresses the meaning of this sentence?

- a) POINTING
- b) TOO
- c) HEARING
- d) MENU

46) HEARING PEOPLE MENU POINTING 2 TOO.

Why does the signer hold the sign TOO for a longer period of time than the other signs? To stress the

- \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) meaning of the sentence
  - b) excitement he feels
  - c) way she signs well
  - d) because he is tired

47) AH, 'HAVE PENCIL WILL EAT.'

Fred uses a \_\_\_\_\_ to translate the English word AH.

- a) ASL sign
- b) facial expression
- c) fingerspelling
- d) nod of the head

48) AH, "HAVE PENCIL WILL EAT."

What common ASL technique does Fred use to translate "have pencil will eat."

- a) HE signs NO
- b) He nods his head
- c) He says it out loud
- d) He makes the sign QUOTE

49) AH, "HAVE PENCIL WILL EAT."

What common ASL technique does Fred use to translate "have pencil will eat."

- a) grammatical error
- b) common translation
- c) funny saying
- d) modification of a popular saying

50) ASL is a visual language.

Fred's feelings when he is signing are very obvious. What THREE things does he use to project his feelings?

- a) body language
- b) facial expressions
- c) signs
- d) his tone of voice
- e) the volume at which he speaks

51) SERVICE. What do the position of the hands represent? A person \_\_\_\_\_ typically found in restaurants.

- a) asking for a tip
- b) cleaning the floors
- c) serving the customers
- d) holding a serving tray

52) The movement of the hand in DOLLAR is representative of the movement of \_\_\_\_\_ from a stack of money.

- a) pulling out a bill
- b) taking out coins
- c) paying at the store
- d) counting out money

53) The sign WONDER is used when the meaning of \_\_\_\_\_ is to wonder about something (e.g., "Give it a lot of thought.")

- a) THOUGHT
- b) UNDERSTAND
- c) SMART
- d) STUPID

54) In which sentence below is the meaning for RIGHT a direction?

- a) It's your right to vote as an American.
- b) The police have the right to arrest criminals.
- c) The car is on the right.
- d) Why do you think you have the right to misbehave?

55) What does the movement of the 4-handshape for RUN in "There is water running from the tap" is: The up and down movement of the 4-handshape represents water running out of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) the toilet
- b) the gutter
- c) the tap
- d) the nose

56) What does the movement in RUNNING as in "My nose is running" show? That the \_\_\_\_\_ is running because of a cold or allergy.

- a) throat
- b) nose
- c) faucet
- d) person

- 57) The meaning for RUN in "Who runs this company?" is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) jogs  
b) escapes  
c) runny nose  
d) controls  
e) liquid
- 58) What hint can help you remember the sign PATIENCE? The thumb side of the A-handshape is moved down the lips to show that the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) person can't speak  
b) mouth is closed  
c) person is deaf  
d) mind is clear
- 59) What does the movement of the hands in HAMBURGER represent? Making a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) hamburger patty  
b) hot dog bun  
c) hamburger bun  
d) pizza
- 60) The movement for the sign FRENCH-FRIES: it \_\_\_\_\_ from the front of the body to the side.  
a) bounces  
b) swings  
c) circles  
d) twists
- 61) A hint to remember the sign CHEESE: the heel of the palms are \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) mimicking a mouse  
b) pressing cheese  
c) moving in a circle  
d) gliding past the cheeks
- 62) How is the word PIZZA signed? It is:  
a) mimicking making a pizza  
b) a P-handshape moving up and down  
c) not possible to sign this word  
d) fingerspelled
- 63) When signing PIZZA, what does the signer do instead of fingerspelling 'z' twice? Uses the \_\_\_\_\_ to outline 'zz' rather than fingerspelling 'z' twice.  
a) mirror  
b) W-handshape  
c) number 2  
d) V-handshape
- 64) What hint can help you recall the sign COFFEE? The hands show the movement of the handle of an old-fashioned \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) coffee grinder  
b) coffee cup  
c) coffee maker  
d) espresso machine
- 65) FINALLY, THERE WAITRESS.  
In a restaurant, the sign THERE would be made by pointing in the direction of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) the clock  
b) the door  
c) the waitress  
d) the hostess



66) YOU PATIENCE NONE.

Sally uses a topic/comment sentence structure for the placement of the \_\_\_\_\_

- a) negative sign NONE
- b) sign YOU
- c) sign PATIENCE
- d) signing space

67) COFFEE, YOU LIKE?

How is Sally structuring this ASL translation?

- a) conditional
- b) rhetorical question
- c) topic-comment
- d) time-adverb marker

68) I LOVE-alot COFFEE

The sign LOVE-alot is not used in a \_\_\_\_\_ sense. It shows that someone is very fond of something.

- a) dreamy
- b) relationship
- c) dating
- d) romantic

69) A way to recall HOT DOG is that of a hot-dog being placed in a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) hot dog bun
- b) barbecue grill
- c) paper plate
- d) skillet

70) A hint for remembering SANDWICH is: the \_\_\_\_\_ represents a sandwich.

- a) location
- b) shape of the hand
- c) movement
- d) orientation of the hand

71) A hint to remember SALAD is: The movement of the hands represent \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) chopping lettuce
- b) tossing salad in a bowl
- c) a head of lettuce
- d) tomatoes & lettuce

72) Which TWO signs are combined to sign CHEESEBURGER?

- a) FOOD
- b) HOT DOG
- c) HAMBURGER
- d) BUN
- e) CHEESE

73) A way to remember the sign MILK is that the movement of the hand is similar to that of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) drinking from a glass
- b) pouring milk
- c) eating cereal with milk
- d) milking a cow

74) A hint for remembering TEA is: the movement of the hand indicates a \_\_\_\_\_ in a cup.

a) tea bag being soaked

b) coffee being stirred

c) tea party

d) stirring in of sugar

75) A way to remember ICE-CREAM is the movement of the hand represents the movement of an ice cream cone when it is \_\_\_\_\_.

a) being scooped

b) melting

c) being licked

d) falling off the cone