

ENGLISH 1301- COMPOSITION I

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Instructions: For the multiple-choice items please use a scantron and a #2 pencil. Complete the Name, Date, Class Section, etc.

For the written part please use a Blue Book – purchase both in the book store

LETTER FROM BIRMINGHAM JAIL

1. In what year was the "Letter" written?

- a) 1958
- b) 1963
- c) 1960
- d) 1971

2. The "Letter" was directed towards _____.

- a) clergymen
- b) poets
- c) teachers
- d) politicians

3. Dr. King was arrested for _____.

- a) threatening a federal officer
- b) inciting a riot
- c) protesting without a permit
- d) robbery

4. Dr. King began writing the "Letter" on _____.

- a) envelopes
- b) the margins of a newspaper
- c) his skin
- d) legal pads

5. Who was Birmingham's Commissioner of Public Safety at the time of the "Letter"?

- a) Ralph Abernathy
- b) Eugene "Bull" Connor
- c) Albert Boutwell
- d) Robert Kennedy

6. Who was Birmingham's mayor at the time of the "Letter"?

- a) Ralph Abernathy
- b) Eugene "Bull" Connor
- c) Albert Boutwell
- d) Robert Kennedy

7 The clergymen who wrote the statement represented all faiths EXCEPT:

- a) Islam
- b) Protestantism
- c) Catholicism
- d) Judaism

8 Dr. King was a clergyman of the _____ church.

- a) Jewish
- b) Catholic
- c) Islamic
- d) Protestant

9 Dr. King's social mission relied on _____.

- a) nonviolent methods
- b) complicated political tricks
- c) violent methods
- d) command of several languages

10 In what book was the definitive copy of the "Letter" published?

- a) Stride Towards Freedom
- b) I Have a Dream
- c) Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?
- d) Why We Can't Wait

11 Most versions of the "Letter" open with an _____.

- a) author's note
- b) illustration of Dr. King
- c) definition of terms
- d) preamble

12 What are the first words of the "Letter"?

- a) "I write with a heavy heart."
- b) "My Dear Fellow Clergymen:"
- c) "Four score is not so long a time."
- d) "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

13 Dr. King began writing the "Letter" while in _____.

- a) transfer to a federal prison

- b) the exercise yard
- c) the warden's office
- d) solitary confinement

14 How did the clergymen describe Dr. King's actions?

- a) "outrageous and foolish"
- b) "unequivocally egotistical"
- c) "unwise and untimely"
- d) "shameful"

15 Dr. King says this letter is atypical because _____.

- a) he does not typically explain himself
- b) he does not typically record his thoughts
- c) he does not typically worry about what white people think
- d) he does not typically respond to criticism

16 Dr. King describes the clergymen as _____.

- a) "men of good will"
- b) "men sadly mistaken"
- c) "ugly-minded men"
- d) "betrayers of the faith"

17 Which clergyman criticism does Dr. King first address?

- a) that he was unjust
- b) that he was an outsider
- c) that he was too violent
- d) that he was close-minded

18 Dr. King leads what organization?

- a) SNCC
- b) SCLC
- c) Nation of Islam
- d) NAACP

19 Dr. King describes his movement as a(n) _____.

- a) "nonviolent direct-action program"
- b) "unintentionally violent program"
- c) "exemplar of civil disobedience"
- d) "method of protest"

20 Dr. King justifies his organization's presence in Birmingham by claiming _____.

- a) it was founded there
- b) it was legally required to intervene there

- c) it was hired to represent business interests there
- d) it was invited there

21 What term does scholar Jonathan Rieder use to describe the "Letter"'s first half?

- a) "Prophet"
- b) "Poet"
- c) "Diplomat"
- d) "Magician"

22 Dr. King's tone in the letter's first half can be described as _____.

- a) unhinged
- b) inconsistent
- c) restrained
- d) emotional

23 Dr. King describes the goal of all direct action as _____.

- a) new federal law
- b) negotiation
- c) violence
- d) ambiguous

24 Dr. King stipulates that the clergymen would not "want to rest content with the superficial kind of _____."

- a) justice
- b) nonviolent protest
- c) social analysis
- d) civil disobedience

25 Dr. King's initial defense of his presence in Birmingham can be best described as:

- a) angry
- b) legalistic
- c) moral
- d) emotional

Comprehensive Section:

- 1. Define in your own words the meaning of Ethos, Pathos, Logos**
- 2. Using 5 passages from Letter From Birmingham Jail, give examples of the rhetorical structures and what the passage appeals to.**