

ENGLISH COMPETITION

LEVEL 7-8 (Α΄-Β΄ ΓΥΜΝΑΣΙΟΥ)

11 February 2012
10:00-11:00

Questions 1-10: 3 points each
Questions 11-20: 4 points each
Questions 21-40: 5 points each

Read the following text and answer the questions 1-5:

One day, a man wearing a long, warm winter coat, jumped into a river and began to swim vigorously. All the passers-by stopped and stared at the unconventional swimming party. Although the river was quite deep, the man did not seem to be in any danger. He seemed to be well aware of what he was doing.

One of the people, staring at him from the bank, couldn't help asking him why he was swimming in such a strange manner and whether he needed any help.

"I'm trying to wash my winter coat, that's all!", answered the swimmer.

"Well then, why don't you try the washing machine?", asked the curious man.

"I did", answered the former, "but I got so dizzy in there!"



1. What was strange about the swimmer?

- A) He wasn't experienced B) He swam in cold water C) He was wearing a coat
D) He was in danger E) He was staring at people

2. If you are staring at somebody, then you

- A) are standing close to them B) are looking at them for a long time
C) are wondering about something D) are looking down on them E) are looking up to them

3. He couldn't help asking....., means:

- A) He couldn't stop himself from asking B) He helped somebody ask a question
C) He couldn't stop a question D) He didn't ask E) He asked in a loud voice

4. What does to word *bank* mean in the text?

- A) A financial company B) The side of a river C) The bottom of the river
D) Something to sit on E) The bridge on the river

5. The passers-by stopped to look at him because

- A) he was handsome B) he needed help C) he was about to drown
D) he was a poor swimmer E) he looked bizarr



6. How money do you have?

- A) many B) often C) much D) some E) any

7. On which side of the street do British people drive?

- A) on the left B) on the right C) in the middle D) on the pavement E) on both sides

8. Robert: *Where is your little brother?*

Mike: *I don't know. I him all afternoon*

- A) am not seeing B) won't see C) don't see D) haven't seen E) see not

9. In which country do men sometimes wear kilts?

- A) Australia B) Scotland C) Canada D) Ireland E) South Africa

10. Find the correct idioms:

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| 1. as brown | | a. a sheet |
| 2. as black | | b. a berry |
| 3. as green | as | c. a cherry |
| 4. as white | | d. grass |
| 5. as red | | e. thunder |



- A) 1b/2c/3d/4a/5e B) 1c/2a/3d/4b/5e C) 1b/2e/3d/4a/5c D) 1a/2c/3e/4d/5b
E) 1b/2a/3c/4e/5d

Read the following text and answer the questions 11-15

A merchant sent an order to his main deliverer for a large amount of goods totalling a great deal of money. The deliverer, remembering that the precious bill hadn't been paid, asked one of his staff to check it out. The latter left a voice-mail for the merchant saying: "We can't ship your new order until you pay for the last one." The next day the deliverer received a collect phone call from the merchant, saying: "Please cancel the order. We can't wait that long."



11. What does a merchant NOT do?

- A) He places orders B) He checks the deliveries C) He buy goods
D) He chooses his customers E) because the dog is really dangerous

12. What does *the latter* mean?

- A) A written message B) A newspaper C) The last of two
D) A unit of the alphabet E) The first from two

13. Did the merchant intend to pay his previous order any time soon?

- A) Most definitely not B) Probably yes C) Most definitely yes
D) Yes, but on one condition E) He would love to

14. Find the odd one out:

- A) voice mail B) phone call C) teleconference D) email message E) operator

15. Put the sentences below in the right order:

1. Realizing that the previous one hadn't been paid, the deliverer thought about it.
2. He answered that it wouldn't happen any time soon.
3. Once, a merchant placed an order.
4. The merchant was informed that the goods would be delivered after paying.
5. He decided to have somebody check it out.

- A) 1/2/3/4/5 B) 1/3/5/4/2 C) 3/1/4/2/5 D) 3/1/5/4/2 E) 3/1/5/2/4

16. A letter a friend can make your day.

- A) of/up B) to/out C) from/- D) off/up E) from/on



17. What does *shallow* mean in the following text:

Chimps can't swim, but sometimes they walk into shallow water and look for food.

- A) not cold B) hot C) warm D) not deep E) deep

18. Put these bodies of water into order of size. Start with the smallest one.

- A) ocean – sea – lake – puddle – pond B) puddle – sea – lake – pond – ocean
 C) puddle – pond – lake – sea – ocean D) pond – puddle – lake – sea – ocean
 E) puddle – lake – pond – sea – ocean

19. What runs around a yard, but never moves?

- A) a tree B) a fence C) a flower D) a dog E) a cat

20. Which adjective describes someone who is happy one moment and upset and angry a moment later?

- A) moody B) big-headed C) obstinate D) naive E) two-faced

21. Which of the following is considered lucky in Great Britain?

- A) Walking under a ladder B) Breaking a mirror
 C) Opening an umbrella indoors D) A black cat crossing your path
 E) Friday the 13th



22. I prefer tea coffee.

- A) to B) from C) for D) instead E) because

23. She is used toalone.

- A) to travel B) travelling C) travel D) traveled E) traveller

24. Which one of the following nouns does not go with the verb *to say*:

- A) hello B) a prayer C) a lie D) something E) your name

25. I' ve had my hair this morning.

- A) made B) cut C) do D) cutting E) painted

26. Mr. Jones is on this week. He'll be back in the office next Monday.

- A) the moon B) duty C) leave D) the plane E) foot

27. Complete the proverb:

"..... grapes can never make sweet wine".

- A) Sweet B) Soft C) Juicy D) Salty E) Sour

28. We're playing a game. Why don't you

- A) join in B) come in C) get in D) break in E) sit in

29. The part of a shirt which goes round your neck is the

- A) sleeve B) tie C) collar D) button E) bow tie



30. Which phrase best completes the sentence:

If I won the lottery, to China.

- A) I would go B) I would visit C) I should visit D) I will go E) I am going

31. What are the big red buses in London called?

- A) a big bus B) a red bus C) BRB D) a double decker E) a taxi bus

32. The correct singular form of lettuce is:

- A) a lettuce leave B) a lettuce C) a head of lettuce D) a lettuce live
E) a lettuce leaf



33. Where would you expect to see this notice: **“Do not lean out of the window!”**

- A) in a car park B) on a train C) on a plane D) on a boat E) on a motorbike

34. They love Chinese

- A) kitchen B) cuisine C) cousin D) dish E) meal

35. I don't really know which one to It's difficult

- A) choose/choose B) chose/choice C) chosen/decision D) choose/choice E) chose/decision

36. Everyone's going to be at the meeting,?

- A) isn't it B) hasn't it C) aren't they D) are they E) haven't they

37. Honolulu is three time zones from Los Angeles and Los Angeles is three time zones from New York. What time is it in Honolulu when it is 6 a.m. in New York?

- A) midnight B) 3 a.m. C) 6 a.m. D) 9 a.m. E) noon

38. I wish I were a film star. It would be wonderful. I would spend my time

Interviews andautographs.

- A) giving/delivering B) taking/giving C) giving/getting D) taking/getting E) giving/signing

39. Which of these Hans Christian Andersen fairy tales takes place at Christmas?

- A) "The Little Mermaid" B) "The Fir Tree" C) "The Ugly Duckling"
D) "The Tinderbox" E) "The Red Shoes"

40. Which adjective describes someone's character and not appearance?

- A) curly haired B) sun-tanned C) skinny D) two-faces E) blue-eyed