

ENGLISH COMPETITION

LEVEL 9-10 (Γ' ΓΥΜΝΑΣΙΟΥ-Α' ΛΥΚΕΙΟΥ)

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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:

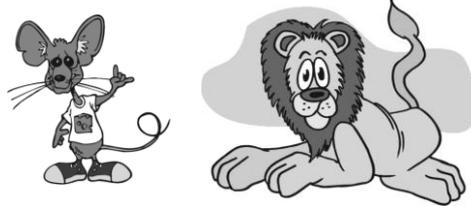
Once, a Lion was asleep and a little Mouse began running up and down him. This soon woke the Lion, who places this huge paw on the Mouse, and opened his big jaws ready to swallow him.

"Pardon, O King", cried the little Mouse, *"forgive me this time and I shall never forget it. Who knows what I may be able to do for you one of these days?"* The Lion was so tickled at the ideas of the Mouse being able to help him that he lifted his paw and let him go.

Some time later, the Lion was caught in a trap. The hunters, who desired to carry him alive to the King, tied him to a tree while they went in search of a wagon to carry him on. Just then the little Mouse happened to pass by. Seeing the unpleasant in which the Lion was, he went up to him and gnawed away the ropes that bound the King of the Beasts.

"Was I not right?" said the little Mouse.

Little friends may prove great friends.



1. **What did the Mouse do when the Lion was about to eat him?**
 - A) The Mouse spat in the Lion's face
 - B) The Mouse fainted
 - C) The Mouse started crying
 - D) The Mouse begged for his life
 - E) The Mouse run away

2. **Why did the Lion need help from someone? Because**
 - A) he was trapped in a snake pit
 - B) the hunters wanted to take him to the zoo
 - C) he was trapped in a big hole
 - D) the ropes prevented him from running away
 - E) he wanted to get attention

3. **How did the Lion escape from the trap?**
 - A) The Lion set himself free by chewing the ropes.
 - B) The Lion set himself free by pulling the ropes and breaking them.
 - C) The Lion untied the ropes and freed himself from the trap.
 - D) One of the hunters felt guilty and set him free.
 - E) The Mouse chewed the ropes to set him free.

4. **What was the relationship between the Lion and the Mouse after the Lion was set free?**
 - A) The Lion ate the Mouse and got a stomach ache.
 - B) They became the worst enemies ever.
 - C) The Lion and the Mouse got together every Christmas.
 - D) The Lion and the Mouse became friends.
 - E) The Lion and the Mouse each went their separate ways.

5. **What is the name of the author of the fable "The Lion and the Mouse"?**
 - A) Arthur
 - B) Aesop
 - C) Aristotle
 - D) Adam
 - E) Adonis

6. **Schools in Romania break for the summer holiday in June.**
 - A) down
 - B) into
 - C) up
 - D) out
 - E) in

7. Where was King Arthur's court?

- A) at Camelot B) at Colchida C) at El Dorado D) at Canterbury E) at Kent

8. It was mean _____ Sarah not to help her best friend with her wedding.

- A) from B) of C) off D) for E) to

9. Some people believe in the power of the stars. Which of the following is not one of the common European zodiac signs?

- A) Pisces B) Sagittarius C) Gemini D) Dipper E) Capricorn



10. Match a British English word on the left with the American English equivalent on the right and choose the correct answer:

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| 1. chemist's | a. rubber |
| 2. nappy | b. sidewalk |
| 3. condom | c. drug store |
| 4. pavement | d. hood |
| 5. lorry | e. diaper |
| 6. bonnet | f. truck |

- A) 1c/ 2e/ 3a/ 4b/ 5f/ 6d B) 1a/ 2e/ 3c/ 4f/ 5b/ 6d C) 1c/ 2e/ 3d/ 4f/ 5b/ 6a
 D) 1a/ 2e/ 3c/ 4d/ 5f/ 6b E) 1c/ 2e/ 3b/ 4a/ 5f/ 6d

11. Fill in the sentences with the appropriate colour on the right and then choose the correct answer:

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| 1. My mother just loves gardening; she has ... fingers. | a. black |
| 2. When we heard the news, it came completely out of the ... | b. blue |
| 3. Peter is so honest; he would never tell even a ... lie. | c. red |
| 4. The opposition brought up another ... herring during the debate yesterday. | d. green |
| 5. You know, Fred has always been the ... sheep of the family. | e. white |

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

12. Who wrote the mystery story called Murder for Christmas?

- A) Charles Dickens B) Raymond Chandler C) Agatha Christie D) Edgar Allan Poe
 E) Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

13. Which of the following is a theme found in Charles Dickens' books?

- A) Poverty B) Exploitation of children C) Social stratification
 D) Criticism of aristocracy E) all of the above

14. Match the words and phrases to make proverbs:

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| 1. Curiosity..... | a. said than done. |
| 2. Honesty..... | b. can' t be choosers. |
| 3. Beggars | c. killed the cat. |
| 4. Opportunity..... | d. is the best policy. |
| 5. Easier..... | e. seldom knocks twice. |

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

15. **“Something is rotten in the state of.....” (Hamlet- W. Shakespeare)**

- A) Denmark B) Ireland C) Scotland D) Wales E) Norway

16. Name the thing being defined as:

“a publisher’s short description of the contents of a book, usually printed on the jacket or the cover”

- A) billboard B) the blurb C) a chair D) a library E) other

17. The Chairman has stepped after criticism from shareholders.

- A) up B) down C) to D) in E) onto

18. Don’t be taken by her apparent shyness.

- A) out on B) off C) out D) in E) with

19. My classmates asked me when.....back from England.

- A) will I come B) will you come C) am I coming D) I was coming E) was I coming

20. Which is the odd one out?

- A) to shine B) to glimmer C) to glare D) to summon E) to sparkle

21. Which of the following is connected with being young?

- A) a pensioner B) a toddler C) about to retire D) over the hill E) long in the tooth

22. What book that made Rudyard Kipling (1865 – 1936) famous?

- A) Pan Tan B) The Jungle Book C) Nils Holgerson D) Alice in Wonderland
E) Peter Pan

23. Match the idioms of comparison:

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| 1. as busy | a. a bat |
| 2. as clear | b a bee |
| 3. as fresh as | c. a bell |
| 4. as slippery | d. a daisy |
| 5. as blind | e. an eel |

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

24. Andrew knows that if any problems, he must call his parents immediately.

- A) raise B) arise C) rise D) arisen E) uplift



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25. The theatre.....stood up and cheered at the end of the play.

- A) viewers B) onlookers C) gawkers D) crowd E) audience

26. I haven't seen you for donkey's.....

- A) ears B) years C) sake D) ages E) stable

27. Choose the correct answer:

No sooner had she seen the new modern jacket she bought it.

- A) that B) when C) then D) than E) so

28. Child: Do I really have to eat this?

Parent: No, you....., but you anything else.

- A) don't have to/ would not get B) have not to/ would not get C) must not/ won't get
D) don't have to/ won't get E) do not have/ want get

29. I couldn't believe it when I saw them together indaylight!

- A) broad B) actual C) thick D) full E) half

30. Hyde Park is a large park in central.....

- A) London B) New York C) Bristol D) Birmingham E) Dublin

31. Match the proverbs with their correct endings:

1. Absence a. is thicker than water
2. Blood b. is always greener on the other side of the fence.
3. The grass c. is the mother of invention.
4. Necessity d. makes the heart grow fonder.
- A) 1c/ 2a/ 3d/ 4b B) 1d/ 2a/ 3b/ 4c C) 1c/ 2d/ 3b/ 4a D) 1d/ 2c/3b/ 4a
E) 1b/ 2c/ 3d/ 4a

32. "The King's Speech" is a film about

- A) Queen Elizabeth II' s grandfather
B) a stutterer who becomes King of England
C) the problem of someone with a stutter becoming the King of Spain
D) how Shakespeare's King Lear deals with his speech impediment
E) Henry VIII' s famous speech declaring himself Head of the Anglican Church

33. Las Vegas is a city in the desert, in the US state of

- A) Nevada B) Colorado C) Arizona D) Oregon E) Utah

34. Match each verb with the food item it is most often associated with:

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| 1. to pluck | a. an orange |
| 2. to crack | b. a rabbit |
| 3. to grate | c. a chicken |
| 4. to peel | d. cheese |
| 5. to skin | e. a nut |



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

35. Which is the correct sentence?

- A) He says us that the new furniture had been delivered last month.
 B) He asked us that the new furniture was delivered the month before.
 C) He wants to know if the new furniture had been delivered last month.
 D) He wanted to know if the new furniture had been delivered the month before.
 E) He told that the new furniture was delivered the month before.

36. I was furious her her behaviour.

- A) on/ about B) with/ about C) with/ on D) about/ for E) with/ at

37. Find the correct prepositions:

Pete, please listen to me, do not give up. Hang there - even if it is hard. Do not think about what your friends are doing. You can hang with the boys next week. But right now you have to pull through. Hang a moment. I am getting another phone call. Oh no, now he has hung on me.

- A) in/ around/ up/ of B) around/ in/ on/ up C) around/ around/ on/ off D) in/ out/ on/ up
 E) out/ along/ in/ up

38. Match the nouns with their feminine equivalents:

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| 1. drake | a. roe |
| 2. deer | b. bee |
| 3. fox | c. duck |
| 4. drone | d. ewe |
| 5. ram | e. vixen |

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

39. "Shopaholism" isshopping in order to feel better about yourself.

- A) controlled B) weekly C) uncontrolled D) rational E) drunk

40. You won't believe what happened to me yesterday. I got stuck in the lift and after I called for help, a nice young man saved me.

- A) in B) out C) into D) by E) through