

# **ENGLISH COMPETITION**

## **LEVEL 11-12 (Β'-Γ' 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

1. **One of the co-founders of the website Facebook is .....**  
A) Bill Gates    B) Steve Jobs    C) Mark Zuckerberg    D) Linus Torvalds    E) Julian Assange
2. **Thomas: “Granny, you look wonderful today!”**  
**Grandma: “Tommy stop buttering me up!”**  
*To butter someone up means....*  
A) to flatter    B) to insult    C) to tell lies    D) to invent    E) to annoy
3. **Heineken is a type of beer made by a.....company bearing the same name.**  
A) Dutch    B) Finnish    C) Swedish    D) German    E) Swiss
4. **What does GMT stand for?**  
A) Green Mean Time    B) Greenwich Mean Time    C) Great Mean Time  
D) Green Measure Time    E) Greenwich Measure Time
5. **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
6. **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.
7. **Jimmy was not only known for his athletic abilities but also for his thick head.**  
**Thick-headed means:**  
A) stupid    B) intelligent    C) smart    D) overweight    E) disabled
8. **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 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
9. **As Anne doesn’t like wearing her hair in a pony tail, her mother has to .....**  
**.....her hair every morning before going to school.**  
A) dye    B) wash    C) perm    D) cut    E) plait
10. **If you don’t like spending money, you are mean. What is the opposite?**  
A) tight-fisted    B) a penny-pincher    C) stingy    D) a spendthrift    E) down-at-heel



11. She worked as a(n) ..... in America.  
 A) out pair            B) in pair            C) au pair            D) pear            E) pair
12. *The Queen of Hearts,/ She made some tarts/ All on a summer day./ The ..... of Hearts,/ He stole the tarts/ And took them clean away* (Lewis Carroll- Alice's Adventures in Wonderland)  
 A) Diamond            B) Knave            C) Boy            D) King            E) Emperor
13. No sooner.....working.....his sister asked him to join her for a walk.  
 A) he had finished/ than            B) had he finish/ when            C) had he finished/ than  
 D) he finished had/ when            E) has he finished/ when
14. Bark is to dog as whinny is to .....  
 A) chicken            B) pig            C) cat            D) duck            E) horse
15. What is the difference between the United Kingdom and Great Britain?  
 A) There is no difference  
 B) There is a difference of formal and informal language  
 C) Great Britain refers to the island comprising only England, Scotland and Wales  
 D) Great Britain is larger than the UK, and comprises all the British colonies  
 E) None of the above
16. Where is your funny bone?  
 A) In your big toe            B) In your elbow            C) In your little finger            D) In your shoulder  
 E) In your knee
17. Nap, forty winks, snooze and doze are words that describe:  
 A) weather            B) sleep            C) love            D) anger            E) alarm clock tune
18. Amra: *I read it in the newspaper yesterday. So it must ..... true.*  
 Karen: *Don't be so naive. Newspapers are full of mistakes. What evidence .....?*  
*This has not been ..... at all.*  
 A) been/ is given/ proven            B) be/ was given/ proven            C) is/ have been given/ proved  
 D) be/ has given/ proved            E) be/ given/ proof
19. Which word best completes the analogy?  
*Brain is to human as ..... is to computer.*  
 A) mouse            B) keyboard            C) memory            D) motherboard            E) fan
20. Read the following sentence. Which part of the body is related to the verb in bold?  
*The teacher **frowned** when she saw all the mistakes I had made.*  
 A) head            B) finger            C) eyelashes            D) hand            E) eyebrows



21. Match a word from the first column with a word from the second column to make common collocations:

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|-------------|-------------------|
| 1. family   | a. lunch          |
| 2. academic | b. cottage        |
| 3. Sunday   | c. background     |
| 4. country  | d. qualifications |
| 5. table    | e. manners        |

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

22. According to the expression, if you risk everything on one opportunity, you .....

- A) put diamonds in your left pocket.    B) carry cups and plates in a big suitcase.  
C) put all your eggs in one basket.    D) put all your glass in one bag.  
E) let the cat out of the bag.

23. One of the highest mountains in Hawaii is Mauna Loa. What kind of mountain is it?

- A) fault-block    B) sedimentary    C) iceberg    D) granite dome  
E) volcano



24. My father *calls a spade a spade*. This means he.....

- A) desperately wants a spade.    B) likes gardening a lot.    C) enjoys playing cards.  
D) doesn't talk very much.    E) says exactly what he thinks.

25. Choose the phrase used to denote dangerous or unexplored territories.

- A) Here be dragons    B) Veni Vidi Vici    C) Still waters run deep  
D) Carpe Diem    E) Appearances are deceiving

26. Jenny watched Tom gulping the jellyfish noisily and suddenly the sight made her .....

- A) cringe    B) crack    C) creak    D) hungry    E) dizzy

27. He couldn't believe his eyes; right there on top of the desk lay a state-of-the-art computer. What does *state-of-the-art* mean?

- A) old-fashioned    B) modern    C) antique    D) contemporary    E) the latest version

28. The milk has been in the fridge for more than a week. Not surprisingly it gives ..... a strange smell.

- A) back    B) of    C) up    D) off    E) in

29. Match the nouns with the adjectives:

- |            |               |
|------------|---------------|
| 1. injury  | a. infectious |
| 2. bread   | b. damp       |
| 3. cloth   | c. painful    |
| 4. disease | d. stale      |
| 5. escape  | e. lucky      |

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

30. When your heart is in your mouth, you feel .....

- A) happy    B) sad    C) nervous    D) dizzy    E) hungry

31. Why did I drive so fast? The police stopped me. Worse still, they took away my licence.

- A) If I wouldn't drive so fast, the police wouldn't have stopped me and taken away my licence.  
B) If I hadn't driven so fast, the police wouldn't have stopped me and taken away my licence.  
C) If I haven't driven so fast, the police wouldn't stop me and take away my licence  
D) If I didn't drive so fast, the police would have stopped me and take away my licence.  
E) If I hadn't driven so fast, my licence taken away wouldn't stop me.

32. The official language of the USA is English and is referred to as "American English". The second most widely spoken language in the country is .....

- A) Afrikaans    B) Dutch    C) Italian    D) French    E) Spanish

33. Which is the odd-one-out?

- A) reception    B) mourning    C) veil    D) honeymoon    E) vow

34. Match the tourist attraction to the city where it is located.

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|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. The Leaning Tower   | a. San Francisco |
| 2. The Golden Gate     | b. Venice        |
| 3. The Blue Mosque     | c. Amsterdam     |
| 4. The Bridge of Sighs | d. Istanbul      |
| 5. The Rijksmuseum     | e. Pisa          |

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

35. "Our handyman is a *jack-of-all-trades*." This means that he is a person who...

- A) works for different companies at the same time    B) is not always reliable  
C) can do many different kinds of work well    D) is very funny and entertaining  
E) sells different kinds of mobile phones

36. The 5th of November is:

- A) Poppy Day      B) Guy Fawkes' Night      C) Burns' Night      D) St. Andrew's Day  
E) The Queen's birthday

37. When she finished sewing her dress, it was a carbon.....of the one in the magazine.

- A) duplicate      B) copy      C) replica      D) image      E) look

38. Match the related information about the Heads of States of the EU countries.

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|------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. France  | a. Juan Carlos | v. Wulff      |
| 2. Germany | b. Nicolas     | w. II         |
| 3. the UK  | c. Christian   | x. Napolitano |
| 4. Italy   | d. Giorgio     | y. I          |
| 5. Spain   | e. Elizabeth   | z. Sarkozy    |

- A) 1cz/ 2bv/ 3ey/ 4dx/ 5aw      B) 1av/ 2bw/ 3cx/ 4dy/ 5ez      C) 1dz/ 2cv/ 3ew/ 4ax/ 5by  
D) 1bz/ 2cv/ 3ew/ 4dx/ 5ay      E) 1bv/ 2cy/ 3ew/ 4dx/ 5az

39. The shamrock is the national emblem of:

- A) England      B) Ireland      C) Scotland      D) Wales  
E) Canada



40. Read the dialogue:

Teacher: *Please show me your homework!*

Student: *I'm sorry, I haven't got it, I must have left it on my desk...*

Teacher: *If I had a nickel for every time you say that...*

What does the teacher mean by "If I had a nickel for every time you say that"?

- A) The teacher wants to have a nickel for each time a student forgets their homework  
B) The teacher collects a nickel every time students don't do their homework.  
C) The teacher expresses that he couldn't care less about whether the student does his homework or not.  
D) The teacher says that this will have serious consequences.  
E) The teacher wants to point out that this is obviously not the first time the student has used this excuse.