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Kangourou English Competition 2015

Level 11-12
(B' – Γ' Λυκείου)

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10:00 – 11:15

Questions 1 – 15 = 3 points each
Questions 16 – 29 = 4 points each
Questions 30 – 40 = 5 points each

1. Match the questions with the answers:

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| 1. Have you seen <i>12 Years a Slave</i> ? | a. For about ten years. |
| 2. Have you always had a cat ? | b. Yes, I've had it for ages. |
| 3. How long were you a teacher ? | c. No, I haven't. |
| 4. Have you done your assignment? | d. Yes, last week. |
| 5. Is that your car ? | e. No, not yet. |

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

2. Which of the following actors **doesn't** star in the film "Ocean's Eleven"?

- A) Julia Roberts B) Brad Pitt C) Leonardo DiCaprio D) George Clooney E) Matt Damon

3. Read the question and choose the most suitable reply:

Do you know what you're up against?

- A) It's OK, go ahead. B) Sorry, I'm not good at it. C) Yes, I'm all for it.
 D) Don't worry, I can handle this. E) No, I won't.

4. Which of the following is **not** an Internet domain?

- A) .info B) .net C) .com D) .org E) .fun

5. What shall we order? There isn't much ... of dishes in this menu; just fish or meat.

- A) choice B) dilemma C) approval D) disapproval E) proposal

6. I loved the car the moment I ... my eyes on it.

- A) laid B) put C) lay D) caught E) lain



7. Match the sayings to the definitions:

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| 1. to be in two minds | a. to be confused |
| 2. to be in seventh heaven | b. to be crazy |
| 3. to have forty winks | c. to be unable to decide |
| 4. to be at sixes and sevens | d. to have a short light sleep |
| 5. to have a screw loose | e. to be extremely happy |

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8. Out-of-... devices have been replaced by newer and better models.

- A) time B) age C) order D) date E) period

9. We don't have time to wait; we have to strike while the ... is hot.

- A) lead B) iron C) silver D) gold E) platinum

10. Find the endings:

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| 1. Between two evils, | a. or make one. |
| 2. No one knows what he can do | b. they don't work unless you do. |
| 3. I will find a way | c. until he tries. |
| 4. Ideas are funny things: | d. chose neither. |
| 5. Nothing in life is to be feared, | e. it is only to be understood. |

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11. Which cities in England are known as the "city of dreaming spires" and the "city of perspiring dreams"?

- A) Oxford and Cambridge B) Cardiff and Leeds C) London and Manchester
 D) Liverpool and Cambridge E) Stratford and Hull

12. What character was Moby Dick?
 A) a flying horse B) a white shark C) a pirate D) a sea captain E) a white whale
13. Complete the compound noun with the correct word:
 Who is the ... winner in your family?
 A) bacon B) egg C) salt D) cream E) bread
14. Which is the correct spelling?
 A) absorbtion B) absorption C) apsortion D) apsorbtion E) absorction
15. The school board needs to reach an agreement that allows both sides to save face. *To save face* means:
 A) to save consciousness B) to avoid humiliation C) to save money
 D) to make a deal E) to avoid damage
16. Match the words on the left to those on the right to create idioms:
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| 1. as fresh | | a. a tick |
| 2. as clear | | b. mustard |
| 3. as full | as | c. a bell |
| 4. as light | | d. a daisy |
| 5. as keen | | e. air |
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17. When no rain falls for a very long time, it can cause
 A) a famine B) a draft C) a drought D) a deficiency E) a draught
18. Which verb does **not** mean "to cry"?
 A) weep B) whine C) wiggle D) whimper E) wail
19. Which of these phrases has a meaning very different from the other four?
 A) to abide by the law B) to stick to the rules C) to comply with the regulations
 D) to meet the requirements E) to flout a law
20. Doris promised she ... on us after she had finished studying for her exam.
 A) will call B) has called C) called D) was calling E) would call
21. If you leave someone *high and dry*, it means that you leave him
 A) drunk B) sober C) stranded D) in safety E) thirsty
22. Which of these is **not** a borough of New York?
 A) Queens B) Manhattan C) Broadway D) Brooklyn E) The Bronx
23. Match each verb on the left with the food items on the right:
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| 1. to carve | | a. flour |
| 2. to grease | | b. dough |
| 3. to sieve | | c. meat |
| 4. to knead | | d. a chicken |
| 5. to bone | | e. a pan |
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24. A pedalo moves
 A) on water B) on ice C) in the air D) on a train track E) on a road

25. Nobody can fool me. I'm never ... in.
A) given B) taken C) misled D) deceived E) cut
26. The waiter gave a ... of contempt at the small tip.
A) yell B) chant C) drone D) scream E) snort
27. All the reporters wanted to interview the film star, but his assistant kept them at ...
A) bye B) back C) buy D) bay E) by
28. The film was a real It had the audience gasping in suspense until the end.
A) cliffhanger B) box office hit C) comedy D) drama E) blockbuster
29. Which of the following words does **not** collocate with the verb "make"?
A) an attempt B) a favour C) a loss D) an inquiry E) an excuse
30. Which of these **cannot** erupt?
A) a volcano B) a rush C) teeth D) a crowd E) violence
31. Complete the following proverb:
Brevity is the soul of
A) wit B) wisdom C) heart D) mind E) thinking
32. Read the following sentence: Do you know that Bill took French leave to go to the cinema yesterday?
"To take French leave" means:
A) to leave without permission B) to take the day off C) to pretend to be sick
D) to get into trouble E) to invent a new identity
33. The United Kingdom is a/an
A) federation B) absolute monarchy C) constitutional monarchy
D) republic E) constitutional federation
34. I had no difficulty their house even though I had forgotten the directions at home.
A) to find B) with finding C) in finding D) to finding E) to have found
35. In order to protect their new territory in England, the Romans built a wall which bears the name of the Emperor who had it built. What was the Emperor's name?
A) Caesar B) Hadrian C) Trajan D) Vespasian E) Domitian
36. What is a hamlet?
A) Something that protects your head. B) An actor in a medieval play. C) A skeleton.
D) A village without a church. E) A field of green grass.
37. Read the following short dialogue:
"Guess who I met for the first time yesterday?"
"Who?"
"A Mancunian."
What does the word Mancunian refer to?
A) A person from Manchester. B) A person from Morocco. C) A person from Minnesota.
D) A person from China. E) A person from Monaco.
38. She thinks she is better than everyone else and that's why she ... airs.
A) puts on B) gives out C) puts off D) gives in E) takes on
39. ... was the Native American tribe who brought food to the Pilgrims, inspiring the Thanksgiving tradition.
A) The Cree B) The Wampanoag C) The Mohawk D) The Berkone E) The Wompyner

40. Match the following U.S. states with their corresponding capital city:

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| 1. Arizona | a. Austin |
| 2. Colorado | b. Denver |
| 3. Texas | c. Sacramento |
| 4. California | d. Phoenix |
| 5. Georgia | e. Atlanta |

A) 1e/ 2b/ 3c/ 4a/ 5d

D) 1d/ 2c/ 3b/ 4a/ 5e

B) 1d/ 2b/ 3a/ 4c/ 5e

E) 1b/ 2e/ 3d/ 4a/ 5c

C) 1c/ 2b/ 3e/ 4a/ 5d

