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Kangourou sans frontières

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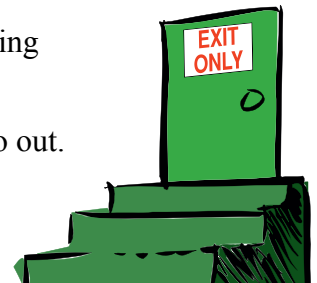
10:00 – 11:15

Questions 1 – 16 = 3 points each

Questions 17 – 28 = 4 points each

Questions 29 – 40 = 5 points each

1. The company was ... in 1921 by my great great grandfather.
 A) fetched B) found C) founded D) filed E) fixed
2. Men and boys in Scotland traditionally wear
 A) bagpipes B) shamrocks C) mittens D) kilts E) ties
3. What is a soap opera?
 A) Something made of soap. B) A TV series. C) A detergent.
 D) A soap advertisement. E) A piece of classical music.
4. The most famous legend about Saint George is about him ... a dragon.
 A) killing B) drawing C) befriending D) beating E) feeding
5. Read the following sentence: "Have you seen Tom today? He looks a bit off-colour."
 How does Tom look?
 A) He looks happy. B) He looks ill. C) He looks surprised.
 D) He doesn't look very smart. E) He looks angry.
6. He was sorry for ... late for school.
 A) going B) being C) be D) arrive E) go
7. What is the official language of the Netherlands?
 A) German B) Danish C) Dutch D) Swiss E) Swedish
8. My TV has been ... a strange buzzing sound for several days.
 A) doing B) uttering C) sounding D) making E) creating
9. *Exit only* means:
 A) You can only use this door to go in. B) You can only use this door to go out.
 C) You can't use this door to go out. D) You can't use this door.
 E) This door is locked.
10. My sister has a ... job at a chemist's.
 A) half-time B) free time C) part-time D) spare-time E) good time
11. The boy whistled the ... from a popular television advertisement as he walked to school.
 A) jingle B) book C) whist D) scenes E) logo
12. Which of these is an imaginary sea creature?
 A) a leprechaun B) an elf C) a mermaid D) a unicorn E) a hobbit
13. Choose the correct form of the verb to complete the sentence:
 The grass was yellow because it ... all summer.
 A) has rained B) hadn't rained C) wasn't raining
 D) wouldn't rain E) not rained
14. If your flight is late, the information on the TV screens in the airport says: Flight BA125
 A) Cancelled B) Boarding C) Last call D) Delayed E) Departed
15. "Bare" is a synonym of
 A) whole B) dressed C) full D) naked E) covered
16. Who can help us when we are ill?
 A) A physician. B) A physicist. C) A hairdresser. D) A technician. E) A headmaster.



Read the text below and answer questions 17-20:

Miss Emma Johnson decided to invite Captain Jarvis to tea. He was the Commanding Officer of a unit stationed in that town. As she did not know him, she sent him a rather formal invitation, written in the third person, just as the books on etiquette recommend. This is what she wrote:

“Miss Emma Johnson requests the pleasure of Captain Jarvis’ company for tea on Friday, 14th July, at 5.00.”

She received the following reply:

“With the exception of two men, who unfortunately have other engagements, Captain Jarvis’ company will be very pleased to come to tea on Friday, 14th July, at 5.00.”

17. Formal invitations are addressed to
 A) family members B) close friends C) people you do not know
 D) friends from your childhood E) foreigners
18. Books on etiquette are about
 A) ways to use labels B) recipes C) receipts D) sets of rules E) ways to prepare tea
19. Who did Miss Emma Johnson want to invite for tea?
 A) Only Captain Jarvis. B) The entire company. C) Two men from the company.
 D) A very good friend. E) Nobody.
20. The two men who couldn’t come to tea
 A) were engaged to be married B) were ill C) had other arrangements
 D) were married E) didn’t like tea
21. In Wonderland, Alice meets
 A) the August Frog B) the June Dog C) the December Wolf
 D) the March Hare E) the April Flower
22. Peter’s work is getting worse and worse. Unless it ..., he’ll fail his exams in the summer.
 A) doesn’t improve B) improves C) will improve D) improved E) won’t improve
23. New England is in
 A) Canada B) New Zealand C) the USA D) Australia E) Great Britain
24. Jane works She’s a ... student.
 A) hardly/ good B) hard/ good C) well/ hardly
 D) hard/ well E) hardly/ hard
25. Emma’s going to visit America when she’s ... enough money.
 A) spent B) saved C) counted D) wasted E) lost
26. When I was younger, I long hair.
 A) would have B) had had C) have had D) used to have E) was having
27. Choose the right colour to complete the idiom: My classmate was ... with envy when she saw my test grade.
 A) red B) black C) green D) purple E) white
28. Please ... me to call mum when I get home.
 A) remind B) remember C) recall D) recognise E) recollect



29. I ... on the beach one day, admiring the sea, when I suddenly saw something shiny in the sand.

- A) was lying B) was laying C) lied D) lain E) had lied

30. The policeman asked me if English was my mother

- A) languages B) tongs C) tongue D) language E) foreign language



31. I arrived on time, even though the traffic was

- A) hard B) uneasy C) easy D) difficult E) heavy

32. Which word does **not** rhyme with “beer”?

- A) hear B) pear C) rear D) gear E) here

33. What is another word for daybreak?

- A) dawn B) midnight C) midday D) twilight E) dusk

34. Match words on the left to those on the right to create idioms:

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| 1. as fresh | | a. a snail |
| 2. as slow | | b. a daisy |
| 3. as cunning | as | c. a peacock |
| 4. as stubborn | | d. a mule |
| 5. as proud | | e. a fox |

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

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

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

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

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

35. RSVP comes from French and is short for “Répondez s’il vous plaît”. If you see RSVP on an invitation it means you

- A) should bring a bottle of wine B) should tell the host if you can attend or not
C) don't need to reply to the invitation D) can just turn up on the day
E) must attend the party

36. Although injured, Mandy ... to the village to get help.

- A) couldn't walk B) managed walk C) shouldn't walk
D) managed walking E) managed to walk

37. Did you remember ... to the post office and ... the letters?

- A) to go/ post B) going/ post C) to go/ posting
D) go/ posted E) to go/ posted



38. Match the British words with the American equivalents:

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| 1. autumn | | a. purse |
| 2. handbag | | b. vest |
| 3. undershirt | | c. fall |
| 4. maize | | d. elevator |
| 5. lift | | e. corn |

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

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

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

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

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

39. What is *crimson* ?

- A) An insect. B) A colour. C) An animal. D) A person. E) A flower.

40. When the Australian pop singer appeared on the stage, the nine ... in the audience cheered wildly.

- A) hundred peoples B) hundreds of peoples C) hundred people
D) hundreds peoples E) hundred of people