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Kangourou sans frontières

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Questions 1 – 14 = 3 points each

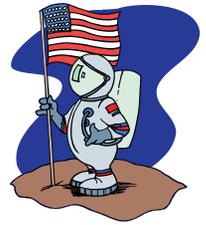
Questions 15 – 29 = 4 points each

Questions 30 – 40 = 5 points each

1. Driving in such terrible weather is ... question.
 A) outside the B) out of the C) out of D) out the E) outside of the
2. Which two words are missing from Neil Armstrong's famous quote?
 "That's one small ... for a man, one giant ... for mankind."
 A) hit/ jump B) hit/ leap C) step/ jump D) step/ leap E) leap/ step
3. He ... the elections unless he'd lied in his speeches.
 A) wouldn't win B) won't have won C) couldn't win D) had won E) wouldn't have won
4. *In-laws* are
 A) criminals in prison B) people licensed to practise law C) relatives by marriage
 D) people who keep the law E) the rules and principles of a country
5. Complete the phrases:

1. department	a. agent	
2. estate	b. balance	
3. bank	c. quality	
4. high	d. collection	
5. autumn	e. store	

 A) 1e/ 2a/ 3b/ 4c/ 5d B) 1a/ 2c/ 3b/ 4d/ 5e C) 1d/ 2e/ 3c/ 4b/ 5a
 D) 1a/ 2b/ 3d/ 4c/ 5e E) 1e/ 2a/ 3c/ 4b/ 5d
6. I'm going to look after Maria's dog when she ... to Paris next week.
 A) will go B) goes C) has gone D) will have gone E) go
7. After waiting patiently for five years, my father finally got promoted. That day, he felt like he was walking ... air.
 A) under B) in C) out D) on E) through
8. When I drive to ... work, ... motorways are usually very busy. If there's ... accident during ... rush hour, there can be ... chaos on the roads.
 A) -, the, an, a, - B) the, the, an, a, a C) -, -, an, a, - D) -, the, an, a, a E) -, the, an, -, -
9. The detective was set ... finding Lady Chantell's murderer.
 A) to B) for C) in D) on E) about
10. Which animal completes the idiom below?
 You'll never get him to change his mind – he's as stubborn as a
 A) mule B) hornet C) monkey D) cow E) horse
11. The American pop star Lady Gaga's stage name comes from
 A) an exotic bird B) a street in her hometown C) a Queen song
 D) a book character E) a film character
12. If you are acrophobic, what are you afraid of?
 A) heights B) crowds C) spiders D) the dark E) people
13. What is the name of the world's most famous shop situated in Knightsbridge, London?
 A) Liberty B) Woolworth's C) Hamleys D) Harrods E) Marks and Spencers
14. The jumbo-jet changed the ... of air travel by slashing costs per seat and lowering ticket prices.
 A) economy B) anticipation C) economics D) novelty E) comfort



Read the text below and answer questions 15-19:***Multitasking children***

The trend for children to multitask by juggling the use of all sorts of electronic gadgets at the same time is seriously damaging their levels of concentration, scientists have warned. (1) ... use of computers, iPads, iPods and mobile phones (2) ... behind this finding. Scientists have (3) ... the belief of many parents that it is impossible to concentrate on more than one thing at the same time. They found that children **tackling** homework while sending messages via the Internet could often (4) ... up spending 50% longer to complete the homework than if they had done each activity (5)

David E. Meyer, Professor of Cognitive Psychology at the University of Michigan, claims that true multitasking is only possible for simple activities such as ironing and listening to the radio. He (6) ... experiments which demonstrated that young adults who had to (7) ... from one maths problem to another wasted significant amounts of time. Meyer says: "For situations (8) ... more complex tasks, especially those requiring language, the total time taken to get all the tasks done will increase (9) Over long periods of time, this kind of multitasking can stress you out and (10) ... to mental and physical exhaustion."

15. Read the first paragraph of the text and decide which word (a, b, c, d, e) best fits each gap (1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
 a. lies b. rocketing c. separately d. confirmed e. end
 A) 1a/ 2b/ 3e/ 4d/ 5c B) 1b/ 2a/ 3d/ 4e/ 5c C) 1c/ 2b/ 3d/ 4a/ 5e
 D) 1a/ 2d/ 3e/ 4b/ 5c E) 1e/ 2c/ 3b/ 4a/ 5d
16. Which of the following can replace the verb "tackling" in the text?
 A) trying to do B) finishing C) solving D) deciding to do E) ignoring
17. Read the second paragraph and decide which word (a, b, c, d, e) best fits each gap (6, 7, 8, 9, 10).
 a. greatly b. lead c. ran d. switch e. involving
 A) 6c/ 7d/ 8e/ 9a/ 10b B) 6a/ 7b/ 8c/ 9d/ 10e C) 6c/ 7e/ 8d/ 9b/ 10a
 D) 6e/ 7c/ 8a/ 9b/ 10d E) 6b/ 7a/ 8d/ 9c/ 10e
18. True multitasking is only possible with ... activities.
 A) new B) basic C) previous D) important E) difficult
19. Read the second paragraph. Which statement is correct according to the text?
 A) People don't want to use several electronic gadgets at the same time.
 B) Scientists say that multitasking doesn't have any damaging effect.
 C) Some kinds of multitasking can lead to mental problems.
 D) Complex tasks actually take less time.
 E) Adults are good at multitasking.
20. Match the expressions to the definitions:
 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
 A) 1c/ 2e/ 3d/ 4a/ 5b B) 1b/ 2a/ 3c/ 4e/ 5d C) 1c/ 2e/ 3b/ 4a/ 5d
 D) 1a/ 2e/ 3c/ 4b/ 5d E) 1e/ 2d/ 3c/ 4b/ 5a

21. In the UK and Europe, if your dentist said you needed treatment on your “upper right 3”, which type of tooth would be giving you a problem?
 A) A premolar. B) An incisor. C) A canine. D) A molar. E) A wisdom tooth.
22. Out-of-... devices have been replaced by newer and better models.
 A) order B) age C) period D) time E) date
23. You can take
 1. off in a plane A) 1, 2, 4 and 5
 2. holiday photos B) 2, 3, 4 and 5
 3. up an interest or hobby C) 1, 2, 3 and 4
 4. on responsibilities D) 1, 3, 4 and 5
 5. a good laugh E) 1, 2, 3 and 5
24. Which verb does not mean “to shine”?
 A) to glow B) to glisten C) to glance D) to glare E) to glitter
25. Read the following sentence: “Have you heard that our gardener kicked the bucket yesterday”. What happened to the gardener?
 A) He had an accident. B) He passed away. C) He fell ill.
 D) He inherited a fortune. E) He lost consciousness.
26. ... is an imaginary place where wealth can be rapidly acquired.
 A) El DeBarge B) El Salvador C) El Tiempo D) El Bosque E) El Dorado
27. Fill in the missing words:
 “The ... along the sand
 All turn and ... one way
 They turn their ... on the land
 They look at the ... all day.”
 (Robert Frost – *Neither Out For Nor In Deep*)
 A) look/ people/ backs/ sea B) people/ look/ backs/ sea C) sea/ look/ people/ backs
 D) backs/ sea/ look/ people E) people/ backs/ look/ sea
28. For which of the following celebrations do Irish people traditionally dress in green?
 A) Halloween B) New Year’s Day C) All Saints’ Day
 D) Saint Patrick’s Day E) Burn’s Night
29. I want to be an actor. I’ve got a ... ambition to play Hamlet at the Globe Theatre in London.
 A) burning B) crying C) blazing D) fiery E) burnt
30. Match the names of the famous sites in London:
 1. The Royal a. Gallery
 2. Tate b. Park
 3. Hyde c. Modern
 4. The British d. Opera House
 5. National e. Museum
 A) 1a/ 2d/ 3c/ 4b/ 5e B) 1d/ 2c/ 3b/ 4e/ 5a C) 1d/ 2a/ 3c/ 4b/ 5e
 D) 1c/ 2d/ 3e/ 4a/ 5b E) 1d/ 2c/ 3a/ 4b/ 5e
31. What term is used to describe the transformation of a caterpillar into a butterfly?
 A) change B) psychosis C) metamorphosis D) mutation E) transmutation
32. Which planet is named after the Roman god of war?
 A) Mars B) Jupiter C) Uranus D) Neptune E) Mercury

33. On 5th November, a lot of people in England celebrate
A) Pancake Day B) St. George's Night C) Thanksgiving Day
D) Palm Sunday E) Bonfire Night
34. Which British colony was considered to be the *Jewel in the Crown* of the British Empire in the early half of the nineteenth century?
A) Jamaica B) India C) Newfoundland D) Nigeria E) Rhodesia
35. The rose is England's national flower, the daffodil is Wales', the ... is Scotland's and the ... is Northern Ireland's.
A) lily/ shamrock B) thistle/ poppy C) shamrock/ thistle
D) thistle/ shamrock E) poppy/ lily
36. Which of these phrases is very different in meaning from the other four?
A) to vouch for something B) to eradicate something C) to confirm something
D) to certify something E) to authenticate something
37. Independence Day on July 4th commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by thirteen American colonies in ...
A) 1789 B) 1787 C) 1792 D) 1776 E) 1713
38. *Not for love nor money* describes:
A) something impossible B) something very expensive C) something wrong
D) something that's possible E) something very cheap
39. A lot of trees were ... to the ground by the heavy storm last night.
A) fell B) felled C) felt D) fallen E) fall
40. In the British measurement system 1 ... is 0.454 kilograms.
A) pint B) pound C) stone D) ounce E) acre