Kangourou  English  
Competition 2016

Level 11-12  
(Β’ - Γ’ Λυκείου)

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10:00 – 11:15

Questions 1 – 9 = 3 points each  
Questions 10 – 19 = 4 points each  
Questions 20 – 30 = 5 points each
1. “Mark Twain” is a term related to navigation on the Mississippi. What does it refer to?
   A) the quantity of rain     B) the dangers ahead     C) the length of the river
   D) the depth of the water   E) the speed limit

2. New Scotland Yard is . . . .
   A) a measurement of length   B) the headquarters of the London police
   C) the fabric used to make bagpipes   D) the latest fashion in England
   E) the most impressive Scottish garden

3. High school students have a gift for . . . . nicknames for their teachers.
   A) coining     B) thinking     C) naming     D) defining     E) hinting

4. My family have such . . . . appetites that I always have to cook double portions for them.
   A) full     B) omnivorous     C) voracious     D) carnivorous     E) delicious

5. Which of these uses a pulley?
   A) a microphone   B) a pencil sharpener   C) a wheelchair   D) a motorcycle   E) scissors

6. Which of the following is a Germanic language?
   A) Russian   B) French   C) English   D) Spanish   E) Hungarian

7. Complete sentences 1-5 using the words a-e correctly:
   1. All supermarkets surveyed displayed food products at their . . . .
      a. outlook
   2. With rising unemployment, the . . . . for the economy is not good.
      b. takeaway
   3. I often buy a . . . . meal for lunch.
      c. runway
   4. He’s such a calm young man and . . . . of anger aren’t typical of him.
      d. outbursts
   5. The plane taxied down the . . . . before taking off.
      e. checkouts
   A) 1d/2e/3b/4c/5a     B) 1e/2b/3d/4a/5c     C) 1c/2a/3b/4d/5e
   D) 1a/2b/3c/4d/5e     E) 1e/2a/3b/4d/5c

8. Which of the following nouns, when in the plural form, does not change its form?
   A) fungus     B) goose     C) family     D) tooth     E) aircraft

9. He said he . . . . flying to Toronto . . . . morning.
   A) will be/ the next     B) was/ the following     C) was to/ the next
   D) would be/ in the next     E) was/ in the following

10. The modern game of golf originated in . . . .
    A) Wales     B) France     C) Ireland     D) Scotland     E) Poland

11. Which of the following is a quote by Mark Twain?
    A) “Imagination is more important than knowledge.”
    B) “To succeed in life, you need two things: ignorance and confidence.”
    C) “Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.
    D) “That which does not kill us makes us stronger.”
    E) “If music be the food of love, play on.”

12. The United States Congress has its seat in . . . .
    A) The White House     B) The Pentagon     C) The Capitol
    D) The Chrysler Building     E) The Empire State Building

13. Every year, Americans celebrate Thanksgiving on the fourth . . . . of November.
    A) Sunday     B) Thursday     C) Friday     D) Tuesday     E) Saturday
14. Which of the following is an antonym of cold-blooded?
A) merciful  B) healthy  C) cruel  D) courageous  E) heartless

15. The princess … down and slept for twenty years.
A) laid  B) lied  C) lain  D) lay  E) lie

16. Shakespeare, England’s greatest playwright, is an author … works have been translated into every major language of the world.
A) whom  B) who  C) whose  D) which  E) what

17. Which of these is a famous English seaside resort?
A) Bath  B) Brighton  C) Tampa  D) Bundoran  E) Santa Monica

18. Who lived in Sherwood Forest?
A) Peter Pan  B) Captain Hook  C) Henry VIII  D) Robin Hood  E) King Arthur

19. The representatives expressed their … the cars the company had provided them with.
A) disappointment on  B) dissatisfaction with  C) discontent for  D) defence against  E) rejection of

20. In the sentence: “Cafes and the art of conversation are the substance of European identity” — what word can replace “substance”?
A) middle  B) material  C) content  D) aspect  E) core

21. Tara takes … her clever father in looks but there’s not much to … her from the other students of her class in terms of ability.
A) after/ distinguish  B) from/ tell  C) upon/ single out  D) over/ recognize  E) on/ separate

22. The 20th century … the century of activism. Flashes of popular involvement … in previous eras, but only in localized or short-lived forms. Since the beginning of the 1900s, people … to unite in common cause and governments no longer monopolize politics.
A) has been/ existed/ are learning  B) was/ had existed/ have been learning  C) was/ have existed/ learnt  D) had been/ existed/ had learnt  E) was/ were/ have learnt

23. Although Miss Windsor is a famous actress, in financial … her career has not been particularly successful.
A) terms  B) points  C) views  D) aspects  E) ways

24. Timmy has gone through some tough times lately, but believe it or not, he’s back … !
A) in the saddle  B) on the horse  C) in the cart  D) in the wagon  E) on the line

25. My cousin has been staying at my place for almost a fortnight. Needless to say she has overstayed her … .
A) staying  B) visiting  C) holiday  D) welcome  E) travelling

26. When she finds out that her son has lied to her all these years, she will raise … .
A) the pyre  B) money  C) the purge  D) hell  E) rage

27. “Loo” is an informal British word for … .
A) toilet  B) lollipop  C) lion  D) loop  E) glue

28. Albion is an ancient name for … .
A) Alaska  B) France  C) Australia  D) the Republic of South Africa  E) Great Britain

29. Which artist cut off part of his ear in an irrational moment?

30. When do people in the UK wear poppies on their lapels?