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# Kangourou English Competition 2016

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Level 9-10

(Γ' Γυμνασίου - Α'  
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. What was Mark Twain's birth name?  
 A) Leon Clemons Twain      B) Samuel Mark Clemens      C) Samoil Langhorne  
 D) Samuel Langhorne Clemens      E) Clemens Twain
2. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence: It might take him ages, but he'll do it ...  
 A) recently      B) lately      C) eventually      D) finally      E) at the end
3. "To keep a civil tongue in one's head" means:  
 A) to be polite      B) to be clever      C) to be rude      D) to be handsome      E) to know a lot of languages
4. The British Isles consist of ... large islands and over six thousand smaller ones.  
 A) two      B) three      C) four      D) five      E) six
5. Which detective solves the murder mysteries in Agatha Christie's novels?  
 A) Sherlock Holmes      B) Dr. Watson      C) Hercule Poirot      D) Harry Bosch      E) Inspector Morse
6. I had an incredible ... of luck when I found a parking space on that rainy day.  
 A) stroke      B) chance      C) piece      D) strike      E) item
7. The burglar wore gloves so that his ... wouldn't ...  
 A) traces/ give him in      B) fingerprints/ give him away      C) footprints/ give him out  
 D) fingertips/ give him up      E) evidence/ give him on
8. Which of the following sentences starts with "Unless"?  
 A) ... Harriet was looking forward to her hiking holiday, she isn't having a very good time.  
 B) ... she checked the weather forecast and took a lot of thick woolly clothes with her but now the sun is shining brightly.  
 C) ... she paid a lot for this holiday, she wants to go back home.  
 D) ... she finds somebody to lend her some shorts and a T-shirt, she won't be able to do any of her planned hiking.  
 E) ... she still can't understand why the forecast said that cold and windy weather was due.
9. "To make believe" means ...  
 A) to forget      B) to hope      C) to pretend      D) to be funny      E) to convince
10. Which of these will stay hot the longest in a refrigerator?  
 A) a mint tea      B) a chili pepper      C) tomato soup      D) a hot chocolate      E) some meatballs
11. I never thought that this old armchair would come in ...  
 A) handy      B) need      C) purpose      D) requirement      E) hands
12. When you think that something is highly unlikely to happen, you say: "And ... might fly."  
 A) cats      B) cows      C) pigs      D) bears      E) horses
13. When you buy something for much less than the usual price, you say:  
 A) What a bargain!      B) It cost a fortune!      C) I got ripped off!  
 D) It cost an arm and a leg!      E) I paid over the odds.
14. ... separates Ireland and Great Britain.  
 A) The English Channel      B) The North Sea      C) The Irish Sea      D) The Caspian Sea      E) The Dead Sea
15. I killed two birds with one ... and met up with some old friends while I was in London visiting my parents last weekend.  
 A) bullet      B) stone      C) arrow      D) shot      E) gun

- 16.** Which word fits in all three sentences?  
 1. I'd like two ... of soap, please.  
 2. The gorilla grabbed the ... of the cage, and rattled them.  
 3. He's worked at three different ... in the neighbourhood.  
 A) chips      B) bars      C) blocks      D) gates      E) sticks
- 17.** The Highlanders are people who live in ... .  
 A) North Wales   B) Northern Scotland   C) Northern England   D) Northern Ireland   E) Highbridge
- 18.** Linda has finally decided to leave James. Their argument on Saturday evening was the last ... .  
 A) step      B) glass      C) straw      D) version      E) option
- 19.** Which book was **not** written by Mark Twain?  
 A) Roughing It      B) The Catcher in the Rye      C) The Innocents Abroad  
 D) Pudd'nhead Wilson      E) A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court
- 20.** Laura went out to eat with her friends and enjoyed a rare ... with vegetables and gravy.  
 A) fish      B) chick      C) stake      D) steak      E) stick
- 21.** "Don't you think there's a lot of ... between these two paintings?"  
 A) likeness      B) likeliness      C) likelihood      D) likely      E) like
- 22.** She must ... been delighted when she heard she'd won the lottery.  
 A) be      B) have      C) has      D) had      E) should
- 23.** Tim hardly ... does anything else than play computer games in his spare time.  
 A) never      B) really      C) ever      D) always      E) often
- 24.** What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment but not once in a hundred years?  
 A) a second      B) the letter m      C) a day      D) a week      E) the word "in"
- 25.** If you "have a finger in the pie", then you are ... in something.  
 A) delighted      B) specialized      C) interested      D) involved      E) disappointed
- 26.** "Chickenpox" is :  
 A) a cage for chickens      B) an illness      C) chicken food      D) a meal      E) a small bird
- 27.** According to British culture, which of the following actions is not considered to be superstitious?  
 A) walking under a ladder      B) meeting a black cat      C) breaking a mirror  
 D) putting basil under your pillow      E) putting new shoes on the table
- 28.** Which of the following is used with which sport?  
 1. stick      a. cricket  
 2. oar      b. tennis  
 3. club      c. hockey  
 4. racket      d. rowing  
 5. bat      e. golf  
 A) 1c/ 2a/ 3e/ 4b/ 5d      B) 1b/ 2e/ 3c/ 4a/ 5d      C) 1c/ 2d/ 3e/ 4b/ 5a  
 D) 1b/ 2d/ 3c/ 4a/ 5e      E) 1e/ 2b/ 3a/ 4d/ 5c
- 29.** It turned out to be a ... journey, which was much longer than he had anticipated.  
 A) twenty-three-hours      B) twenty three hour      C) twenty-three-hour  
 D) twenty-three-hour's      E) twenty-three hours'
- 30.** She ... wear a pink shirt with my green trousers.  
 A) advised to not      B) advised not me      C) advised me not      D) advised not me to      E) advised me not to