

# **ENGLISH COMPETITION**

**LEVEL 11 – 12**  
**(Β' - Γ' Λυκείου)**

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Questions 1 – 10 : 3 points  
Questions 11 – 20 : 4 points  
Questions 21 – 40 : 5 points

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**3 points**

1. They demand that .....

- A) action be taken      B) action takes      C) action is taken      D) action will take  
E) action will be taken

2. You must not ..... from the point when you write an essay.

- A) restrain      B) divulge      C) go astray      D) divert      E) wander

3. A heavy snowstorm with high winds is called .....

- A) a hurricane      B) a gale      C) a blizzard      D) a thunderstorm      E) slush

4. My first novel was brought ..... in December two years ago.

- A) up      B) into      C) out      D) round      E) down

5. How much did the beautician in that fancy beauty salon charge you ..... this haircut?

- A) for      B) with      C) to      D) in      E) into

6. Donatella Versace is considered to be one of the big ..... in the fashion industry.

- A) weapons      B) guns      C) pistols      D) rifles      E) arms

7. What is the missing word?

*It's always nice when people ..... you compliments.*

- A) make      B) say      C) pay      D) offer      E) tell

8. By the end of June I ..... all these novels.

- A) read      B) am reading      C) will have read      D) will read      E) will be reading

9. Add a question tag to the following statement:

*Speak up, ..... ?*

- A) don' t you      B) do you      C) will you      D) can you      E) mustn' t you

10. We haven't got a garage, so we leave our car outside in the .....

- A) drive      B) garden      C) pavement      D) porch      E) path

4 points

11. Which is the odd one out?

- A) lobster                      B) prawns                      C) oysters                      D) cockerel                      E) crab

12. A person who is young and inexperienced can be described as *wet behind the .....*

- A) head                      B) knees                      C) ears                      D) back                      E) shoulders

13. Which word fits in all the sentences below:

- 1) I did a quick ..... count and discovered that one member of the class was missing.  
2) This book stands ..... and shoulders above all the others on the subject.  
3) I was able to get a ..... start on my reading during the holidays.  
4) The company changed its plans in order to ..... off a rebellion by shareholders.

- A) hand                      B) nose                      C) finger                      D) head                      E) knee

14. Which pair of singular and plural nouns is wrong?

- A) datum – data              B) formula – formulae              C) media – medias              D) crisis - crises  
E) cactus – cacti

15. "I've bought you a ..... sharpener", William's mother said to him.

- A) six-pence              B) six-penny              C) six-pending              D) six-pences              E) six-pierce

16. .... does the company bear responsibility for injuries to passengers.

- A) In no way              B) Not once              C) No sooner              D) Never again              E) Hardly

17. My aunt could tell fortunes from coffee .....

- A) cups                      B) leaves                      C) pot                      D) grounds                      E) seeds

18. Match the two columns:

- |            |            |
|------------|------------|
| 1. apes    | a. growl   |
| 2. bears   | b. yelp    |
| 3. ravens  | c. chatter |
| 4. dogs    | d. croak   |
| 5. magpies | e. gibber  |

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

19. The speaker.....the enthusiasm of the audience.

- A) rose                      B) aroused                      C) raised                      D) arose                      E) was rising

5 points

Read the text below and answer questions 20-24:

*It was impossible to go on – but it wasn't my arms or legs that were hurting. The problem was the music. It began with a giant Black & Decker drill and ended with rapid machine-gun fire. It was probably the most superb techno-funk but it was driving me crazy. "Any chance of changing the music?" I asked a gym instructor. "Don't you like it?" she said. "What would you prefer?" "Well," I said, "how about Van Morrison or Dire Straits?" She looked **witheringly** at me and explained that the music policy was under review. A few weeks later, the results were announced. "We're sure you will agree that the new policy provides a wider choice of music to listen to while working out," said a note posted on the message board. "A mix of **middle-of-the road**, pop and dance **music** will be played **on random mode**. From 6pm, more upbeat music will be selected with an increase in volume to compensate for a busier gym." And so it is. I've thought about asking if some equipment can be installed in the changing rooms, where I notice that laid-back Van Morrison still rules supreme and no one ever complains.*

20. What does the word **witheringly** tell us about the gym instructor?

- A) She had little respect for the writer's taste in music.
- B) She was a very close friend of the writer.
- C) She had never heard of the music the writer suggested.
- D) She had little interest in the writer's opinion of the music.
- E) She had some sympathy with the writer's reaction to the music.

21. **Middle-of-the road music** means:

- A) pop music
- B) pop and dance music
- C) music played on the road
- D) music liked by most people
- E) music unaccepted by most people

22. The fact that the music will be played **on random mode** will give people the chance to:

- A) listen to planned music.
- B) choose the songs.
- C) listen to songs chosen by chance.
- D) stop listening to music.
- E) focus on the physical activities.

23. In future, the music played in the gym, at the time the writer attends, will .....

- A) mostly be of the type he approves of
- B) mostly be of the type he disapproves of
- C) follow no particular style or pattern
- D) be varied in accordance with the taste of its clients
- E) reflect the busyness of the facilities.

24. Find the false sentence:

- A) The writer is annoyed with the music in the gym.
- B) The instructor doesn't agree with the writer's view.
- C) Music will be played louder after 6 p.m.
- D) The writer is fond of Van Morrison.
- E) Equipment has been installed in the changing rooms.

25. Considering the poor service we receive, the rates we pay are .....

- A)** down to earth    **B)** misleading    **C)** out of this world    **D)** daylight robbery    **E)** peanuts

26. Match the prefixes:

- |           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| 1. im-    | a. print   |
| 2. de-    | b. lingual |
| 3. re-    | c. paid    |
| 4. bi-    | d. perfect |
| 5. under- | e. frost   |

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

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

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

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

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

27. As Mary opened the door, the candle ..... in the breeze and then went out.

- A)** flamed    **B)** glittered    **C)** flickered    **D)** sparkled    **E)** twinkled

28. Who was considered the most beautiful woman of Ancient Greece?

- A)** Cleopatra    **B)** Helen    **C)** Venus    **D)** Pallas Athena    **E)** Penelope

29. Who is believed to have been the first person to introduce cocoa beans, from which chocolate is made, to Europe?

- A)** Christopher Columbus    **B)** Hernando Cortez    **C)** Jacques Cousteau    **D)** James Cook  
**E)** Ferdinand Magellan

30. Match the adjectives with their synonyms on the right:

- |                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| 1. impolite    | a. dim           |
| 2. cunning     | b. reliable      |
| 3. half-witted | c. down-to-earth |
| 4. trustworthy | d. discourteous  |
| 5. sensible    | e. sly           |

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

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

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

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

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

31. What is the standard sentence used at funerals? "Ashes to ashes and ....."

- A)** soul to rest    **B)** dust to dust    **C)** sleep in peace    **D)** rest at last    **E)** heavenly peace

32. She should ..... home instead of wandering through the town yesterday.

- A)** come    **B)** have come    **C)** came    **D)** had come    **E)** coming

33. I now regret ..... him my car when he needed it.

- A)** have lent    **B)** to lend    **C)** have borrowed    **D)** having lent    **E)** to borrow

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34. A bookworm is a/an ..... reader.

- A) reluctant            B) fast            C) slow            D) mind            E) avid

35. Glasgow is a city in ..... :

- A) Scotland            B) Wales            C) Northern Ireland            D) Florida            E) Australia

36. The French Sculptor Frederic August Bartholdi created the Statue of Liberty, which shows Liberty stepping free from broken chains holding..... in her right hand and cradling in her left arm a tablet representing..... .

- A) a candle/ the Declaration of Human Rights    B) a candle/ the Declaration of Civil Rights  
C) a torch/ the Declaration of Independence    D) a torch/ the Declaration of Human Rights  
E) a lamp/ the Declaration of Christianity

37. We arrived in England via the Strait of Dover and from the ferry we could see the picturesque white ..... of Dover.

- A) shore            B) dunes            C) cliffs            D) cave            E) peaks

38. Companies participating in trade fairs have to decorate their own fair ..... before displaying their products.

- A) kiosk            B) shelf            C) boot            D) box            E) booth

39. The outskirts of the town.....carefully watched by the police.

- A) were            B) was            C) has been            D) is            E) go

40. He was *sipping* a glass of dry gin. What was he doing with the drink?

- A) gently stirring    B) delicatly holding    C) carefully sniffing    D) slowly drinking  
E) mixing