

# **ENGLISH COMPETITION**

**LEVEL 11 – 12  
(Β' - Γ' ΛΥΚΕΙΟΥ)**

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10am-11am

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

3 points

1. Complete the conversation:

“Where do you go swimming, little girl?”

“In the .....”

“I didn’t say when – I said where.”

“Yes, that’s where.”



A) spring    B) water    C) summer    D) river    E) bathroom

2. What letters form a synonym of “certainly”?

A) l/ e/ f/ i/ t/ e/ i/ d/ y/ n    B) f/ e/ d/ y/ i/ t/ l/ a/ n    C) y/ e/ f/ d/ n/ i/ l/ e  
D) y/ l/ t/ i/ n/ e/ f/ d    E) i/ f/ d/ t/ n/ l/ i/ y/ e

3. Although she spent a year at home recovering after the accident, she caught up with her classmates **by leaps and bounds** when she returned to school. What does the expression in bold mean?

A) slowly    B) with difficulty    C) quite tardily  
D) very quickly    E) without any help

4. Which word derived from Greek means “the power of the people”?

A) freedom    B) liberty    C) justice    D) narcissism    E) democracy

5. .... was the most well-known theatre in London associated with William Shakespeare.

A) The Stratford Theatre    B) The Swan Theatre    C) The Globe Theatre  
D) The Theatre of London    E) The New Place Theatre

6. Complete the sentence: My dad wants me to ..... my education by attending graduate school.

A) further    B) farther    C) far    D) furthest    E) farthest

7. When my parents got married, they ..... each other for two months. But today is their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

A) had only been knowing    B) would have known  
C) had only known    D) have only known  
E) only knew



8. Many British people ..... pleasure in bird watching.

A) take    B) create    C) make    D) get    E) offer

9. The older generation always maintains that things were better when they were young and that nowadays this country **is going to the dogs**. What is the meaning of the phrase in bold?

A) to have a good time    B) to become lazy    C) to have a lot of stray dogs  
D) to become weaker    E) to lose its standards

10. Finish this sentence: Just tell me what’s happened! Stop beating about the ..... !

A) tree    B) shrub    C) bush    D) bracken    E) undergrowth

4 points

11. We strayed from the path because it was so dark and got ..... lost.

- A) fortunately    B) hopelessly    C) hopefully    D) unfortunately    E) straightforward

12. .... the heavy snowfall, we would have gone to the mountains.

- A) But for    B) If not    C) Be it    D) In case  
E) Provided that



13. If you know the ropes, you are .... .

- A) very experienced    B) talkative    C) a mountaineer  
D) a hangman    E) very educated

14. Match the two halves:

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. He decided to quit his job       | a. quite in the pink. |
| 2. After the fight, he was          | b. green with envy.   |
| 3. She was looking ill and not      | c. out of the blue.   |
| 4. After seeing my jewelry, she was | d. black and white.   |
| 5. I stated my opinion in           | e. black and blue.    |

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

15. .... is an inventor and mechanical engineer whose improvements to the steam engine were fundamental to the changes brought by the Industrial Revolution.

- A) Albert Einstein    B) Thomas Alva Edison    C) Alexander Graham Bell  
D) Alfred Nobel    E) James Watt

16. The sentence “They set off at 6 am.” means that ..... .

- A) they woke up at 6 am    B) they went to bed at 6 am    C) they left on a trip at 6 am  
D) they got up at 6 am    E) they began work at 6 am

17. Choose the correct meaning of the phrase in bold: They’ve had enough of the bad weather and high taxes here and have gone to live down under.

- A) in America    B) in Australia    C) in China    D) in India    E) in Europe

18. The expression “take something in your stride” refers to ..... .

- A) a person who doesn’t know how to deal with a difficult situation  
B) an intelligent person who’s afraid of taking risks  
C) a cheerful person who cracks jokes all the time  
D) a person who can deal with a problem calmly  
E) a person who helps you when you are in need



19. He recommended I ..... Sydney and he suggested ..... there during my Christmas holiday when it's summer there.

- A) visiting/ to go      B) visit/ going      C) visit/ to go  
D) to visit/ going      E) visiting/ going

20. Witches play an important role in Shakespeare's play .....

- A) Othello      B) Hamlet      C) King Lear      D) Macbeth      E) Julius Caesar

**5 points**

21. "You're totally unrealistic in believing you can have your cake and eat it." The phrase in bold means:

- A) to waste money on all sorts of things      B) to lead a life of pleasure  
C) to have two good things at the same time      D) to eat only cakes  
E) to not have to share anything with others

22. Find the word that is suitable in both sentences:

You didn't ..... she was wearing fake jewels, did you?

Don't take too much ..... of the negative reviews, just go and see the film.

- A) observe      B) concern      C) place      D) notice      E) care

23. He was speaking so indirectly about the subject matter, that it was difficult for anyone to understand what he was getting .....

- A) up      B) on      C) at      D) in      E) down

24. Trafalgar Square is famous for .....

- A) the London Stone      B) the Speakers' Corner      C) the Statue of Eros  
D) the Nelson's Column      E) the Marble Arch

25. I expected Tom to stand by me when I was accused of shoplifting, but he turned out to be only a .....

- A) true friend      B) fair-weather friend      C) trustworthy friend  
D) friend through thick and thin      E) friend at court

26. What do the words in bold mean in the following sentence?

Do you really need the latest iPhone or are you just trying to keep up with the Joneses?

- A) your older cousins      B) your neighbours      C) some relatives you are fond of  
D) some warriors in a fight      E) a family you've met for the first time

27. She spent the whole day exploring the city in high heels and when she got home she had several .....

- A) bruises      B) scars      C) scratches      D) blisters      E) sprains

28. Which expression means "something that cannot be changed"?

- A) live the moment      B) the die is cast      C) the other way round  
D) mode of operating      E) no dice

29. Who was the first president of the United States, and is often called “the Father of the Country”?

- A) Thomas Jefferson                      B) Abraham Lincoln                      C) George Washington  
D) John Kennedy                            ) Franklin D. Roosevelt

30. Even after committing several crimes, the murderer is still at .....

- A) escape    B) free            C) large            D) throat            E) loose

31. Which five plays are known as Shakespeare’s great tragedies?

- A) Hamlet, As you Like It, The Winter’s Tale, The Tempest, King John  
B) Henry VIII, Hamlet, Twelfth Night, Richard II, The Sonnets  
C) The Comedy of Errors, Henry IV, Twelfth Night, Romeo and Juliet, Othello  
D) Othello, Romeo and Juliet, King Lear, Hamlet, Macbeth  
E) Hamlet, A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Macbeth, King Lear, Julius Caesar



32. Who is the head of the Church of England?

- A) The King / Queen.                      B) The Pope.                      C) The Archbishop of Canterbury.  
D) The Archbishop of York.    E) There is no such leader.

33. Who is the author of the renowned (and condemned) books The Satanic Verses and Midnight’s Children?

- A) Orhan Pamuk                              B) Ismail Kadare                              C) Yann Martel  
D) Paul Auster                                E) Salman Rushdie

34. Choose the correct missing word:

It would be ..... to throw your money into the fire.

- A) sensitive    B) senseless    C) sensible    D) insensible    E) insensitive

35. Choose the right phrase to complete the sentence:

Under no circumstances ..... me give in to their demands.

- A) will not they make                              B) they will make                              C) not will they make  
D) will they make                                    E) they will not make

36. When your patience is exhausted you might say: I’m at the end of my .....

- A) leash    B) lead            C) tether            D) chain            E) mooring

37. Here are five books that have been made into films. Match the author with the name of their book:

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Kazuo Ishiguro    | a. The Rainbow            |
| 2. J.R.R. Tolkien    | b. North and South        |
| 3. Margaret Atwood   | c. The Remains of the Day |
| 4. D.H. Lawrence     | d. The Hobbit             |
| 5. Elizabeth Gaskell | e. The Handmaid’s Tale    |

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

**38.** Which is the odd one out?

- A) to ponder                      B) to weigh the pros and cons                      C) to contemplate  
D) to fancy                        E) to mull something over

**39.** Which of these is not a Shakespearean play?

- A) Richard III                      B) The Spanish Tragedy                      C) Measure for Measure  
D) Antony and Cleopatra                      E) The Two Gentlemen of Verona

**40.** Which is the correct spelling?

- A) playwright      B) playrite                      C) playwright                      D) playright                      E) playwrighter