

ENGLISH COMPETITION

LEVEL 9 – 10
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Questions 1 – 10 : 3 points
Questions 11 – 20 : 4 points
Questions 21 – 40 : 5 points

3 points

Read the text below and answer questions 1-5:

A man walked into a pub with a huge, yellow dog on a leash and sat down at a table. Another man, with a ferocious-looking bulldog, asked him disdainfully: "What are you doing with that mongrel?"

The first man answered quietly: "I bet you five hundred dollars that my 'mongrel' can kill your bulldog."

The bet was accepted with a scornful laugh and the yellow dog made mincemeat of the bulldog in about two minutes.

The barman asked in an awed tone: "Where did that yellow dog come from?"

Its owner replied: "A friend sent him to me from Africa. He had a big mane and a long tail which I didn't like and so I had them cut off."

1. A synonym of the word "disdainfully" is:

- A) sadly B) contemptuously C) dejectedly D) dreadfully E) gloomily

2. What is a "mongrel"?

- A) a dog whose parents are Dalmatians
B) a ferocious-looking dog
C) a dog whose parents are of different breeds
D) a dog whose parents are of the same breed
E) a dog which has no parents

3. What happened to the bulldog?

- A) It was made into a mince pie. B) It was caressed. C) It was saved by his owner.
D) It was easily defeated. E) It won the bet.

4. The barman's tone showed his:

- A) ignorance B) respect C) lack of knowledge
D) unawareness E) happiness

5. The yellow dog was:

- A) a mane B) an African rhino C) a huge dog D) a murderer E) a lion

6. She was jealous Claire's beauty.

- A) at B) of C) for D) on E) from

7. It's a lovely big house but nobody uses it, so it's *a bit of a white elephant*. What does the idiom in italics mean?

- A) something very beautiful and useful B) something very big and useful
C) something very cheap and useless D) something very expensive and useless.
E) something expensive and useful

8. Choose the right sentence formed by these words:

the children/ barely/ their homework/ had finished/ the rain/when/began.

- A) The children barely had finished their homework when the rain began.
- B) Barey had finished the children their homework when the rain began.
- C) The rain began when barely the children had finished their homework.
- D) Barely the rain began when the children had finished their homework.
- E) Barely had the children finished their homework when the rain began.

9. *To unravel me*

You need a key.

No key that was made by locksmith's hand,

But a key that only I will understand.

What am I?

- A) a cipher B) a keyhole C) a screwdriver D) a key holder E) a hammer

10. E.T.A. Hoffman wrote the story that became the ballet *The Nutcracker*. Who wrote the music?

- A) W. A. Mozart B) P.I. Tchaikovsky C) N. Rimsky-Korsakov D) M. Baryshnikov
E) J. S. Bach

4 points

11. I would rather he

- A) lies B) shouldn't lie C) doesn't lie D) won't lie E) didn't lie

12. Match the two columns:

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| 1. elephants | a. squeak |
| 2. tigers | b. hiss |
| 3. mice | c. hoot |
| 4. owls | d. trumpet |
| 5. snakes | e. roar |

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

13. Which was the last continent to be discovered by Europeans?

- A) Greenland B) South America C) Antarctica D) Australia E) Asia

14. If you want to visit Belfast you have to go to

- A) Great Britain B) Wales C) The Netherlands
D) Northern Ireland E) The Republic of Ireland

15. John has had a on his shoulder ever since he lost the bet with Kevin.

- A) hole B) dent C) dimple D) chip E) pain

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16. Oh, we've just missed the bus! That means we have to hitch a

- A) car B) bus C) lift D) train E) bike

17. Match the words connected with air travel:

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| 1. check-in | a. flight |
| 2. charter | b. baggage |
| 3. boarding | c. desk |
| 4. air-traffic | d. card |
| 5. excess | e. controller |

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

18. Match the famous sight to the city where it is located:

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| 1. St. Basil's Cathedral | a. London |
| 2. St. Mark's Square | b. Moscow |
| 3. The Prado Museum | c. Venice |
| 4. The Tate Gallery | d. Rome |
| 5. The Coliseum | e. Madrid |

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

19. A memory lasts, never does it die. True friends stay, and never say

- A) a lifetime/ apart/goodbye B) forever/ together/apart C) forever/ wherever/ apart
D) forever/ together/ goodbye E) a lifetime/ close/apart

20. The of the soldiers was high before the battle, because they were confident of victory.

- A) state B) mood C) moral D) morale E) temper

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21. Couch potato kids are children who

- A) eat potatoes on the couch B) spend long hours on the sofa watching TV C) are very fit
D) sleep a lot on the couch E) do physical exercise on the sofa

22. Recent research has shown that having a pet can children's immune systems.

- A) stronger B) strengthen C) strength D) strengthening E) strengthened

23. In a casino, you don't use money. You use

- A) chips B) odds C) stake D) toss E) jackpot

24. We knew Dad had turned the corner when he started complaining about the hospital food. What does “Dad had turned the corner” mean?

- A) Dad had started to like the hospital food. B) Dad had left the hospital.
 C) Dad had started to feel worse. D) Dad was at the point of dying.
 E) Dad had started to feel better.

25. *I had a whale of a time* means

- A) I had a wonderful time B) I was ready to come back to work
 C) I liked going to quiet and unusual places D) I went through a difficult time
 E) It was exactly what I needed.

26. Fill in the last word of this inspirational quote from Buddha: “All that we are is the result of what we have thought. The mind is everything. What we think, we

- A) become B) have C) achieve D) realize E) do

27. Find the appropriate match:

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|---|----------------|
| 1. <i>tooth</i> is to <i>dentist</i> like <i>hair</i> is to: | a. shallow |
| 2. <i>pure</i> is to <i>purify</i> like <i>short</i> is to: | b. worse |
| 3. <i>soccer</i> is to <i>ball</i> like <i>badminton</i> is to: | c. shorten |
| 4. <i>loose</i> is to <i>tight</i> like <i>deep</i> is to: | d. hairdresser |
| 5. <i>big</i> is to <i>bigger</i> like <i>bad</i> is to | e. shuttlecock |

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

28. If I were you, I wouldn't go anywhere near that dog. It looks dodgy. What does *dodgy* mean?

- A) huge B) hungry C) dangerous D) unusual E) weird

29. He is probably one of the most famous authors of our times. , he leads a simple life and avoids the public eye.

- A) Despite B) But C) Therefore D) Nevertheless E) In spite

30. Where was the limerick created?

- A) In Norway B) In Japan C) In England D) In Ireland E) In the USA

31. You are such a fox, you are always persuading me to do things. You are

- A) sly B) lazy C) mad D) crazy E) self-confident

32. Which of the following words cannot be used after *make*?

- A) a move B) a mess C) a point D) a favour E) a profit

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33. If everybody their share of work, we would be able to finish this project in time.

- A) does B) did C) would do D) will do E) has done

34. In court, the suspect admitted to broken into the house.

- A) having B) have C) was having D) have had E) had

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

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

36. A heavy snowstorm with high winds is called

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

37. When visiting the flat open land of Eastern England one can see traditional poised on hilltops to harness the power of the wind.

- A) windshields B) windscreens C) windmills D) wind walls E) wind bills

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

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

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

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

40. I decided to go to London for the weekend on the of the moment.

- A) spike B) blade C) point D) pipe E) spur