

ENGLISH COMPETITION

LEVEL 9 – 10
(Γ΄ ΓΥΜΝΑΣΙΟΥ - Α΄ ΛΥΚΕΙΟΥ)

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10am-11am

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

3 points

Read the following text and answer questions 1-5:

Andrew was out on the lawn when his father saw him. He was cleaning the swing, a rubber tyre hanging by a rope from a tree branch. Andrew was hosing it down, wiping it off and dusting out the inside. His bewildered father went out to him and said: "I thought you were at the course practising with your friends this afternoon." "I was," replied Andrew, "but the instructor said I need to improve my swing."

1. Where was Andrew?

- A) In the garden. B) On the balcony. C) In the playground.
D) On the porch. E) On the roof.

2. What was Andrew doing?

- A) He was rocking in a chair. B) He was cleaning the house.
C) He was sitting on a swing. D) He was cleaning something.
E) He was climbing a tree.

3. How did his father feel when he saw Andrew?

- A) gloomy B) sad C) happy
D) annoyed E) puzzled



4. Andrew's father thought his son was with his friends playing

- A) handball B) cricket C) tennis D) football E) golf

5. What did the instructor say? He advised Andrew to

- A) wipe his swing B) go home C) practise his technique more
D) build a swing E) cut the grass

6. Where is Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" set?

- A) In Verona. B) In Rome. C) In Milan. D) In London. E) In Venice.

7. Which country is not part of the United Kingdom?

- A) Scotland B) Wales C) Northern Ireland
D) The Republic of Ireland E) England

8. The period of time between sunset and nightfall is called

- A) darkness B) dawn C) gloom D) dusk E) dimness

9. Read the sentence and choose the meaning of the word in italics:

The workers endure difficult living conditions and are exposed to strong winds and severe temperature drops.

- A) inhabit B) dread C) bear D) appoint E) last

10. A severe lack of rainfall can lead to

- A) floods B) a hurricane C) a drought D) a draught E) a storm

4 points

Read the following text and answer questions 11-15:

Facebook is a popular social networking website, whose name originated from the nickname for directories handed out to university students that aided them in getting to know their fellow students. Facebook was invented by Harvard computer science student, Mark Zuckerberg, along with some class-mates. Mark Zuckerberg was a second year student, when he wrote the software for the originally “Facemash” website. Zuckerberg’s sophomoric sense of humor led him to use the site as a type of “hot or not” game for Harvard students, where website visitors could compare two student photos side-by-side and let viewers decide who was “hot” and who was “not”. Membership of the website was at first restricted to Harvard University students. Zuckerberg enlisted a few of his fellow students to help develop the website and access to the site was later expanded to include additional universities and colleges. Mark Zuckerberg’s efforts finally paid off when profits from Facebook made him the world’s youngest multi-billionaire.

(<http://inventors.about.com/od/fstartinventions/a/Facebook.htm>)

11. What is a sophomoric sense of humour?

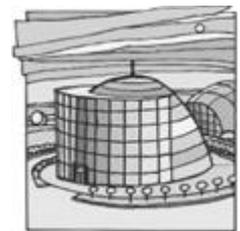
- A) silly and childish B) mature and grown-up C) dull and innate
D) deep and philosophical E) unpleasant and annoying

12. The purpose of the directories handed out to university students was to

- A) confuse them B) make them study C) give them lectures
D) teach them lessons E) help them get acquainted

13. Which sentence is true? At the beginning

- A) everyone could use Mark’s website. B) only Mark’s friends had access to the website
C) only Harvard students were entitled to access the site
D) the “hot” students had access while others didn’t
E) only Harvard and Yale students had access to the site



14. If something you have done pays off, it is

- A) expensive B) successful C) necessary D) payable E) boring

15. Harvard University, one of the most prestigious universities in the world, is located in

- A) Cambridge, UK B) Bern, Switzerland C) Berlin, Germany
D) Toronto, Canada E) Cambridge, USA

16. In which of the following Shakespearean plays does the character Claudius appear?

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

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

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

18. Complete the sentence: If you have just enough money and nothing extra, you live from hand to

- A) pocket B) purse C) poverty D) hunger E) mouth

19. What does Halloween mean?

- A) All Witches' Day B) All Ghosts' Day C) All Saints' Day
D) All Spirits' Day E) All Pumpkins' Day



20. Which of the following words is not both a noun and a verb?

- A) switch B) handle C) cover D) analyse E) bank

5 points

21. The plural of the compound noun “forget-me-not” is:

- A) forgets-me-not B) forget-mes-not C) forget-me-nots
D) forget-me-not E) forget-me-not's



22. My sister was wearing a dress, which suited her perfectly.

- A) red /lace/ beautiful/ long B) beautiful/ red/ long/ lace C) beautiful/ long/ red /lace
D) long/ red/ beautiful/ lace E) lace/ beautiful/ long/ red

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

- A) The Royal Theatre B) The Savoy Theatre C) The Globe Theatre
D) The Theatre of London E) The Stratford Theatre

24. Which is the odd word out?

- A) sheep B) pig C) cow D) calf E) mutton

25. Complete the proverb: waters run deep.

- A) Still B) Fast C) Shallow D) Steel E) Slow

26. Which of the following is not a Harry Potter spell?

- A) Expecto Patronum! B) Avada Kedavra! C) Sectumsempra!
D) Wingardium Leviosa! E) Hocus Pocus!



27. Which people worshipped the god Ra?

- A) The Greeks. B) The Romans. C) The Egyptians.
D) The Vikings. E) The French.

28. Which of the following terms is not related to winter sports?

- A) triple axel B) half-pipe C) icing D) skating E) curling

29. Complete the sentence: So you've finally realized what a mistake you're making. I've been wondering how long it would take you to come to your

- A) senses B) conclusion C) home D) reason E) relatives

30. She must felt so embarrassed when the conductor came and she didn't have a ticket.

- A) be B) have C) should D) had E) been

31. Who was the ghost in the Shakespearean play "Hamlet"?

- A) Polonius B) King Claudius C) King Hamlet D) Horatio E) Queen Gertrude

32. Scarcely the truth, she started to cry.

- A) she found out/ then B) had she found out/ when C) she has found out/ than
D) she had found out/ than E) has she found out/ when

33. Which word best describes a samaritan?

- A) selfish B) compassionate C) self-concerned D) acquisitive E) resentful

34. Complete the joke with the right word:

"Are you a light sleeper?" "No, I sleep in the"

- A) dusk B) heavy C) dark D) difficulty E) obscure



35. The Hundred Years' War, waged between The Kingdom of England and The Kingdom of France, actually lasted

- A) 116 years B) 99 years C) 101 years D) 90 years E) 102 years

36. What is "wasabi"?

- A) A room on a warship used by all the officers except for the captain.
B) A green strong-tasting Japanese food, usually served with raw fish.
C) An official document that proves that someone is a police officer.
D) A big building where large amounts of goods are stored.
E) A large Japanese ship loaded with a lot of weapons.

37. What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?

- A) A cut flower. B) Wood. C) A hairdryer. D) A towel. E) Ice.

38. What is any number under ten called?

- A) a figure B) a digit C) an integer D) an even number E) an odd number

39. Having grabbed the fish from the table, the cat made a for the door.

- A) pull B) dash C) move D) jerk E) step

40. The patient is in the intensive care unit and there is nothing we can do than wait.

- A) except B) other C) but D) moreover E) rather