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Kangourou Linguistics English Competition 2017

Level 11-12

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Time: 10:00 – 11:15

Questions 1 – 10 = 3 points

Questions 11 – 20 = 4 points

Questions 21 – 30 = 5 points

1. There was ... of violence in the capital city last night.
A) a lookout B) an outbreak C) a breakout D) an invasion E) an outlook
2. Complete the dialogue:
“Are you sure you can afford ... and maintain such an expensive car?”
“Yes, I think I can as I’ve recently been promoted.”
A) buying B) to buy C) to buying D) buy E) to be buying
3. There was such a wide range of goods on ... that I didn’t know what to choose.
A) shop B) market C) display D) exhibition E) shelves
4. My tyres ... everytime I make a turn, even at low speeds.
A) bang B) squeal C) rattle D) hum E) hiss
5. Why don’t we ask Peter to captain the basketball team? He seems to be as keen as
A) two eyes B) pepper C) salt D) a razor E) mustard
6. Choose the right words to complete the poem:
“If you can talk with crowds and ... your virtue,
Or walk with kings—nor ... the common touch;
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
If all men ... with you, but none too much;
If you can ... the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds’ worth of distance run—
Yours is the Earth and everything that’s in it,
And—which is more—you’ll be a Man, my son!”
(Rudyard Kipling – *If*)
A) leave/ waste/ stick/ feel B) keep/ waste/ count/ feel C) hold/ stick/ count/ fill
D) keep/ lose/ count/ fill E) keep/ save/ stick/ fill
7. **Stonehenge**, the famous stone circle, appears in the famous novel
A) *Tess of the d’Urbervilles* B) *Wuthering Heights* C) *War and Peace*
D) *The Scarlet Letter* E) *Vanity Fair*
8. After her husband’s death, Susan went to the hospital to collect his personal
A) affairs B) affects C) effects D) extras E) issues
9. Which of the following words describes a very strong wind?
A) slush B) sleet C) gale D) hail E) fog

10. Sarah was ... bewildered by the answer her boss gave her.
A) vividly B) very C) utterly D) mostly E) lively
11. Which of the following groups does not contain any fish?
A) mackerel, mussels, trout, carp B) squid, prawns, oysters, cockles
C) oysters, cockles, clams, trout D) carp, mackerel, prawns, mussels
E) mussels, squid, prawns, plaice
12. Which of the following facts is **not** true of the constitutional monarchy in the UK?
A) The Queen has the power to make and pass legislation.
B) The Queen acts as Head of State.
C) The Queen provides stability and continuity.
D) The Queen must remain politically neutral.
E) The Queen acts on the advice of ministers
13. Choose the most suitable way to continue the sentence: I don't want to say anything to Pamela and John in case
A) I had upset them B) I upset them C) I will have upset them
D) I am upsetting them E) I would have upset them
14. The caretaker finally admitted to ... the main door of the school unlocked.
A) had left B) leave C) having left D) have left E) left
15. Match the adjectives with their synonyms on the right:
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| 1. impolite | a. dim |
| 2. cunning | b. idle |
| 3. half-witted | c. down-to-earth |
| 4. Lazy | d. discourteous |
| 5. sensible | e. sly |
- A) 1e/ 2d/ 3c/ 4b/ 5a B) 1d/ 2e/ 3a/ 4b/ 5c C) 1d/ 2a/ 3b/ 4e/ 5c
D) 1a/ 2d/ 3e/ 4b/ 5c E) 1d/ 2e/ 3c/ 4b/ 5a
16. In the 16th century, when the Pope refused to annul Henry VIII's marriage to Catherine of Aragon, the King broke with the Roman Catholic Church. This was the beginning of
A) the Battle of Hastings B) the War of the Roses C) the Mutiny of the Elsinore
D) the English Reformation E) the Velvet Revolution
17. In 1907, Rudyard Kipling was awarded the
A) Man Booker Prize B) Nobel Prize in Literature C) Pulitzer Prize
D) Golden Globe Award E) BRIT Award

18. Which of these definitions are correct?

1. mortgage – money borrowed, usually from a bank, to purchase property
2. grant – money given by the government or organisation for a particular purpose
3. pension – money charged by a lender to a borrower
4. deposit – money paid to get an arrested person out of police custody

A) 1, 2 **B)** 3, 4 **C)** 1, 2, 4 **D)** 2, 4 **E)** 1, 2, 3, 4

19. Which of these words is spelled incorrectly?

A) annually **B)** bizarre **C)** publicly **D)** playwright **E)** tendancy

20. Can I change this red blouse ... a pink one, please?

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

21. Which of these sentences is grammatically incorrect?

- A)** Whoever is at door, they can't come in right now.
- B)** If you say things like that, of course people will avoid you.
- C)** Were I smarter, I would have noticed the mistake.
- D)** They have requested that we be there early tomorrow morning.
- E)** They would rather not travelled all this way.

22. Oh no, we've just missed the bus! We'll have to hitch a

A) car **B)** another bus **C)** lift **D)** train **E)** bike

23. 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

24. What was the musical style of the American group Nirvana?

A) rock'n'roll **B)** grunge **C)** punk **D)** hip-hop **E)** funk metal

25. In which city in the USA can you visit The Guggenheim Museum?

A) Washington **B)** New York **C)** Chicago **D)** San Francisco **E)** Detroit

26. In British Measurement 0.9144 metres is:

A) 1 inch **B)** 1 yard **C)** 1 foot **D)** 1 mile **E)** 1 pint

27. Which of these pairs of singular/plural nouns is incorrect?

A) alga – algae **B)** criterion – criteria **C)** medium – medias
D) crisis – crises **E)** cactus – cactuses

28. Which of the following words does not describe a way of laughing?

- A) chortle B) snicker C) cackle D) wail E) giggle

29. On the Welsh flag you can see:

- A) a daffodil B) a leek C) a thistle D) a tulip E) a dragon

30. The coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place in:

- A) 1926 B) 1968 C) 1953 D) 1947 E) 1970