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# Kangourou Linguistics English Competition 2016

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## Level 7-8

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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. In *The Jungle Book*, Baloo teaches Mowgli ... .  
A) the language of the jungle      B) how to speak to people      C) how to build a house  
D) how to read and write      E) how to light a fire
2. What is the American word for 'football'?  
A) baseball      B) soccer      C) rugby      D) golf      E) cricket
3. In Australia, people drive on the ... side of the road.  
A) wrong-hand      B) right-hand      C) half-hand      D) handmade      E) left-hand
4. Which of these is **not** a musical instrument?  
A) a tuba      B) drainpipes      C) a harmonica      D) a trombone      E) bagpipes
5. Which character in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland muttered "Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be late!"?  
A) The Cheshire Cat      B) The Mad Hatter      C) The Queen of Hearts  
D) The White Rabbit      E) Alice
6. Which chess piece can only move diagonally?  
A) the knight      B) the pawn      C) the bishop      D) the rook      E) the king
7. Which planet is the closest to the sun?  
A) Earth      B) Mars      C) Mercury      D) Saturn      E) Venus
8. I've got really bad ... fever this summer because of all the pollen.  
A) cold      B) disco      C) flu      D) allergy      E) hay
9. What currency is used in Australia?  
A) the pound      B) the dollar      C) the yen      D) the euro      E) the rupee
10. What does a philatelist collect?  
A) stamps      B) matches      C) rocks      D) insects      E) coins
11. Scarlet is ... .  
A) a bright colour      B) a traditional dish      C) a rose syrup      D) a red fruit      E) a red plant
12. A sandwich man's job is to:  
A) sell      B) serve      C) buy      D) advertise      E) cook

13. Which of the following slows down a moving object?

- A) friction    B) position    C) power    D) speed    E) motion

14. Match the adjectives on the left to their opposites on the right:

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| 1. misty  | a. low   |
| 2. swift  | b. full  |
| 3. skinny | c. clear |
| 4. high   | d. fat   |
| 5. empty  | e. slow  |

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

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

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

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

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

15. Choose the correct missing word:

As the bride and groom came out of the church, the wedding guests ... them with confetti.

- A) drizzled    B) splashed    C) sprayed    D) watered    E) showered

16. 'RSVP' is an abbreviation that is written on invitations to ask someone ... .

- A) to apologize    B) to bring a gift    C) to reply    D) to work    E) to dance

17. What might you eat of a *cob* ?

- A) peas    B) a carrot    C) corn    D) wheat    E) cabbage

18. I ... for eight hours and I'm very tired.

- A) am driving    B) drive    C) had driven    D) have been driving    E) will drive

19. John came ... with a plan to save the company from collapse.

- A) in    B) up    C) out    D) by    E) of

20. My sister has excellent ... in clothes so I'll ask her for some advice.

- A) taste    B) choice    C) flavour    D) sense    E) eyes

21. Mary is going to dress up as a clown for the ...-party next weekend.

- A) funny    B) block    C) masquerade    D) dinner    E) fancy dress

22. Eric always works at weekends and this Saturday he's got to shoot a famous waterfall.

What's Eric's job?

- A) a photographer    B) a park ranger    C) a hunter    D) a zoo keeper    E) a security guard

23. It's no use ... to Emma. She never listens.

- A) to speak    B) speak    C) have spoken    D) spoke    E) speaking

24. To get medicine from the chemist's, you need a ... .

- A) bill    B) recipe    C) prescription    D) receipt    E) recommendation

25. This lemonade tastes ... .

- A) badly    B) lovely    C) well    D) normally    E) horribly

26. I remember ... her at the beach last week.

- A) to see    B) seeing    C) will see    D) see    E) saw

27. "Harry has bought a brand new Porsche. It must have cost him *an arm and a leg!*" What does 'an arm and a leg' mean?

- A) a reasonable amount of money    B) a small amount of money    C) a huge amount of money  
D) more money than you have    E) almost nothing

28. Clara is so ... . She's so full of herself and she never stops boasting.

- A) fat    B) slightly overweight    C) skinny    D) conceited    E) talkative

29. Choose the correct missing word:

The latest car wasn't a success, so the company decided to start working ... a new model.

- A) on    B) to    C) for    D) of    E) in

30. "There's something very *fishy* about the story Helen told me yesterday." What does 'fishy' mean?

- A) smelly    B) suspicious    C) ironic    D) wet    E) unpleasant