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# Kangourou Linguistics English Competition 2017

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## Level 9-10

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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. "I don't know what to do. I think Paul's *of his rocker*." This means ... .  
A) he's out of his mind      B) he's ill      C) he's disappeared  
D) he's fallen of a cliff      E) he's changed his mind
2. Jill's bound to get that promotion. She's been burning the midnight ... for weeks to finish the project in time.  
A) hour      B) lamp      C) oil      D) bulb      E) hours
3. Which event happened in September 1666?  
A) The Great Fire of London      B) The Great Smog of London  
C) The Great Famine of England      D) The Glorious Revolution of England  
E) The Great Plague of England
4. The study of the origin and history of words is called ... .  
A) entomology      B) ethology      C) etiology      D) etymology      E) epistemology
5. In which country was the writer Rudyard Kipling born?  
A) China      B) Canada      C) India      D) England      E) Australia
6. Complete the sentence: I soon got fed up with having to wear all my sister's ... .  
A) hands-me-down      B) hand-me-down      C) hand-me-downs  
D) hands-me-downs      E) hand's-me-down
7. "Hurry up, the boss is waiting for you! You ... to be here half an hour ago!"  
A) have supposed      B) are supposed      C) were supposing  
D) were supposed      E) to be supposed
8. William Shakespeare lived in the ... century.  
A) 12<sup>th</sup>      B) 14<sup>th</sup>      C) 18<sup>th</sup>      D) 15<sup>th</sup>      E) 16<sup>th</sup>
9. What are *dungarees*?  
A) dishonest people      B) a type of Asian food      C) an item of clothing  
D) a type of shoe      E) a slang word meaning 'young people'
10. Is it true? I've heard it on the grapevine that she is divorcing him. This means she heard ... .  
A) on TV      B) her saying      C) rumours      D) on the Internet      E) on the radio
11. Which of the following words is **not** both a verb and a noun?  
A) duck      B) elbow      C) deny      D) slip      E) flood

12. Choose the missing words for the following sentence: "... had they locked the door ... the enemy showed up."

- A) No sooner / when      B) Scarcely / but      C) No sooner / so  
D) Barely / when      E) Hardly / than

13. Where would you find a dust jacket?

- A) on a teapot      B) on a book      C) in a wardrobe      D) on a pillow      E) on furniture

14. The road is closed to traffic until ... notice.

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

15. Gas power plants and imported electric power satisfy the ... demand of the winter period.

- A) pique      B) peek      C) pick      D) pack      E) peak

16. What is the name of the building in the picture?

- A) The Royal Opera House  
B) The Metropolitan Museum  
C) Tate Modern  
D) The Millennium Dome  
E) Piccadilly Circus



17. It would be ... to spend all the money you've won and not to save any.

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

18. What can you keep, break, eat and be as good as?

- A) your breath      B) gold      C) your word      D) your promise      E) your tongue

19. In *The Jungle Book*, the name "Mowgli" is said to mean ... .

- A) man      B) frog      C) boy      D) wild      E) young wolf

20. In the Scottish Highland Games there is a competition called 'the caber toss'. What do people do in this competition?

- A) They throw a cable as far as they can.      B) They roll a tree trunk as fast as they can.  
C) They throw a tree trunk as far as they can.      D) They roll a ball as fast as they can.  
E) They throw a ball as far as they can.

**21. Match the following:**

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| 1. The Houses of Parliament | a. It has a vast collection of art and artefacts.    |
| 2. The British Museum       | b. It's famous for Speakers' Corner.                 |
| 3. The Tower of London      | c. Most royal coronations have taken place here.     |
| 4. Westminster Abbey        | d. Big Ben is part of this building.                 |
| 5. Hyde Park                | e. It was built under William the Conqueror in 1078. |

**A) 1d/ 2a/ 3e/ 4c/ 5b****B) 1c/ 2a/ 3d/ 4e/ 5b****C) 1d/ 2b/ 3e/ 4a/ 5c****D) 1c/ 2e/ 3d/ 4b/ 5a****E) 1e/ 2d/ 3a/ 4c/ 5b****22. Match the colour idioms:**

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| 1. to feel          | a. in the pink     |
| 2. to see           | b. red-handed      |
| 3. to be            | c. red             |
| 4. to give someone  | d. blue            |
| 5. to catch someone | e. the green light |

**A) 1c/ 2e/ 3d/ 4a/ 5b****B) 1d/ 2a/ 3b/ 4e/ 5c****C) 1c/ 2e/ 3a/ 4d/ 5b****D) 1d/ 2c/ 3a/ 4e/ 5b****E) 1a/ 2e/ 3d/ 4b/ 5c****23. Which member of the Royal Family holds the title The Duke of York?****A) Prince Philip****B) Prince Andrew****C) Prince Charles****D) Prince William****E) Prince Harry****24. The second full moon in a calendar month is called a ... .****A) blue moon****B) red moon****C) black moon****D) white moon****E) yellow moon****25. Jill organized the whole exhibition, but in the end her colleague Jennifer *stole her thunder*. What did Jennifer do?****A) She stole from the exhibition.****B) She took the credit.****C) She stole some money.****D) She wrote a negative report.****E) She destroyed the exhibition.****26. A very powerful engine ... .****A) sizzles****B) roars****C) rattles****D) jingles****E) creaks****27. Match the verbs with the correct preposition:**

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| 1. insist   | a. to    |
| 2. account  | b. with  |
| 3. succeed  | c. about |
| 4. object   | d. on    |
| 5. complain | e. for   |
| 6. comply   | f. in    |

**A) 1f/ 2e/ 3d/ 4a/ 5b/ 6c****B) 1d/ 2c/ 3f/ 4b/ 5e/ 6a****C) 1d/ 2e/ 3f/ 4a/ 5c/ 6b****D) 1d/ 2e/ 3f/ 4b/ 5c/ 6a****E) 1c/ 2e/ 3f/ 4b/ 5a/ 6d**

**28.** ... her inexperience, she gave an impressive performance.

- A) Because of      B) However      C) Since      D) In spite of      E) Due to

**29.** I have to decide ... I want the job by next week.

- A) whereas      B) weather      C) in case      D) unless      E) whether or not

**30.** Which sentence is grammatically correct?

- A) We knew anything about the test paper.      B) They told us much lies about their grades.  
C) Shut the door when you came in!      D) Nobody will be there when you are arriving.  
E) I have just admitted the truth.