

**I. Read the text. For each question (1-5), choose the correct answer.****Ian McKellen – Age is Just a Number**

Sir Ian McKellen is easily one of the most beloved actors of this generation. The ageing thespian has had a remarkable career that has spun over five decades and still seems to be going strong. Some may know him for this stage work, but to most he is either the powerful mutant villain Magneto in the 'X-Men' franchise or Gandalf from 'The Lord of the Rings' trilogy. Come to think of it, it is quite amusing how such a gifted actor's work has been overshadowed by his portrayal of an old man with mystical powers that fights orcs and creatures alike. Especially when McKellen has always shown great interest and a tremendous love for the theatre stage. So much so that in 2021 the Oscar-nominated actor is making a comeback.

The 81-year-old Ian McKellen will be portraying the one and only Hamlet, prince of Denmark, in the famous play by William Shakespeare. Everybody was quite shocked to hear the news and it left a few people wondering: how is this going to work? After all, Hamlet is supposed to be in his 20s if we consider the fact that he is still a student. So how is somebody who is four times his age going to appear credible? Well, all those questions will be answered once the premiere has taken place later on this summer at the Theatre Royal Windsor.

McKellen himself admitted that the whole experience proved quite a challenge for him, but it was something he 'felt he should do'. Taking up the title role of arguably one of the most famous plays of all time is, however, something the British actor is not a stranger to. More than 30 years ago McKellen portrayed the prince for the first time in his career at the Prospect Theatre, after he had previously played Richard II and Edward II. Humbly, he said: 'I reckon I wasn't any good. Maybe this time round it will be different'.

1. Sir Ian McKellen has had a successful career .....  
A) in theatre only  
B) both in theatre and in cinema  
C) in cinema only
2. 2021 is the year when Sir Ian McKellen .....  
A) says goodbye to his acting career  
B) makes his first appearance on stage  
C) accepts another theatrical challenge
3. The news that McKellen will be portraying Shakespeare's Hamlet in 2021 .....  
A) has come as no surprise to theatre goers  
B) has been anticipated for years now  
C) has left everyone in awe

4. A most challenging part of taking up the role of Hamlet is ..... .  
 A) the main character's age in the play  
 B) the fact that McKellen has never acted in a Shakespeare production before  
 C) McKellen's lack of experience on stage
5. McKellen believes ..... .  
 A) it will be impossible to deliver a better performance than when he portrayed Edward II  
 B) there was room for improvement in his previous Shakespearean performances  
 C) Shakespeare's plays are almost impossible to stage under current conditions

**II. Read the first sentence. For the second sentence, choose the best answer for each gap (6-10) so that the meaning stays the same.**

6. You know you shouldn't use your cell phone in class.  
 You know ..... your cell phone in class.  
 A) you are not supposed to use                      B) you are expected to use  
 C) you are not forbidden to use
7. Someone is going to fix our heater next week.  
 We ..... next week.  
 A) will get our heater fixed                      B) are going to have our heater fixed  
 C) are getting our heater delivered
8. I just can't stand your attitude anymore.  
 I just can't ..... your attitude anymore.  
 A) get on with                      B) put on with                      C) put up with
9. I regret not learning to cook when I was younger.  
 If only ..... when I was younger.  
 A) I had learned to cook                      B) I learned to cook  
 C) I would have learned to cook.
10. Mike, could you show me how to fix this issue?  
 Mike, ..... how to fix this issue?  
 A) would you mind to show me                      B) would you mind showing me  
 C) would you mind to tell me

**III. For each question (11-15), read and choose the best answer.**

11. The roses are on sale today.  
 A) Great. I'll take a dozen.                      B) Oh, no. So sad they have run out.  
 C) Oh, well ... maybe tomorrow.
12. What does a mango taste like?  
 A) It has a big nut in it.                      B) It's a bit citrusy.  
 C) In a few days it will develop a soft feel.

13. What class are you trying to take?  
A) That one, please. What do I owe you?  
B) Psychology.  
C) The geography of the place is intricate.



14. Is Mrs. Smith a tough professor?  
A) Well, rumour has it she is kind of difficult.  
B) Yup. It is impossible to fail her class.  
C) She sure is. Ask grade 10 students ... they always manage to cheat in her tests.
15. Hi, Susan. I'm afraid I need to call in sick today.  
A) Ok. I will text you her number.  
B) So sorry to hear that. What's wrong?  
C) What time do you need to do it?

**IV. Read the text. For each space (16-25), choose the best answer.**

**Jean-Michel Basquiat – Chaotic Brilliance**

When you think of the American painting scene, names such as Andy Warhol or Mark Rothko come to mind. And ..... (16) so. Some of their works have been sold at auction for a combined price of over 300 million dollars, making the Pop Art icon and the post-war expressionist two of the highest-selling American artists on the market of all time. However, by 2017, the tables had ..... (17), and Warhol's 1963 'Silver Car Crash (Double Disaster)' work was dethroned from the top spot of most expensive American paintings ever sold at auction with a brand-new name ..... (18) from the shadows: Jean-Michel Basquiat.

Born into a half Haitian-half Puerto Rican family, the mysterious Basquiat had a troublesome childhood, moving numerous times and having issues with his family until, aged 17, he decided to drop out of high school and leave home. Trying to support ..... (19) by selling t-shirts and homemade postcards, the artist started to ..... (20) to fame in the second half of the 1970s by spraying graffiti in the form of epigrams, calling out the predominantly 'corporate' art world of that time. The turning point of his life was in 1980, when he met Andy Warhol himself who was fascinated by the young man, ..... (21) work he found beyond mesmerizing.

Slowly, Basquiat started to make a name for himself and soon had gallery events in various countries. He relocated and began painting in Venice, California. His girlfriend at the time was a rather unknown singer who now ..... (22) by the name of... 'Madonna'.

Basquiat's work was often considered to be part of the neo-expressionism movement, which was quickly becoming more and more popular. It ..... (23) characterized mostly by the rough handling of materials and portraying recognizable objects in a subjective manner.

Arguably only ..... (24) the beginning of a promising career, Basquiat tragically passed ..... (25) in 1988 at the age of 28 due to a drug related problem. His legacy still lives on today and keeps influencing various artists of the world.

16.	A) wrongly	B) rightly	C) really	D) badly
17.	A) twisted	B) turned	C) thrown	D) tilted
18.	A) eloping	B) escaping	C) exiting	D) emerging
19.	A) himself	B) him	C) everyone	D) them
20.	A) rise	B) raise	C) rose	D) ram
21.	A) who's	B) whom	C) whose	D) which
22.	A) goes	B) gets	C) gives	D) grants
23.	A) has	B) is	C) been	D) being
24.	A) at	B) on	C) in	D) from
25.	A) by	B) over	C) away	D) out

**V. For each sentence (26-30), choose the correctly-spelled word to complete each gap.**

26. I love this new ..... Let's throw a housewarming party.  
 A) apartament                      B) apartment                      C) appartment                      D) appartament
27. I've had enough of your .....  
 A) stubbornness                      B) stubbornness                      C) stuborness                      D) stubornness
28. I have just signed up for a class for young .....  
 A) antreprenours                      B) entrepreneurs                      C) entreprenors                      D) antreprenors
29. It is such a lovely book. I cannot.....it enough.  
 A) recomand                      B) reccomend                      C) recommand                      D) recommend
30. How can one not love this wonderful.....?  
 A) solliloquy                      B) soliloquy                      C) solilloquy                      D) sollilloquy