

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CONTEST

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International English FOX competition



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Secondary school, grades 11 & 12. The duration of the competition is 75 minutes.
The answers must reflect the competitors own work and during the competition, no help is allowed.

Good Luck!

3 point questions

1.



- A) get well back soon
- B) get out of flu
- C) get carried away
- D) get over

2. The percentage of certainty in the following is:

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| A) may 40% | B) may 50% | C) may 90% | D) may 90% |
| might 50% | might 40% | might 50% | might 40% |
| can 90% | can 90% | can 40% | can 50% |

3. I can't remember her phone number. I must look it in the directory.

- A) for
- B) after
- C) up
- D) at

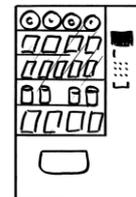
4. A 'gig' is:

- A) a funny scene in a film
- B) a pop or jazz music performance
- C) a natural spring of hot water
- D) a quick look



5. If you want to buy a drink or a chocolate bar you may do it from:

- A) a vending machine
- B) a sell and buy machine
- C) a cash dispenser
- D) a hotspot



6. "What starters shall we have?"

- A) "The most ambitious."
- B) "The least expected."
- C) "The most delicious."
- D) "The youngest."

7. MI5 is:

- A) a Scottish motorway
- B) a secret British government organization
- C) an American spy film
- D) the Irish highest peak

8. The poem is about:

- A) kissing
- B) drinking
- C) breathing
- D) playing an instrument

***Should I part my lips, or pucker?
Bite them tightly? Blow or suck or
hold my breath? Perhaps I'll practise
on my mirror. See, the fact is
I'm not sure what is expected
When four lips become connected.***

9. In ***The Man in the Iron Mask***, the Queen mother suffered from nervous attacks because:

- A) she was old
- B) she gave birth to two sons instead of one
- C) she felt guilty
- D) she did not take the proper medicine

10. In ***The Man in the Iron Mask***, the musketeers' rule was:

- A) 'All for one and one for all.'
- B) 'Everybody for everybody.'
- C) 'One for one.'
- D) 'All four for all four.'

4 point questions

11. "Would you like me to help?" – he

- A) offered
- B) suggested
- C) begged
- D) wondered

12. ***Her huge eyes were watchful, which made people think she was a quiet child. She was anything but.***

- A) Hazel was a quiet child though she didn't want to.
- B) Hazel didn't want to be a quiet child.
- C) Hazel wasn't a quiet child at all.
- D) Hazel wanted to be a quiet child

13. "Self-timer, shutter button, viewfinder, zoom, lens" are about:

- A) a gun
- B) a cooker
- C) a computer
- D) a camera

14. Your is illegible.

- A) handshake
- B) handcuffs
- C) handwriting
- D) handful

15. There are silent letters.

- A) 2
- B) 4
- C) 6
- D) 8

honour, wrangle, handkerchief, comb, holster, knot, lamb, hay, wrong, hour

16. "What is he driving at by that?"

- A) "The lamp post."
- B) "120 km per hour."
- C) "A final conclusion."
- D) " Nowhere."

17. The Welsh name for Wales is:

- A) Cymru
- B) Cumbria
- C) Cumberland
- D) Cornwall

18. Gibraltar is a British peninsula that lies:

- A) south of Spain
- B) north of Wales
- C) west of Scotland
- D) east of the Falklands

19. In ***The Man in the Iron Mask***, Philippe decided to agree to Aramis's plan of taking place after:

- A) a short debate
- B) a short walk
- C) a prayer
- D) an argument

20. In *The Man in the Iron Mask*, Luis the King by saying "I was willing to give Foquet the benefit of the doubt." means:

- A) "I doubted Foquet's innocence."
- B) "I was ready to believe in Foquet's innocence."
- C) "I was ready to give Foquet another chance."
- D) "I wanted Foquet to benefit from my kindness."

5 point questions

21. There were a lot of survivors and most of them were in pain.

There were a lot of survivors, the

- A) many of whom were in pain
- B) majority of whom were in pain
- C) ones of whom were in pain
- D) most of whom were in pain

22. Articles are used correctly in text:

- A) ***A train twisted and turned through the Welsh hills, spitting out steam in the great gusts like a monster. Small fires began softly in the grass near the track before bursting into the flames.***
- B) ***The train twisted and turned through the Welsh hills, spitting out a steam in great gusts like a monster. Small fires began softly in the grass near the track before bursting into the flames.***
- C) ***A train twisted and turned through Welsh hills, spitting out steam in great gusts like a monster. Small fires began softly in the grass near a track before bursting into flames.***
- D) ***The train twisted and turned through the Welsh hills, spitting out steam in great gusts like a monster. Small fires began softly in the grass near the track before bursting into flames.***

23. The missing vowels are:

- A) o, i, e, a
- B) u, i, e, a
- C) o, e, u, i
- D) i, a, y, e

chs- pick out
vst- come round
ppr- turn up
sv- put away
rsgn- give up
dscnct- cut off
cllps- break down
fstn- do up

24. "His mobile is a real killer!"

- A) "Yes, I wish I had one like that."
- B) "Yes, it's really dangerous."
- C) "That's why it's not popular."
- D) "The police are after it."

25. The right column is:

- A) sincere – insincere
mature – immature
reliable – unreliable
accessible – inaccessible
edible – inedible
logical – illogical
- C) sincere – insincere
mature – immature
reliable – unreliable
accessible – inaccessible
edible – inedible
logical – illogical

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26. Dad: "I've heard you've aced a test." Son:

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| <p>A) "Yes, I've earned '100%'"
B) "No problem."</p> | <p>C) "I haven't studied enough."
D) "Sorry. I couldn't take it."</p> |
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27. The misprinted letters in the newspaper extracts are:

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| <p>A) w, a, k, m, c, p, q, u, t, s
B) t, l, d, f, e, m, w, c, p</p> | <p>C) u, t, h, m, w, d, y, q, o
D) d, w, i, p, m, t, n, l</p> |
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1. *It is said that inflation has taken its toll.*
2. *Child winding is considered to be very exhausting.*
3. *They usually sit their alarm clock for 6.00 am.*
4. *The businessman was sentenced to 5-year imprisonment for not paying the fax.*
5. *Getting rid of the television may make your days a great deal longer and more fulfilling.*
6. *High fibre food plays an important part in healthy eating.*
7. *Nuclear and toxic wastes, pesticides and acid rain threaten our world.*
8. *Prime Minister's wife gave birth to their son, James Stuart.*
9. *The old people's party was held on Friday at St. Andrew's church.*
10. *Intensive sports coaching, cricket, tennis and horse riding available at Kenneth Manor School.*

28. The national symbol of the USA is:

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| A) Grizzly bear | B) Hawk | C) Buffalo | D) Bald eagle |
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29. In ***The Man in the Iron Mask***, Philippe was imprisoned because:

- A) he had been writing unflattering poems about the king
- B) he had found a letter saying that he was the son of the Queen of France
- C) he was a twin brother of the king
- D) his nanny, Perronnette, felt obliged to tell the Queen what Philippe knew about his origin

30. In ***The Man in the Iron Mask***, the order of Philippe's release was delivered to the Bastille by:

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| A) a guard | C) Foquet, the treasurer |
| B) Aramis, the Bishop | D) a royal messenger |