

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE CONTEST

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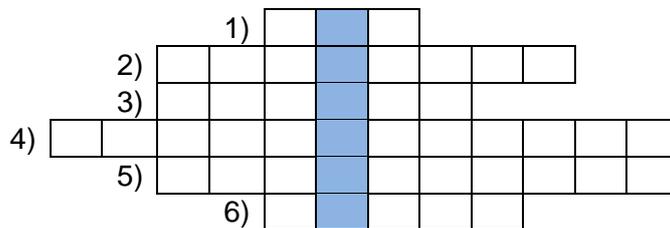
## EAGLES

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**

- His voice is not ..... the voice of a young man.  
A) as                      B) more                      C) like                      D) as such
- The number of heavy smokers ..... decreasing nowadays.  
A) get                      B) are                      C) gets                      D) is
- The word down is for a person who:  
A) takes part in sports competitions and can run, jump etc very well.  
B) watches a show, game, sports event etc.  
C) watches to see if a football player breaks a rule or if the ball goes over the line.  
D) watches a game such as tennis or cricket to make sure that the players obey the rules.  
  
1) a long, wooden stick used to hit the ball in games like snooker or billiards.  
2) a person, team etc that has won a competition.  
3) a silver cup that you get for winning a competition or race.  
4) the international sports competitions which are organized every 4 years in a different country.  
5) a competition in which many players or teams play games against each other.  
6) a race in which each member of a team runs, swims etc one part of the race.



- Mathematics used to be his Achilles ....., but now he is quite good at it.  
A) foot                      B) heel                      C) ankle                      D) sole
- 'I have to leave the office earlier today. It's my daughter's birthday!'  
A) 'It's up to you.'  
B) 'Happy Birthday!'  
C) 'Congratulations!'  
D) 'Good luck!'
- It's impossible to open a bank account when you arrive in England. It works like this: you need a utility bill as proof of your address, which you don't yet have because you've just arrived, which is why you need to open a bank account. It is a ..... situation.*  
A) touch-and-go                      B) state-of-the-art                      C) chicken-and-egg                      D) forget-me-not

7. **ATM** Automated Teller Machine is a (an):
- A) money dispenser  
B) fairy tales generator  
C) answering machine  
D) drinks machine
8. 'I'm sorry, but it seems that my eyes are bigger than my stomach' is about:
- A) getting slimmer  
B) a dinner table situation  
C) trying on clothes  
D) memorizing facts
9. The famous opening sentence in *Moby Dick* is:
- A) Please call me Ishmael.  
B) Call me Ishmael.  
C) My name is Ishmael  
D) I am Ishmael.
10. In *Moby Dick*, the names of the mates on the Pequod are:
- A) Starbuck, Flask, Tashtego  
B) Queequeg, Stubb, Flask  
C) Daggoo, Stubb, Fedallah  
D) Starbuck, Stubb, Flask

**4 point questions**

11. The correct sentence is:
- A) Let's not take children to the country. They are so naughty there.  
B) Let's don't take the children to the country. They are so naughty there.  
C) Let won't take the children to the country. They are so naughty there.  
D) Let's not taking the children to the country. They are so naughty there.
12. *When all the children are up and moving about make a noise with your drum or whistle. You and the children must run and find a seat. There will be one seat .....*
- A) minus  
B) too few  
C) too little  
D) not enough
13. There are two ..... lakes, one for swimming and one for fishing.
- A) unnatural  
B) artificial  
C) synthetic  
D) false
14. Match the colours:
- |             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| 1. ruby     | a. orange |
| 2. emerald  | b. purple |
| 3. sapphire | c. green  |
| 4. amethyst | d. red    |
| 5. amber    | e. blue   |
- A) 1-d, 2-c, 3-e, 4-b, 5-a  
B) 1-b, 2-e, 3-c, 4-d, 5-a  
C) 1-d, 2-e, 3-c, 4-a, 5-b  
D) 1-a, 2-c, 3-e, 4-b, 5-d
15. There are ..... informal words used in this formal letter of application.

*Dear Sir/Madame,*

*I am writing to you to apply for the job of sales assistant in your Purchase Department which was advertised in the Daily Prospector.*

*I am 24 years old and I graduated from the High Business Academy two years ago. I can speak French and German fluently. I like working with people. In the opinion of my previous employer I am hardworking and responsible as well as friendly and helpful.*

*I realise that not only qualifications but also experience is needed. I worked as an assistant to the sales manager in a small department store for a short time. As I was requested to improve my professional skills, I took some additional courses in the domain of management.*

*I would be available for the interview at any time that would be O.K. to you so may you, please, tell me about its exact date.*

*I regret supplying my application by e-mail but being given the restricted time that was the only way to comply with the final date of application quoted.*

Yours faithfully,  
Tom Surey

- A) 2                                      B) 3                                      C) 4                                      D) 5

16. The wrong answer to 'Have you decided what you would like to do this weekend?' is:

- A) 'I'm easy.'  
B) 'I don't really mind.'  
C) 'All the same.'  
D) 'Any suggestion?'

17. In the following text, Fer is:

*Fer's been offered early redundancy. He wasn't sure whether to take it or not, but he's getting a good lump sum and he thought of going into business himself. It was his wife's idea that he considered the shop.*

- A) a businessman                                      C) unemployed  
B) a retired person                                      D) a shop assistant

18. **EUROSTAR** is:

- A) the title of the best singer of the year                                      C) the name of a train  
B) the name of a chain of four-star hotels                                      D) a TV sports channel

19. In **Moby Dick**, according to Starbuck, the sighting of a large squid signifies that if a whale ship encounters one:

- A) it will bring death to all.                                      C) it will never return home  
B) it will sail alone for ever                                      D) they will return home empty-handed.

20. In **Moby Dick**, the odd one out of the words connected with whaling is:

- A) spermaceti, harpooner, try pots, spears, oars, oil, mates.  
B) whaleboat, quarter-deck, oarsmen, whale, rowing, blubber.  
C) masts, crow's nest, crew members, fishing waters, barrels.  
D) amber, captain, sailors, spout, 'cutting-in', side-fins.

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**5 point questions**

21. All of the following: **a nose, an alarm clock, fire, fashion** can be:

- A) pushed                                      B) pressed                                      C) set                                      D) plugged in

22. 'What you say doesn't count as much as what you do.' means:

- A) It's not what you do that counts but rather what you say.  
B) It's not what you say that counts but rather what you do.  
C) What you say counts as much as what you do.  
D) Don't do anything unless you say it.

23. **The Fellowship of the Ring**, was first published in 1954.

Do you know when the third ..... came out?

- A) impression                                      B) issue                                      C) version                                      D) extension

24. Some people have two parts to their family name, e.g. Mr Smith-Stewart. This is called a (an):

- A) twin-hyphenated name                                      C) pen-name  
B) double-barrelled name                                      D) alias

25. There are ..... pairs which rhyme:

war – word  
head – bead  
love – dove  
blood – flood  
sent – scent

weigh – way  
host – most  
suit – suite  
Wales – whales  
eight – height

feast – priest  
loan – dawn  
loose – goose  
fire – choir

A) 3

B) 5

C) 7

D) 9

26. The text is about:

*Without much thinking, Alex fired off a couple of shots before Anastasia had time to think, never mind adjust her expression. He was moving around her smoothly encouraging her to move with him as he kept clicking away.*

A) dancing

B) playing computer games

C) taking photos

D) threatening somebody with a gun

27. 'The Troubles, Good Friday Agreement, Bloody Sunday' refer to:

A) the conflict between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland

B) the American Civil War

C) World War II

D) the Falklands War

28. RSVP can be found on:

A) a ticket

B) an invitation

C) a credit card

D) a job application

29. In *Moby Dick*, match the quotations with people who said them:

1. 'We're doomed! Doomed!'

2. 'There she blows! It's Moby Dick! Here's his hump, as white as a snow-capped hill!'

3. 'Then let us go home, Captain! Let us give up the search for the whale and return to our families safely.'

4. 'On my island, when people die, they put them in a canoe and let it float out to sea. Please, tell the carpenter to make one of those canoes for me.'

5. 'He didn't just lose his leg... the leg was crunched up, chewed up and devoured by the biggest and most terrifying whale you've ever seen.'

A) 1. Stubb, 2. Ahab, 3. Starbuck, 4. Queequeg, 5. Peleg

B) 1. Starbuck, 2. Ahab, 3. Stubb, 4. Peleg, 5. Daggoo

C) 1. Peleg, 2. Starbuck, 3. Ahab, 4. Stubb, 5. Bildad

D) 1. Ahab, 2. Stubb, 3. Peleg, 4. Queequeg, 5. Ishmael

30. Decide if the following statements in *Moby Dick* are true or false:

1. Ahab nails a gold coin to the mast to motivate his crew in his quest for Moby Dick.

2. Ahab's false leg is made of an elephant's tusk.

3. Ambergris is used to make the world's finest jewellery.

4. Ishmael was the only man who survived Moby Dick fury.

5. The captain of the *Delight* had lost six of his men to the whale.

6. Fedallah made a prediction about Ahab's death.

7. The captain of the *Samuel Enderby* wants to take revenge on Moby Dick.

A) 1-F, 2-F, 3-T, 4-T, 5-T, 6-T, 7-F

C) 1-T, 2-F, 3-F, 4-F, 5-T, 6-T, 7-F

B) 1-T, 2-F, 3-F, 4-T, 5-T, 6-F, 7-F

D) 1-T, 2-F, 3-F, 4-T, 5-T, 6-T, 7-F