

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CONTEST

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Secondary school, grades 9 & 10. 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

- Tom was late for work yesterday morning because his car had broken down.....
A) the evening before
B) last night
C) yesterday afternoon
D) three hours ago
- 'I can't meet you tonight. I have to revise for my test'
A) firstly
B) first
C) at first
D) first of all
- This company is rather small. They only five trucks.
A) rent
B) let
C) hire
D) lease
- When you change two letters in the word SUNDAY you can get:
A) the other day of the weekend
B) a shoe for the summer
C) the time of day when the sun disappears
D) a piece of music
- 'Go on!,' he said 'Make a wish.'
A) impatiently
B) immediately
C) reassuringly
D) hesitatingly
- '..... did you know I was there?'
A) If
B) Why
C) Where
D) How
- The odd one is:
A) William Shakespeare
B) Charles Dickens
C) J.R.R. Tolkien
D) Charles Darwin
- On hearing the teacher read out 8-year-old school kid's name, the child replies:
A) 'Yes, Miss Jones.'
B) 'OK, Miss Jones.'
C) 'Present, Miss.'
D) 'Here, Miss.'
- In ***The Turn of the Screw***, Elisabeth was daughter of a priest.
A) the eldest
B) the youngest
C) the only
D) the fifth
- In ***The Turn of the Screw***, Elisabeth arrived at Bly in
A) summer
B) spring
C) autumn
D) winter

11. 'I don't want to leave now. The party is great, Mum.'

'..... to come back home at once.'

- A) I'd rather you B) You'd better C) I'd prefer you D) It's high time

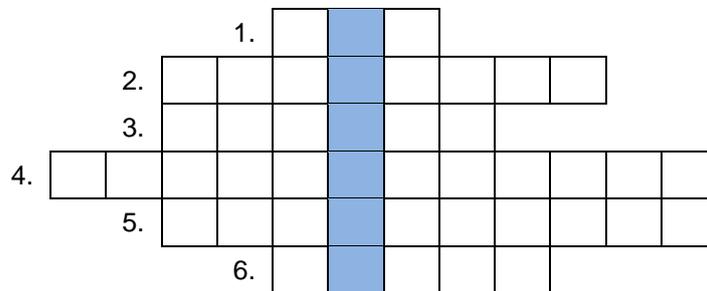
12. The number of heavy smokers decreasing nowadays.

- A) get B) are C) gets D) is

13. 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.



14. Mathematics used to be his Achilles, but now he is quite good at it.

- A) foot B) heel C) ankle D) sole

15. 'I have to leave the office earlier today. It's my daughter's birthday!'

- A) 'It's up to you.' C) 'Congratulations!'
 B) 'Happy Birthday!' D) 'Good luck!'

16. *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 C) chicken-and-egg
 B) state-of-the-art D) forget-me-not

17. The motorway which circumnavigates London is:

- A) M5 B) M1 C) M6 D) M25

18. The correct set of education stages in England is:

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|----|---------------|-----------------|----|---------------|-----------------|
| A) | Key Stage I | 4-6 year olds | C) | Key Stage I | 6-8 year olds |
| | Key Stage II | 6-10 year olds | | Key Stage II | 8-11 year olds |
| | Key Stage III | 10-14 year olds | | Key Stage III | 11-14 year olds |
| | Key Stage IV | 14-16 year olds | | Key Stage IV | 14-16 year olds |
| | Key Stage V | 16-18 year olds | | Key Stage V | 16-18 year olds |
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| B) | Key Stage I | 5-7 year olds | D) | Key Stage I | 5-7 year olds |
| | Key Stage II | 7-11 year olds | | Key Stage II | 7-12 year olds |
| | Key Stage III | 11-14 year olds | | Key Stage III | 12-15 year olds |
| | Key Stage IV | 14-16 year olds | | Key Stage IV | 15-16 year olds |
| | Key Stage V | 16-18 year olds | | Key Stage V | 16-18 year olds |

19. In *The Turn of the Screw*, Elisabeth kept a secret about the ghosts from the children because she was afraid that:

- A) the ghosts would do greater evil to the children
- B) the ghosts would take the children away
- C) the children would write to their uncle
- D) the children would try to play with the ghosts

20. There are 'the' missing in the extract from *The Turn of the Screw*.
..... *summer turned into autumn. leaves on trees browned, withered and fell. one clear, autumn morning, they were all walking to*

- A) no B) 1 C) 2 D) 3

5 point questions

21. The correct sentence is:

- A) I can't have left the book in the office. I remember putting it into the bag.
- B) I couldn't leave the book in the office. I remember to put it into the bag.
- C) I couldn't have left the book in the office. I remember to put it into the bag.
- D) I wasn't able to leave the book in the office. I remember putting it into the bag.

22. *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

23. ATM Automated Teller Machine is a (an):

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| A) money dispenser | C) answering machine |
| B) fairy tales generator | D) drinks machine |

24. Match the colours:

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| 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 C) 1-d, 2-e, 3-c, 4-a, 5-b
B) 1-b, 2-e, 3-c, 4-d, 5-a D) 1-a, 2-c, 3-e, 4-b, 5-d

25. 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

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

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

27. 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 B) a retired person C) unemployed D) a shop assistant

28. In Britain around of the 18 to 19 year olds enter full-time higher education.

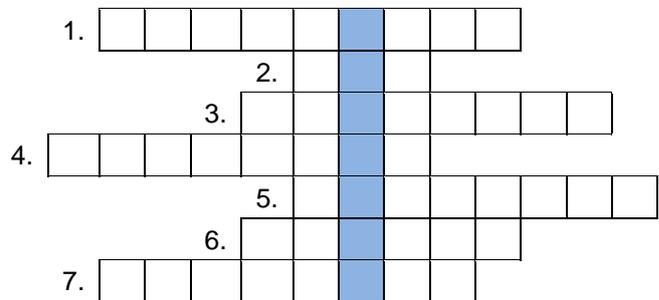
- A) 30% B) 40% C) 50% D) 60%

29. In **The Turn of the Screw**, one hot afternoon Flora was trying to make a boat when Miles was:

- A) reading in the house C) sleeping on the grass
 B) sailing on the lake D) walking in the woods

30. In reference to **The Turn of the Screw**, the word down in the crossword is:

1. a set of stairs inside a building
2. hold someone or something close
3. a person who has very little experience and does not know about the bad things in life
4. doing what you have been told to do
5. dried up, without freshness
6. disappear
7. time after sunset



- A) feeling superior to others C) haunting old houses
 B) taking part in horse racing D) clever at planning while tricking others