

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

1. The correct set is:

A) at Easter at night in an hour on 3 rd May on a cold day at the weekend in the 21 st century on New Year's Day	B) at Easter at night in an hour on 3 rd May on a cold day in the weekend in the 21 st century on New Year's Day	C) at Easter at night in an hour on 3 rd May in a cold day at the weekend in the 21 st century in New Year's Day	D) on Easter at night in an hour on 3 rd May on a cold day at the weekend in the 21 st century at New Year's Day
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2. "Will you marry me?"

"I'll give you the answer tomorrow."

- A) Julia is putting off her answer till tomorrow.
- B) Julia is putting out her answer till tomorrow.
- C) Julia is putting away her answer till tomorrow.
- D) Julia is putting aside her answer till tomorrow.

3. If:

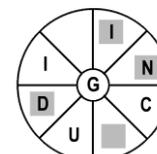
scared = blue tired = yellow sleepy = white angry = red bored = green

then:

A) scared and angry = orange angry and bored = purple angry and sleepy = pink angry and tired = brown	B) scared and angry = purple angry and bored = pink angry and sleepy = brown angry and tired = orange	C) scared and angry = pink angry and bored = brown angry and sleepy = purple angry and tired = orange	D) scared and angry = purple angry and bored = brown angry and sleepy = pink angry and tired = orange
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4. To find the nine-letter word, start with one of the shaded letters and spiral around in a clockwise direction, finishing in the centre. The missing letters are:

- A) V, L B) L, N C) S, R D) F, R



5. "I was very tired and fell asleep in class yesterday."

"....."

- A) How embarrassing! C) Stop it.
- B) For a couple of hours. D) I don't mind.

6. Leave me alone, I don't want to be with such matters.
 A) forced B) angry C) bothered D) finished
7. A **double-decker** is a:
 A) truck with two trailers C) two-piece swimsuit
 B) bus D) computer desk
8.

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 A) The tickets are sold outside the theatre.
 B) There are no more tickets.
 C) The tickets are sold at 6 p.m.
 D) The tickets are sent to people.
9. In **Save the Forest**, a building company was going to cut down all the trees and
 A) make fields for farming. C) build new supermarkets.
 B) put up blocks of flats. D) build a shopping mall.
10. In **Save the Forest**, at the beginning of the story, Christopher was upset because:
 A) it was the end of term and he had nobody to play basketball with.
 B) his parents worked long hours.
 C) his bike was stolen.
 D) he got a school report and he knew that his parents would be angry to see it.

4 point questions

11. You are not allowed to use my computer.
 A) It isn't necessary for you to use my computer.
 B) I advise you to use your own computer.
 C) You mustn't use my computer.
 D) You needn't use my computer.
12. "Psychology Professor Eric Richardson, whose work tries to identify the reason why people wish to be in the limelight, says that famous people have usually experienced a negative event at a young age. This may have been the loss of a parent or rejection from an important person in their lives. Celebrities have often been during their childhood and told they would not achieve something – such as success at school."
 A) put down B) put through C) put away D) put aside
13. "Chop the parsley finely and it over your pasta."
 A) sprinkle B) simmer C) mix D) spill
14. You can't lose:
 A) patience B) touch C) adventure D) weight
15. 'Oh, Mike, let's go out tonight'
 'I said I haven't time,?'
 A) didn't I B) have I C) haven't I D) did I
16. The most eager answer to: 'May I have your telephone number?' is:
 A) Yes, yes, yes! B) But of course. C) No problem. D) As you wish.

17. The **Prime Minister** of Great Britain during most of World War II was:

- A) Tony Blair B) John Major C) Winston Churchill D) Neville Chamberlain

18. **Speaker's Corner** in Hyde Park, London, is a place:

- A) where amateurish theatrical troops perform,
B) where anyone can speak their minds without being punished for it
C) where people communicate in a sign language only
D) where monuments of best political speakers are erected

19. In **Save the Forest**, **picketing** means:

- A) signing petitions and sending them to the Mayor of the town
B) going round the town and giving out the pamphlet *Who Needs Trees?*
C) having a picnic in a designated area
D) a long line of people holding hands and blocking the road to Aylesworth Forest

20. In **Save the Forest**, the following descriptions refer to:

1. He was a big, tall man with a moustache, and he stood like a soldier.
 2. He had a friendly manner and seemed very nice. Christopher liked him.
 3. He was not very tall. He had black hair and brown eyes. He wore glasses and had a serious manner.
 4. He was a tall, thin man with white hair and he was very strict.
 5. She was a pretty woman with curly brown hair and green eyes.
 6. She was a middle-aged woman with grey hair.
- a. Mrs Andrews b. Mr Andrews c. Mrs Wiffin
d. The Mayor of Aylesworth e. Mr Edwards f. Ricky

- A) 1c, 2b, 3a, 4d, 5e, 6f
B) 1a, 2b, 3d, 4c, 5e, 6f

- C) 1d, 2f, 3b, 4e, 5a, 6c
D) 1a, 2b, 3c, 4d, 5f, 6e

5 point questions

21. It's likely our aunt will be visiting us soon.

- A) Our aunt must visit us soon. C) I'm sure our aunt is going to visit us soon.
B) Our aunt may visit us soon. D) It's possible our aunt won't visit us soon.

22. The missing preposition is:

1. She seemed really put by his rude remarks but put it down to his traumatic experience.
2. It took the fire brigade six hours to put the fire. One of the firemen put his arm out while trying to save a child.
3. I hope it won't put you if I ask you to put up Professor Jenkins for a day or two.
4. You never put yourself to help your younger brothers and I'm not going to put up with it any longer.

- A) through B) away C) across D) out

23. There are pairs of words which have the same vowel sound.

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|---------|---|----------|--------|---|----------|---------|---|--------|
| murder | - | birthday | diet | - | quiet | cushion | - | fusion |
| show | - | slow | pool | - | pull | prawn | - | frown |
| brought | - | caught | sudden | - | southern | many | - | funny |
| people | - | Seattle | | | | | | |

- A) 4 B) 5 C) 6 D) 7

24. What cannot be **coated** is:

- A) mood B) blood C) house D) furniture

25. The angry answer to "I don't think I'll come to the party tonight." is:

- A) "All right, suit yourself." C) "What a pity!"
B) "Oh, no!" D) "Are you sure?"

26. 'Don't get me, but I do think you eat too much.'

- A) down B) false C) wrong D) slim

27. The odd one out is:

- A) Two spans of 45 minutes. C) 5400 seconds.
B) Half of three hours. D) A twelfth of a day.

28. The countries where people drive on the left side of the road are:

- A) New Zealand and Canada C) the UK and Australia
B) the UK and Canada D) Northern Ireland and Australia

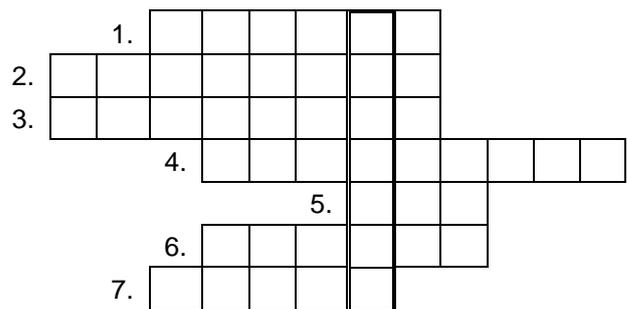
29. On the basis of **Save the Forest**, decide if the following sets of sentences in are true or false:

1. Christopher's mother was a chemist and his father was an engineer.
2. Christopher wrote a letter to Mr Hunt at BBC Channel One and asked him to help save Aylesworth Forest.
3. Mrs Wiffin gave Christopher a thick envelope with all the petitions to the Mayor and said 'We want you to do this because you started the fight to save the forest.'
4. The march went from the centre of town to the forest. The police stopped all the cars. A lot of people didn't want to march, but they came to watch.

- A) 1T, 2T, 3F, 4T B) 1F, 2T, 3T, 4F C) 1F, 2T, 3F, 4F D) 1T, 2T, 3T, 4T

30. On the basis of **Save the Forest**, the word down means:

1. potatoes beaten into a soft mass
2. all the people who are watching or listening to a play, concert, speech, the television, etc
3. a formal written request signed by many people
4. a powerful tractor with a device for clearing ground
5. a deciduous forest tree bearing acorns
6. an animal with black and white stripes on its head that lives in the ground and comes out at night
7. e.g. a cat that does not have a home



- A) a very thin book with a paper cover containing information about a particular subject
B) the study of relationships of living things to their environment
C) the title of a newspaper article printed in large letters above the story
D) the scientific study of animals