

## KANGOUROU 2008: ENGLISH LEVELS 11-12

1. A ballad is a song that .....

- A) is learnt by heart                      B) sings bird  
C) tells a story                              D) is written down                      E) is very ridiculous

2. How many sides has each snow- flake?

- A) four            B) it is circular    C) less than five D) six            E) three

3. Iulian , Mara , Nick and Fabian have got : a cat, a dog, a fish , a canary. Mara has got a furry pet, Fabian has got a four - legged pet, Nick has got a bird and Iulian and Mara do not love cats. It's incorrect to state that :

- A) Fabian has got a dog.            B) Nick has got a canary.  
C) Iulian has got a fish.            D) Fabian has got a cat.            E) Mara has got a dog.

4. "All men are equal, but some are more equal than others." Who wrote this?

- A) Aldous Huxley            B) William Shakespeare            C) George Orwell  
D) Charles Dickens            E) Queen Victoria

5. We are really looking forward ..... the competition.

- A) entering            B) enter            C) to entering  
D) to enter            E) to be entered

6. The name of the huge stone wall built to keep invaders out the Roman Empire is .....

- A) The Scottish Borders            B) The Picket Fence            C) Offa's Dyke  
D) Hadrian's Wall            E) The Great Stone Wall

7. There's a clever old miser who tries

Every method to economise.

He said with a wink,

«I save gallons of ink

By simply ..... my i's.»

- A) not writing            B) not dotting  
C) crossing            D) skipping            E) dotting

8. For years a secret shame destroyed my peace -  
I've not read Eliot, Auden or MacNeice.

But now I think a thought that brings me hope:

..... had Chaucer, Shakespeare, Milton, Pope.

- A) Either            B) None            C) Even  
D) Neither            E) No sooner

9. "There are two kinds of people: those who do the work, and those who take the credit.

Try to be .....; there is less competition there." *Indira Gandhi*

- A) in the second group            B) in the first group            C) in neither group  
D) in any other            E) in both groups

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**10. Maria, her mother, her grandmother and the doll are sitting on the bench. The grandmother is sitting next to the granddaughter, but not next to the doll. The doll is not sitting beside the mother. Who is sitting next to the mother?**

- A) Maria                                      B) grandmother                                      C) both Maria and the grandmother  
D) Maria and the doll                      E) the Grandmother and the doll

**11. "Hang about" means:**

- A) wait for a short time  
B) end a phone call and put down the receiver  
C) spend time at a place doing nothing  
D) distribute something to several people  
E) try to avoid something

**12. America has seen some of the most interesting literary movements, one of which is the Lost Generation. Which of the following writers does not belong to the movement**

- A) Ernest Hemingway                      B) John Dos Passos                      C) F. Scott Fitzgerald  
D) Jack Kerouac                              E) Ezra Pound

**13. Which of the following towns is located in the North of England?**

- A) Brighton                      B) Dover                      C) Leeds  
D) Bristol                              E) Manchester

**14. If one is not supposed to drink and drive, than why do pubs have .....**

- A) chairs                      B) parking lots                      C) bartenders                      D) sandwiches                      E) good music

**15. What is the name of the British born creator of the World Wide Web?**

- A) Clive Sinclair                              B) James Dyson                              C) Christopher Cockerell  
D) Timothy Berners-Lee                      E) James Wyatt

**16. Queen Elizabeth II usually goes by her first name. What is Her Majesty's surname?**

- A) Buckingham    B) Westminster    C) Wessex    D) Windsor    E) Eire

**17. Match the following words with their definitions:**

- |              |                      |
|--------------|----------------------|
| a) rasher    | 1. dictionary        |
| b) clippie   | 2. shoes             |
| c) plimsolls | 3. a bus conductress |
| d) OED       | 4. slice of bacon    |
| e) quid      | 5. money             |
- A) 1-a, 2-c, 3-d, 4-b, 5-e                      B) 1-d, 2-c, 3-b, 4-a, 5-e  
C) 1-c, 2-a, 3-b, 4-e, 5-d                      D) 1-e, 2-c, 3-b, 4-a, 5-d  
E) 1-b, 2-c, 3-a, 4-e, 5-d

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**18. What is Buck House?**

- A) the house of a famous writer      B) a famous department store  
C) the Queen's annual tea party      D) a popular hotel      E) a castle

**19. "I was tickled ..... by her compliments. Now I feel a lot more confident about my looks"**

- A) yellow      B) red      C) green      D) black      E) pink

**20. British soldiers during the 18<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> century were also called:**

- A) Beefeaters      B) the Yellow boots  
C) the Tall Hats      D) the Redcoats  
E) the Gatekeepers

**21. G.B Shaw is a prominent British playwright, who wrote several famous plays. However, one of the plays below is not written by him. Which one?**

- A) "Caesar and Cleopatra"      B) "Man and Superman"      C) "Pygmalion"      D) "Saint Joan"  
E) "An Ideal Husband"

**22. The British have the weirdest dishes. Which of these is not a typically British dish?**

- A) Bubble & Squeak      B) Bacon Roly-Poly  
C) Bangers and Mash      D) Toad-in-the-Hole      E) Candy Mandy

**23. The sparrows' island has a very unusual climate: it always rains on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Saturdays are always foggy, and the rest of the weekdays are sunny. A group of tourists would like to spend a 44-day holiday on the island. What should be the first day of the holiday spent on the island in order to enjoy the greatest number of sunny days?**

- A) Monday      B) Wednesday      C) Thursday  
D) Friday      E) Tuesday

**24. Christopher Columbus was financed by..... .**

- A) The King of Portugal      B) the Queen of Spain      C) the Queen of Italy  
D) American Indians      E) English Catholics

**25. Which of these entertainers was not born in the UK?**

- A) Stan Laurel      B) Alfred Hitchcock  
C) Oliver Hardy      D) Charlie Chaplin      E) Rowan Atkinson

**26. When we say "The Gunners were hammered today", what we mean is that:**

- A) There was a street fight.  
B) A football team was defeated.  
C) The British lost a battle.  
D) Policemen were attacked with hammers.  
E) A hunting game ended in disaster.

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- 27. What do you call a group of lions?**  
A) a gang    B) a pack    C) a pride    D) a herd    E) a flock
- 28. If you told an insensitive person: „your dog died”, they wouldn’t ..... .**  
A) turn a blind eye    B) turn a hair    C) turn up  
D) turn away    E) turn upside down
- 29. In only one of the following pairs the idioms mean the same thing. Which of them is it?**  
A) eat dirt/eat humble pie  
B) to pay over the odds/to pay through the nose  
C) to twist someone’s arm/a shot in the arm.  
D) fine kettle of fish /different kettle of fish  
E) eat like a pig/eat like a wolf
- 30. Alex, Ben , Charlie Dan and Erik are trying to guess a date:**  
Alex: “4<sup>th</sup> of March, Saturday”, Ben : “ 4<sup>th</sup> of March, Sunday” , Charlie:”5<sup>th</sup> of April, Sunday”, Dan:”5<sup>th</sup> of April, Saturday”, Erik:”5<sup>th</sup> of March, Saturday”  
Each of them is right about some information (day of the week, month, date), but only one of them guessed the exact date . Who is that one?  
A) Alex    B) Ben    C) Charlie    D) Dan    E) Erik
- 31. Sometimes all you need to say something is a single letter.Which of the expressions below does not mean anything?**  
A) mind your p’s and q’s    B) drop your h’s  
C) from a to z    D) the three R’s    E) be all t’s and f’s
- 32. Which pair doesn’t match?**  
A) son- daughter    B) uncle- aunt    C) groom- bride    D) artist- actress    E) lord- lady
- 33. Only one word can collocate with the following nouns. Which is it?**  
change / morals / cannon / trousers / talk  
A) loose    B) spare    C) small    D) hot    E) tight
- 34. “Imagine there’s no heaven  
It’s easy if you try  
No hell below us  
Above us only sky  
Imagine all the people  
Living for today”.**  
This song is sung by: .....
- A) “The Genesis”    B) Phil Collins  
C) “The Pink Floyd”    D) Oasis    E) John Lennon

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35. The following facts are known about Andi, Bogdan, Cris, Dan and Emil: Andi is shorter than Bogdan, Cris is taller than Emil, Dan is shorter than Andi, Emil is taller than Bogdan. Who is the tallest ?

- A) Andi B) Bogdan C) Cris D) Dan E) Emil

36. Please, ..... from smoking until the plane is airborne.

- A) exclude B) refrain C) subdue  
D) resist E) reject

37. The vase is definitely not ....., just a very good imitation.

- A) factual B) genuine C) real  
D) true E) proper

38. Old sailing ships usually had a ..... of a woman on the prow.

- A) face lift B) feature C) figurehead  
D) sketch E) frontispiece

39. Here's a question for you to fill in: "Why is the man who invests all your money called a(n).....?"

- A) investor B) dealer C) broker D) agent E) trader

40. What is the correct sequence of the sentence linkers in the text?

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|---|--|
| a) ....., I don't think Adam is very good at his job.                                     | 1. Furthermore<br>2. To be more specific<br>3. Yet<br>4. Otherwise<br>5. To tell you the truth |
| b) ....., he is slow and not very creative.   |  |
| c) ....., he believes that he is the backbone of the company.                             |  |
| d) ....., I don't dare to challenge him because of his close friendship with the manager. |  |
| e) ....., I would not have a problem telling him a thing or two.                          |  |

- A) a5-b2-c1-d3-e4 B) a2-b1-c3-d4-e5  
C) a4-b5-c1-d3-e2 D) a2-b5-c4-d1-e3 E) a1-b3-c5-d2-e4