

# INTERNATIONAL KANGAROO LINGUISTIC CONTEST 2015

Time Allowed: 60 minutes

## 3 - Point Questions

1. Choose the missing word to complete the idiom:

"You won't get him to change his mind. He's *as stubborn as a* ....."

- A) horse                                      B) fox                                      C) mule  
D) cow                                        E) buffalo

2. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence:

Her phone will be cut off unless she ..... the bill.

- A) pays                                        B) will pay                                      C) pay  
D) doesn't pay                                      E) didn't pay

3. I wouldn't like to be in Sam's ..... when the boss hears what he has done.

- A) skin                                        B) heart                                      C) mind  
D) thoughts                                      E) shoes

4. What does the *Richter scale* measure?

- A) volcanoes                                      B) earthquakes                                      C) tornadoes  
D) hurricanes                                      E) avalanches

5. We had ..... nice weather in London last week.

- A) such                                        B) such a                                      C) such an  
D) so    E) so a

6. In which of these words is "ch" pronounced differently from the others?

- A) anchor                                      B) architect                                      C) ostrich  
D) character                                      E) stomach

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7. Which animal does the following sentence describe?

*It gave a frightening roar and ran off to hunt.*

- A) dog                                      B) wolf                                      C) snake  
D) lion                                      E) crocodile

8. .... the box has been opened, you can't close it again.

- A) Often                                      B) Only                                      C) One time  
D) One                                      E) Once

9. The Sydney Opera House, a masterpiece of late modern architecture, is located in .....

- A) the USA                                      B) the UK                                      C) Canada  
D) Australia                                      E) New Zealand

10. What do you say if you like an idea?

- A) Don't worry!                                      B) I don't care!                                      C) Don't mention it!  
D) That sounds great!                                      E) I am sorry!

## 4 - Point Questions

11. Complete the dialogue:

*Curt:* Is your cousin older than you?

*Ted:* No. He is just ..... I am.

- A) as older than                                      B) oldest than                                      C) as older as  
D) the oldest                                      E) as old as

12. You won't forget to post the letter, .....?

- A) will you                                      B) won't you                                      C) do you  
D) don't you                                      E) shall we

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13. She looked in the mirror and she saw her own .....

- A) idol                                      B) picture                                      C) imagination  
D) reflection                                      E) icon

14. Angling is one of the most popular leisure activities in Britain.

It is another name for .....

- A) hunting                                      B) gardening                                      C) fishing  
D) jogging                                      E) swimming

15. "They phone us once in a blue moon" means that they phone us .....

- A) once a month                                      B) twice a week                                      C) almost never  
D) at midnight                                      E) when the sky is clear

16. My father-in-law is very keen ..... swimming and cycling.

- A) on                                      B) with                                      C) of  
D) by                                      E) in

17. If you go to New York, you can visit .....

- A) Hyde Park                                      B) Piccadilly Circus                                      C) Tower Bridge  
D) Golden Gate Bridge                                      E) Central Park

18. Working in an insurance ..... offers a lot of opportunity for growth, education and experience.

- A) factory                                      B) company                                      C) market  
D) policy                                      E) industry

19. I admire my headteacher very much. I really look ..... to her.

- A) right                                      B) ahead                                      C) up  
D) down                                      E) forward

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20. "I don't know how I will sort this problem out, *I'm in deep water.*"

The phrase in italics means:

- A) I'm confused.                                      B) I can't swim.                                      C) I'm in a lot of trouble.  
D) I'm learning to swim.                                      E) I don't have any money.

## 5 - Point Questions

21. Which book was **not** written by Mark Twain?

- A) The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn                      B) Tom Sawyer, Detective  
C) Life on the Mississippi                                      D) The Prince and the Pauper  
E) Around the World in Eighty Days

22. The Grand Canyon is ..... in the USA.

- A) a vast, flat expanse of land                                      B) a high, well-timbered mountain  
C) an old, deep forest    D) a narrow, deep valley  
E) a fast-flowing, narrow river

23. I ..... a terrible accident on my way here. Two cars..... at the crossroads.

- A) saw/were crashing                                      B) saw/have crashed                                      C) have seen/crashed  
D) saw/had crashed    E) was seeing/crashed

24. Match the words in the two columns:

- |             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| 1. a spare  | a. hill   |
| 2. a sudden | b. wheel  |
| 3. a silly  | c. belt   |
| 4. a safety | d. change |
| 5. a steep  | e. joke   |

- A) 1a/ 2c/ 3b/ 4d/ 5e                      B) 1b/ 2d/ 3e/ 4c/ 5a  
C) 1b/ 2e/ 3a/ 4c/ 5d                      D) 1c/ 2a/ 3e/ 4b/ 5d  
E) 1e/ 2b/ 3d/ 4a/ 5c

25. You may have heard of the Black Sea and the Red Sea. Which other sea is named after a colour?

- A) The White Sea                              B) The Orange Sea                              C) The Green Sea  
D) The Blue Sea                                E) The Brown Sea

26. "It's a pity they didn't come earlier." What does this mean?

- A) I wish they came earlier.              B) I wish they would come earlier.  
C) I wish they had come earlier.      D) I wanted they could come earlier.  
E) I wished they had come earlier.

27. In Snowdonia .....

- A) there is a lot of deep snow              B) it is always winter  
C) you can see rare birds                      D) there are polar bears  
E) people live in houses made of ice

28. What is a group of dolphins called?

- A) a pool    B) a herd    C) a school  
D) a flock    E) a pack

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29. A sympathetic person .....

- A) looks good
- B) is understanding
- C) is in pain
- D) makes you cry
- E) makes you laugh

30. Which sentence is false?

- A) The River Thames flows into the North Sea.
- B) Wales is to the west of England.
- C) Scotland is in the south of Great Britain.
- D) Cardiff is the capital of Wales.
- E) Glasgow is situated in Scotland.

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