

# 15<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL KANGAROO LINGUISTIC CONTEST 2018

Junior Level (Class 9 & 10)

Time Allowed: 60 minutes

## 3 - Point Questions

For questions 1– 10, read and choose the best answer.

1. He had a dreadful attack of vertigo. What does *vertigo* mean?

- A) dizziness                      B) blindness                      C) unconsciousness  
D) madness                      E) severe pain

2. Where does a lollipop lady work?

- A) near a school                      B) at a circus                      C) in a playground  
D) at a police station                      E) in a sweet shop

3. I was furious ..... her ..... her behaviour.

- A) on/ about                      B) with/ about                      C) with/ on  
D) to/ about                      E) with/ for

4. *Child*: Do I really have to eat this?

*Parent*: No, you ....., but you ..... anything else.

- A) don't have to/ would not get                      B) have not to/ would not get  
C) must not/ won't get                      D) don't have to/ won't get  
E) do not have/ want get

5. Andrew knows that if any problems ....., he must call his parents immediately.

- A) raise                      B) arise                      C) rise  
D) arisen                      E) risen

6. While he was tidying up his desk one day, he came ..... a promotional leaflet about an Asian food supplier.

- A) across                      B) to                      C) through  
D) on                      E) in

7. *Sophia*: I didn't really enjoy the concert last night.

*Emily*: No, and .....

- A) neither we did                      B) we did so                      C) we didn't too  
D) did we neither                      E) neither did we

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8. Not having classes in the afternoon, I ..... going for a picnic.

- A) suggested                      B) wished                      C) invited  
D) asked                              E) offered

9. Which two words do not mean the same?

- A) dummy – pacifier              B) currant – fig              C) biscuit – cookie  
D) courgette – zucchini        E) queue – line

10. Mike: You should try skydiving!

Sam: .....

- A) I can't stand him!              B) I'm not afraid of heights.      C) I don't go there!  
D) In a million years!              E) Been there, done that!

## 4 - Point Questions

For questions 11-20, read and choose the correct answer.

11. Name the thing being defined as:

*"a publisher's short description of the contents of a book, usually printed on the jacket or the cover"*

- A) billboard                      B) blurb                      C) script  
D) manual                        E) review

12. Put the following lines into the correct order.

1. *Pass into nothingness; but will keep*
2. *A thing of beauty is a joy for ever*
3. *A bower quiet for us, and a sleep*
4. *Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing*
5. *Its loveliness increases; it will never*

(John Keats, from *Endymion*)

- A) 4-2-5-1-3                      B) 2-5-3-1-4                      C) 4-3-5-2-1  
D) 1-5-3-4-2                      E) 2-5-1-3-4

13. Wild boars haven't been seen in this ..... of the woods for over ten years due to overhunting in the past.

- A) walk                              B) ward                              C) neck  
D) leg                                E) bunch

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14. *Audrey*: Did they find out who had taken the money?

*Sarah*: Yes, Robert finally admitted ..... it all.

- A) to having already spent                      B) already have spending  
C) to spend already                                D) having spent already  
E) have spending already

15. He also praised firefighters and mountain rescuers for their efforts in his .....-boosting visit.

- A) temper    B) state    C) mood  
D) moral    E) morale

16. Complete the sentence:

The new mall opened last month and by the end of the first week, it ..... by thousands of shoppers.



- A) will be visited                                      B) had been visited  
C) is visited    D) would have been visited  
E) has been visited

17. These expressions describe a person's figure or weight. What is the right order on a scale very thin to very fat?

- A) slim – thin – obese – stout                      B) slim – thin – skinny – stout  
C) thin – stout – slim – plump                      D) skinny – slim – thin – obese  
E) skinny – slim – plump – obese

18. Someone who hunts or catches game illegally is a .....

- A) gambler    B) hooligan    C) racketeer  
D) poacher    E) porcupine

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19. Which noun expresses a positive emotion?

A) resentment

B) contempt

C) indignation

D) serenity

E) anxiety

20. Match the words to find five correct collocations.

1. shooting

a. blow

2. hammer

b. camp

3. celestial

c. value

4. boot

d. body

5. core

e. star

A) 1e/ 2a/ 3d/ 4c/ 5b

B) 1b/ 2d/ 3c/ 4a/ 5e

C) 1e/ 2a/ 3d/ 4b/ 5c

D) 1c/ 2a/ 3e/ 4d/ 5b

E) 1c/ 2d/ 3e/ 4b/ 5a

## 5 - Point Questions

Read the text. For questions 21–23, choose the correct answer.



Croquet has been traced back to the 1300s. Originating in France, the game was called “paille-maille” which means ball-mallet. In 1604, the crowns of Scotland and England were united under James VI of Scotland, soon to be known as James I of England. When he moved to the palace in London, he brought a paille-maille set as well as a set of golf clubs with him. James’ grandson Charles II enjoyed the game mightily and often played it in St. James’ Park. A nearby road, ‘Pall Mall’, was named after the game. This boulevard was often frequented by strollers and soon any road conducive to pleasant walks in the city became known as a mall. Also, modern retailers adopted the name and now call any conglomeration of stores with a covered walkway a mall.

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21. The original name for croquet was derived from .....
- A) the equipment necessary for the game
  - B) the rules devised for the game
  - C) the players required for the game
  - D) the division of the teams in the game
  - E) the instructions given for the game
22. Strollers frequented the boulevard Pall Mall during the reign of Charles II. These were people who .....
- A) used to shop there
  - B) used to admire croquet
  - C) used to play croquet
  - D) used to walk at leisure
  - E) used to be fans of Charles II
23. Which is the odd one out?
- A) conducive to study
  - B) conducive to learning
  - C) conducive to discussion
  - D) conducive to sleep
  - E) conducive to school
24. My uncle works as a traffic ..... whose job is to check that vehicles are legally parked.



- A) assistant
  - B) responsible
  - C) watchman
  - D) guard
  - E) warden
25. Which of the following idioms does **not** exist?
- A) walk Italian
  - B) young Turk
  - C) go Dutch
  - D) Indian summer
  - E) French leave

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26. British people are keen on rhyming phrases, from the funny cockney to everyday expressions. Match the following expressions to their meaning and choose the correct option:

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. roly-poly      | a. at random     |
| 2. la-di-da       | b. very small    |
| 3. willy-nilly    | c. in a hurry    |
| 4. teeny weeny    | d. snobbish      |
| 5. helter-skelter | e. short and fat |

A) 1e/ 2d/ 3a/ 4b/ 5c

B) 1c/ 2d/ 3e/ 4b/ 5a

C) 1b/ 2c/ 3e/ 4d/ 5a

D) 1e/ 2d/ 3b/ 4a/ 5c

E) 1a/ 2d/ 3c/ 4b/ 5e

27. No sooner ..... mowing the lawn than it started raining.

A) had started

B) had I started

C) I started

D) I had started

E) did I start

28. If you stick to your ....., it means that you refuse to change your opinion or decision, even though other people disagree with you.

A) swords

B) guns

C) canons

D) spears

E) arms

29. Much as I liked the first candidate, I do have some ..... about offering her the job.

A) misfits

B) misunderstandings

C) misinterpretations

D) misdemeanours

E) misgivings

30. If you leave someone high and dry, it means that you leave him .....

A) drunk

B) sober

C) thirsty

D) in safety

E) stranded

