GRADE 9

NATIONAL ENGLISH COMPETITION

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DIRECTIONS FOR NATIONAL ENGLISH COMPETITION

- You have got 45 minutes to answer 30 questions.
- Each question has only one correct answer.
- Once the test starts you are not allowed to leave for the first 30 minutes.
- Phones and smart watches are not allowed during the test.

1. Before you can get a credit card, you have to provide a lot of _____ details.

   A) wealth
   B) person
   C) happiness
   D) personal

2. They didn't remember my birthday but you _____.

   A) have
   B) don't
   C) did
   D) does

3. It _____ her fifteen minutes _____ to school.

   A) took / go
   B) has taken / walk
   C) takes / walk
   D) takes / to walk

4. If you travel around the world, you will learn that every country _____ different customs.

   A) have
   B) has
   C) is having
   D) had

5. The fire was so intense that it took the firemen three hours to _____it _____.

   A) put / away
   B) find / out
   C) put / out
   D) clear / up

6. It was a wonderful holiday. I will always remember _____ the Niagara Falls.

   A) seeing
   B) to see
   C) saw
   D) see

7. She's going to be late because her plane _____.

   A) has been delayed
   B) has delayed
   C) delayed
   D) was delayed

8. I have to work about 80 hours a week, so I'm very busy. But if I_____ any spare time, I _____ a sport like golf.

   A) will have / will take up
   B) had / will take up
   C) will have / had
   D) had / would take up

9. You wouldn't _____ your car if you had driven more carefully.

   A) damage
   B) damaged
   C) has damaged
   D) have damaged

10. The lights went out _____.

    A) when the eight o'clock news started
    B) after I have finished my homework
    C) as soon as you arrive home
    D) before the Prime Minister enters the conference hall

Choose the word that has the closest meaning to the underlined one.

11. Jack had been so **furious** as when one of his friends used his pen without permission.

    A) glad
    B) amiable
    C) calm
    D) angry

12. The **abandoned** boat was found miles away from the shore; they never found out who had been on it.

    A) expensive
    B) crashed
    C) aged
    D) deserted

13. My wife had thought that the food we took for our trip would be **adequate**. But it finished in the third day.

    A) sufficient
    B) inefficient
    C) addictive
    D) settled

14. The whole excursion took **approximately** ten hours.

A) exactly
B) about
C) precisely
D) apparently

15. George was **baffled** by Harriet's reaction.

A) very pleased
B) greatly confused
C) disappointed
D) insulted

For the questions 16 to 20, answer the questions according to the text.

Love and Hate in Chapel Lane

The black motorbike rolled rapidly over the railway crossing and disappeared from view. Harriet Wilkins ran and ran after it, screaming and yelling at the youngsters to stop. She kept running until she ran out of breath and had to stop, sweating and weeping in desperation. She stared at the railway crossing. Helplessness stung in her throat. 'The police,' she thought suddenly, 'I should call the police!' She reached into her pocket for her mobile. 'I'm not thinking straight,' she realized. 'What am I going to tell them? That my Juliet fell in love? She's 19 now. She doesn't need my permission to get married.' Harriet felt defeated. Totally defeated.

She found it unbelievable that she'd lost her cherished daughter to the man her family loathed most in the world. 'Why a Jackson?' The Wilkins' could never see eye to eye with the Jacksons. Their warring families had been living next door to each other and had hated each other for so long that no one could remember how their feud had started. But none of them wanted to give up fighting.

On one occasion, a Wilkins – it was Harriet's father-in-law, actually – even broke into the Jacksons' house to steal their new stereo. As he was standing in the other family's living room in the pitch-black darkness, he changed his mind. He went out the way he'd come in, through the kitchen window that had been left open. The Jacksons were sleeping upstairs – they never noticed a thing. 'I felt so angry with myself,' Harriet's father-in-law said later. 'I should have gone through with it. If they'd been in my place, they wouldn't have hesitated.'

The two young people met only three months ago at a fancy-dress party at the local college. Despite her parents' opposition to the relationship, Juliet Wilkins started seeing Ronnie Jackson regularly. When her mother heard the terrible news and tried to confront Juliet about it, she just said she was in love. Harriet told Juliet that she didn't know what love was, and said, 'Sure, Ronnie's

good-looking and always well-dressed, but he's so badly-behaved, so rude. He's not good enough for you – and he's a Jackson!'

'Juliet used to be such a good girl, so responsible and mature,' Harriet thought now. 'She had a good future ahead of her. She could have married any man she wanted. I can't believe she would run away with him. It's completely out of character. I'm sure she'll never find happiness now!'

16. Why did Harriet Wilkins consider calling the police?

A) Because she wanted to arrest Ronnie Jackson
B) Because she needed help finding her mobile
C) Because she wanted to report a stolen stereo
D) Because she was worried about her daughter running away

17. How long had Juliet and Ronnie known each other before the story begins?

A) One year
B) Since childhood
C) Three months
D) Three weeks

18. What is the main reason Harriet disapproves of Juliet's relationship with Ronnie?

A) He is older than Juliet
B) He belongs to a rival family, the Jacksons
C) He is rude only to strangers
D) She thinks he is poor

19. What does the story suggest about the Wilkins' and Jacksons' families?

A) They ignore each other completely
B) They work together in a family business
C) They have been in a long-standing feud
D) They are friendly neighbors

20. How does Harriet feel about Juliet running away with Ronnie?

A) She feels relieved that Juliet is independent
B) She is proud of her daughter
C) She is surprised and believes Juliet will be unhappy
D) She thinks it is typical for Juliet's character

Answer the following questions according to the text.

In an interview yesterday Mr. Wilson was questioned about the harmful effects of horror movies on teenagers. He argued that such effects were often exaggerated and claimed that other types of films were far more dangerous for young people. When asked to prove this, he pointed out that horror films were often set in unreal situations and were clearly not to be taken seriously. In contrast, he claimed that films showing violent crime were often set in everyday life, and were therefore more damaging.

21. In Mr. Wilson's opinion, horror films _____.

A) cost more than other kinds of films.
B) are more popular among the elderly than among the young.
C) should be banned altogether.
D) are less damaging to young people than films of violent crime.

22. For Mr. Wilson the main difference between a horror film and one showing violent crime is that the former _____.

A) is mainly concerned with everyday situations.
B) is liked by the young, and the latter by the old.
C) is unrelated to real life, whereas the latter is.
D) is less expensive to produce than the latter.

23. The interviewer wanted to find out whether _____.

A) young people were being harmed by horror films.
B) Mr. Wilson had himself been affected by horror films.
C) Mr. Wilson preferred horror films to films of violence.
D) people were seriously objecting to horror films.

Every summer many people, girls and women as well as boys and men, try to swim from England to France or from France to England. The distance at the nearest points is only about twenty miles, but because of the strong currents the distance that must be swum is usually twice as far. The first man to succeed in swimming across the Channel was Captain Webb, an Englishman. This was in August 1875. He landed in France 21 hours 45 minutes after entering the water at Dover. Since then, there have been many successful swims and the time has been shortened. One French swimmer crossed in 11 hours and 5 minutes.

24. Swimming the Channel is not as easy as it might seem

A) and it always takes more or less 20 hours.
B) and only two people have managed to do it so far.
C) so, few people even try to swim it.
D) for there are very strong currents.

25. The first time anyone swam across the Channel _____.

A) was in the last century.
B) was when England and France organized a swimming competition.
C) no one really believed him.
D) he was helped by favorable currents.

26. The time Captain Webb needed to swim across the Channel _____.

A) was unbelievably short.
B) has since been nearly reduced to half
C) still remains a record.
D) was thought to be far too long.

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For the questions 27 to 30, complete the following paragraphs with the correct sentence.

27. Every year 100 million holiday-makers go to the Mediterranean. With one third of the world's tourist trade it is the most popular of all the holiday areas: yet, it is also the most polluted. _____

A) Therefore, the tourist industry here is in great danger.
B) Several European countries have changed their economic policies.
C) The housing problem has increased over the years.
D) However, the great civilizations of the past are no longer tourist attractions.

28. Veronica Moss is a small British firm which makes wedding dresses. It is now expanding into European markets. _____ This will only be possible if sufficient, highly skilled workers can be recruited.

A) Then management has the full support of all its workers.
B) Many governments have raised the tax on luxury goods.
C) However, to be successful, it needs to increase its production.
D) The new designs are well illustrated in the catalogue.

29. When people are ill they frequently seek medical help. _____ When they feel they are not well, they either go to a quiet place and rest or look for the kind of herbs and plants they feel will do them good.

A) The majority of medicines are not very expensive.
B) Animals, on the other hand, are their own doctors.
C) Unfortunately, it is children who suffer most in this respect.
D) In the case of animals, medical care is even more essential.

30. It is surprising how little known, even today, about memory is. This is largely due to the fact that we have no way of watching the memory function. _____ Hopefully, with the advances in high technology, the secrets of the mechanism of the memory will soon be revealed.

A) The harder people try to remember something the less they are able to remember.
B) When people get older-their memory often fails them.
C) In the past many books were written on medicine.
D) Still, a great deal of research on the subject is being carried out.

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