



KGL CONTEST
English Olympiad

2024

Stage 1

Level B1

Time: 60 minutes

Candidate Number _____

Name _____

Answer all questions.

Use black ball-point pen on your answer sheet.

Do NOT use pencil or correction fluid.

At the end of the test the supervisor will collect your paper and answer sheets.

Instructions may also be given in your language by your supervisor.

Good luck!

Part 1

Questions 1 - 5

Complete the gaps in the text.
Choose **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**.

How Strong Is Your Spaghetti?



Have you ever wondered how strong spaghetti noodles are? Well, it (1) _____ out that they can be pretty strong! In fact, a single strand of spaghetti can support the weight of a fully-grown adult.

This might (2) _____ surprising but it's all because of something called tensile strength. Tensile strength is the ability of a material not to break when pulled apart.

Spaghetti, like many other types of pasta, has a high tensile strength. This (3) _____ that it can stand a lot of force before breaking. When you try to break a strand of spaghetti

(4) _____ half, you will see that it breaks into many pieces and not only two halves.

In fact, if you twist the strand of spaghetti before you bend it, you can stop it from breaking into many pieces.

The (5) _____ time you are eating spaghetti remember that it's not only tasty but surprisingly strong.

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| 1 | A) comes | B) turns | C) lets | D) now |
| 2 | A) sounds | B) hear | C) sound | D) hears |
| 3 | A) showed | B) meaning | C) meant | D) means |
| 4 | A) nearly | B) way | C) in | D) two |
| 5 | A) next | B) first | C) other | D) few |

Part 2

Questions 6-15

Complete the conversations with the most suitable response.

Choose **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**.

- 6 I really think that the government needs to do more about climate change.
A) I totally agree. The government should focus on changing the climate of the country.
B) They could start by creating a giant air conditioner for the whole planet.
C) Absolutely, the government needs to learn more about the climate.
D) You know, of course, this is not just the job of one government.
- 7 Did you see the TV programme last night about world poverty?
A) Yes, but the solution is to just give everyone a million dollars.
B) I was shocked by how much poverty there is in America.
C) I never believe what I watch on TV. There are no poor people really.
D) Yes, but they never asked them why they want to be poor.
- 8 My dad says that the way they teach us history in school should change.
A) Yes, we always use only information from historians but never from ancient robots.
B) I agree. We should definitely change history.
C) He's right. We should start learning about the history of the future.
D) It really should. All we do is learn about dates, events and people.
- 9 I heard your sister's always talking about animal rights. Is that true?
A) Yes, she says we need to do more to protect animals in danger.
B) Not only my sister. I also want to bring back animals that are extinct.
C) Yes, but I don't know why she thinks animals are always right.
D) Well, I always tell her that it is best to clone extinct animals just to be sure.
- 10 Do you think I should study car design in Australia or here in my country?
A) I think you know what my answer is.
B) I think you should study here. That way you won't get lost or go missing.
C) But how will you study in Australia? You can't speak Australian!
D) But you can't go to Australia by car.
- 11 Can I see your driver's licence please?
A) No, thanks. I don't have one.
B) What a silly question!
C) What's the driver's name?
D) But I don't need a licence for a motorbike under 50cc.
- 12 Our teacher told us today about AI technology. It is mind-blowing!
A) Perhaps the teachers at my school want to keep our minds safe.
B) I know about it already. It's a robot that can travel in time.
C) My cousin says he is worried because it might take over his job.
D) Isn't that a new shampoo that makes your hair smarter?
- 13 O.K. So, what is your solution to the problem?
A) Are you asking the same question?
B) I don't have a solution, but I wouldn't give up like you suggest.
C) I think people should not have a solution.
D) I think I enjoy problems.

- 14 My parents always want me to be the best at everything.
- A) How do you feel about that?
 - B) I think your parents are great at everything.
 - C) So, do they help you with your homework?
 - D) Yes, but they don't want the same.
- 15 Would you like to travel and learn about different cultures?
- A) Different cultures. What has that got to do with travel?
 - B) You mean we don't have the same culture!
 - C) You have no idea how much I would.
 - D) What's wrong with our culture?

Part 3

Questions 16 - 20

Read the text and answer the questions.

Choose **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**.

The Treasure Within

Raj was a young man who lived in a small village surrounded by the vast Himalayan Mountains. He was curious and adventurous and had a great passion for exploring the unknown. One day, he heard the legend of a treasure hidden in a nearby mountain, and he decided to go on a journey to find it. He told his family he needed to do this and that he would share the treasure with them.

Raj packed his supplies and set out on his adventure. As he trekked up the mountain, he met several challenges, but he continued. Finally, he reached the top and discovered a hidden cave. Instead of finding treasure, he met an old wise man who had been living there alone for many years.

The old man welcomed Raj and they spent hours talking. The old man had a lot of wisdom and knowledge, which Raj found fascinating. The man advised Raj to look for knowledge and wisdom rather than wealth and fame, as true happiness is within oneself.

Raj left the cave feeling he now had some of the old man's wealth of knowledge and he had a new sense of what life is about. As he came down the mountain, he came across a group of travellers who were lost and in need of help. Remembering the old man's advice, Raj stopped to assist them, leading them safely back to their camp.

The travellers were grateful for Raj's help and invited him to stay with them for a few days. During his stay, Raj learned about their culture and customs, and he was fascinated by the richness of their traditions and the beauty of their way of life. When it was time for Raj to leave, the travellers gave him a small wooden box as a token of their thanks. Inside the box, Raj found a piece of paper with a quote written on it: "The journey is the treasure." This made Raj realize that the true treasure he had been looking for was not money or fame, but the experiences and knowledge he had got on his journey.

From that day on, Raj lived his life according to the old man's advice. He travelled the world, seeking knowledge and always being grateful for new experiences. He found that the greatest treasure one can ever have is not wealth or fame, but rather the knowledge and wisdom you get through experiences.

The story of Raj emphasizes the importance of seeking happiness within oneself and the value of helping others along the way.

- 16** From the story we understand that _____.
- A** Raj lived in a small village on top of the Himalayan Mountains
 - B** the area surrounding Raj's village was near some very high mountains
 - C** Raj wanted to go down the mountain to find a treasure
 - D** Raj was only curious about the treasure
- 17** What motivated Raj to go on the journey?
- A** His curiosity
 - B** The need to share the treasure with his family
 - C** An old story which claimed there was a treasure on a mountain not far away
 - D** His need for adventure
- 18** How did Raj probably feel after leaving the old man's cave?
- A** He felt happy because the old man had given him some of his own money
 - B** He felt that if he helped people, he might find the treasure
 - C** He felt disappointed but was happy to meet the travellers
 - D** He felt more at peace and grateful for the experience
- 19** What did the travellers share with Raj?
- A** They shared their holiday, their food and comfortable life
 - B** That the real treasure they had was their culture and life
 - C** Their experiences of their life and how they lived
 - D** A sign and a wooden box
- 20** Which of the following is a summary of the story?
- A** A story about seeking comfort, adventure, danger and advice
 - B** A story about wanting the treasure inside but never outside of yourself
 - C** A story of searching for wisdom, and finding inner happiness
 - D** A story about what can happen if you help others who are in your way

Part 4

Questions 21-25

Read A to C and answer the questions.

Write A, B, or C.

A

I recently visited the British Museum and was blown away by the wealth of history and culture on display. The exhibits were very well kept and provided a deep understanding of different cultures and civilizations. The Rosetta Stone and Greek Marbles were highlights for me, but every exhibit was truly fascinating. The museum is also very well kept and the staff were all friendly and helpful. The museum has something for everyone, from Greek pottery and Roman statues to Egyptian mummies. On seeing them, my son asked me if all Egyptian mums are like this. I had to laugh! The layout of the museum is also well planned and easy to navigate, making it a pleasure to explore. I spent hours wandering through the galleries and could easily have spent a whole day there. A wonderful experience that I would recommend to anyone.

B

A few days ago, I visited the British Museum, and I have to say I was quite disappointed. The museum seemed overcrowded, and the exhibits were poorly kept. Many of the exhibits were also poorly labelled and provided little context or information. The staff also seemed uninterested in helping visitors, and I found it difficult to find my way in the museum. Also, I found the museum not very welcoming. The audio guides were also quite poor and gave little information about the exhibits. I'm sorry I didn't ask one of my English friends to come with me as they may have understood more. The museum seemed to have very few interactive exhibits or other modern tools which would have made the visit more interesting. I was really looking forward to my visit, but I left feeling a little disappointed. Overall, I would not recommend the British Museum. It was the small things that took away some of the pleasure of the visit.

C

My recent visit to the British Museum left me with very mixed feelings about the museum. While I was impressed by the huge collection and wonderful exhibits, there were also several parts of my visit that left me feeling disappointed.

The enormous size of the museum's collection made it impossible to see everything in just one visit. Some of the galleries were very crowded, which made it difficult to see some of the exhibits. The lighting in some of the galleries was quite bad, which made it even harder to see some of the things on display.

While the museum is certainly a must-see attraction for anyone interested in history or culture, visitors should be prepared for large crowds and some areas of the museum that may be less interesting than others. With careful planning and a clear understanding of what to expect, however, the British Museum can still be a highly enjoyable experience. Oh, and did I mention the noise levels? It is certainly something that can be annoying when you are trying to concentrate on what you are seeing.

In which text does the writer ...

suggest that they did not visit the museum alone?

state that it was not easy to find their way round the museum?

say they had difficulty seeing some of the exhibits?

imply that they would have liked more information about the exhibits?

say they liked many of the exhibits, despite their mixed feelings about the museum?

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Part 5

Questions 26-35

Complete the sentences.

Choose **A, B, C** or **D**.

Harold Hoots

- 26 Harold is famous for _____ a bird watcher who knows a lot about birds.
A) sure B) be C) as D) being
- 27 He has travelled the world to learn about them and even _____ new types of birds.
A) discovered B) see C) catch D) brought
- 28 Harold has a pet parrot called Nutty who can make the _____ of all other birds.
A) bird song B) bird nose C) bird sounds D) bird voice
- 29 Once, Harold did not take Nutty with him into the jungle and he tried talking to a wild parrot. He says it was terrible because he got _____ by the parrot and it hurt a lot.
A) ate B) bites C) eaten D) bitten
- 30 Another time he _____ into a fight with an eagle over a fish, and the eagle won!
A) became B) got C) were D) had
- 31 He says he has special binoculars that can see _____ birds.
A) real B) nationality C) biggest D) invisible
- 32 Harold also has a secret _____ for bird poetry and has written five books of poetry.
A) desired B) talent C) wish D) long
- 33 He built a bird house in his _____ which is bigger than his own house.
A) backyard B) back house C) house D) behind yard

- 34 Once he waited in a tree all day for a bird to sit on his hand. It finally _____ at sunset.
A) come B) was C) happened D) take place
- 35 He cannot go to sleep _____ he watches a documentary about birds and then he sleeps soundly all night.
A) but B) if C) if he doesn't D) unless

Part 6

Questions 36-40

Complete the sentences with the correct word and spelling.
Choose **A**, **B**, or **C**.



- 36 The _____ and his dog guided the wandering sheep back to the field.
A) sheperd B) shepherd C) shepard
- 37 He thinks he is always right. It never _____ to him that he might be wrong.
A) occurs B) occurs C) occurs
- 38 Next month my aunt and uncle have their 25th wedding _____.
A) aniversary B) anniversary C) annieversary
- 39 You must wash your white clothes _____. Do not mix them with other colours.
A) separately B) sepparataly C) seperately
- 40 AI is used a lot today and it just means Artificial _____.
A) Intelligence B) Intelligance C) Inteligence