



KGL CONTEST
English Olympiad

2024

Stage 1

Level A2

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 1–10.

Complete the exchanges with the most suitable answer.
Choose **A**, **B** or **C**.

- 1 I have so much homework for school, I think I will have to stop playing the piano.
A) That's a clever idea. You're not that good anyway.
B) Don't quit! You've worked hard to get where you are.
C) Why bother? Piano isn't that important.
- 2 Would you like to help at the shelter for small animals in town?
A) Why? It won't make a difference.
B) Well, I suppose animals need all the help they can get.
C) No way! I don't like elephants.
- 3 My grandma says I should start reading more books.
A) Yes, you should. Reading can be very boring.
B) Now, that's a waste of time.
C) I should really do the same.
- 4 I don't really like our new science teacher. What about you?
A) I think I'm wonderful.
B) Well, just change your teacher.
C) We had worse teachers in the past.
- 5 I think that by August I will have saved enough to buy the bicycle I want.
A) Really! Are your parents so poor they can't buy you a bicycle?
B) You are such a good saver. I wish I could be like you.
C) I have a bicycle, thank you.
- 6 I am really nervous about doing the history talk in front of the class tomorrow.
A) No, don't be. You will do great.
B) You're right to be nervous. Everyone will laugh if you make a mistake.
C) Just don't come to school tomorrow. Lie and say you are sick.
- 7 You cook so well. Perhaps I will also ask my mum to teach me how to cook.
A) Don't even try. Cooking is too hard for you.
B) Why don't you just order take-away for the rest of your life?
C) Actually, it is something that is really useful to know.
- 8 Sammy says she wants to join the school basketball team.
A) She should go for it. She has the height also.
B) I know. I think they will take her on the team because she is not very good.
C) I don't care which school Sammy goes to.

- 9 Do you think I must tell our teacher about the bullying?
- A) Yes, of course. Your teacher must know that you are a bully.
 - B) It's really important that you do. She will be able to help.
 - C) Bullying? So, what!
- 10 Jim says he wants to be a doctor because he wants to help people.
- A) Really? He told me he wanted to be a doctor for the money.
 - B) I hope he knows that he can't help people.
 - C) I think he should be a fireman instead and he can help fewer people.

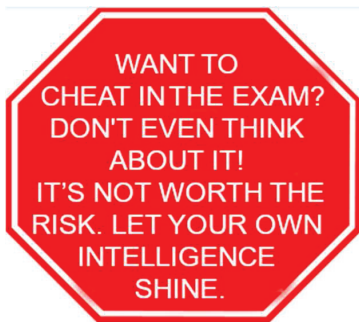
Part 2

Questions 11–15.

What does the notice say?

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

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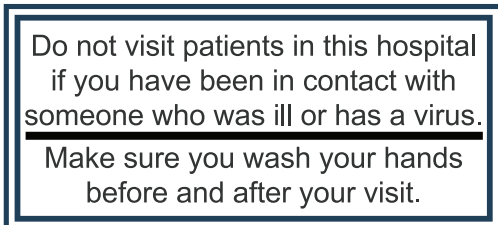
- A) You should not think about it when you want to cheat in the exam.
- B) This is a warning not to cheat in the exam.
- C) If you want to cheat in the exam, use your own brain.

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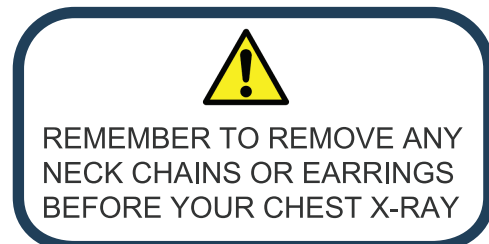
- A) He wants to wear his sunglasses even if there is no sun.
- B) He will feel much colder if he wears his sunglasses.
- C) He lost his sunglasses and now he looks cool

13.



- A) Only people who are ill and don't have a virus must visit this hospital.
- B) If you spoke to someone who has a virus do not visit.
- C) It is important that you do not bring any illness or virus to patients at this hospital.

14.



- A) Don't forget to hide your neck chain before an X-ray.
- B) Some things are not allowed when you get an X-ray.
- C) You must wear a neck chain when they X-ray your chest.

15.



- A) This bike now has two wheels again.
- B) If you don't want to pay €200 perhaps you can get a better price.
- C) If you don't pay €200 you can't have the bike.

Part 3

Questions 16 - 20

Read the story and answer the questions.
Choose **A, B, C or D.**

The Lost City of Gold



It was the stuff of legends, a place where gold was said to be so plentiful that the streets were covered with it. For most people, it was just a myth, a fairy tale told to children. But for me, it was a lifelong dream.

I had heard stories about the Lost City of Gold ever since I was a kid and I always dreamt of finding it. So, when I was given the chance to go on an expedition to find it, I was delighted. My friends thought it was my way of living in a dream world.

Our team was made up of a group of different people. One was an archaeologist; another was a survival expert. We also had a language specialist.

But the most interesting member of our team was a parrot named Dolly. She was trained to copy the sounds of the ancient language spoken by the people of the Lost City of Gold. Nobody else could play that role.

The journey was not easy. At first, we had to walk through thick jungles, cross dangerous rivers, and climb enormous mountains where we faced extremely cold weather. But the most difficult part was dealing with the heat for most of the journey. It was so hot that our survival expert had to always carry a fan with him. We searched for the Lost City of Gold for weeks, but we had no luck. We were about to give up and go back home when we suddenly saw a cave that looked like a long tunnel. The cave led us to a hidden valley. And there, in the middle of the valley, was the Lost City of Gold.

The city was just as the legends had described it. The buildings were made of gold, and the streets were indeed covered with gold. But the most amazing thing was that the city was still full of people. The people welcomed us with open arms and were happy to show us around. They were amazed by our modern technology and were happy to give some of their gold for it. I got five large pieces of gold for my new phone. We taught them some English and showed them some of our gadgets.

We spent a week in the Lost City of Gold before it was time to head back home. As we were leaving, the people gave us each another piece of gold as a souvenir. Dolly was also sad to leave. When we got back home, nobody believed our story. But we didn't care. We knew what we had seen, and we had the gold to prove it.

The end of the adventure was disappointing. We found the city of gold, but the gold was not as useful as we thought. When we wanted to sell it, nobody would buy it from us because they said it was a kind of gold they had never seen before, and it was very light. So, we had given our modern technology for nothing. I was already missing my phone. To make matters worse, Dolly the parrot kept saying, 'I told you so, I told you so'. Which, of course, she hadn't.

16 Why did the writer want to go on an expedition to find the Lost City of Gold?

- A)** He wanted fame and fortune
- B)** He wanted to live in a dream world
- C)** It was something he always wanted to do
- D)** Because he had a dream of finding gold coins

17 What was the most difficult part of the journey for the team?

- A)** The high temperatures at the top of the mountains
- B)** The thick forests and rivers
- C)** Carrying a fan all the time for the heat
- D)** Surviving the heat

18 The writer thinks that the most important member of the team was _____.

- A)** the survival expert because of the dangerous journey
- B)** the language expert who could learn the ancient language
- C)** Dolly because of her ability to copy an ancient language
- D)** the archaeologist; because he was an expert in old civilizations

19 What did the team exchange with the people of the Lost City of Gold?

- A)** Their gold for modern technology
- B)** Ancient gold for modern technology
- C)** Modern technology and a phone
- D)** Technology for gold

20 What is one lesson from the story?

- A)** Legends can't come true
- B)** Modern technology is more valuable than gold
- C)** That things are not always the way they seem
- D)** Always listen to your parrot

Part 4

Questions 21-25

Complete the gaps in the text.

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

A Bright Future.



Your brain continues to grow and change until your mid-20s. While it may seem like you have it all **(21)** _____ out as a teenager, the truth is that your brain is still changing. The part of your brain which controls decision-making and other important actions, is not **(22)** _____ grown until around the age of 25. So, while you're making decisions and learning new things as a teenager, your brain is **(23)** _____ growing and changing! Also, it's interesting that happiness increases with age. It may seem like adults have a lot of worries and stress, but studies show that people become happier **(24)** _____ they age. One study found that people were least happy in their mid-40s, but their happiness levels increased as they got older and were happiest in their 70s and 80s. So, **(25)** _____ though being a teenager can be tough, remember that you have a lot to look forward to!

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| 21 | A) sort | B) worked | C) figure | D) planted |
| 22 | A) become | B) getting | C) full | D) fully |
| 23 | A) then | B) still | C) almost | D) sometimes |
| 24 | A) because | B) so | C) as | D) however |
| 25 | A) even | B) all | C) as | D) much |

Part 5

Questions 26-35
Complete the sentences.
Choose **A, B, or C**

How To Grow a Magic Tree on Your Balcony



- 26 Choose a pot with holes _____ the bottom.
A) at B) below C) down
- 27 Fill with soil but leave about 2cm of _____ at the top.
A) nothing B) empty C) space
- 28 Make a hole in the _____ of the soil.
A) tops B) centre C) outside
- 29 Put the magic tree seed _____ the hole you have made.
A) around B) into C) between
- 30 Make sure you _____ it in a warm sunny area on your balcony.
A) puts B) stay C) place
- 31 Wait for about a month for the first sign of growth to _____.
A) view B) seen C) appear
- 32 Keep the soil a little wet but don't _____ it too often.
A) dry B) fill C) water
- 33 Keep the plant _____ from draughts and cold temperatures.
A) away B) inside C) outside
- 34 Move the plant to a larger pot when it _____ the one it is in.
A) bigger B) outgrows C) outsize
- 35 Enjoy your magic tree _____ it grows and brings you joy and lots of magic.
A) as B) before C) like

