

ENGLISH ACE 2010

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JUNIOR – klasa I liceum (i równorzędne)

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Is That Elephant Running? Don't Bet on It! Based on Science Magazine

Elephants 1) ... all the rules of animal movement. Most four-legged 2) ... change their stride when they move at high speeds so that all four feet leave the ground 3) Their legs also 4) ... in particular ways that change an animal's center of gravity and the force it exerts on the ground. 5) ..., elephants never take all four feet off the ground. When stepping with 6) ..., the elephants' center of mass lowers slightly as the force on the ground increases, 7) ... a springlike mechanism typical of a dog's or a human's run. Yet their back legs seem to stay rigid even at high speeds, which is typical of a walk. The new study 8) ... that a rushing elephant may be walking and running at the same time. "It can't quite kick it into second gear, so it's stuck halfway in between a walk and a run," says one of the scientists.

(<http://sciencenow.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/2010/212/1>)

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| 1. A) go back on | B) break | C) ruin | D) violate |
| 2. A) animals | B) quadrupeds | C) species | D) vertebrates |
| 3. A) at once | B) once | C) simultaneously | D) all of a sudden |
| 4. A) run | B) flex | C) bend and stretch | D) are shaped |
| 5. A) Otherwise | B) Since | C) However | D) Although |
| 6. A) their hind legs | B) their front legs | C) a hindlimb | D) a forelimb |
| 7. A) indicating | B) resembling | C) looking like | D) similar of |
| 8. A) implies | B) suggests | C) argues | D) aims at proving |
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9. Every summer Seamus ... back to Ireland.
A) goes B) went C) used to go D) has gone
10. I ... Gloria in Brighton at 3 PM, but the only train ... at 2.45 PM. I'm going to be late!
A) 'm meeting/ leaves B) meet/ leaves C) meet/ 's leaving D) 'm meeting/ 's leaving
11. ... Leslie comes, I'll cook dinner. I hate wasting food for guests that don't show up.
A) When B) If C) Since D) Should
12. George ... a taxi when it started raining.
A) ordered B) was ordered C) has ordered D) had ordered

13. If Jeremy ... here now, he ... how to interpret this passage.
 A) was/'d know B) were/would know
 C) has been/ would've known D) were/ would've known
14. The Prime Minister ... an announcement that his government is ready to step down.
 A) made B) did C) told D) said
15. Which one is prepared using *flour*?
 A) pasta B) dough C) noodles D) dumplings
16. Men use it to shave their facial hair, whereas women to shave their legs.
 A) chopper B) shaver C) razor D) trimmer
17. You can buy ... at confectioner's.
 A) a ribbon B) a croissant C) lace D) cotton
18. Which is the odd one out?
 A) howl B) wail C) moan D) trout
19. Should anyone call, tell ... I'm in the office.
 A) her B) us C) them D) it
20. "What's her name?" Harriet asked. = Harriet asked ...
 A) what name her was B) what name was her
 C) what was her name D) what her name was
21. What is/are the Past Participle form(s) of *can*?
 A) can B) could C) be able to D) been able to
22. Which words are *verbs*?
 A) flee B) flea C) fee D) free
23. His lover's skin felt ...
 A) rough B) soft C) velvety D) smooth as silk
24. What can you *gasp* for?
 A) a drink B) surprise C) air D) amazement
25. Mary prefers to sit on her boyfriend's ...
 A) legs B) knee C) thigh D) lap
26. Which of the following are residences of Queen Elizabeth II?
 A) Kensington Palace B) Buckingham Palace
 C) Balmoral Castle D) Windsor Castle
27. Which facts about Australia are *true*?
 A) Australia has six states B) The estimated population is 22 million
 C) One of the major cities is called Darwin D) Australia has no state religion
28. Which names of the US states are derived from the names of people?
 A) Delaware B) California C) Michigan D) Louisiana

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Brain Surgery Boosts the Feeling of Self-Transcendence. Based on Nature.com

To 1) ... the neural basis of spirituality, neuroscientists turned to 88 people with brain tumours. The patients were 2) ... about their religious habits and beliefs before surgery and afterwards. They answered a series of questions on the three main 3) ... of self-transcendence: losing yourself in the moment, feeling 4) ... other people and nature, and believing in a higher power. Three to seven days after the removal of tumours 5) ... reported feeling a greater sense of self-transcendence. The scientists 6) ... two parts of the brain that, when damaged, led to increases in spirituality. These areas at the back of the brain are 7) ... how we perceive our bodies in spatial relation to the external world. The 8) ... support the connection between mystic experiences and feeling detached from the body.

(<http://www.nature.com/news/2010/100210/full/news.2010.66.html>)

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| 1. A) investigate | B) study | C) discover | D) find |
| 2. A) re-examined | B) interviewed | C) surveyed | D) researched |
| 3. A) participants | B) components | C) particles | D) elements |
| 4. A) a strong bond with | B) alienated by | C) separated with | D) connected to |
| 5. A) scientists | B) questions | C) patients | D) from the brain |
| 6. A) pinpointed | B) caught | C) interrogated | D) localized |
| 7. A) dependant on | B) involved in | C) responsible for | D) attached to |
| 8. A) gathered data | B) observations | C) findings | D) results |

9. Which order of adjectives is correct?

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| A) small, round, woollen hat | B) long, pink, silk ribbon |
| C) short, red, cotton skirt | D) long, cheap, velvet dress |

10. ... you ... wear glasses?

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| A) Did/ use to | B) Did/ used to | C) Have/ use to | D) Are/ used to |
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11. Uncle Stan is ...

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| A) as heavy as a whale | B) heavier than a whale |
| C) the heaviest of whales | D) the heaviest in Wales |

12. I caught a cold because I ... in the rain without my umbrella.
 A) walked B) was walking C) 've been walking D) 'd been walking
13. Samantha went to the party after she ... many hours with her personal stylist.
 A) spent B) has spent C) had spent D) had been spending
14. Carson has been a/an ... donor since 1995. He helped a young man in Canada.
 A) kidney B) sperm C) blood D) organic
15. Which word(s) have/has a *schwa* /ə/ sound?
 A) sauna B) battle C) bottom D) facility
16. Ben keeps bringing me flowers again and again to say that he's sorry. What a ... !
 A) troublesome B) waste of time C) pester D) nuisance
17. My two sisters have got married recently. Their ... are kind to them.
 A) mothers-in-law B) mother-in-laws C) in-laws D) parents-in-law
18. What can you do with your *lips*?
 A) bite them B) part them C) pout them D) curl them
19. "If I was younger, I would still choose the same girl for my wife" means that
 A) I'm not so young anymore B) I want a divorce
 C) I love my wife D) I made a good choice
20. There ... in the office at the moment. You can come tomorrow.
 A) 's no one B) isn't anyone C) ain't somebody D) aren't anybody
21. "Don't go, Kim!" said Alex = Alex ... Kim not to go.
 A) asked B) shouted at C) begged D) pleased
22. She can borrow my best dress ... she doesn't ruin it.
 A) as long as B) so long as C) provided that D) providing that
23. David is a ... boy. He kicks all stray dogs he sees.
 A) sweaty B) harmless C) vicious D) wicked
24. Would Timothy ... about something so important? I think not.
 A) jest B) joke C) riddle D) hoax
25. Zoe, could you ... this book?
 A) summarize B) abstract C) tell me briefly about D) sum
26. ... is a famous comedian.
 A) Tina Fey B) Rowan Atkinson C) David Attenborough D) Hugh Laurie
27. ... is one of the five Great Lakes located on the Canada-US border.
 A) Lake Ontario B) Lake Erie C) Lake Victoria D) Lake Superior
28. Which of these English-speaking writers won the Noble Prize in literature?
 A) Harold Pinter B) Seamus Heaney C) J. M. Coetzee D) T. S. Eliot