

ПРИКАСПИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ДЛЯ ШКОЛЬНИКОВ

11 класс

1. Grammar Challenge:

1. By the end of next year, I _____ for this company for a decade.
a) will work
b) will have been working
c) have worked
d) will be working

2. If only I _____ harder for the exam, I wouldn't have failed.
a) had studied
b) studied
c) would study
d) have studied

3. The committee _____ yet on the proposed changes.
a) haven't decided
b) hasn't decided
c) hasn't been deciding
d) aren't deciding

4. He suggested that the meeting _____ postponed until next week.
a) is
b) be
c) to be
d) was

5. Not only _____ fluent French, but she also speaks Italian.
a) she speaks
b) she does speak
c) speaks she
d) does she speak

6. I'd rather you _____ that loud music while I'm trying to concentrate.
a) didn't play
b) don't play
c) won't play
d) not to play

7. The report, _____ by our top analysts, contained crucial data.
a) preparing
b) was prepared
c) prepared
d) to prepare

8. It's high time we _____ this outdated software.
a) change
b) changed
c) have changed
d) will change

9. She seems _____ the news already.

- a) to have heard
- b) to hear
- c) having heard
- d) heard

10. Hardly _____ the house when it started to rain heavily.

- a) we left
- b) we had left
- c) had we left
- d) did we leave

11. He denied _____ any confidential documents.

- a) to steal
- b) stealing
- c) having stolen
- d) to have stolen

12. The more you practice, _____ you become.

- a) the more confident
- b) more confident
- c) the most confident
- d) confident

13. But for your timely warning, we _____ into a serious mistake.

- a) would have fallen
- b) would fall
- c) fell
- d) had fallen

14. The instructions _____ carefully before assembling the device.

- a) must follow
- b) must be followed
- c) must have followed
- d) are must follow

15. I wish I _____ to the party last night. It was amazing.

- a) went
- b) could go
- c) have gone
- d) had gone

16. No sooner _____ the offer than he regretted it.

- a) he had accepted
- b) did he accept
- c) had he accepted
- d) he accepted

17. The suspect is believed _____ the country.

- a) to leave
- b) to have left
- c) having left
- d) left

18. She speaks as if she _____ an expert on the subject.

- a) is
- b) was
- c) were
- d) has been

19. It was the most boring film _____.

- a) I had ever seen
- b) I ever saw
- c) I have ever seen
- d) I never saw

20. He admitted _____ late the previous day.

- a) to be
- b) being
- c) having been
- d) been

21. Such _____ the results of the experiment that they surprised everyone.

- a) was
- b) were
- c) is
- d) are

22. I'd prefer _____ to the cinema rather than stay at home.

- a) go
- b) to going
- c) going
- d) to go

23. Only by working together _____ overcome this crisis.

- a) we can
- b) can we
- c) we will can
- d) will we can

24. This time next week, I _____ on a beach in the Bahamas.

- a) will lie
- b) am lying
- c) will be lying
- d) will have lain

25. His advice was that we _____ early to avoid traffic.

- a) leave
- b) left
- c) must leave
- d) are leaving

26. Never before _____ such a breathtaking performance.

- a) I have seen
- b) have I seen
- c) I saw
- d) did I see

27. The project _____ by the end of the month.
- a) is to be completed
 - b) is to complete
 - c) is to have completed
 - d) will to be completed
28. If it _____ for your help, I would still be struggling with the task.
- a) wasn't
 - b) hasn't been
 - c) weren't
 - d) hadn't been
29. She was the last applicant _____.
- a) to interview
 - b) to be interviewed
 - c) being interviewed
 - d) interviewed
30. Little _____ about the long-term consequences of their decision.
- a) did they know
 - b) they know
 - c) they knew
 - d) do they know

2. UK & US Studies

1. The UK Parliament is often described as "bicameral." What are its two houses?
- a) The House of Representatives and the Senate
 - b) The House of Commons and the House of Lords
 - c) The Democratic Party and the Conservative Party
 - d) The National Assembly and the Welsh Parliament
2. What is the key difference between a "state" and a "commonwealth" in the US context?
- a) There is no practical difference; it is just a historical name for four states (Kentucky, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia).
 - b) Commonwealths have their own monarch.
 - c) Commonwealths have more independence from federal law.
 - d) Commonwealths cannot impose a state income tax.
3. The phrase "No taxation without representation" was a rallying cry for American colonists. Which modern political issue in the United States sometimes evokes this historical slogan?
- a) The debate over gun control laws (the Second Amendment).
 - b) The political status of Washington, D.C., whose residents pay federal taxes but have no voting Representative in Congress.
 - c) The "Green New Deal" environmental policy.
 - d) The funding system for public universities.
4. In the UK, what is the primary constitutional role of the monarch (e.g., King Charles III)?
- a) To make new laws and set taxes.
 - b) To command the armed forces and declare war.
 - c) To appoint the Prime Minister after a general election.
 - d) To be the head of the Church of England and the Commonwealth.

5. Which of the following is a power reserved for the individual states in the US federal system?
- Declaring war
 - Coining money
 - Conducting foreign policy
 - Issuing marriage licenses and driver's licenses
6. The term "First past the post" refers to:
- An American horse racing trophy.
 - The UK and US electoral system where the candidate with the most votes in a constituency wins.
 - A procedure in the British Parliament for introducing new bills.
 - A rule in American football for overtime.
7. What is the main cultural and historical significance of Plymouth, Massachusetts, and Plymouth in Devon, England?
- They are sister cities famous for their naval history.
 - They were both major ports in the transatlantic slave trade.
 - Plymouth, MA, was the landing site of the Mayflower Pilgrims who departed from Plymouth, England, in 1620.
 - They are both known as the historical capitals of their respective regions.
8. The phrase "The special relationship" most commonly refers to the diplomatic partnership between:
- The United States and Canada.
 - England and Scotland within the United Kingdom.
 - The United Kingdom and the United States.
 - The United Kingdom and the European Union.
9. Which holiday is specifically associated with the founding historical narrative of the United States?
- Independence Day (July 4th)
 - Memorial Day
 - Labor Day
 - Thanksgiving
10. In the context of UK politics, what does "crossing the floor" mean?
- A type of protest used by the opposition.
 - A ceremony to become the Speaker of the House.
 - Submitting a petition to the government.
 - Physically walking to the other side of the House of Commons to join a different political party.

3. Word Formation Challenge

1. The scientist's latest publication made a significant _____ to the field of genetics.
- contribute
 - contribution
 - contributory
 - contributor
2. Despite the team's _____ preparation, the project ultimately failed due to external factors.
- thorough
 - thoroughly
 - thoroughness
 - thoroughbred

3. The CEO was known for her _____ leadership style, which often left little room for discussion.
- a) decide
 - b) decisively
 - c) decision
 - d) decisive
4. The new evidence cast _____ on the witness's earlier testimony, making it unreliable.
- a) doubt
 - b) doubtful
 - c) doubtless
 - d) doubtfully
5. His constant _____ during meetings was a source of irritation for his colleagues.
- a) interrupt
 - b) interruption
 - c) interruptive
 - d) interrupted
6. The organization works for the _____ of endangered species in the region.
- a) preserve
 - b) preservative
 - c) preservation
 - d) preserver
7. The government's economic policies were heavily criticized for their lack of _____.
- a) coherence
 - b) coherent
 - c) cohere
 - d) coherently
8. Her _____ to detail is what makes her such an excellent editor.
- a) attentive
 - b) attention
 - c) attentively
 - d) attentiveness
9. The negotiations reached a _____ point, and no further progress was possible.
- a) stand
 - b) standing
 - c) standstill
 - d) standpoint
10. The documentary provided a fascinating _____ into the lives of the ancient civilization.
- a) insight
 - b) insightful
 - c) insighful
 - d) insights

WRITING

Task:

You are taking part in an international contest aimed at developing in young people a Conscious City mind. Write a letter to the Contest Board sharing your ideas on making your area a comfortable and convenient place to live in.

Write 200 – 250 words

Use the following plan:

- Mention how you have learned about the contest;
- Explain your decision to take part in the contest;
- Outline the key problems the people from the area you live in face and / or the needs they have (not fewer than three);
- Suggest **SENSIBLE** solutions to the problems you have and / or the ways of meeting the needs mentioned above;
- Conclude by giving and explaining your idea on the importance of having a conscious city mind.

Remember the rules of writing an official letter. Start with:

Dear sirs: