

ЗАДАНИЯ ДЛЯ 9-10 КЛАССОВ

READING

1. Read the article quickly. Match the summaries (a–h) to the paragraphs (1–8).

270 STATIONS IN ONE DAY

1. If you love lists, then the London Underground makes a great source of facts and figures. For example, it's the oldest metro system in the world, and it currently has 270 stations, the deepest of which (Hampstead) is 58.5 metres below the ground. Its network of tunnels and tracks stretches for 402 km. If you could use them without interruption, (9)_____.

2. The average speed of the underground trains is 33 kph, meaning that if you could travel continuously across the network, (10) _____. However, you would also have to calculate the extra time it takes to use the 423 escalators and 196 lifts, as well as trying to get past the other 4.8 million journeys being made by other passengers on the Underground's busiest days.

3. All in all, if you wanted to try visiting all of the 270 London Underground stations, you couldn't so do unless you had a very good checklist. And suppose you wanted to visit all 270 stations in a single day – (11)_____.

4. However, that's exactly what one 13-year-old boy, Alisdair Clift, wanted to do. The teenager, a big fan of the London Underground, worked out the best possible timetable: where to start, which stations to travel to, as well as which platforms to be at, all by himself. He knew that if he missed a connection, or got anything wrong, (12) _____.

5. His journey began at 5.15 am on a Monday at the North London station of Chesham. Several hours and 269 stations later, his plan was to reach Heathrow airport. As long as he could do this before 1 am the next day, then (13) _____.

6. Alisdair was feeling apprehensive, but he had a good motive for taking on this challenge. His 17-year-old brother had just lost a 7-year battle with cancer, and Alisdair wanted to raise £100 in his memory. The plan was that he would ask people to give him money, (14) _____.

7. Luckily, as soon as people heard about Alisdair's plans, they turned out to cheer him on. Drivers on the Underground train let him ride in the front cab for the first few journeys. Passengers, when they realised who Alisdair was, were happy to give him money on the spot. TV and newspapers wanted to interview him, but of course, Alisdair had no time to stop and chat, otherwise (15) _____.

8. Shortly before 1 am, having checked hundreds of stations off his list, Alisdair reached Heathrow Terminal 5. His parents, who hadn't helped him at all, were extremely proud of him, but of course, (16) _____. But in the end, he had raised £35,000 to help people with cancer.

- A) It would take a long time to fully cross the London Underground.
- B) One teenager wanted to visit each station in the London Underground in one day.
- C) The London Underground is very large.
- D) The teenager set off early in the morning.
- E) Alisdair achieved more than he had expected.
- F) It would be impossible to visit all 270 stations without a lot of organisation.
- G) Alisdair got a lot of support from other people.
- H) The reason why Alisdair decided to do this journey.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

II. Read the article again. Match the missing extracts (a–h) with the gaps in the paragraphs (9-16).

- A) he would miss his next station
- B) you would need to plan every detail extremely carefully
- C) it would be greater than the distance between London and Paris
- D) they would have been just as proud if he had raised only £100
- E) it would take you 12 hours
- F) it would cost him precious time
- G) he would achieve his goal before the Underground closed down for the night
- H) if he managed to visit all 270 stations

9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

PHONETICS

How should the following words be pronounced. Choose the correct transcription.

17. Men (plural of “man”)

- A. [mæn]
- B. [mɪn]
- C. [men]
- D. [mi:n]

18. Access

- A. [ˈæk, ses]
- B. [ək'ses]
- C. [ˈæk, sɪs]
- D. [ə'ses]

19. Bury

- A. [ˈbæɪɪ]
- B. [ˈberɪ]
- C. [ˈbʊɪɪ]
- D. [ˈbʌɪɪ]

20. Stomach

- A. [ˈstʌmæʃ]
- B. [ˈstʌməh]
- C. [ˈstʌməʃ]
- D. [ˈstʌmæk]

21. Cupboard

- A. [ˈkʌpbəd]
- B. [ˈkʌpbɔ:d]
- C. [ˌkʌpˈbɔ:d]
- D. [ˈkʌbəd]

GRAMMAR

Choose the correct option to complete the gaps:

22. I am a good person, _____?

- A. am I not?
- B. amn't I?

- C. am I?
- D. aren't I?

23. If I _____ you, I wouldn't do it.

- A. were
- B. am
- C. would be
- D. would

24. I have never been _____.

- A. to the Netherlands
- B. in the Netherlands
- C. to Netherlands
- D. in Netherlands

25. Everybody _____ happy yesterday.

- A. has been
- B. was
- C. were
- D. can be

26. I am not used to _____ people what to do.

- A. tell
- B. have told
- C. telling
- D. have been told

27. She told me she _____ France before.

- A. never visited
- B. has never visited
- C. would never visit
- D. had never visited

28. I _____ this game for two hours already when she came.

- A. have been playing
- B. had been playing
- C. was playing
- D. was being playing

29. Is he _____ Sheldon who is the writer?

- A. the
- B. a
- C. an
- D. –

30. I couldn't use my car last week, it _____.

- A. has being repaired
- B. was repairing
- C. was repaired
- D. was being repaired

VOCABULARY

Phrasal Verbs

Choose the correct prepositions to complete the gaps and form meaningful sentences:

31. Look ____! We're going to crash!

- A. in
- B. after
- C. in
- D. out

32. He's really clever. He must take ____ his dad.

- A. after
- B. along
- C. at
- D. off

33. How could you get ____ with cheating on the test?

- A. up
- B. into
- C. down
- D. away

34. We often quarrel but we always make it ____ soon after.

- A. up
- B. along
- C. after
- D. on

35. I don't know how he puts _____ their constant complaining.

- A. off
- B. along
- C. in
- D. up with

Idioms

Fill in the gaps with the correct idioms:

36. I've been _____ since last night. I think it may have been something I ate.

- A. smelt a rat
- B. a piece of cake
- C. under the weather
- D. an arm and a leg

37. Are you _____? I don't believe you really did that!

- A. pulling my leg
- B. holding your horses
- C. taking a rain check
- D. giving the cold shoulder

38. Mary is _____— she is always the first one to do whatever the boss asks.

- A. a bookworm
- B. a copycat
- C. an eager beaver
- D. a white elephant

39. I was _____ trying to explain the remark to her without offending her further.

- A. gilding the lily
- B. hitting the sack
- C. dead of winter
- D. walking on eggshells

40. Wow, you are just _____ of your mother! I was about to call you by her name.

- A. the spitting image
- B. the black sheep
- C. no spring chicken
- D. blood and thunder

Synonyms

Which of the suggested variants can be the synonyms of the words in bold?

41. Snow and ice have left many roads **treacherous**, and drivers are warned to use caution.

- A. slippery
- B. dangerous
- C. wet
- D. white

42. He's just so **cheeky**, he can get away with anything.

- A. impudent
- B. lucky
- C. nasty
- D. nice

43. Engineers are **endeavouring** to locate the source of the problem.

- A. studying
- B. working
- C. trying
- D. praying

44. The **exquisite** aroma of freshly brewed coffee filled the air in the college cafe.

- A. unusual
- B. disgusting
- C. fresh
- D. fine

45. She was the most **stunning** woman at the party, I couldn't take my eyes off of her.

- A. awkward
- B. attractive
- C. intelligent
- D. stubborn

HISTORY AND CULTURE

Answer the following questions about the history, geography and culture of the UK.

46. What is the capital city of Wales?

- A. Belfast
- B. London
- C. Cardiff
- D. Edinburgh

47. Who is the Patron Saint of England?

- A. Saint George
- B. Saint Patrick
- C. Saint Andrew
- D. Saint David

48. Which king/queen founded the Anglican Church?

- A. Elizabeth I
- B. Elizabeth II
- C. Henry VIII
- D. Charles I

49. When is Boxing Day celebrated?

- A. May 8
- B. December 26
- C. September 1
- D. March 17

50. Who is the author of *Oliver Twist, or The Parish Boy's Progress*?

- A. William Shakespeare
- B. Joanne Rowling
- C. Mark Twain
- D. Charles Dickens