

# NATIONAL ENGLISH LINGUISTICS CONTEST JUNIORS (GRADE 5 & 6)



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**TIME ALLOWED : 90 MINUTES**

**MAXIMUM MARKS : 90**

**TOTAL QUESTIONS : 30 MCQS**

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. DON'T START ATTEMPTING THE PAPER UNTIL INSTRUCTED BY THE INVIGILATORS.
2. INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE EXAMINATION INVIGILATORS MUST BE CARRIED OUT PROMPTLY.
3. WRITE YOUR NAME, FATHER NAME, SCHOOL NAME, ADDRESS ETC AT THE BUBBLE SHEET ONLY.
4. RECORD ALL ANSWERS ON THE BUBBLE SHEET ONLY. SELECT BEST ANSWER FROM THE FOUR GIVEN OPTIONS AND MARK ONLY ONE OPTION IN EACH QUESTION.
5. USE BLUE / BLACK INK TO FILL UP THE CIRCLES FOR YOUR ANSWERS ON THE BUBBLE SHEET. USE OF LEAD PENCIL IS NOT ALLOWED.
6. USE OF ANY HELPING MATERIAL INCLUDING CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
7. EVERY CORRECT ANSWER EARNS THREE POINTS. THERE WOULD BE NEGATIVE MARKING. ONE POINT WOULD BE DEDUCTED FOR EVERY INCORRECT ANSWER.
8. CANDIDATES MAY NOT LEAVE THE EXAMINATION ROOM UNSCORTED FOR ANY REASON, AND THIS INCLUDES USING THE WASHROOM.
9. NO MATERIALS OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES SHALL BE BROUGHT INTO THE ROOM.
10. THERE ARE SIX CATEGORIES OF THE CONTEST AS UNDER:
  - A. TODDLERS (GRADE 1 & 2)
  - B. KIDS (GRADE 3 & 4)
  - C. JUNIORS (GRADE 5 & 6)
  - D. JUVENILES (GRADE 7 & 8)
  - E. ADOLESCENTS (GRADE 9 & 10 / O-LEVELS)
  - F. SENIORS (GRADE 11 & 12 / A-LEVELS)
11. ONLY REGISTERED STUDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEST.
12. NO CANDIDATE SHALL TAKE OUT OF THE HALL ANY ANSWER BOOK(S) OR PART OF AN ANSWER BOOK, WHETHER USED OR UNUSED, OR OTHER SUPPLIED MATERIAL.
13. IF A PARTICIPANT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND A WORD OR PHRASE ON THE EXAM PAPER, NEITHER EXAMINER NOR INVIGILATOR IS PERMITTED TO ANSWER.
14. FOR INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING CONTESTS OR PROVIDING VALUABLE FEEDBACK, PLEASE VISIT [WWW.CATSCONTESTS.ORG](http://WWW.CATSCONTESTS.ORG).
15. ANY ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT OR MALPRACTICE MUST BE REPORTED TO INTERNATIONAL CATS CONTESTS AT [INFO@CATSCONTESTS.ORG](mailto:INFO@CATSCONTESTS.ORG)

**READ THE POEM AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS 1-4.**

**UNDER THE EL-TRAIN**

A grid of light and shadow  
A shifting band of sun  
Ignites the tiny newsstand  
Below the wooden track  
A thousand pounding footsteps  
Commuters on the run  
Collect a cup of coffee,  
A paper, and a snack  
Ten thousand climb the staircase  
Ten thousand more come down  
The trains' insistent rumble  
Sends tremors through the shack  
An old man stacks the bundles  
His visage wears a frown  
With care he counts your quarters  
And hands a nickel back.

**Q1. Why do people climb the staircase?**

- A) to take the train
- B) to buy a paper
- C) to enter the building
- D) to speak to the old man

**Q2. Which of these resources would you use to find another word for tremors?**

- A) a thesaurus
- B) an almanac
- C) a rhyming dictionary
- D) an encyclopedia

**Q3. What do we learn about the old man?**

- A) He owns the newsstand.
- B) He has a scowling expression.
- C) He is friendly to the commuters.
- D) He greatly enjoys his work.

**Q4. What is the grid of light and shadow mentioned in line 1?**

- A) Graffiti covering the walls of the train station.
- B) Bars on the windows of the newsstand.
- C) An iron grate or manhole cover on the street.
- D) The pattern of sunlight through the tracks above.

**READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS 5 – 7****ALLIGATORS AND CROCODILES**

Have you ever heard someone say, "See you later, alligator?" Often the response is, "In a while, crocodile." Both of these silly rhymes are funny. However, the funniest part may be that alligators and crocodiles are almost never found living in the same place. It is easy to confuse the two reptiles. They both look a lot alike. However, they are very different creatures.

First, the two animals live in different types of habitats. Crocodiles like salt water like the water found in oceans. They live in almost all parts of the world. Alligators, on the other hand, prefer the fresh water of lakes and swamps. Most live in the United States and China. The only place in the world where both types of reptiles are found is in the Everglades. This national park is a wetland containing both types of water.

Second, the noses of these reptiles are quite different. Crocodiles have long, narrow, pointed snouts that made a V-shape. They look like they are smiling, and showing some of their teeth. Their jaws are extremely strong and they can capture tough snacks like turtles, cows, or even small elephants. Alligators have U-shaped snouts and their teeth stay hidden until they are ready to take a bite of something tasty. They prefer to munch on smaller prey, including birds, fish or deer.

If you are trying to tell the difference between these two reptiles, do it from behind the thick glass of zoo window. One thing the two creatures do have in common is they are strong and they are not afraid to attack humans if they feel threatened.

**Q5. How are alligators and crocodiles alike?**

- A) They both prefer to live in salt water.
- B) They both capture very large animals to eat.
- C) They both can be found living in the Everglades.
- D) They both have the same shape of snout and teeth.

**Q6. Where would you most likely find a crocodile?**

- A) In a lake
- B) In a swamp
- C) In an ocean
- D) In a marsh

**Q7. How does an alligator differ from a crocodile?**

- A) It keeps its teeth hidden until it strikes.
- B) It prefers larger, tougher prey for meals.
- C) It will attack a human if it feels threatened.
- D) It has a longer, narrower snout shaped like a V.

**READ THE BELOW GIVEN PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTION 8-10.**

## **ROBOT HANDSHAKE**

A handshake is not an uncommon gesture in today's culture. Friends shake hands upon meeting each other. Strangers shake hands when they are introduced. Businessmen shake hands before and after meetings. However, a very unusual handshake occurred in February 2012. Dan Burbank, the station commander on the International Space Station (ISS) reached out to grasp the metallic hand of Robonaut 2. After shaking the commander's hand, R2 faced the ISS camera and waved hello to the rest of the world. R2 is the world's first human-like robot and the latest member to call the ISS home.

The robot cost more than two million dollars to build. Its head contains four cameras. Its chest holds almost 40 computer processors. Made out of aluminum and steel, R2 wears a backpack full of batteries. It is certainly not a surprise that this robot weighs hundreds of pounds.

R2 was first tested under the effects of earth's gravity. The next question was how would it perform in outer space? It did great!

Currently, R2 has been trained to do simple cleaning tasks, like wiping rails, and cleaning filters. Eventually, the robot will be used for much more complicated tasks since it will not require the same suits and other equipment that regular astronauts do. One day, R2 may be making space walks and discovering amazing things to share with the rest of the world.

**Q8. Based on this passage, why were the experts worried about how R2 would perform in outer space?**

- A) They did not think that the robot's head cameras would provide clear images.
- B) There was concern that the batteries in the backpack would not last long enough.
- C) On the ISS, the robot was not functioning under the power of the earth's gravity.
- D) Robots were known for having problems with space walks in outer space.

**Q9. Which statement would make the best conclusion for this passage?**

- A) R2 just might go where no man- or robot-has ever gone before.
- B) Next, R2 will learn how to climb without having to use its hands.
- C) The cameras in R2's head can send images back to NASA for observation.
- D) Since there is no gravity on the space station, R2 had to be reprogrammed.

**Q10. Based on this passage, which of the following statements is most likely true?**

- A) The ISS staff resents having a robot on board with them.
- B) R2 has been designed with cutting edge technology.
- C) The Discovery shuttle will not be making very many more voyages.
- D) The robot will not be ready to be helpful to the ISS for many years yet.

**Q11. Read the text and answer below given question.**

A wolf was looking for food when he passed a dog. The dog said "I get all the food I want, in exchange for wearing this collar and being tied to this tree at night. Want to join me?" The wolf said he'd rather have less to eat and kept on walking.

**Which character loves its freedom?**

- A) The dog
- B) The wolf
- C) The dog's owner
- D) None of the above

**Q12. Find the word with correct spellings:**

- A) Scrupulous
- B) Scrupolous
- C) Scruplous
- D) Scropulous

**Q13. What kind of sentence is this?**

In ancient Greece and Rome, dice were usually made from bone and ivory.

- A) declarative
- B) exclamatory
- C) interrogative
- D) indefinite

**Q14. How many students in your class \_\_\_\_\_ from Korea?**

- A) comes
- B) come
- C) came
- D) are coming

**Q15. Choose the correct sentence out of four sentences given below.**

- A) He have been living in this house for six years.
- B) He has been living in this house for six years.
- C) He has living in this house for six years.
- D) He has been living in this house since six years.

**Q16. Much justice and mercy did he show \_\_\_\_\_ all?**

- A) for
- B) to
- C) by
- D) from

**Q17. Complete the following sentences with suitable unit:**

This jar contains one \_\_\_\_\_ of honey?

- A) meter
- B) liter
- C) kilogram
- D) kilometer

**Q18. Complete the following sentences by using the proper form of verb:**

He underwent a heart operation but \_\_\_\_\_ in a very short time.

- A) recover
- B) recovered
- C) will be recover
- D) will recovered

**Q19. Choose the synonym of capitalized word:**

When Mrs. Bell was the director of the firm, her first ACCOMPLISHMENT was to bring about better working conditions.

- A) accumulation
- B) defeat
- C) achievement
- D) job

**Q20. Choose the synonym of capitalized word:**

The Turners are looking for a little cabin in the woods where they won't be ACCESSIBLE to their relatives.

- A) probable
- B) acceptable
- C) reachable
- D) approachable

**Q21. Choose the antonym of capitalized word:**

Adrenalin has the effect of strengthening and ACCELERATING the heartbeat.

- A) quickening
- B) abolishing
- C) aborting
- D) diminishing

**Q22. Choose the antonym of capitalized word:**

The ABANDONED boat was found miles away from the shore; they never found out who had been on it.

- A) deserted
- B) unabashed
- C) cherished
- D) shabby

**Q23. Choose the sentence with correct punctuation.**

- A) Our labors in life-learning, earning, and yearning-are also our reasons for living.
- B) Our labors in life, learning, earning, and yearning) are also our reasons for living.
- C) Our labors in life - learning, earning, and yearning - are also our reasons for living.
- D) Our labors in life learning, earning, and yearning are also our reasons for living.

**Q24. Identify the capitalized word in the sentence.**

The WRITTEN words are a great record of her ideals.

- A) adjective
- B) adverb
- C) verb
- D) pronoun

**Q25. A low area storm with high winds rotating about a centre of low atmospheric pressure**

- A) Cyclone
- B) Tornado
- C) Typhoon
- D) Hurricane

**Q26. A doctor who specialize in diseases of the nose.**

- A) Rhinology
- B) Otologist
- C) Pathologist
- D) Podiatrist



Q27. She \_\_\_\_\_ her Cat very much.

- A) loving
- B) loves
- C) love
- D) loved

Q28. Which noun exists in our hearts and minds?

- A) abstract
- B) concrete
- C) common
- D) proper

Q29. What is the adverb of frequency?

I always brush my teeth.

- A) Always
- B) Seldom
- C) Sometimes
- D) Usually

Q30. Complete the analogy.

syllable is to word as minute is to

- A) hour
- B) clock
- C) watch
- D) second