

Kategória 2C1 – Olympiáda v anglickom jazyku – Celoštátne kolo 2010/2011**G R A M M A R**

Complete the sentences (1-15) using the word given at the end of each. Your sentence must mean the same as the 1st. You cannot change the word given and you must use between 2 and 5 words, including the word given.

1. Please don't eat in the classroom. **YOU**
I'd rather in the classroom.
2. The police were following the suspects. **WERE**
The suspects police.
3. This is the bank. We borrowed the money from it. **WHICH**
This is the bank money.
4. Harry left early because he didn't want to miss the bus. **AS**
Harry..... to miss the bus.
5. The weather is fine, but my flowers haven't bloomed. **OF**
My flowers haven't bloomed.....weather.
6. It was a mistake for you to buy that dog. **BOUGHT**
You that dog.
7. The plan was for Jack to become a manager, but he left. **WAS**
Jacka manager, but he left.
8. I must go to the dentist and get my teeth taken care of. **SEEN**
I must go to the dentist to.
9. We believe it was you who robbed the post office. **HELD**
We believe thatthe post office.
10. There are no good films on this week. **CINEMA**
There is nothingthis week.
11. Both questions were impossible to understand. **COULDN'T**
I the questions.
12. If you walk slowly, it takes longer to get there. **LONGER**
The moreit takes to get there.
13. There aren't any sandwiches left, I'm afraid. **ALL**
I'm afraid eaten.
14. I think Robert has forgotten the meeting. **APPEARS**
Robert the meeting.
15. Tony was not only late, but he had left all his books behind. **NOT ONLY**
....., but he had forgotten all his books.

Total Points:/15pts

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Complete each sentence (1-10) with the best answer (a, b, c or d). Put the LETTER of your answer into the space provided.

1. A great of bees settled in our apple tree during a storm.
a. buzz b. crowd c. flock d. swarm
2. He couldn't find two that matched, so he was forced to wear socks.
a. mixed b. odd c. uneven d. unlike
3. He was thrown into prison and of his property.
a. confiscated b. denied c. deprived d. removed
4. Have you for any of the evening classes? .
a. engaged b. enrolled c. inscribed d. signed over
5. Mr Smith was a terrible teacher and obviously not for teaching .
a. cut in b. cut on c. cut out d. cut up
6. If there is one thing I don't like it's tea.
a. delicate b. light c. pale d. weak
7. Peter can't go to school because he is still in with the measles.
a. confinement b. detention c. seclusion d. quarantine
8. They bought the land with a to building a new office block..
a. goal b. purpose c. reason d. view
9. Where are you calling from? Your voice is extremely..... .
a. faint b. fade c. dull d. pale
10. Take your There are plenty of dresses.
a. best b. choice c. selection d. pick

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Participant's number:

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V O C A B U L A R Y : P R O G R E S S I V E T E S T

Make a list of different kinds of childhood diseases. You will score 1 point for every 3 correctly spelled answers.

Example: *whooping cough*

Words:...../3 =..... Total Points

READING COMPREHENSION

The article below contains reviews of books having to do with science. Read it and then do the task on the next page.

The most anticipated book of the year was *The Universe in a Nutshell* by Stephen Hawking. A follow-up to his bestseller *A Brief History of Time*, this is a sumptuously illustrated romp through cosmology written in bite-sized chapters. It is a competent introduction to how the universe began with a Big Bang and may end up with a Big Crunch. Along the way, there are multidimensional universes to be conquered, so Hawking's book may end up lying guiltily on the coffee table.

My next choice is *The Science Book: 250 Milestones in the History of Science*, edited by Peter Tallack. A silver slab of a book, it guides the reader through a chronology of science, beginning in Swaziland 37,000 years ago with the origins of counting, and ending with the recent Human Genome Project. Topics are summarised on one page, making it ideal for dipping into bits of science such as superconductivity and why there are different blood groups.

Rivalry is often the lifeblood of science, and so I was thrilled to see Michael White's inspired treatise on the subject earlier this year. *Rivals* details eight feuds, both historical and contemporary, that fuelled academic endeavour. We learn that Sir Isaac Newton harboured an almost pathological desire to humiliate and hinder competitors. His main rival was Gottfried von Leibnitz, a German mathematician who claimed to have invented calculus at the same time as, and independently of, Newton. The enraged Englishman rallied supporters to denigrate von Leibnitz as a plagiarist.

Those who like to witness harmony among their fellow humans will be heartened to read *The Seven Daughters of Eve* by Bryan Sykes. Sykes is an Oxford University geneticist who has discovered that 95 per cent of Europeans are descended from one of seven ancestral mothers, and his book is the unashamedly upbeat story of how the discovery came about. In this racy, pacy account, Sykes bestows nicknames on his seven European matriarchs (Katrine, Xenia, Jasmine, Velda, Ursula, Tara and Helena), and indulges in amusing speculation about what they would have been like.

Biographies are always coveted possessions. I recommend two of this year's crop. The first is Oliver Sacks's poignant memoir, *Uncle Tungstard*. It is a story of a strange childhood bound up with the history of chemistry. Sacks, a neurologist who has written eloquent accounts (*Awakenings*, *The Man Who Mistook His Wife For A Hat*) of how strange the human mind can be, dreams that elements in the Periodic Table are his friends. It is, admittedly, a slightly bizarre book, but written with elegance and compassion.

My second suggestion is *The Northern Lights*, Lucy Jago's fictionalised account of the life of Kristian Birkeland, a Norwegian scientist who tried to understand the Aurora Borealis, those dancing coloured lights that streak across polar skies. Birkeland, born in the middle of the 19th century, was a textbook eccentric: obsessive, absent-minded and disorganised. As Jago explains, his theory – that the dancing lights arose from the interplay between the Earth's magnetic field and charged particles streaming from the Sun – was largely disregarded. It is a perfect winter tale of ice and light. However, some may find the blurring of fact and fiction, and the excitable speculation about Birkeland's final years a little trying.

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If you are looking for a book to shock you out of complacency, you could try *Surviving Galeras* by Stanley Williams, a chilling first-hand account of a volcano eruption in 1913 that killed several of his colleagues. Along the way, Williams, who was injured, tells us about the elite band of researchers who would study volcanoes despite the very real dangers involved. Williams's veneration of these hero-volcanologists is controversial in the geology community, but his tale offers an irresistible insight into the reckless, darker side of science.

For questions 1-10, choose which review (A-G) is being described. Reviews may be used more than once. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- A The Universe in a Nutshell
- B The Science Book
- C Rivals
- D The Seven Daughters of Eve
- E Uncle Tungsten
- F The Northern Lights
- G Surviving Galeras

- _____1. This book centres on an individual who displays the negative characteristics of a particular stereotype.
- _____2. This book is an overly jolly book about a scientific breakthrough.
- _____3. The organisation of this book lends itself to easy reference.
- _____4. This book gives a compelling glimpse of the riskier aspects of scientific study.
- _____5. This book's heavy subject matter may cause it to be abandoned.
- _____6. Extreme and unpleasantly indicative elements of one individual scientist's personality are revealed in this book.
- _____7. This book's author's attitude to fellow professionals is not shared by others in his or her field of work.
- _____8. This book's emotive and subjective approach may irritate the reader.
- _____9. This book makes reference to a hypothesis which was ignored by people.
- _____10. This book describes a public attempt to discredit a scientist.

Total Points:/10pts

L I S T E N I N G C O M P R E H E N S I O N

You will hear a conversation between a husband and wife. Decide if statements 1-5 are true (T), false (F) or not stated (NS). Write the letter of your answer in the space provided.

Listen carefully! You will hear the recording once only.

- _____1. Guardian Angels are allowed to carry guns.
- _____2. They do not aim to hurt anyone.
- _____3. They do not like to involve the police if they can avoid it.
- _____4. The police's official stance concerning the Guardian Angels is quite negative.
- _____5. The Guardian Angels is a non-governmental organisation.

Total Points:/5pts