

**Olympiáda v anglickom jazyku, 25. ročník, krajské kolo 2014/2015, kategória 2C1 - úlohy**

**GRAMMAR**

**For questions 1-10, choose the option (A, B, C or D) which best fits completes the each sentence. Circle your answers.**

1. By the year 2020, many people currently employed ..... their job.  
A have lost      B will have lost      C are losing      D will be losing
2. I'm terrified ..... breaking down on a motorway at night.  
A for      B with      C from      D of
3. It was the third time in six month that the bank had been held .....  
A over      B down      C up      D out
4. Having that accident has ..... a complete change in his attitude toward other people.  
A brought in      B brought up      C brought out      D brought about
5. The manager asked his employees if they .....work late all that week.  
A will be able      B can      C would be able to      D are able to
6. I am ..... the opinion that nothing we say will change anything at all.  
A in      B of      C after      D with
7. As I stepped off the bus onto the snow-covered pavement, I fell .... my back.  
A flatly on      B flat to      C flat on      D flatly to
8. Wouldn't you agree that there is ..... excuse for what he did?  
A any      B some      C the      D much
9. You can ask anyone ..... like, they'll all give you the same answer.  
A whom you      B who you      C you      D which you
10. As soon as school breaks .... for the summer holiday, I'm going to Spain.  
A up      B out      C in      D down

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**GRAMMAR (continued)**

**Complete the second sentence of each pair (11-15) in such a way that it means the same thing as the sentence above it.**

11. I dislike journalists because I distrust their motives.

My.....  
.....

12. She went before I realized what was happening.

By the time.....  
.....

13. What persuaded me to resign was that I was not being given credit for my achievements.

It.....  
.....

14. Most people accept that something has to be done about over-population.

It.....  
.....

15. In order to get to the solution, we had to start from the beginning.

Only.....  
.....

**5 points**

**Total Points: ..... /15 pts**

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**V O C A B U L A R Y**

**Complete each sentence (1-10) with the best answer (A, B, C or D). Circle your answers.**

- 1 Reading between the lines of your letter, I ..... you are unhappy with our standard of service.  
A imply                      B gather                      C interpret                      D maintain
  
- 2 The ..... of the trouble was the decision to allow non-members into the club.  
A stem                      B mould                      C root                      D trigger
  
- 3 There is every ..... of things going horribly wrong.  
A opportunity                      B chance                      C promise                      D opening
  
- 4 You should be ..... ashamed of yourself for what you've done.  
A thoroughly                      B hopelessly                      C entirely                      D earnestly
  
- 5 The course seems to lay particular ..... on learning the theory behind the practice.  
A mention                      B point                      C highlight                      D stress
  
- 6 Contributions to charity are beginning to .....up.  
A end                      B finish                      C peter                      D dry
  
- 7 In the course of conversation he let ..... that he was going to be promoted.  
A loose                      B float                      C drift                      D slip
  
- 8 ....., they came to an agreement after taking all day, though there were still some details to be settled.  
A Shortly                      B Overall                      C Nonetheless                      D Subsequently
  
- 9 My bus ticket was caught by a ..... of wind and landed in a muddy puddle.  
A blow                      B spurt                      C gust                      D wave
  
- 10 It's a stroke of luck that he has always been able to write with ..... hand.  
A both                      B each                      C ever                      D either

**Total Points: ...../ 10 pts**

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**R E A D I N G   C O M P R E H E N S I O N**

**Read the article below about the history of writing. There are two tasks to do on the next page after you read.**

**A**

Our ability to communicate through the written word is something we all accept. Yet the invention of writing at around 3500 BC was extremely important for modern civilization. With it came the ability to keep administrative records and pass messages over long distances. This made it possible for governments to organize large populations and economies. And of course it was also a means of passing on knowledge and literature between generations.

**B**

Over the past 3,500 years different civilizations and cultures across the world have created at least 700 different forms of writing. To our eyes most of these scripts look quite distinct, and people who can read only one script cannot understand another. However, if the evolution of the world's writing systems is traced back through time it becomes clear that nearly all of them originated from just four scripts: ancient Egyptian, ancient Mesopotamian, ancient Chinese, and ancient Zapotec from central Mexico.

**C**

Writing's most successful ancestors were ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs. All European and Arab scripts originally come from hieroglyphs. Most Asian scripts do too, even if the link is less direct. Modern Korean and Vietnamese, however, come from ancient Chinese. Of these the only script that has survived without many changes is Chinese. Now with over 50,000 characters, it has remained more or less the same for at least 4,000 years.

**D**

The first forms of writing were pictograms – simple pictures of objects. Gradually, the direct link between a symbol and the object it represented disappeared. In the next phase the pictograms were replaced by symbols which represented objects or 'logograms'. Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs combined pictograms with logograms. But there is a problem with such a system – it requires a new symbol for every new word and so rapidly becomes very complicated.

**E**

In the alphabetic system, words are made up of combination of characters or letters representing different sounds. This system was developed in the Middle East around 3,700 years ago. It spread quickly and formed the basis of Greek and later of the Cyrillic and Roman scripts now used in Europe. But although the complicated way the world's writing systems developed is now well understood, there is still a lot of controversy about which of the four original scripts was the first to be used.

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For many years people have believed that writing was invented in Mesopotamia. They thought it spread to ancient Egypt and then to the region that is now Pakistan. Chinese writing, they thought, developed independently one thousand years later. But a series of extraordinary new archaeological discoveries have revealed Egyptian writings dating from 3250 BC – between fifty and a hundred years earlier than the Mesopotamian script.

**G**

A second discovery will make experts want to change their theories even more. It seems that the ancient Sumerians, who people believed invented the first fully developed writing, did not arrive in the area until 200 to 300 years after the first Mesopotamian script developed. However, the main archaeological discovery shows that at least some Chinese characters were developed 7,500 years ago – much earlier than the accepted date of 1300 BC. So if China developed the first writing, did the idea spread from East to West, and not the other way round? It will take time and more evidence to convince all archaeologists that this is true, but, as they say, the writing is probably on the wall.

**For questions 1-7, fill in the gaps with the correct answer based on what you've read. For each statement, also write the letter of the paragraph in which you found the evidence for your answer. Write the letter (A, B, C, D, E, F, or G) of the paragraph in the space provided next to the number on the left.**

- .....1. More than .....forms of writing exist.
- .....2. The oldest writing originated in .....
- .....3. Pictograms came before .....
- .....4. The script that that has undergone very few changes is .....
- .....5. In the .....system, letters represent sounds.
- .....6. Mesopotamian script is .....than Egyptian writing.
- .....7. Hieroglyphs are the .....of all European and Arab scripts.

**For questions 8-10, find the words or expressions in the article that match the definitions below. Write your answers in the spaces provided.**

8. the scientific idea of the gradual development of various plants, animals, etc., from fewer and simpler forms .....
9. a fierce argument or disagreement about something, esp. one that is carried on in public over a long period .....
10. a plan, thought or suggestion for a possible course of action .....

**Total points:.....10 pts**

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**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 story about a reporter who lives dangerously. For questions 1-5, decide whether the statements are true (T) or False (F). Write your answers in the spaces provided. You will hear the story once only.**

- 1 Katie Adie is the only female war-zone reporter for the BBC. ....
- 2 Her reporting is objective but emotional. ....
- 3 Katie likes her job because it enables her to visit places she's always wanted to. ....
- 4 Katie took just one piece of luggage on her first assignment. ....
- 5 Katie doesn't care much about her appearance. ....

**Total points:.....5 pts**

Participant's Number: .....

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**VOCABULARY: PROGRESSIVE TEST**

List all the kitchen utensils and appliances you can think of. You will score 1 point for every six (6) correctly spelled words. (Time limit: 3 minutes)

**Total points:.....**

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