

Olympiáda v anglickom jazyku, 26. ročník, celoštátne kolo 2015/2016, kategória**2A – úlohy****G R A M M A R**

Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only **ONE** word in each space.

What will the aeroplane of the future look (1) _____? An increasing number of journeys are being made (2) _____ air, and the airlines are therefore demanding a new kind of plane (3) _____ help them cope with increasing passenger numbers. (4) _____ of the revolutionary new designs (5) _____ developed is a “flying wing”, which is short but very wide, in contrast (6) _____ most planes, which are long and narrow. It will be capable (7) _____ carrying 600 – 800 passengers. It will be built of an extremely light material, and together (8) _____ the unusual design, this will improve performance. The new aeroplane will be quieter and more comfortable (9) _____ existing planes. It will also cost less to operate, and will therefore help to keep fares (10) _____ affordable levels.

Computers will play (11) _____ important role in this plane. They would be used (12) _____ the flight as (13) _____ as on the ground: ground crews will simply plug their laptop computers into the flight computers to check all functions.

An additional advantage of this plane is (14) _____ no new runways or terminal buildings will have to be built for it, (15) _____ it is being designed in such a way that it can use existing ones.

Total Points: _____ / 15pts

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Circle the most appropriate word from a, b, c, or d to complete the following sentences. Only one answer is correct in each sentence.

1. He was furious but being tied tightly he could not do a thing apart from ___ at the enemies.

- a) observing b) glaring c) eyeing d) peeping

2. John is captain of the school football team, ___ his father before him.

- a) similar to b) such as c) as well as d) just like

3. It was kind of you to ___ me borrow your car.

- a) make b) allow c) let d) permit

4. Could you ___ me the file which is on your desk, please?

- a) extend b) hand c) catch d) past

5. If you want to play golf, you will need a set of ___.

- a) sticks b) clubs c) bats d) rods

6. If you speak to me off the ___, I won't quote you by name.

- a) reference b) record c) title d) tape

7. The mob decided to ___ an example of him and attacked him.

- a) cast b) set c) make d) give

8. Cheap cars enable the working class to travel for pleasure or in ___ of work.

- a) hunt b) looking out c) search d) inquiry

9. Vast suburbs began to ___ over the land.

- a) spread b) widen c) scatter d) broaden

10. People frequently ___ little notice of consumer information.

- a) get b) pay c) make d) take

11. Although it was only a small ___, he was given a five-year prison sentence.

- a) law b) term c) offence d) act

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(continued)

12. Look, will you stop ___ in and let me finish my sentence.
a) butting b) plugging c) pushing d) moving
13. He is ___ to be an expert on martial arts.
a) regarded b) considered c) noticed d) viewed
14. My grandmother doesn't ___ of dogs or cats in the house.
a) approve b) allow c) agree d) admit
15. Four readers ___ the correct solution to our recent competition.
a) won b) subscribed c) submitted d) qualified
16. There is a total ___ on drinking and smoking in public places in the city.
a) restriction b) stop c) ban d) elimination
17. We should ___ off now, otherwise we will miss the train.
a) come b) go c) leave d) be
18. Young people should be ___ in sport.
a) capable b) keen c) occupied d) involved
19. She understood every ___ part of the article.
a) one b) single c) absolute d) unique
20. We are really ___ of milk.
a) keen b) rare c) scarce d) short

**Total Points: _____ / 10pts
(0.5 pt per item)**

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Read the following extract. The 20 words on the right have been taken from the extract and printed next to the line from which they were omitted. Show where you would insert the words using a / sign. The first gap has been marked for you.

(Remember to check that your chosen answer fits with the information, vocabulary and structure before and after the gap).

<p>I sold funeral insurance to North Carolina / people.</p>	<p>0 black</p>
<p>I myself am not black. Like everybody who was alive fifty-nine years ago, I was young then, you know? I still feel bad about what went on. My wife says: Telling might help. Lately, worrying over this takes a percentage of my sleep right off the top. So I'm telling you. OK?</p>	<p>1 else 2 pretty 3 somebody</p>
<p>I did it to put myself through college. I knew it wasn't right. But my parents worked at the cotton mill. I went everything they earned before they earned it. I grew in one of these employee row-houses. Our house stood near the cotton loading-ramp. Our shrubs were always tagged with fluff blown off stacked bales. Mornings, the view might show six white, wind-blown hunks as big as cakes. You didn't understand you'd steadily breathed fibres – not till, like Dad, you started coughing at age forty and died at fifty-one. I to earn everything myself. First I tried peddling the <i>Book of Knowledge</i>. Seemed like a good thing to sell.</p>	<p>4 only 5 through 6 up 7 such 8 had</p>
<p>I attended every training. The sharp salesman showed us how to let the 'T' volume fall open at the Taj Mahal. Our company had spent little extra on that full-page picture. In a living-room the size a shipping crate, I stood before my seated parents. They nodded, I still remember. 'One of the finger takes us from "Rome" to ... "Rockets"!' Before I hiked off with my wares, Mom pack a bag-lunch, then wave from our fuzzy porch. 'Jerry? Say "Please" and "Thank you very much". They like that.'</p>	<p>9 session 10 a 11 of 12 flick 13 would</p>
<p>Other sales kids owned cars. I had to walk from house to house my sample kit; twenty-six letters' worth of knowledge gets heavy pretty fast. My arms and back grew stronger but my spirits sort of in. Our sales manager assigned me to the Mill district – he claimed I had inside ties. The only thing than facing strangers door-to-door is finding people you know there.</p>	<p>14 lugging 15 caved 16 worse</p>
<p>Grinning, they'd asked me in. Mill employees opened their ice-boxes, brought me good things. I chattered my whole memorized, neighbors acted proud of me. But I felt like a circus dog and stuffy teacher, mixed. Like a crook. When I finished, my hosts, said this book-set sure sounded great.</p>	<p>17 routine 18 sighed 19 all</p>
<p>Then they admitted what we'd known along – they just couldn't afford it. I'd spent forty minutes ignoring this. They looked troubled as I backed out, smiling. 'Hey,' I called. 'You'll save for the down payment. You'll get "Knowledge" in time – it'll mean more to you.' Then I knocked at the next door. I stood for an empty house.</p>	<p>20 praying</p>

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