

Olympiáda v anglickom jazyku, 30. ročník, celoštátne kolo 2019/2020, kategória 2A - úlohy**G R A M M A R**

Read the text below and fill in gaps 1–15 with ONE suitable word. The words to be filled in have to be words with some grammatical function (e.g. auxiliary verbs, articles, pronouns, prepositions, conjunctions, etc.). Write your answers on the lines provided below. There is an example at the beginning (00).

How (00)_____ do you know about your local history? The fourth-graders at the Heartland Community School in Henderson, Nebraska, researched their local history and discovered a hero. (01)_____ January 12, 1888, a huge blizzard suddenly hit the state (02)_____ Nebraska. A fierce northwest wind blew and the temperature fell to 40 degrees (03)_____ zero in some places! The storm lasted a long time – 12 to 18 hours. In (04)_____ days, there weren't any radios or televisions to warn people (05)_____ severe weather, so everyone was caught off-guard. That afternoon, three of Jacob and Anna Friesen's children went to visit their older brother a mile and a half (06)_____. Later that day when the blizzard hit, the children decided they (07)_____ better go home. The blizzard was so harsh that it blinded them. They got lost and ended up digging (08)_____ into a haystack just to keep warm. Meanwhile, their parents were worried about them. Their mother placed a lamp in the window and hoped they (09)_____ see it and find their way home. Finally, their father went out to find the children. He followed along a barbed-wire fence for half a mile and then started calling their names. Luckily, the haystack was close enough that the children could hear him, and they all found each (10)_____. They followed the fence back to the farm and then (11)_____ see their way safely to the house because of the light in the window. (12)_____ doubt the children knew their dad was a hero (13)_____ night. Why (14)_____ do some research into your local history? You just might find a hero, too.

(00) <u>much</u>	(05) _____	(10) _____
(01) _____	(06) _____	(11) _____
(02) _____	(07) _____	(12) _____
(03) _____	(08) _____	(13) _____
(04) _____	(09) _____	(14) _____

0.5 point/correct answer

_____/ 7 pts

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In the following sentences, 15–30, choose the correct option, A, B, C or D. There is only ONE correct answer for each question. Write your answers into the chart provided below.

15. Annie'll do well in her job _____ she stays on the right side of the boss.
A. as far as B. as soon as C. as long as D. as well as
16. You'd rather stay at home tonight, _____ you?
A. hadn't B. wouldn't C. didn't D. won't
17. _____ your room redecorated every year?
A. Have you B. Have you got C. Do you have D. Have you been
18. Their flat _____ while they were at the restaurant celebrating their anniversary.
A. got burgled B. went burgled C. had burgled D. burgled
19. John is staying with _____ now. Their son, James Johnson, will then come back with him.
A. the Johnsons B. the Johnson C. Johnsons D. Johnson
20. By the time he's my age, he _____ his mind.
A. will change B. will have changed C. would change D. is changing
21. No one wants to waste time, _____?
A. doesn't he B. do they C. don't they D. does he
22. You were at an advantage _____ that you could speak the foreign language very well.
A. by B. with C. in D. for
23. If the decision _____ before she arrived, she would have been angry.
A. was taken B. was being taken C. 'd have been taken D. 'd been taken
24. I borrowed a _____ motorbike and went into town to grab something to eat.
A. friend of my B. friend of mine's C. friend's of my D. friend's of mine
25. The mayor of our city resigned; the whiff of scandal remained _____.
A. therefore B. otherwise C. immediately D. nevertheless
26. Rob couldn't _____ a beard to the photo of his headmaster in the school magazine.
A. resist to add B. resist from adding C. resist adding D. resist for adding
27. When Kate first came to Britain, it took her a few weeks to _____ on the left.
A. get used to drive B. be used to driving C. get used to driving D. be used to drive
28. This time next month I won't be in a stuffy office, _____ on a beach in Croatia.
A. I'll have lain B. I'll lie C. I'll be lying D. I am lying
29. They live about _____ from the airport.
A. a drive of an hour B. an hour of drive C. a drive hour D. an hour's drive
30. The more I get to know you, the _____ I like you.
A. less B. most C. much D. lesser

15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.

0.5 point/correct answer

_____ / 8pts

Total: _____ / 15 pts

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A. Match animals 1–10 to their sounds, A – L. There are two extra sounds you won't need. Write your answers into the chart provided below.

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| 1. a cat | A. to grunt |
| 2. a horse | B. to cheep |
| 3. a dog | C. to bleat |
| 4. a frog | D. to crow |
| 5. a rooster | E. to croak |
| 6. a hen | F. to purr |
| 7. a chick | G. to neigh |
| 8. a pig | H. to gobble |
| 9. a goat | I. to roar |
| 10. a snake | J. to hiss |
| | K. to cluck |
| | L. to bark |

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0.5 point/correct answer

_____ / 5 pts

B. Complete the text with the correct form of the word in brackets, 11–20. Write your answers on the lines provided.

New research says eating nuts could be a (11) _____ (VALUE), tasty and (12) _____ (NUTRITION) slimming aid. Experimenters from Harvard University recommended that people replace their daily (13) _____ (HEALTH) snack with a small handful of nuts to slow down weight gain. They say this is (14) _____ (SPECIAL) helpful for people as they get older. The (15) _____ (RESEARCH) found that people who ate just 14g of nuts every day gained less weight than those who ate another snack. The people who ate the nuts were less (16) _____ (LIKE) to become (17) _____ (OBESITY). However, the (18) _____ (BENEFICIAL) to our weight are quite small. Those (19) _____ (SCIENCE) said swapping chocolate, cakes and potato chips with nuts could help (20) _____ (PREVENTION) a weight gain of just 0.4 to 0.7kg over four years.

0.5 point/correct answer

_____ / 5 pts

Total: _____ / 10 pts

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

Read the following article about plastic pollution and complete the two tasks given below.

Plastic pollution is a major threat to our planet and oceans. The mass of plastic detritus present in the oceans is so enormous that it is called the '7th continent'. (1)_____ Plastic pollution is caused by the accumulation of plastic waste in the environment. It can be categorized into primary plastics, such as cigarette butts and bottle caps, or secondary plastics, resulting from the degradation of the primary ones. (2)_____ Its global production is growing exponentially. Its success comes from its remarkable qualities: ease of shaping, low cost, mechanical resistance, etc. Being the ideal material for packaging, plastic is basically everywhere.

The main cause of plastic pollution is **negligence**. In fact, it is estimated that 80% of marine litter comes from land. (3)_____ This waste is carried by the wind and pushed by the rain into sewers, streams, rivers, and finally in the oceans. Natural disasters such as floods must be considered as other causes of plastic pollution as well.

Plastic pollution can have harmful effects on the land and rivers by affecting wildlife and habitat, but also on human health. This plastic debris represents a chemical pollutant in several ways. They contain compounds that can be chemically transferred to organisms during ingestion. (4)_____ Besides, plastic bags also affect the growth of crops by hindering the process of photosynthesis in agricultural fields. The most direct effect of plastic pollution is the imprisonment of animals in nets or large debris. It is a cause of significant mortality for marine mammals, turtles and birds. The second direct effect is **ingestion**, which concerns the entire food chain of the marine ecosystem. Because of the chemical additives used during plastic production, plastics have potentially harmful effects on human health. Indeed, **exposure** to toxic chemicals coming out of plastic can cause cancers, birth defects, impaired immunity and other health problems.

How can plastic pollution be solved? Aside from cleaning up our oceans, which is a very significant first step but not a long-term solution, the best way to address plastic pollution is to change our mind-sets and habits with this controversial but nonetheless very useful material. (5)_____ It means changing our everyday behaviour and not using plastic when there is a better alternative. Plastic may cause pollution when poorly managed but it has lots of advantages too, such as being **resistant**. Many plastic items can therefore be reused or used for different purposes. Before throwing plastic items away, it is important to consider how they can be reused. Plastic recycling consists of collecting plastic waste and reprocessing it into new products to reduce the amount of plastic in the waste stream. Another crucial solution is education, in order to **increase** awareness and effect behavioural change.

R E A D I N G C O M P R E H E N S I O N (2)

A. For questions (1)–(5), decide which sentence (A)–(G) below the text best fits each of the numbered gaps in the article. There are two extra sentences which do not fit any of the gaps.

Write the correct letter into the chart provided below.

- (A) This pollution comes mainly from household waste, which is poorly recycled, dumped in landfills or abandoned in nature.
- (B) At this rate, there will be more plastic than fish in the oceans by 2050.
- (C) Organic waste is much heavier when it is wet, and plastic or glass bottles can have different weights but be the same size.
- (D) To efficiently reduce plastic pollution, there is an evident need to reduce our usage of plastic.
- (E) There are several ways to recover energy from waste.
- (F) Some of these molecules are potentially toxic and can accumulate in the body.
- (G) Since its commercial development in the 1950s, plastic has been a real success.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

B. Choose the best synonym (A, B, C or D) for each of the words below as they are used in the article. For better understanding of context, the words appear in bold in the article. Write the correct letter into the chart provided below.

6. negligence (n) A) carelessness B) awareness C) consciousness D) carefulness
7. ingestion (n) A) expansion B) exudation C) consumption D) acceptance
8. exposure (n) A) preservation B) vulnerability C) inactivity D) protection
9. resistant (adj) A) resistive B) intolerable C) pervious D) unendurable
10. to increase (v) A) to reduce B) to minify C) to expand D) to lessen

(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)

1 point/correct answer

Total: _____ / 10 pts

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 text about four 18-year-olds (Peter (P), James (J), Maria (M) and Sophie (S)) talking about being 18. Listen carefully and match statements 1–10 to the correct speaker. Write the first letter of the speaker’s name on the line provided next to the statement. You will hear the text twice.

Who:

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| 1. | won't be able to see his / her love? | _____ |
| 2. | hopes to go to higher education next year? | _____ |
| 3. | is concerned about more than a career? | _____ |
| 4. | is worried about not getting a job? | _____ |
| 5. | wants to live in New York? | _____ |
| 6. | would like to help other people? | _____ |
| 7. | feels ready to become an adult? | _____ |
| 8. | knows what he / she is going to study? | _____ |
| 9. | will probably have children one day? | _____ |
| 10. | thinks that his / her classmates will be great? | _____ |

0.5 point/correct answer

Total: _____/ 5 pts

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