**THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE CONTEST 2014/2015 GRADE 9**

1. **Choose the right alternative to fit each space.**

MY FRIEND LUCY

My best friend's name is Lucy. She is also a (1) ………by marriage because (2) ……… brother William married my sister Ruth. Lucy is (3) ……… than me, but we (4) ……… very well because we have (5) ………. tastes & interests. We are about the same (6) ………, but we don't look very much (7) ………, because she is (8) ……… while my skin and hair are (9) ……… fairer than hers. We first (10) ……… at my sister's wedding. She is the (11) ……… girl in her family, so I thought she would be a (12) …….. spoilt. But we liked (13) ……. .from the (14) …….. moment and I soon (15) …….. friends with her.

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| 1. A familiar | В parent | С partner | D relative |
| 2. A her | В his | С their | D your |
| 3. A elder | В elderly | C more old | D older |
| 4. A fit | В get on | С go on | D match |
| 5. A alike | В likely | С same | D similar |
| 6. A height | В high | С highness | D tall |
| 7. A alike | В common | С like | D similar |
| 8. A dark hair | В dark-haired | С hair dark | D haired dark |
| 9. A many | В more | С much  | D most |
| 10. A saw | В knew | С met  | D got to know |
| 11. A alone | В lonely | С only | D single |
| 12. A few | В girl | С little | D lot |
| 13. A each other | В one other | С ourselves | D the other |
| 14. A first | В one | С prime | D principal |
| 15. A got | В made  | С grew | D went |

1. **Choose the right alternative to make the following sentences complete.**

1.He was good at tennis and in his room there was a whole shelf of cups he ……… in tournaments since he ………. eleven.

 A won, had been В had been winning, turned

 С has won, has been D had won, was

2.Minnie had a gift for maths & probably could get ……… teaching in the department if she …….. it upon graduation.

 A a job, wanted В work, will have wanted

 С job, wished D a position, wants

3.Then he was suddenly on the steps of the city hall and …….. a lot of police around.

 A it was В there was

 С there were D has been

4. If ……… David or Jane comes, he or she will want a drink.

 A neither            В both   С either           D none

5. We had ……… dinner at ………. Alfredo's. It wasn't …….. bad dinner, but I cannot say I remember what we ate.

 A -,-, -               В the, the, а                 С -,-, a             D a, the, -

6. She finally said, "I'm going on vacation in ………. time. I won't be seeing you then for a month."

 A two weeks В a weeks'

 С two week's D a couple of weeks’

7. ……. I stood hesitating, I saw a fishing boat …………. slowly into the little bay below me.

 A As, come В During, coming

 С When, to come D While, to have come

8. There is no ………, ………… or ……….. driver in the world than an Italian.

A more wild, more mad, more dangerous В wilder, madder, dangerouser

С wilder, madder, more dangerous D wilder, more mad, more dangerous

9. The building in the middle of the village is a supermarket but it ………. a cinema.

A used to being В was used to be С used to be   D was used being

10. "I’m sure," said Holmes. "He ………. through the door. The window doesn't open."

A could to enter             В must have entered

С ought have entered        D should have been entered

11. You see my dilemma. ……… I must find the man who stole the examination papers ……… the examination must be postponed until the papers ………… prepared.

A Either, or, are                       В Either, nor, must be

С Neither, nor, will have been         D Either, or, will be

12. What ………. fine weather we ‘re having today!

A a                        B an                     C the D –

13. The idea of having a holiday now is …………… for me.

A unreal                   B inreal                 C irreal       D nonreal

14. He ………… he would be back somewhat later.

A told                     B said                   C talked          D spoke

15. She ought to write things down if she is so …………. .

A forgetting               B forgettable              C forgetful        D forgotten

16. Jane is pretty and her sister is not bad-looking ……………… .

A too                      B also                    C either            D neither

17. There is no use staying there any longer, ………. ?

A isn’t it?                  B is it?                   C isn’t there?      D is there?

18. Nick wanted to know what bus ………. .

A would they take                    B they would take

C they will take                       D will they take

19. I …………….. to look after my little sister yesterday. My granny did it.

A hadn’t                   B couldn’t                 C didn’t have      D mustn’t

20. Mike turned ……… half an hour late for the meeting.

A on                       B up                       C down            D out

1. **One of the underlined parts (А, В, С or D) of the following sentences contains a mistake. Identify it.**
2. Though (А) he tried hard (В) he couldn’t open the window despite of (С) all his efforts (D).
3. A (A) sudden thought struck (B) him and he suggested to search (C) all the other rooms (D) in

the house.

1. The plan of the rooms was not familiar with (A) me and I felt a little (B) uncertain (C) which way to go (D).
2. He was so tired and depressed (A) that he felt he couldn’t move any longer (B); so he laid (C) on his back in the old grass looking up (D).
3. Why are you standing (A) in (B) the doors? Come in and make (C) oneself (D) at home.
4. **Translate the words in brackets into English.**
5. Sherry's hair used to be longer than anyone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*ещё*).
6. My classmate Jane could write a dictation better than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(*любой другой*) student.
7. The news from Catherine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*кажутся*) very encouraging.
8. Nearly everyone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*кроме*) Sue has the flu and is feeling unwell.
9. Could you tell (*другим*) not to speak so loud?
10. Your clothes are dirty. Put \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*её*) into the washing machine.
11. I'm \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*ожидаю*) a letter from Mike this week.
12. The safari park was a bit of a disappointment as there were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*слишком мало*) animals.
13. The flowers in this vase smell \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*приятно*).
14. The car is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(*последняя*) model & much better man the previous one.

**V. Use the given word at the end of each line to form a word that fits the gap in the same line.**

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| 1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of rainforests continues at a rapid rate.2. The police asked the man if it was his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .3. Mary is often late and is the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ employee in the company.1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they will finish the bridge by next June.
2. Cycling and swimming help to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your heart*.*
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**VI. Read the text and do the following task**s.

ASK THE DOG

Mrs. Tomkins left the south sitting-room of the Halfway Hotel in Silbury and went to find the manager. She complained about a large dog which was frequently to be found sitting in the best armchair in the sitting-room.

'I can't understand,' she said, 'why you allow dogs in the sitting-room at all, Mr. Goff. The proper place for a dog is outside. Nobody can sit in that chair when the dog's in it; and we don't really like to use it afterwards because it may be dirty. Some dogs aren't clean, you know. Can you please keep the animal out?'

Goff promised to do what he could. He and his wife were simple people and had only lately bought the hotel. It was making a profit, but not a large profit. They needed all visitors they could get, and they did not want people to leave because of dogs. He went to talk the matter over with his wife. She herself had noticed this dog and she agreed with Mrs. Tomkins. In her opinion, no dogs ought to be allowed in the hotel at all.

'But we don't want to drive anyone away,' said Goff, 'It's very difficult. If we refuse to allow dogs in the hotel, dog-owners won't come here to stay and we'll lose money.' They discussed dogs for some time and finally agreed that dogs could come into the hotel, but must not sit on the chairs.

To make this decision known to all their guests, Mrs. Goff wrote out a rough notice and showed it to her husband. On it were the words: 'Dogs must not be allowed to sit on the furniture.'

'We can put this near the front door,' she said.

‘I don't like it very much,’ he said doubtfully. It is not polite. It's too severe. It's like an order. These people aren't in the army. We don't want to make them angry.'

Mrs. Goff went away to think again. Some time later a notice was put up near the front door of the hotel. It was quite artistic; the words were in blue on a yellow board, and she had drawn a picture of a dog's head at the top. The words below the drawing were as follows:

**Dogs are welcome, but are asked not to go into the dining-room and not to sit on the furniture.**

When Goff saw this notice for the first time, a thoughtful expression came over his face. He went to find his wife, and said to her in a doubtful voice, 'I'm still worried about that notice. English dogs may be able to read it, but if any foreign dogs come to stay, they won't understand it.'

**Circle the right variant.**

**1**. When Mrs. Tomkins left the sitting-room of the Halfway Hotel, she

 **A**   found the dog.

 **В**   found Mrs. Goff.

 **С**   looked for the dog.

 **D**   looked for the manager.

**2**. When she saw the manager she expressed

 **A**   her dissatisfaction with the armchairs in the hotel.

 **В**    her dissatisfaction with the dog's being in the sitting-room.

 **С**   her satisfaction with the armchairs in the hotel.

 **D**   her satisfaction with the dog's being in the sitting-room.

**3**. When Mrs. Tomkins spoke to the manager she said that she

 **A** hated the dog being outside.

 **В**   loved the dog being outside.

 **С**   wanted the dog in the hotel.

 **D**   wished the dog out of the hotel.

**4**. She said the dog was in the armchair

 **A**   all day long.

 **В**   now and then.

 **С**   often

 **D**   once in a while.

**5**. Mrs. Goff thought dogs should not be allowed

**A**   in an armchair.

**В**    in the best armchair.

**С**   in the hotel.

**D**   in the sitting-room.

**Circle the right translation**

1. Can you please keep the animal out?

**А**   Могли бы вы не впускать животное?

**В**   Могли бы вы привязать животное?

**С**   Могли бы вы оставить животное в покое?

**D**   Могли бы вы увести животное?

**Define sentences as True or False.**

**7.** Mrs. Tomkins complained about a large dog because he was constantly barking in the sitting-room.

**8.** The Goffs had been in hotel business for a long time.

**9.** Mr. and Mrs. Goff welcomed guests with dogs because they were obsessed with animals.

**10.** While solving the problem the Goffs tried to be most polite and to take everything into consideration.