

Задания конкурса-игры «Чеширский кот - 2010»

9-11 класс

Tasks 1-5. There are four underlined words or phrases in each sentence. They are marked (a), (b), (c), (d). Choose one underlined word or phrase which should be changed to make the sentence correct.

1. There is thousands of different types of roses.
(a) (b) (c) (d)
2. Yesterday evening Sally walked home when she heard a strange noise behind her.
(a) (b) (c) (d)
3. It is not known when exactly was the wheel invented.
(a) (b) (c) (d)
4. Medical students must to study both the theory and the practice of medicine.
(a) (b) (c) (d)
5. He doesn't earn much money though he has to do many work.
(a) (b) (c) (d)

Tasks 6-11. Choose the proper prepositions to complete the text. You can choose one word more than once.

a) on	b) at	c) in	d) by
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Last year my family went **(6)** holiday to Italy. We went there **(7)** July. We traveled **(8)** plane. It was a very long journey. We arrived **(9)** the airport early **(10)** the morning and went directly to our hotel. We stayed **(11)** a small hotel but it was very comfortable.

Tasks 12-15. Choose one word for each group of sentences.

a) stand	b) coach	c) treat	d) course
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1. Despite her position they never ... her with much respect.
Nowadays we can ... malaria with drugs.
I'd like to ... you to lunch at the Savoy, a new restaurant.
2. It's the best golf ... I've ever played on.
Andy is doing a three-year medicine
We are going to have fish for the main
3. She can't ... people dropping litter.
We should ... against the new law.
I'm tired. I have to ... up all day.
4. We went to Paris by
He is the best tennis ... I know.

Tasks 16-25. Read the text. Choose the correct options to complete the sentences below.

Strickland made no impression on the people who met him in Tahiti. To them he was a man in constant need of money, remarkable only because he painted pictures which seemed to them absurd. Once he came to William, his neighbour, and brought a picture with him. "Here's a picture of your plantation that I've painted for you, because you lent me two hundred francs". When William looked at it, he did not know what to say, he **could not make head or tail of the painting**. He never saw such a thing in his life. But of course he thanked the artist, and when he had gone away, William showed it to his wife, "What shall we do with it? We cannot hang it up," she said, "people will laugh at

us". So she took it into an attic and put it away with all sorts of rubbish, for his wife could never throw anything away: it was her mania.

Ten years passed. William's brother wrote to him from Paris, "Do you know anything about an English painter who lived in Tahiti and died five years ago? It appears that he was a genius, and his pictures fetch large prices. See if you can **lay your hands on anything** and send it to me. There's money to be made." So William and his wife went to the attic, and found the picture there. "Who would have thought that the overseer of our plantation had genius?" William's wife said, "Just look at it again. I have never seen cocoa-nuts with blue leaves; but they are mad in Paris, and maybe your brother will be able to sell it." Well, they sent the painting to William's brother. And some days later they received a letter from him. "When I received your picture," he wrote, "I thought you played a joke on me. I would not have given the cost of postage for the picture. I was half afraid to show it to the gentleman who I had spoken to about it. Imagine my surprise when he said it was a masterpiece, and offered me thirty thousand francs. I **was so taken aback** that I lost my head. I accepted the offer before I was able to collect myself".

16. What is true about Strickland?

- a) *He became extremely popular after his death;*
- b) *He was William's best friend;*
- c) *People in Tahiti liked his pictures greatly;*
- d) *He was quite rich.*

17. In his picture Strickland painted

- a) *strange people;*
- b) *unusual colours of plants;*
- c) *a mountain;*
- d) *a beautiful island .*

18. Strickland gave his picture to William because

- a) *William had his birthday;*
- b) *Strickland wanted to get some money;*
- c) *he knew William collected pictures;*
- d) *he had borrowed some money from William earlier.*

19. William and his wife did not hang up the picture because

- a) *it was too valuable to keep it in the house;*
- b) *the picture made them laugh;*
- c) *they wanted to give it back;*
- d) *they didn't like the picture.*

20. William and his wife did not throw the picture away because

- a) *his wife always kept all unnecessary things;*
- b) *his wife had a mania to collect pictures;*
- c) *they were going to sell it some day;*
- d) *they liked it a lot. .*

21. William sent the picture to his brother because

- a) *he was sure it cost a lot.*
- b) *he did not want to keep it in his house.*
- c) *he hoped his brother would be able to sell it.*
- d) *William's brother was mad.*

22. William's brother was surprised to see the picture as

- a) *it was a real masterpiece;*
- b) *it did not seem valuable to him;*
- c) *the cost of postage was too high;*
- d) *he had already seen it before.*

23. Explain: "couldn't make head or tail of it":

- a) *couldn't hang it up;*
- b) *couldn't look at it;*
- c) *couldn't understand it;*
- d) *couldn't find the top of it*

24. Explain: "lay your hands on something":

- a) *find or get something;*
- b) *throw away something;*
- c) *give something to somebody;*
- d) *sell something..*

25. Explain: "was taken aback":

- a) *looked back;*
- b) *was very surprised;*
- c) *was very happy;*
- d) *touched his back.*

Tasks 26-30. Choose a word with a different vowel sound.

26. a) cheer; b) chair; c) dear; d) fear.
27. a) hare; b) hair; c) earn; d) bear.
28. a) war; b) ought; c) word; d) sword.
29. a) fir; b) heard; c) pearl; d) pear.
30. a) earth; b) health; c) breath; d) wreath.

Tasks 31-33. Read and choose who the authors of these extracts are?

- a) *Robert Lewis Stevenson;* c) *Daniel Defoe;*
b) *Jonathan Swift;* d) *Lewis Carroll.*

31. SEPTEMBER 30, 1659. — I, <...>, being shipwrecked during a dreadful storm in the offing, came on shore on this dismal, unfortunate island, which I called «The Island of Despair»; all the rest of the ship`s company being drowned, and myself almost dead. All the rest of the day I spent in afflicting myself at the dismal circumstances I was brought to <...>. I had neither food, house, clothes, weapon, nor place to fly to; and in despair of any relief, saw nothing but death before me — either that I should be devoured by wild beasts, murdered by savages, or starved to death for want of food. At the approach of night I slept in a tree, for fear of wild creatures; but slept soundly, though it rained all night.
32. It was longer than the squire imagined we were ready for the sea, and none of our first plans <...> could be carried out as we intended. The doctor had to go to London for a physician to take charge of his practice; the squire was hard at work at Bristol; and I lived on at the hall under the charge of old Redruth, <...> full of sea-dreams and the most charming anticipations of strange islands and adventures. I brooded by the hour together over the map, all the details of which I well remembered. Sitting by the fire in the housekeeper's room, I approached that island in my fancy from every possible direction; I explored every acre of its surface.
33. As she said these words her foot slipped, and in another moment, splash! she was up to her chin in salt water. Her first idea was that she had somehow fallen into the sea, 'and in that case I can go back by railway,' she said to herself. (she had been to the seaside once in her life, and had come to the general conclusion, that wherever you go to on the English coast you find a number of bathing machines in the sea, some children digging in the sand with wooden spades, then a row of lodging houses, and behind them a railway station.) However, she soon made out that she was in the pool of tears which she had wept when she was nine feet high.

Tasks 34-36. Choose the proper answers.

34. What is the traditional colour of London cabs?
a) *black;* c) *white;*
b) *yellow;* d) *red.*
35. What name did Julius Caesar give to Great Britain?
a) *England;* c) *Foggy island;*
b) *Albion;* d) *Britannia.*
36. What kind of event is Trooping the Colour?
a) *a flower and garden show;* c) *an exhibition of modern paintings;*
b) *a harvest festival;* d) *a parade in honour of the Queen.*

Tasks 37-39. Match the situations with the most appropriate proverbs from the list below.

37. Well, the cassette recorder he gave you may have a few defects, but you shouldn't complain. It cost you nothing.
- a) *Don't look a gift horse in the mouth.*
 - b) *A bad workman blames his tools.*
 - c) *Actions speak louder than words.*
 - d) *Pride comes before a fall.*
38. Ask her out to dinner. If you don't, you'll never know if she likes you.
- a) *Prevention is better than cure.*
 - b) *Nothing ventured, nothing gained.*
 - c) *Forbidden fruit is the sweetest.*
 - d) *You cannot have your cake and eat it, too*
39. I'm not investing my money in that company again. I lost everything last time I did.
- a) *Once bitten, twice shy.*
 - b) *Opportunity seldom knocks twice.*
 - c) *A bad penny always comes back.*
 - d) *Fortune favours the brave.*

Task 40. Read about the people.

1. **Alice:** a good computer user; likes working with young people; enjoyed reading; is good at humanities.
2. **Sam:** has good computer skills; is not very sociable; prefers to work on his own; is good at Maths and other exact sciences.
3. **Betty:** Science is her favourite school subject; likes working alone; quite reserved; one of her hobbies is growing various plants.
4. **Robert:** has good computer literacy; likes doing research; is fond of Chemistry and Biology; reads a lot; can work in a team.

Which jobs are the best for them to choose?

- a) a programmer;
- b) a Literature teacher;
- c) a gardener;
- d) a scientist.

Choose the proper option.

- a) 1-d; 2-a; 3-b; d-c
- b) 1-b; 2-a; 3-c; 4-d
- c) 1-c; 2-d; 3-b; 4-a
- d) 1-d; 2-c; 3-b; 4-a