

**3 - Point Questions**



1. Complete the conversation:

“Where do you go swimming, little girl?” “In the ..... .”

“I didn't say when – I said where.” “Yes, that's where.”

- A) spring
- B) water
- C) summer
- D) river
- E) bathroom

2. What letters form a synonym of “certainly”?

- A) l/e/f/i/t/e/i/d/y/n
- B) f/e/d/y/i/t/l/a/n
- C) y/e/f/d/n/i/l/e
- D) y/l/t/i/n/e/f/d
- E) i/f/d/t/n/l/i/y/e

3. Although she spent a year at home recovering after the accident, she caught up with her classmates **by leaps and bounds** when she returned to school. What does the expression in bold mean?

- A) slowly
- B) with difficulty
- C) quite tardily
- D) very quickly
- E) without any help

4. Many British people ..... pleasure in bird watching.

- A) take
- B) create
- C) make
- D) get
- E) offer

5. When my parents got married, they ..... each other for two months.

But today is their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

- A) had only been knowing
- B) would have known
- C) had only known
- D) have only known
- E) only knew



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6. The older generation always maintains that things were better when they were young and that nowadays this country **is going to the dogs**. What is the meaning of the phrase in bold?

- A) to have a good time
- B) to become lazy
- C) to have a lot of stray dogs
- D) to become weaker
- E) to lose its standards

7. Finish this sentence:

Just tell me what's happened! Stop beating about the ..... !

- A) tree
- B) shrub
- C) bush
- D) bracken
- E) undergrowth

8. We strayed from the path because it was so dark and got ..... lost.

- A) fortunately
- B) hopelessly
- C) hopefully
- D) unfortunately
- E) straightforward

9. .... the heavy snowfall, we would have gone to the mountains.

- A) But for
- B) If not
- C) Be it
- D) In case
- E) Provided that



10. If you know the ropes, you are .....

- A) very experienced
- B) talkative
- C) a mountaineer
- D) a hangman
- E) very educated

**4 - Point Questions**

11. Match the two halves:

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. He decided to quit his job       | a. quite in the pink. |
| 2. After the fight, he was          | b. green with envy.   |
| 3. She was looking ill and not      | c. out of the blue.   |
| 4. After seeing my jewelry, she was | d. black and white.   |
| 5. I stated my opinion in           | e. black and blue.    |

- A) 1e/2b/3a/4c/5d                      B) 1a/2d/3e/4b/5c                      C) 1b/2c/3d/4a/5e  
D) 1c/2e/3a/4b/5d                      E) 1c/2e/3d/4a/5b

12. .... is an inventor and mechanical engineer whose improvements to the steam engine were fundamental to the changes brought by the Industrial Revolution.

- A) Albert Einstein                      B) Thomas Alva Edison                      C) Alexander Graham Bell  
D) Alfred Nobel                      E) James Watt

13. The sentence "They set off at 6 am." means that .....

- A) they woke up at 6 am                      B) they went to bed at 6 am  
C) they left on a trip at 6 am                      D) they got up at 6 am  
E) they began work at 6 am

14. Choose the correct meaning of the phrase in bold:

They've had enough of the bad weather and high taxes here and have gone to live **down under**.

- A) in America                      B) in Australia                      C) in China  
D) in India                      E) in Europe

15. The expression "take something in your stride" refers to .....

- A) a person who doesn't know how to deal with a difficult situation
- B) an intelligent person who's afraid of taking risks
- C) a cheerful person who cracks jokes all the time
- D) a person who can deal with a problem calmly
- E) a person who helps you when you are in need

16. "You're totally unrealistic in believing you can **have your cake and eat it.**"

The phrase in bold means:

- A) to waste money on all sorts of things
- B) to lead a life of pleasure
- C) to have two good things at the same time
- D) to eat only cakes
- E) to not have to share anything with others

17. Find the word that is suitable in both sentences:

You didn't ..... she was wearing fake jewels, did you?

Don't take too much ..... of the negative reviews, just go and see the film.

- A) observe                      B) concern                      C) place
- D) notice                      E) care

18. He was speaking so indirectly about the subject matter, that it was difficult for anyone to understand what he was getting .....

- A) up                      B) on                      C) at
- D) in                      E) down

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19. I expected Tom to stand by me when I was accused of shoplifting, but he turned out to be only a .....

- A) true friend                      B) fair-weather friend                      C) trustworthy friend  
D) friend through thick and thin                      E) friend at court

20. What do the words in bold mean in the following sentence:

Do you really need the latest iPhone or are you just trying to keep up with **the Joneses**?

- A) your older cousins                      B) your neighbours  
C) some relatives you are fond of                      D) some warriors in a fight  
E) a family you've met for the first time

## 5 - Point Questions

21. She spent the whole day exploring the city in high heels and when she got home she had several .....

- A) bruises                      B) scars                      C) scratches  
D) blisters                      E) sprains

22. Which expression means "something that cannot be changed"?

- A) live the moment                      B) the die is cast                      C) the other way round  
D) mode of operating                      E) no dice

23. Even after committing several crimes, the murderer is still at .....

- A) escape                      B) free                      C) large  
D) throat                      E) loose

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24. Which of these is **not** a Shakespearean play?

- A) Richard III
- B) The Spanish Tragedy
- C) Measure for Measure
- D) Antony and Cleopatra
- E) The Two Gentlemen of Verona

25. Choose the correct missing word:

It would be ..... to throw your money into the fire.

- A) sensitive
- B) senseless
- C) sensible
- D) insensible
- E) insensitive

26. Choose the right phrase to complete the sentence:

Under no circumstances ..... me give in to their demands.

- A) will not they make
- B) they will make
- C) not will they make
- D) will they make
- E) they will not make

27. When your patience is exhausted you might say:

I'm at the end of my .....

- A) leash
- B) lead
- C) tether
- D) chain
- E) mooring

28. Who was the first president of the United States, and is often called "the Father of the Country"?

- A) Thomas Jefferson
- B) Abraham Lincoln
- C) George Washington
- D) John Kennedy
- E) Franklin D. Roosevelt

