

**Материалы заданий заключительного этапа Олимпиады РГГУ для школьников
по иностранным языкам (английский, немецкий, французский)**

Английский язык

Вариант 3

READING

I was taken aback when the woman who was blocking my path said, “Hello, Kate. How are you?” The fact that I was disconcerted must have registered on my face, as she added, “It’s Enid – Enid Goldthorpe as was. You haven’t changed one iota since school. I’d have recognised you anywhere.”

Now as we had left school twenty eight years earlier, it was beyond my comprehension that I hadn’t altered – it certainly didn’t appear to me that way whenever I glanced in the mirror and saw the bags under my eyes, the double-chin and sagging jowls. I peered at her and it dawned at me who she was. I was transfixed by the difference. It was at least fifteen years since we’d last met. Then she’d looked great but now, well, she looked incredible.

As it was freezing cold we decided to go somewhere with surroundings more conducive to catching up on old times. As we walked briskly down a side street, I reminisced mentally about our school days. Then Enid had been nondescript and average at everything, just plodding along with no close friends.

In retrospect, I shouldn’t really have been surprised by yet another change in Enid. The previous time I’d bumped into her, she had already accomplished a complete metamorphosis from school girl to successful business woman. With her exceptional beauty, her well-cut hair, her expensive clothes and understated elegance, I should have realised that she had yet further potential. She’d definitely ditched her school uniform with a vengeance.

Enid ordered lemon tea and launched into an account of her lifestyle. I listened with horror and by the time she got to her third husband, I had stopped listening to her entirely. How had such a self-effacing teenager turned into this brash, self-indulgent, strident woman? What was that last remark?

“I occasionally descend on some charity or other like Lady Bountiful and dole out some of my husband’s money. I married him for his financial means and he married me for my looks. All he has to do is stay rich and keep me in the style to which I have become accustomed and all I need to do is stay beautiful. The arrangement works well.”

Later I sat in the back of a taxi and thought about our conversation. We had arranged to keep in touch but I knew we never would. We weren’t just moving in different worlds – we were on totally different planets and had nothing in common. People change as they mature but I’d never before seen such mutation in a person’s character. It made me feel a little complacent about my own life. I might not be anywhere near as attractive or rich as Enid but I loved my husband, we had a nice home – just the one, of course – and I enjoyed my job. Enid hadn’t asked one question about me, just prattled on about herself. I could never imagine myself marrying for money. In any case, we were quite well off thanks to my husband’s last book so money was the least of our concerns. I definitely knew who would have the merrier Christmas and it wouldn’t be my friend Enid.

1. What struck Kate most about Enid’s appearance?
A It caused her to question her own looks.
B That there had been further improvement.

- C She had changed beyond recognition.
D It made her hesitate before she spoke.
- 2 What was Kate`s general impression of Enid as a school girl?
A She was a plodder.
B She didn`t have a best friend.
C She had no distinctive character.
D She was fairly good at everything.
- 3 What surprised the writer about Enid`s change in character?
A She could not control her desires.
B She had become confident in a selfish way.
C She was still as modest as she always had been.
D She had not been warned in advance.
- 4 What characterises Enid`s attitude towards charity work?
A Generosity but no goodwill.
B An air of commitment.
C Personal ambition.
D A sense of duty.
- 5 The writer differs from Enid in that she is
A able to enjoy Christmas more.
B content with her simple existence.
C uninhibited by a lack of money.
D smug about her own life.

USE OF ENGLISH

Circle the letter of the underlined portion which is not correct.

6. After she had dressed and ate breakfast, Lucy rushed off to her office for a meeting with her accountant.
A B C D
7. After the rain had let out, the Mitchells continued their hike up the mountain.
A B C D
8. The teacher repeated the assignment again for the students, since they had difficulty understanding what to do after he had explained it the first time.
A B C D
9. Even being considering for a nomination to the advisory committee is an honour not to be taken lightly or ignored.
A B C D
10. We had better to review this chapter carefully because we will have some questions on it on our test tomorrow.
A B C D

Complete each sentence with the right idiom.

11. M: I hope to be a well-known artist someday.
W: Well, you`re certainly on the right track.

What does the woman's comment mean?

- a. She thinks the man is on a train.
- b. She thinks the man is right-handed.
- c. She thinks the man doesn't realize what he has to do.
- d. She thinks the man is doing what is necessary.

12. W: It's raining outside!

M: Then why don't we stay in for the time being?

What does the man mean?

- a. He doesn't want to go out at all.
- b. He wants to wait a while before going out.
- c. It's not time for them to go.
- d. He doesn't care to stand and wait.

13. M: I just heard the most incredible news.

W: Well, tell me. Don't leave me in the dark.

What does the woman mean?

- a. She doesn't want the news kept from her.
- b. She wants the man to turn the lights on.
- c. She's afraid to be left alone.
- d. She doesn't want to hear the news.

14. > We drive all the way here to find the shop has closed early. Typical!

> Never mind. We can come back next week.

- a. There's only one thing for it.
- b. It's been one thing after another.
- c. It's just one of those things.
- d. First things first.

15. We don't have much of an advertising budget. We don't really need one since most of our customers hear about us

- a. lost for words
- b. too awful for words
- c. trouble from the word go
- d. by word of mouth

Choose the correct answer to complete each sentence.

16. She whispered the password to me for fear that someone hear that.

- a. might
- b. would
- c. will
- d. should

17. He wrote a letter of complaint with a view to it to the manager.

- a. sending
- b. send
- c. be sent
- d. sent

18. We booked a table for six in case Peter his wife with him.

- a. brought
- b. will bring
- c. would bring
- d. brings

19. No sooner had he put the phone down ... it started ringing again.

a. that b. so c. when d. than

20. There was hardly enough food for everyone at the wedding, ... ?

a. was there b. wasn't there c. was it d. wasn't it

21. We couldn't get ... because there was a broken-down truck ... our way.

a. over; at b. away; on c. past; in d. along; on

22. I would prefer to cook dinner rather than ... a takeaway.

a. order b. to order c. will order d. ordering

23. Famous people spend their lives in the

a. light spot b. footlights c. limelight d. headlights

24. If you'd like to take a seat, I'll see changing your ticket.

a. off b. about c. for d. into

25. Without my glasses I can hardly make the words on this page.

a. for b. off c. up d. out

26. The young couple looked very when they learned that their new car had been stolen.

a. thorough b. distraught c. tough d. through

27. My Dad me to go ahead with my idea.

a. suggested b. said c. encouraged d. claimed

28. All excitement about the trip wore when we realized how much money was needed.

a. off b. down c. away d. out

29. Janice had clue whatsoever as to who had phoned Eli.

a. some b. none c. no d. any

30. We are not making the cake ourselves. We

a. are making it c. had made it
b. have made it d. are having it made

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Вариант 4

READING

If the Metcalfes had known exactly what they were admitting into their family through this marriage, they would have barred their doors and windows and locked their precious son in the attic out of harm`s way.

Of course, no one was really good enough for Daniel. Not one of his previous girlfriends had come up to scratch, but then his mother had her eye on him marrying royalty, which was a totally unrealistic expectation and should give an idea of what a doting mother she was.

Mr and Mrs Metcalfes weren`t very keen on their new daughter-in-law but Daniel was besotted by Emily and for once he went against his mother`s wishes and insisted on marrying her. It wasn`t very often that Daniel put his foot down, but when he did his determination was awesome to behold.

Nobody could deny that Emily was an attractive girl. Slim, blonde hair and huge brown eyes. She also had a beautiful smile which showed off her perfectly even white teeth and she was using it to full effect at the wedding reception, charming all the guests. Everybody congratulated Daniel on his good luck at finding such a `smashing` woman.

For her part, Emily, which was not her real name, was assessing everyone and everything, filing it away mentally for future use. This was her fourth marriage, though needless to say, everyone, including her new husband, was unaware of this fact and thought her a sweet innocent young thing. She was also very wealthy, having killed her three previous husbands who were all quite rich and had, at her insistence, taken out very large insurance policies on their life. She pleaded poverty to Daniel and his parents, so they had paid all the expenses for the big day, including her dress. She had also informed them she was an orphan – she actually had two healthy and very much alive parents, two sisters and a brother, who she`d had nothing to do with for years, considering them socially beneath her.

Emily was very contented with how things were working out. She didn`t think Daniel had much promise when they first met, particularly when she`d seen his domineering mother. But Daniel had ignored his parents objections. Now they were married and she was safe. She only needed to stay with this ridiculous family for two to three years and she`d have their money to add to her fortune. She reckoned one more marriage after this and she could `retire` from the whole business and relax. She constantly had to be on her toes so as not to slip up as `accidental deaths` required a lot of meticulous planning.

Unbeknown to Emily though, her `career` was about to come to an abrupt and unscheduled end. One of the guests, Detective Inspector Dawson, knew exactly who she was. He had been a friend of her first husband and had always been suspicious about the circumstances of his death, even though he had been unable to prove anything at the time. He had quietly watched her over the past six years and now had all the proof he needed. He waited until the bride and groom had greeted all the guests and approached Emily, real name Avril, murderer of three, with a warrant for her arrest.

1. What do we learn about Mrs Metcalfe in the second paragraph?
 - A. She had impossible hopes as regards her son`s marriage prospects.
 - B. Daniel`s previous girlfriends were exactly what she wanted in a daughter-in-law.
 - C. She knew he would marry royalty.
 - D. She doted on his previous girlfriends.

- a. The programs are alike.
- b. The programs are computer games.
- c. The programs are very different.
- d. The programs are new.

12. W: I've got a great idea for our class reunion.

M: I knew you'd come up with something.

What does the man mean?

- a. He knew she would bring him something.
- b. He wasn't expecting her to have a plan.
- c. He thought she would be coming to see him.
- d. He was sure she would think up an idea.

13. M: We're looking for someone to go fishing with us on Sunday.

W: Well, you can count me out.

What does the woman's comment mean?

- a. She's making plans to go with them.
- b. She doesn't want to go.
- c. She knows how to count.
- d. She wants to stay outside.

14. > I've never seen the euro so low, have you?

> No, it's really hit at the moment.

- a. bone dry b. rock bottom c. dirt cheap d. dead easy

15. > I thought the Prime Minister's speech was very weak.

> Yes, I think it had been ... to avoid upsetting some people in his party.

- a. landed him in hot water
- b. water under the bridge
- c. keeping our heads above water
- d. watered down

Choose the correct answer to complete each sentence.

16. We didn't turn on the lights for fear we be seen.

- a. might b. would c. will d. should

17. He bought a bouquet of flowers with a view to it to his wife.

- a. giving b. give c. be given d. given

18. Bring an umbrella in case there a storm in the afternoon.

- a. is b. will be c. was d. would be

19. If anyone asks for me, tell ... I've left.

- a. them b. all c. him d. anyone

20. By behaving so carelessly, you have put the whole operation at

a. danger b. risk c. hazard d. peril

21. The more often I ... her in that summer which ... remarkable in so many different and exciting ways, and which will remain in my memory long after later summers ... from my mind, the more I realized how fascinated I ... by her personality.

a. saw; was; will fade; had been c. saw; was; have faded; was
b. saw; was; would fade; was d. was seeing; had been; faded; had been

22. John insisted he was innocent and that somebody had set him

a. down b. off c. on d. up

23. He warned them to keep the freshly painted benches.

a. back b. on c. in d. off

24. No sooner had he put the phone down ... it started ringing again.

a. that b. so c. when d. than

25. There was hardly enough food for everyone at the wedding, ... ?

a. was there b. wasn't there c. was it d. wasn't it

26. The young couple looked very when they learned that their new car had been stolen.

a. thorough b. distraught c. tough d. through

27. Sam got into the big soft bed and fell asleep.

a. normally b. accidentally c. extremely d. promptly

28. He fell his father's point of view.

a. in with b. into c. off d. out

29. I'm sorry to say he hasn't got better at maths.

a. any b. more c. a bit d. the

30. I wish I that film when it was shown at the cinema.

a. see b. had seen c. would see d. was seeing

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Вариант 5

READING

As the summer drew to a close I found myself, to my delight, once more without a tutor. Mother had discovered that, as she so delicately put it, Margo and Peter were becoming 'too fond of one another'. As the family was unanimous in its disapproval of Peter as a prospective relation by marriage, something obviously had to be done.

Leslie's only contribution to the problem was to suggest shooting Peter, a plan that was, for some reason, greeted derisively. I thought it was a splendid idea, but I was in the minority. Larry's suggestion that the happy couple should be sent to live in Athens for a month, in order, as he explained, to get it out of their systems, was quashed by Mother on the grounds of immorality.

Eventually Mother dispensed with Peter's services, he left hurriedly and furtively and we had to cope with a tragic, tearful and wildly indignant Margo, who, dressed in her most flowing and gloomy clothing for the event, played her part magnificently. Mother soothed and uttered gentle platitudes, Larry gave Margo lectures on free love, and Leslie, for reasons best known to himself, decided to play the part of the outraged brother and kept appearing at intervals, brandishing a revolver and threatening to shoot Peter down like a dog if he set foot in the house again. In the midst of all this Margo, tears trickling effectively down her face, made tragic gestures and told us her life was blighted. Spiro, who loved a good dramatic situation as well as anyone, spent his time weeping in sympathy with Margo, and posting various friends of his along the docks to make sure that Peter did not attempt to get back on to the island. We all enjoyed ourselves very much. Just as the thing seemed to be dying a natural death, and Margo was able to eat a whole meal without bursting into tears, she got a note from Peter saying he would return for her. Margo, rather panic-stricken by the idea, showed the note to Mother, and once more the family leapt with enthusiasm into the farce.

Spiro doubled his guard on the docks, Leslie oiled his guns and practised on a large cardboard figure pinned to the front of the house, Larry went about alternately urging Margo to disguise herself as a peasant and fly to Peter's arms, or to stop behaving like Camille. Margo, insulted, locked herself in the attic and refused to see anyone except me, as I was the only member of the family who had not taken sides. She lay there, weeping copiously, and reading a volume of Tennyson; occasionally she would break off to consume a large meal – which I carried up on a tray - with undiminished appetite.

From *My Family and Other Animals* by Gerald Durrell

1. What is meant by 'the family was unanimous in its disapproval of Peter as a prospective relation by marriage'?
 - A They did not like him.
 - B They did not want him to marry Margo.
 - C They all had different attitudes to him.
 - D They expressed their disapproval loudly.

2. Larry suggested sending Margo and Peter to Athens so that
 - A they could get away from the family.
 - B they could get away from ordinary society.
 - C they would get tired of living together.
 - D they would get used to married life in Athens.

3. What was the family's main reaction to Margo's distress?
 - A They offered useless advice and suggestions.
 - B They laughed at her.
 - C They were sympathetic.
 - D They quarrelled about it.

4. During the whole episode, the family
 - A showed that they appreciated the tragic side of it.
 - B were very cruel to Margo.
 - C deliberately tried to make Margo laugh.
 - D behaved as if they were acting in a play.

5. How did Margo's state of mind change during the affair?
 - A First she was panic-stricken, then indifferent.
 - B First she was unhappy, then frightened, then angry.
 - C At first her feelings were genuine, but later she dramatised them.
 - D At first she was against everybody, but later she became more friendly to the narrator.

USE OF ENGLISH

Circle the letter of the underlined portion which is not correct.

6. While the boys were ice skating, they slip on the thin ice and fell into the deep water.

A B C D

7. Fred, who usually conducts the choir rehearsals, did not show up last night because he had an accident on his way to the practice.

C D B

8. The carpenters tried to join together the pieces of the broken beam, but found it impossible to do.

A B C D

9. That novel is definitely a dense-packed narrative, but one which requires a vast knowledge of cultural background or an excellent encyclopedia.

A B C D

10. Our new television came with a ninety-days warranty on all electrical components.

A B C D

Complete each sentence with the right idiom.

11. W: Aren't you fed up with your noisy roommate?
 M: Not really, I've been wearing earplugs!
 What is the woman asking?
 - a. If he likes his roommate.
 - b. If he has asked his roommate to dinner.
 - c. If he is losing patience with his roommate.
 - d. If he has any problems with his roommate.

12. M: Are you enjoying your stay here on the islands?

W: Oh, yes. It's a far cry from winter in the Midwest.

What does the woman mean?

- a. The islands are very different from the Midwest.
- b. The islands are a great distance from the Midwest.
- c. The islands are similar to the Midwest.
- d. The islands make her cry for the Midwest.

13. M: I heard you have a part in the school play tonight.

W: Yes, and I'm on pins and needles.

How does the woman feel?

- a. Happy
- b. Angry
- c. Nervous
- d. Confused

14. > I can't see a thing. Switch the light on.

> I can't find the light switch. It's in here.

- a. wide awake
- b. pitch black
- c. fast asleep
- d. bone dry

15. > John says the two of you had a serious argument last week.

> Yes, but that's all now. We're friends again.

- a. water under a bridge
- b. doesn't hold water
- c. land him in hot water
- d. like a fish out of water

Choose the correct answer to complete each sentence.

16. She brought the clothes in from the washing line for fear it rain.

- a. might
- b. would
- c. will
- d. would

17. Tommy has moved to the countryside with a view to a more relaxed life.

- a. having
- b. have
- c. had
- d. has

18. I'll take some sandwiches in case I hungry.

- a. get
- b. will get
- c. got
- d. would get

19. No sooner had he put the phone down ... it started ringing again.

- a. that
- b. so
- c. when
- d. than

20. There was hardly enough food for everyone at the wedding, ... ?

- a. was there
- b. wasn't there
- c. was it
- d. wasn't it

21. Amy ... at the supermarket check-out if she ... to emigrate to Canada last year.

- a. will still be working; hasn't decided
- b. would still be working; hadn't decided
- c. would still have worked; hadn't decided
- d. would still be working; wouldn't have decided

22. Having been served lunch

- a. the problem was discussed by the members of the committee
- b. the committee members discussed the problem
- c. it was discussed by the committee members the problem
- d. a discussion of the problem was made by the members of the committee

23. I think she's a ... good singer, actually.

- a. prettily
- b. most pretty
- c. pretty
- d. more pretty

24. If you'd like to take a seat, I'll see changing your ticket.

- a. off
- b. about
- c. for
- d. into

25. Without my glasses I can hardly make the words on this page.

- a. for
- b. off
- c. up
- d. out

26. It's rather on Marion, having to walk all that way with such a heavy bag.

- a. thorough
- b. distraught
- c. tough
- d. through

27. Sam got into the big soft bed and fell asleep.

- a. normally
- b. accidentally
- c. extremely
- d. promptly

28. Steve prefers socializing staying home watching TV.

- a. from
- b. to
- c. than
- d. instead

29. If only I travel around Europe, but I don't have the money.

- a. would
- b. will
- c. could
- d. should

30. He lied to me and to matters worse, he didn't apologise.

- a. keep
- b. make
- c. do
- d. take