



Angol nyelv-vetélkedő/English Language Competition Országos döntő/National finals 2025. május 10/10th May 2025

PART I. USE OF ENGLISH

- I. For questions 1-10, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. (10 points)

ROUND PEGS IN ROUND HOLES

A group of scientists recently conducted a biodiversity (1) of a tropical forest in Suriname, Latin America. One day, a local guide caught a large catfish, and was on the (2) of cutting it up for cooking when two of the scientists intervened. They had noticed that the creature had (3) long spines, probably to protect it from predators. It (4) out to be an undiscovered species. (5) any catfish in reference books, the as yet unnamed fish was one of 46 candidates for new species status that the scientists found during their visit.

In the 1730s, Swedish botanist Carl Linnaeus (6) rules for classifying species, the most basic biological (7) : since then, scientists have (8) more than 1.7 million species, but it is thought that there may be as many as 8.7 million on earth. Figures for different groups of animals have been (9) and most mammals, birds and reptiles are believed to have been discovered. Fish, shellfish and spiders, however, are a different story, and literally millions of species of insects (10) for future generations to discover.

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| 1 A view | B survey | C outline | D inquiry |
| 2 A edge | B line | C verge | D border |
| 3 A intensely | B utterly | C highly | D exceptionally |
| 4 A turned | B came | C carried | D gave |
| 5 A Opposite | B Unlike | C Contrary | D Distinct |
| 6 A laid on | B set out | C fixed up | D put through |
| 7 A category | B section | C department | D version |
| 8 A accounted | B composed | C compiled | D joined |
| 9 A counted | B catalogued | C numbered | D categorized |
| 10 A stay | B endure | C persist | D remain |



- II.** For questions **1-10**, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap.

(10 points)

ANCIENT CARTOONS

The technique of telling a story through a sequence (1) pictures, though associated with modern cartoons, was in fact in use about 500 years ago. The British Library in London has some wonderful examples of these early cartoons, all of (2) were produced to order for wealthy clients. (3) makes this art form so interesting is that it flourished in one small part of Europe - Flanders, today a region of northern Belgium - (4) to die out as printing was developed.

Many of the tiny pictures were (5) larger than a postage stamp. They were painted (6) hand in books about the size of a modern paperback. The artists, (7) skills were rewarded by high salaries, worked slowly, and the buyers sometimes had to wait years for the work to be completed. In the (8) of one four-volume example, the buyer waited for well (9) a decade.

The cartoons show a variety of subjects, but episodes from history were popular, (10) were fairy tales.



III. For questions **1 -10**, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap **in the same line**.

(10 points)

THE BLACK WIDOW SPIDER

The black widow spider's (1) is not without foundation.
However, an element of exaggeration has led to certain (2)
regarding its evil nature.

**NOTORIOUS
CONCEPT**

Firstly, while it is indeed one of the most venomous species of spider, its
venom being 15 times stronger than that of the prairie rattlesnake, its bite
injects such a small amount of venom in (3) that it is
unlikely to kill humans. In fact (4), are rare.

**COMPARE
FATAL**

Black widows bite only if they are touched or their web is threatened, and
only the adult female is (5)..... .

**POISON
SOLITUDE
OCCUR**

The female is (6) by nature, and has been known
to kill and eat the male after mating. Such (7) are rare,
but they explain how the spider got its name - and its reputation.

Nevertheless, the (8) effects of this spider's bite should
not be (9) , and if you live in a certain climate and have
a fireplace in your home, it is advisable to take (10)
Black widow spiders often inhabit wood piles, so you should wear gloves
when handling firewood.

**PLEASE
ESTIMATE
CAUTION**



IV. Rewrite the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **DO NOT CHANGE** the word given. You must use between **three** and **six** words, including the word given. **(20 points)**

1. 'All the complaints will be investigated by my staff tomorrow', said the bank manager.

LOOK

The bank manager promised that his staff..... all our complaints the next day.

2. There was no point in staying at the party because my friends had left.

WORTH

My friends had left the party so..... there.

3. Mark can't wait to use his new computer games console.

FORWARD

Mark is his new computer games console.

4. Our local supermarket employs over 200 people.

ARE

Over 200 peopleour local supermarket.

5. Mary didn't find it difficult to pass her driving test.

DIFFICULTY

Mary had..... her driving test.

6. Grace knows a lot about Web design, even though she has never studied it.

HAVING

Despite , Grace knows a lot about Web design.

7. Jim was horrified to find his new car had been stolen.

HORROR

To his new car had been stolen.

8. Zack hadn't expected to see his girlfriend at the concert.

SURPRISE

It came to see his girlfriend at the concert.

9. Please don't touch the exhibits.

RATHER

I touch the exhibits.

10. The senior managers are interviewing the candidates.

INTERVIEWED

The candidates the senior managers.



PART II. WRITING

V. REPORT

There have been a number of complaints recently from students living on your college campus. They complain of littering on the campus as well as graffiti on buildings and other cases of vandalism. The students held a meeting to discuss ways of improving the situation. You have been asked to write **a report** for the college principal, outlining the problem and suggesting ways to improve the situation.

Write your report in **180-240 words**.

(50 points)