GRADE 9 - 2025
ROUND I - SPRING

(15 points, 3 points each) Task 1. Reading comprehension. Choose the correct option A, B or C.

The Search for Life on Mars

For decades, scientists have wondered if life ever existed on Mars. Although the planet is dry and cold today, evidence suggests that it once had rivers, lakes, and even oceans. If water existed, could life have developed there?

NASA and other space agencies have sent rovers, such as Curiosity and Perseverance, to explore Mars. These robots search for signs of ancient life by analyzing rocks and soil. In 2020, Perseverance landed in Jezero Crater, an area believed to have once contained a lake. Scientists hope to find microscopic fossils or chemical traces that prove life once existed.

While no direct evidence of life has been found yet, new discoveries keep the mystery alive. In the future, human missions to Mars could help answer one of the greatest questions: Are we alone in the universe?

1. **Why do scientists believe Mars may have once supported life?**
   A. It had water in the past
   B. It is the same size as Earth
   C. It has active volcanoes
2. **What is the purpose of Mars rovers like Perseverance?**
   A. To build cities on Mars
   B. To search for signs of ancient life
   C. To create oxygen for astronauts
3. **Why is Jezero Crater an important location?**
   A. It is the highest mountain on Mars
   B. Scientists believe it was once a lake
   C. It has human-made structures
4. **What would be strong evidence of past life on Mars?**
   A. Finding frozen lakes under the surface
   B. Discovering fossils or chemical traces of life
   C. Seeing dust storms in space
5. **Why is the search for life on Mars important?**
   A. It helps scientists understand climate change on Earth
   B. It could prove that life exists beyond Earth
   C. It will allow humans to live on Mars immediately

(15 points, 3 points each) Task 2. Fill in the appropriate preposition A, B or C.

6. Sopho can't concentrate. She's got a lot __ her mind at the moment.
   A in B on C with
7. If you like yoga, this is a great place. There's a lot to choose ____.
   A among B from C at
8. You should try to be there __ 8:30 at the latest.
   A in B on C at
9. She reminds me ____ my cousin Mia.
   A to B for C of
10. She is going to go ___ a diet to lose some kilos.
    A in B for C on

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(20 points, 2 points each) Task 3. Read the sentences below. Circle the best word A, B or C for each space.

Many scientists believe that people who do a variety of activities can improve their intelligence. It doesn't (11) …….. how old you are, the more you learn, the stronger your brain can become. (12)…….. , scientists also think the opposite is true. (13) …….. a person stops learning new things, their brain stops growing. You can improve your brain in different (14) …….. . For example, you can read a book (15) …….. a writer you haven't read before. You can (16)…….. up a new hobby such as painting, cooking, writing stories or photography. Visiting new places is (17) …….. an excellent thing to do. Read a (18)…….. books on the subject before you go or look up information on the Internet. If you start doing new things now, you'll soon (19)…….. a difference. You'll have more to talk about and (20)…….. will think you're an interesting person.

11.	A mind	B worry	C matter
12.	A So	B Because	C However
13.	A If	B Unless	C Until
14.	A kinds	B habits	C ways
15.	A with	B by	C for
16.	A bring	B get	C take
17.	A also	B too	C well
18.	A some	B few	C little
19.	A notice	B watch	C look
20.	A everything	B everyone	C anyone

(20 points, 2 points each) Task 4. For each sentence choose the best answer A, B or C to complete the gap from the choices below.

21. People in northern parts of Scotland can occasionally see ___ Northern Lights at night, when weather conditions are right.
    A some B _____ C the
22. When I grow up, I want to be _ company president but I haven't decided which company yet.
    A some B _____ C a
23. When my grandparents got married they _____ each other for four weeks. But today is their sixtieth wedding anniversary.
    A only knew B were only knowing C had only known
24. For most people in the 21st century, it's impossible to imagine _____ without the internet.
    A live B living C to live
25. Because it was very cold in D block, our professor let us _____ coffee or hot chocolate into the room.
    A bring B bringing C brought
26. I'm so forgetful. I keep leaving my house without _____ to lock the front door.
    A remember B remembering C to remember
27. What they told the police was _____ untrue.
    A definite B very C totally
28. It's so _____ when you can't remember what you wanted to say.
    A frustrating B frustrated C frustratingly
29. The class finished _____ early, so we went for a drink.
    A unexpecting B unexpected C unexpectedly
30. You will be able to get into the cinema _____ you arrive before the film starts.
    A so that B no sooner C as long as

(10 points, 2 points each) Task 5. For each sentence, choose the best word or phrase A,B or C to complete the gap from the choices below.

31. I'm thinking of _____ a new hobby. Maybe I'll give painting a try.
    A doing up B setting up C taking up
32. If you need somewhere to stay, I can _____ for a few days.
    A set you up B get you up C put you up
33. If you're going to the shops, can you get us some milk? I'm afraid we've _____ again.
    A grown out B taken out C run out
34. How are you _____ with your new neighbours? Are they okay?
    A hitting off B getting along C taking off
35. Someone _____ my flat while I was away and stole my heating system. Can you believe that?
    A dropped into B crashed into C broke into

(10 points, 2 points each) Task 6. Choose the appropriate word to substitute for the underlined idiomatic expression in each sentence below.

36. After her divorce, she was **like a fish out of water.**
    A. felt strong B. felt happy C. felt lonely
37. Her **magic touch** is so obvious in the decoration of her house.
    A. her desire B. her skill C. her feeling
38. If you don't work hard, you will **pay dearly for it.**
    A. will suffer from it B. will be confused C. will be delighted
39. After the murder of the policeman, all the relatives were **under a cloud** of suspicion.
    A. were under pressure B. were under suspicion C. were under impression
40. Rawad **had a face like thunder** when he discovered the truth.
    A. was annoyed B. was grateful C. was furious

(10 points, 2 points each) Task 7. Choose the correctly spelled word A,B, or C.

41.	A. concentration	B. consentration	C. concentrasion
42.	A. illusion	B. ilujion	C. illuzion
43.	A. likuid	B. liquid	C. lequid
44.	A. variouse	B. various	C. variaus
45.	A. laughtir	B. laghter	C. laughter

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(20 points, 4 points each) BONUS: Choose the correct answer A,B, or C.

1. It was ___ historic moment for the country.
   A. a B. an C. the
2. She works as _____ university professor.
   A. a B. an C. the
3. He is considered _____ expert in quantum physics.
   A. a B. an C. the
4. They visited _____ Lake Victoria during their trip.
   A. a B. _____ C. the
5. She was elected as _____ president of the club.
   A. a B. _____ C. the