

## KINGS ENGLISH 2025: GRADES 11-12 - I ROUND SPRING

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

### The Mystery of Black Holes

Black holes are among the most mysterious objects in the universe. They form when massive stars collapse under their own gravity, creating a region so dense that nothing—not even light—can escape. This is why black holes appear completely black.

Scientists have long been fascinated by black holes because they challenge our understanding of physics. According to Einstein's theory of relativity, time and space behave differently near a black hole. If someone fell into one, they would experience time much more slowly than someone watching from a distance. Some theories even suggest that black holes could be portals to other parts of the universe or even different dimensions.

In 2019, scientists captured the first-ever image of a black hole using a network of telescopes around the world. This breakthrough proved that black holes exist as predicted, but many questions remain. What happens inside a black hole? Could they lead to parallel universes? The search for answers continues, pushing the limits of human knowledge.

1. **What causes a black hole to form?**
  - A. A star exploding and expanding
  - B. A massive star collapsing under its own gravity
  - C. A planet crashing into another planet
2. **Why do black holes appear completely black?**
  - A. They absorb all light and let none escape
  - B. They are made of dark matter
  - C. They are surrounded by black dust
3. **What happens to time near a black hole?**
  - A. It moves much faster than on Earth
  - B. It stops completely for everyone
  - C. It slows down for objects close to the black hole
4. **What was a major scientific breakthrough in 2019?**
  - A. Scientists captured the first image of a black hole
  - B. A spaceship entered a black hole and returned
  - C. Black holes were proven to be illusions
5. **Why are black holes important for science?**
  - A. They could be portals to other parts of the universe
  - B. They help astronauts travel faster in space
  - C. They are the only source of energy for the Sun

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

6. Don't worry. The doctor is \_\_\_ his way. He'll be here in a minute.  
A on                                      B in                                      C by
7. \_\_\_ my mind, what we need in this company is a better marketing plan.  
A For                                      B In                                      C To
8. Please be quiet, I'm trying to concentrate \_\_\_ my test.  
A for                                      B to                                      C on
9. We're not allowed to talk while we're \_\_\_ duty.  
A in                                      B for                                      C on
10. Can you help me? I'm \_\_\_ a bit of a fix.  
A in                                      B for                                      C on

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

Charlotte Church looks like an ordinary teenager, but she is far from average. She has an amazing voice. Her fans stand in (11) ..... for hours to get tickets for her concerts and she is often on television. Charlotte's singing (12) ..... began when she performed on a TV show at the age of 11. The head of a record company was so impressed by her voice that he (13) ..... her up on the spot. Her first album rose to number one in the charts. Charlotte still attends school in her home town when she can. (14) ..... , she is often away on tour for weeks at a time. She doesn't miss out on lessons, though, because she takes her own tutor with her! She (15) ..... three hours every morning with him. Her exam results in all the (16) ..... she studies are impressive. But how does she (17) ..... with this unusual way of life? She (18) ..... that she has the same friends as before. That may be true, but she can no longer go into town with them because everybody stops her in the street to ask for her (19) ..... . It seems that, like most stars, she must learn to (20) ..... these restrictions and the lack of privacy. It's the price of fame!

11. A rows	B queues	C ranks
12. A profession	B job	C career
13. A signed	B wrote	C picked
14. A Although	B While	C However
15. A takes	B utilises	C spends
16. A titles	B materials	C subjects
17. A cope	B adjust	C bear
18. A denies	B refuses	C insists
19. A signature	B autograph	C sign
20. A look down on	B make do with	C put up with

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**(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. Farnam suggested that someone \_\_\_\_\_ an ukulele at the barbecue party.  
A bring\_ B bringing C to bring
22. Melike advised \_\_\_\_\_ visiting Turkey during the winter season. She suggested an April visit when the tulips are out.  
A not B avoid C against
23. Rawad \_\_\_\_\_ all his classmates to look at a really cool website with a video of a new robot.  
A suggested B advised C insisted
24. These syringes are designed to be single-use only so they cannot \_\_\_\_\_ a second time.  
A been use B be use C be used
25. The British railways \_\_\_\_\_ to be the best in the world but are now almost the worst.  
A once thought B once thinking C were once thought
26. Why don't you go and relax \_\_\_\_\_ you're waiting for the car to be repaired?  
A then B when C while
27. Remember to brush your teeth before \_\_\_\_\_.  
A going bed B bed C go to bed
28. I don't remember that rock band. It was before \_\_\_\_\_.  
A the time B that time C my time
29. The future will be \_\_\_\_\_ shaped by technology.  
A merely B specially C largely
30. Nobody answering the door bell doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ mean there's no-one there.  
A necessarily B surely C wholly

31. During the session, the children were passing notes to each other but the teacher didn't .

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

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

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- She was awarded \_\_\_\_ MBE for her contributions to science.  
A. a                                      B. an                                      C. the
- He was offered \_\_\_\_ honorary position at the university.  
A. a                                      B. an                                      C. the
- This is \_\_\_\_ most compelling argument in the debate.  
A. a                                      B. an                                      C. the
- They crossed \_\_\_\_\_ River Thames by boat.  
A. a                                      B. an                                      C. the
- She has always been interested in \_\_\_\_\_ medieval poetry  
A. a                                      B.                                      C. the

