

King's English 2025
GRADE 10 - I ROUND - SPRING

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

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming the world, but some scientists believe the ultimate goal is to create **Artificial Superintelligence (ASI)**—a machine that surpasses human intelligence in every way. Unlike today's AI, which is designed to complete specific tasks like recognizing faces or translating languages, ASI could think, learn, and make decisions independently.

The idea of superintelligent machines excites some and terrifies others. Supporters believe ASI could solve global problems, such as curing diseases, preventing climate change, and even exploring distant planets. However, critics warn that ASI could become uncontrollable. If a machine develops its own goals that don't align with human interests, the consequences could be disastrous.

Tech companies and governments are investing billions into AI research, hoping to be the first to develop this technology. But one big question remains: Can we create ASI that is both powerful and safe? The future of humanity may depend on the answer.

1. **How is Artificial Superintelligence (ASI) different from today's AI?**
A) ASI can think and make decisions independently
B) ASI is only used for recognizing faces
C) ASI does not require any data to function
2. **What is one positive potential of ASI?**
A) It could solve global problems like diseases and climate change
B) It will replace all human jobs immediately
C) It will control all governments in the world
3. **Why do some experts fear ASI?**
A) It may become too expensive to use
B) It could develop its own goals that conflict with human interests
C) It might stop working after a few years
4. **Why are companies and governments racing to develop ASI?**
A) They want to be the first to control this powerful technology
B) They need ASI to replace human intelligence in schools
C) They want to create AI that does not need electricity
5. **What is the main question scientists are trying to answer about ASI?**
A) Can we create ASI that is both powerful and safe?
B) How can we stop people from using AI?
C) Why is AI only useful for small tasks?

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

6. The residents of this town spent two days preparing their homes ____ the heavy rains and the likelihood of more flooding.

- A into B with C for

7. I'm afraid I'm going to find it very hard to choose _____ the two candidates. They are both of a very high calibre.

- A among B out of C between

8. The demand ____ people with manual trade skills such as carpentry and plumbing has recently risen greatly in the UK.

- A of B one C for

9. The school's computer system is highly vulnerable ____ attack from people outside trying to gain access to sensitive data.

- A to B with C from

10. I'm sorry, I can't make you a cup of tea. I used ____ all the tea bags yesterday and I didn't buy any new ones.

- A out B up C away

The Rocky Mountains run almost the length of North America. They start in the North-west, but lie only a (11) hundred miles from the centre in more southern areas. Although the Rockies are smaller (12) the Alps, they are no less wonderful. There are many roads across the Rockies, (13) the best way to see them is to (14)by train. You start from Vancouver, (15) most attractive of Canada's big cities. Standing with its feet in the water and its head in the mountains, this city (16) its residents to ski on slopes just 15 minutes by car from the city (17) Thirty passenger trains a day used to (18) off from Vancouver on the cross continent railway. Now there are just three a week, but the ride is still a great adventure. You sleep on board, (19) is fun, but travel through some of the best (20) at night is what makes it truly unforgettable.

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21. I _____ want to know what happened.
A exactly B purely C simply

22. Everything will be _____ cheaper in the sales.
A widely B greatly C considerably

23. He's _____ honest about his mistakes.
A charmed B charming C charmingly

24. The receptionist at the front desk gave me two _____.
A informations B information C pieces of information

25. How many _____ did the teacher give us today? He always gives us a lot to do.
A homework B homeworks C pieces of homework

26. I'm afraid I have to go out for a minute. Please, _____ yourself at home.
A make B treat C be

27. You really should make an effort _____ to the Halloween Party next week. It could be your last chance to hear the teacher singing.
A come B coming C to come

28. If a policeman stops you for driving on the wrong side of the road, I suggest pretending _____ what he is saying.
A not understand B not understanding C not to understand

29. This is my favourite pair of shoes. I've had them since _____ Milan when I was a student in Italy.
A I visited B I've visited C I've been visiting

30. I _____ the whole weekend and now I'm exhausted. But the test is on Monday morning so I need to keep going.
A had been studying B have been studying C studied

A. a B. C. the