

**ЗАДАНИЯ ЗАКЛЮЧИТЕЛЬНОГО ЭТАПА  
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**ПО АНГЛИЙСКОМУ ЯЗЫКУ**

**КЛАСС 9**

Задания:

**1. Listening**

1. Sasha is currently unemployed.
2. Jim understands now why Sasha had problems in her previous apartment.
3. The problem with the television is that Sasha has sometimes forgotten to turn the TV off.
4. Sasha didn't know that Jim used the lights in the apartment as an anti-crime measure.
5. Because of introduced diseases, the population fell greatly, to ...in 1935.
6. Jim doesn't want Sasha using the other cleaner anymore.
7. Someone who lives close to Jim and Sasha has complained about the type of music she listens to.
8. Sasha will be working in the kitchen tonight.

**2. Grammar**

**Choose the correct grammar form.**

9. The dentist ... two of his teeth. One of them ... quite good.  
a) pulled out/was      b) pull out/was      c) pulled out/were
10. Some of the workers ... the peaches while the others ... them in wooden boxes.  
a) were picking / were placing      b) picked / placed      c) picked / have placed
11. The trouble started when Mrs. Leslie Cady ... control of her car on a narrow mountain road.  
a) had lost      b) was losing      c) lost
12. How did you hope to pass the exam if you ...even ...the textbook?  
a) didn't ...opened      b) not opened      c) hadn't ... opened
13. Rescue workers ...a man, a woman, and two children from cold rushing water.  
a) had pulled      b) pulled      c) were pulling
14. Margaret didn't wear her shoes; she was barefoot. She ...on a piece of broken glass and cut her foot.  
a) had stepped      b) was stepping      c) stepped

15. We ...not ... to any foreign country yet but in the foreseeable future we intend to go abroad and take a trip.

- a) have/been    b) have/seen    c) had/been    d) were/been

16. I don't like Alice. She ... about difficulties of life all the time.

- a) complaining    b) complains    c) has complained

17. Look here! I simply refuse to believe what you ... me now.

- a) have told    b) tell    c) are telling

18. Be careful with paint. It ... a certain amount of lead.

- a) contains    b) is containing    c) contained

19. Anne is a fashion designer; she ... to the opening of every new fashion show in the city.

- a) is going    b) goes    c) has gone

### 3. Vocabulary

**Choose the correct word or word expression.**

20. What's wrong with your foot? - One of my \_\_\_\_\_ hurts.

- A) fingers B) heels C) wrists D) toes

21. All Michael ate was two thin \_\_\_\_\_ of bread.

- A) rolls B) loaves C) slices D) snacks

22. She \_\_\_\_\_ to take her neighbor to court if he didn't stop making so much noise.

- A) promised B) threatened C) offered D) suggested

23. You can borrow money this time but don't make \_\_\_\_\_ of it.

- A) habit B) feeling C) help D) learning

24. Put your suitcase up on the luggage \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) lounge B) park C) rack D) store

25. If you ask a \_\_\_\_\_ price for your car. I'm sure you'll sell it.

- A) helpful B) mild C) reasonable D) shiny

26. Surely they aren't \_\_\_\_\_ enough to buy such a large car!

- A) cautious B) well C) poor D) wealthy

27. When you pay no attention to anybody or to act as if you don't see him/her, you \_\_\_\_\_ him/her.

- A) ignore B) veiw C) notice D) watch

28. We had to \_\_\_\_\_ the match because of the bad weather.

A) call back B) call off C) think over D) find out

29. I do not know which one to \_\_\_\_\_.

A) choice B) choose C) chose D) choosy

30. He is always happy and smiling. He is very \_\_\_\_\_.

A) cheerful B) hard-headed C) funny D) intelligent

#### **4. Reading**

**Read the text and *True, False* for the following sentences.**

##### **The hardest language**

People often ask which is the most difficult language to learn, and it is not easy to answer because there are many factors to take into consideration. Firstly, in a first language the differences are unimportant as people learn their mother tongue naturally, so the question of how hard a language is to learn is only relevant when learning a second language.

A native speaker of Spanish, for example, will find Portuguese much easier to learn than a native speaker of Chinese, for example, because Portuguese is very similar to Spanish, while Chinese is very different, so first language can affect learning a second language. The greater the differences between the second language and our first, the harder it will be for most people to learn. Many people answer that Chinese is the hardest language to learn, possibly influenced by the thought of learning the Chinese writing system, and the pronunciation of Chinese does appear to be very difficult for many foreign learners. However, for Japanese speakers, who already use Chinese characters in their own language, learning writing will be less difficult than for speakers of languages using the Roman alphabet.

Some people seem to learn languages readily, while others find it very difficult. Teachers and the circumstances in which the language is learned also play an important role, as well as each learner's motivation for learning. If people learn a language because they need to use it professionally, they often learn it faster than people studying a language that has no direct use in their day to day life.

Apparently, British diplomats and other embassy staff have found that the second hardest language is Japanese, which will probably come as no surprise to many, but the language that they have found to be the most problematic is Hungarian, which has 35 cases (forms of a nouns according to whether it is subject, object, genitive, etc). This does not mean that Hungarian is the hardest language to learn for everyone, but it causes British diplomatic personnel, who are generally used to learning languages, the most difficulty. However, Tabassaran, a Caucasian language has 48 cases, so it might cause more difficulty if British diplomats had to learn it.

Different cultures and individuals from those cultures will find different languages more difficult. In the case of Hungarian for British learners, it is not a question of the writing system, which uses a similar alphabet, but the grammatical complexity,

though native speakers of related languages may find it easier, while struggling with languages that the British find relatively easy.

No language is easy to learn well, though languages which are related to our first language are easier. Learning a completely different writing system is a huge challenge, but that does not necessarily make a language more difficult than another. In the end, it is impossible to say that there is one language that is the most difficult language in the world.

31. The question of how hard a language is to learn is relevant to both first and second language acquisition.

32. Portuguese is definitely easier than Chinese.

33. A Japanese speaker may well find the Chinese writing system easier than a speaker of a European language.

34. The Hungarian alphabet causes problems for British speakers.

35. Hungarian is the hardest language in the world.

36. Hungarian has as many cases as Tabassaran.

37. Many British diplomats learn Tabassaran.

38. The writer thinks that learning new writing systems is easy.

## 5. Writing

You have 30 minutes to do this task. You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen friend Ben.

*... At school we are doing projects about how young people spend free time in different countries, and of course I've chosen Russia to write about. I hope you can help me here. ...*

*What do you and your friends do during your free time? What are the most popular hobbies of Russian teenagers, in your opinion? What kinds of entertainment do you prefer and why? ...*

Write her a letter and answer her 3 questions. Write 100–120 words. Remember the rules of letter writing.