

I. READING

Joanne Kathleen Rowling (J. K. Rowling) is a British writer, who wrote the Harry Potter novels. Her first book about Harry was entitled *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*.

Joanne grew up in Chepstow, Gwent. She has always wanted to be a writer. Her first book was called *Rabbit*. She left Chepstow for Exeter University, where her course included one year in Paris. As a postgraduate she moved to London for two years to work at Amnesty International doing research on human rights in Francophone Africa.

She started writing *Harry Potter* after the idea came to her on a Manchester-London train journey. By the time she got off at King's Cross station, Harry's story was planned as a seven book series and many of the characters in the books had already been invented. She wrote during her lunchtimes in cafés and pubs and prayed that none of her workmates would have birthdays so that she'd have to go to the pub with them instead.

Jo then moved to Oporto in Portugal for three years to teach English as a foreign language, married a Portuguese journalist, and became pregnant. By the time her daughter Jessica was born, her book was one-quarter finished.

Back in a tiny flat in Edinburgh, now divorced and unemployed, she still continued to write at the local café, while her infant daughter slept. The Scottish Arts Council then gave her a grant that enabled her to finish the book and, in June 1997, five years after its conception, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* was published by Bloomsbury Children's Books.

J. K. Rowling has won awards for the Harry Potter series of books and has earned over \$1 billion. The last book of the series - *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* was released on 21 July 2007. Due to the popularity of the books, Rowling has become very rich; she is said to be the richest woman in the United Kingdom. Joanne married Dr Neil Murray in 2001. She had a second child, David, in 2003, and a third, Mackenzie, in January 2005.

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1. Jo started thinking about Harry Potter book

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- ☒ A) while travelling from Manchester
- ☐ Б) in a café in London
- ☒ В) on a train
- ☐ Г) in a pub at King's Cross station

2. She went to Paris her studies at the Exeter University.

- ☐ A) before
- ☐ Б) before and after
- ☐ В) after
- ☒ Г) during

3. Joanne was writing her Harry Potter book during

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- ☐ A) train journeys
- ☒ Б) lunchtimes
- ☒ В) work breaks
- ☐ Г) her friends' birthdays

4. In Oporto Joanne taught

- ☒ A) her native language
- ☐ Б) journalism
- ☐ В) Portuguese
- ☐ Г) English and Portuguese

5. Joanne has been married so far.

- ☐ A) once
- ☐ Б) three times
- ☒ В) twice
- ☐ Г) many times

6. Jo was able to finish her first Harry Potter book thanks to financial help from

- ☐ A) Portugal
- ☒ Б) Scotland
- ☐ В) Paris
- ☒ Г) the United Kingdom

7. Choose the true sentences.

- ☒ A) Jo was rather poor while she was writing her first Harry Potter book after she'd come back to Britain.
- ☐ Б) When Joanne graduated from university, she worked in Africa.
- ☐ В) J.K. Rowling didn't write anything except seven books about Harry Potter.
- ☒ Г) Jo has got three children.

II. COMMUNICATION

8. A: What's your new girlfriend like?

B:

- ☒ A) She's usually rather stubborn.
- ☐ Б) She likes riding her scooter in the park.
- ☒ В) She's easy-going.
- ☐ Г) She's really beautiful.

9. A:

B: No, thank you very much. I can manage.

- ☐ A) Would you like something to drink?
- ☒ Б) Could I help you with renovating your room?
- ☒ В) Shall I help you carry that luggage?
- ☒ Г) Would you like me to help you mow the lawn?

10. A:

B: Yes, certainly. Here you are.

- ☒ A) Can I borrow your smartphone for a while?
- ☒ Б) Could you lend me your smartphone, please?
- ☒ В) May I have a look at this magazine?
- ☒ Г) Do you mind if I check my email box on your smartphone?

11. A: Why don't you pop in this afternoon?

B:

- ☒ A) I'd rather stay at home.
☐ Б) I don't like pop music.
☐ В) I had popcorn yesterday, thanks.
☒ Г) I feel like playing volleyball at school.

12. A: My new smartphone has just broken down.

B:

- ☐ A) You are welcome.
☒ Б) What a shame!
☒ В) I'm sorry to hear that.
☒ Г) What a pity!

III. VOCABULARY

13. Firefox is my favourite engine.

- ☐ A) petrol ☐ Б) emergency
☒ В) search ☐ Г) wireless

14. Lots of bank have taken place in Russia lately.

- ☒ A) robberies ☐ Б) thefts
☐ В) pickpocketing ☐ Г) burglars

15. Our football match has been unexpectedly.

- ☒ A) cancelled ☒ Б) put off
☐ В) failed ☒ Г) postponed

16. are herbivorous animals.

- ☐ A) Jaguars ☒ Б) Antelope
☒ В) Rhinos ☐ Г) Falcons

17. Someone who is enjoys making fun of others in a cruel way.

- ☐ A) stubborn ☐ Б) sociable
☒ В) malicious ☒ Г) wicked

18. We aren't satisfied with the package holiday. It hasn't our expectations.

- ☒ A) met ☐ Б) compared
☒ В) matched ☒ Г) lived up to

19. They didn't have to pay for the food. Everything was at the hosts'

- ☒ A) expense ☐ Б) price
☐ В) payment ☐ Г) amount

20. That terrorist was sentenced to in Texas.

- ☒ A) the death penalty
☒ Б) life imprisonment
☐ В) prisoner killing
☒ Г) capital punishment

IV. GRAMMAR

21. It was good weather that we went swimming in the sea.

- ☐ A) so ☐ Б) so a
☒ В) such ☐ Г) such a

22. We couldn't go to the rock concert because all the tickets out.

- ☐ A) sold ☒ Б) had been sold
☐ В) had sold ☐ Г) have been sold

23. We have to go the doctor. My little brother is down with a flu.

- ☐ A) getting ☐ Б) looking
☐ В) putting ☒ Г) coming

24. That's the prize I won at the competition yesterday.

- ☒ A) that ☒ Б) —
☒ В) which ☐ Г) what

25. It began heavily while we were climbing up that mountain.

- ☒ A) to snow ☐ Б) to snowing
☐ В) snow ☒ Г) snowing

26. A: Sue hasn't been to Russia yet.

B:

- ☐ A) So have I.
☒ Б) Nor have I.
☒ В) I haven't either.
☒ Г) Neither have I.

27. The police have been sent to protect us criminals.

- ☒ A) against ☐ Б) for
☒ В) from ☐ Г) before

28. Luciano Pavarotti nine years ago at the age of 72.

- ☐ A) passed by ☒ Б) died
☒ В) passed away ☐ Г) passed off

29. That suitcase was (1) and Rick wasn't (2)

- ☐ A) (1) too heavy; (2) enough strong
☒ Б) (1) too heavy; (2) strong enough
☐ В) (1) enough heavy; (2) too strong
☐ Г) (1) heavy enough; (2) strong too

30. We don't need to worry. Everything is control.

- ☐ A) at ☐ Б) on
☐ В) after ☒ Г) under