

I. READING

Australia is the sixth largest country in the world. However, only 24 million people live there. The first people there were Aborigines. They arrived in Australia about 10,000 years ago, during the last Ice Age. At that time sea levels were lower and people could easily cross from Asia. When sea levels rose again, Australia was cut off, until it was discovered by a Dutch explorer, Abel Tasman, in the late 17th century. Today, only 1.5% of Australia's population are Aborigines.

In the 18th century the British explorer, James Cook, claimed the land for Britain. At first Australia was used as a prison. Criminals from Britain were sent there. Later other people from Britain and Ireland went to live there. The British influence is still very strong. The official language is English, cars drive on the left, and the national game is cricket.

Australia was cut off from other continents a long time ago, so a lot of Australia's animals, like the kangaroo, the koala and the platypus don't live anywhere else. Australia also has some of the most dangerous animals in the world. There are poisonous snakes and spiders. Sometimes they bite people and schoolchildren have to learn first aid for snake and spider bites. In the north there are huge saltwater crocodiles and in the sea, around the coast, there are sharks and poisonous jellyfish.

The largest city is Sydney with its famous Harbour Bridge and Opera House. The 2000 Olympic Games were held in Sydney. Sydney, however, isn't the capital of Australia. The capital is Canberra. Another big city is Perth on the west coast of the Indian Ocean.

Australia is a huge country - more than 4,000 km across, but most Australians live in the south-east corner between Sydney and Melbourne. This is because 90% of the land is very dry. Australians call this dry area *the Outback*. There are some huge farms there with millions of sheep and cattle. There are nine sheep for every person in Australia. The children who live on these farms can't go to school, because the nearest town is too far away. They study at home with the School of the Air. They talk to their teachers by radio and, nowadays, by telephone, the Internet and webcams, too.



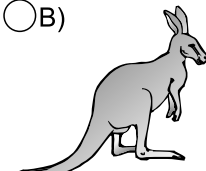

Australia is a rich country. Meat, fruit, vegetables, wool and wine are produced. Australia has gold, silver, iron, copper, coal and diamonds, too.

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1. The capital city of Australia is

- ☐ A) Sydney. ☐ B) Perth.
☐ C) Canberra. ☐ D) Melbourne.

2. is an animal that lives only in Australia.

- ☐ A)  ☐ B) 
☐ C)  ☐ D) 

3. is the metal which Australian miners mine.

- ☐ A) Iron ☐ B) Copper
☐ C) Coal ☐ D) Gold

4. Abel Tasman came from

- ☐ A) the Netherlands. ☐ B) Ireland.
☐ C) Britain. ☐ D) Holland.

5. are Australian animals which might be dangerous for people.

- ☐ A) Sheep ☐ B) Jellyfish
☐ C) Spiders ☐ D) Crocodiles

6. Choose the true sentences.

- ☐ A) There are only five countries larger than Australia in the world.
☐ B) James Cook discovered Australia in the 17th century.
☐ C) Australians love playing cricket.
☐ D) Many children living in the Outback don't go to school.

7. Australian farmers produce a lot of

- ☐ A) diamonds. ☐ B) grapes.
☐ C) meat. ☐ D) wool.

II. COMMUNICATION

8. A: How do you get to school?

B:

- ☐ A) Walk up Malden Way.
☐ B) On foot.
☐ C) I get there before eight.
☐ D) I usually walk.

9. A: Could you tell me how to get to the National Gallery?

B:

- ☐ A) Yes, it's really fantastic.
☐ B) Yes, take the second turning left and it's on your right.
☐ C) Yes, it's just round the corner.
☐ D) Yes, it's always the same.

10. A: What does Tatiana look like?

B:

- ☐ A) She's tall and slim.
☐ B) She likes playing volleyball.
☐ C) She's looking for her puppy.
☐ D) She's got brown hair and blue eyes.

11. A: Thanks a lot for the present.

B:

- ☐ A) It's my pleasure. ☐ Б) Not at all.
☐ B) You're welcome. ☐ Г) Thank you, too.

12. A: What shall we buy Ann for her birthday?

B:

- ☐ A) Let's get her a CD.
☐ Б) She shall buy a scarf.
☐ B) How about making her a chocolate cake?
☐ Г) Why don't we buy her a box of chocolates?

III. VOCABULARY

13. The teachers can have a rest in the during the break time.

- ☐ A) canteen room ☐ Б) staffroom
☐ B) tuck room ☐ Г) teachers' room

14. is a big city in Canada.

- ☐ A) Vancouver ☐ Б) Boston
☐ B) Montreal ☐ Г) Toronto

15. You can buy fresh fruit and vegetables at the

- ☐ A) florist's. ☐ Б) greengrocer's.
☐ B) supermarket. ☐ Г) market.

16. My family has got more money this month because my dad got a from his boss at work.

- ☐ A) fine ☐ Б) bonus
☐ B) pay rise ☐ Г) fee

17. Tourists can travel from Ireland to England by

- ☐ A) hovercraft. ☐ Б) cable car.
☐ B) tram. ☐ Г) ferry.

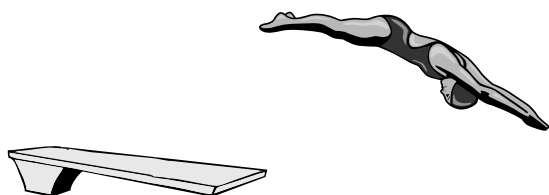
18. Mr Rundolph works as a in a restaurant.

- ☐ A) miner ☐ Б) carpenter
☐ B) chef ☐ Г) waiter

19. Footballers need shin pads to protect their

- ☐ A) teeth. ☐ Б) feet.
☐ B) hands. ☐ Г) legs.

20. Mike likes It's his favourite sport.



- ☐ A) snorkelling. ☐ Б) diving.
☐ B) sailing. ☐ Г) scuba diving.

IV. GRAMMAR

21. Julian any skates.

- ☐ A) hasn't got ☐ Б) not have
☐ B) doesn't have ☐ Г) doesn't has

22. Lucy's grandfather football a lot when he was young.

- ☐ A) plays ☐ Б) used to play
☐ B) played ☐ Г) playing

23. A: I help you clean the windows, Mum?

B: Yes, please. That's so kind of you.

- ☐ A) Would ☐ Б) Have to
☐ B) Shall ☐ Г) Can

24. My dad pass his driving test when he was 16 years old.

- ☐ A) was able to ☐ Б) would like to
☐ B) must ☐ Г) used to

25. A: What are you doing at the weekend?

B: Tom. I last met him a month ago.

- ☐ A) I'm visiting ☐ Б) I visited
☐ B) I'm going to visit ☐ Г) I visit

26. Sophie her left hand last Thursday.

- ☐ A) burnd ☐ Б) burnt
☐ B) burns ☐ Г) burned

27. I don't have interesting information for you.

- ☐ A) much ☐ Б) any
☐ B) an ☐ Г) some

28. meeting my friends in the park.

- ☐ A) I'd like ☐ Б) I like
☐ B) I'm not allowed ☐ Г) I feel like

29. Iceland is Greenland.

- ☐ A) not larger than
☐ Б) the smallest than
☐ B) not as large as
☐ Г) smaller than

30. Look at new car. Isn't it beautiful!

- ☐ A) these
☐ Б) my parents'
☐ B) our form teacher's
☐ Г) their