

**EXAMPLE**  
**OF ENGLISH TEST ITEMS FOR**  
**REPUBLICAN SUBJECT OLYMPIAD FOR**  
**PUPILS OF COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOLS**

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Read the text and choose the right answer 1 – 8.

### Music During Operation

In 2013, doctors told musician Dagmar Turner that she had a brain tumor. She had an attack during a concert.

Doctors wanted to kill the tumor with radiation. However, they were not successful. The tumor grew, and it was dangerous for the part of the brain that controls the left hand. Doctors decided to perform an operation.

Turner explained to the doctors that for violinists, the left hand is more important than the right hand. Doctors worried that they could damage her brain.

Turner had an idea to play the violin during the operation. This helped activate some parts of her brain. Doctors could see these parts, and they did not damage the brain. The operation was successful, and Turner is recovering well.

1 Turner is a famous ...

- A) tumor                      B) doctor                      C) fiddler                      D) patient

2 In 2013, Turner was diagnosed a ...

- A) myoma                      B) glaucoma                      C) tonsillitis                      D) glioblastoma

3 Radiation didn't destroy the ... of Turner.

- A) cancer cells                      B) brain strokes                      C) heart diagram                      D) blood pressure

4 To stop the tumor..., doctors decided to perform a surgical operation.

- A) birth                      B) death                      C) breath                      D) growth

5 Turner was playing the violin during the operation to ... some parts of her brain.

- A) injure                      B) mobilize                      C) damage                      D) deactivate

6 Doctors operated Turner under the ... to see her brain activity.

- A) narcotic effects                      C) local anesthesia  
B) general narcosis                      D) alcohol intoxication

7 The ... operation was successful.

- A) experimental                      B) coincidental                      C) segmental                      D) elemental

8 The story is about the ... of modern ...

- A) regress/operation                      C) mistake/medicine  
B) progress/surgery                      D) side effects/treatment

Read the text and choose the right answer 9 – 16.

### Glass Bridge in China

In China, people erected \_\_9\_\_ glass bridge that may not be for the faint-hearted but \_\_10\_\_ take the risk and tried to crack the glass with sledgehammers. Being suspended at a whopping 300 metres \_\_11\_\_ the ground that definitely takes some guts.

People \_\_12\_\_ the courageous volunteers to the side of the bridge as a precaution, but none of them managed to break through the glass. Just to drive the point home, a 15-tonne sport utility vehicle \_\_13\_\_ drove over the glass.

Israeli Haim Dotan, the chief architect \_\_14\_\_ the project, claims that the bridge \_\_15\_\_ the largest of \_\_16\_\_ kind in the world.

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| 9  | A) a          | B) the       | C) -       | D) an        |
| 10 | A) others'    | B) other     | C) others  | D) other's   |
| 11 | A) between    | B) above     | C) among   | D) under     |
| 12 | A) harnessing | B) harnesses | C) harness | D) harnessed |
| 13 | A) then       | B) than      | C) that    | D) them      |
| 14 | A) before     | B) under     | C) behind  | D) over      |
| 15 | A) was        | B) is        | C) be      | D) are       |
| 16 | A) his        | B) their     | C) our     | D) its       |

Read the question and choose the right answer 17 – 21.

- 17 ... fall naturally into two classes, which can be further subdivided into several subclasses.  
A) There are vitamins    B) Vitamins that    C) Vitamins    D) After vitamins
- 18 Pablo Picasso paintings took their ... from nature.  
A) sensation    B) reaction    C) inspiration    D) emotion
- 19 He was a ... to his own brother giving him away to the enemy.  
A) friend    B) traitor    C) ally    D) assistant
- 20 James turned out to be a ... businessman and soon he made a fortune.  
A) shrewd    B) inane    C) idle    D) retarded
- 21 Changes in this city have occurred ...  
A) with swiftness    B) in rapid ways    C) in a quick    D) rapidly

Write the appropriate word 22 – 23.

- 22 A thing done successfully with effort, skill, or courage.

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- 23 A nation, state, or other political unit.

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## Woman in Space

In 1997, an Indian-American, Kalpana Chawla - was part of the international crew aboard the US Space Shuttle, Columbia, becoming the first woman born in India to go into space. Sadly, the second mission in Columbia ended in tragedy.

In an unprecedented space tragedy, US Space Shuttle Columbia, carrying India-born American astronaut Kalpana Chawla and six others, broke apart in flames as it streaked over Texas towards its landing strip on Saturday, 1 February 2003, killing all seven on board. The Shuttle had contacted with NASA at about 9 a.m. before landing. It was flying at an altitude of over 200,000 feet and travelling at over 20,000 km per hour when ground control lost contact with the Shuttle.

Kalpana's first space mission in the space shuttle Columbia was 15 days 16 hours and 34 minutes long. During this time she went around the earth 252 times travelling 10.45 million kilometers! The crew included Japanese and Ukrainian astronauts. The crew performed experiments such as pollinating plants to observe food growth in space and tests for making stronger metals and faster computer chips.

(181 words)

**Difficult words:** Kalpana Chawla