

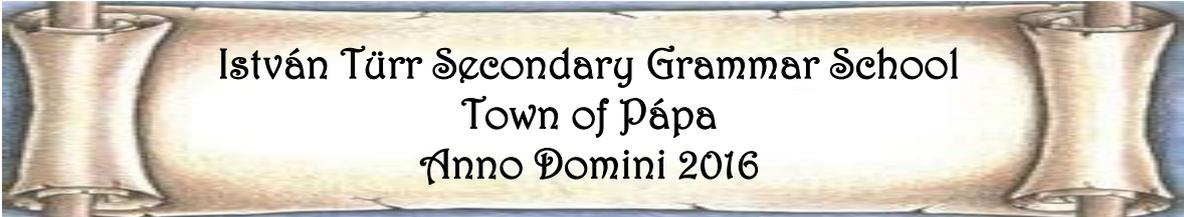


# NATIONAL ENGLISH COMPETITION FOR AYP STUDENTS



## A KNIGHTLY VENTURE INTO UNEXPLORED REALMS

disguised as a test paper



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ABANDON ALL HOPE,  
YE WHO ENTER HERE...



TO ALL CONTESTANTS: You can work on this test paper but you must write all your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Read the following text about the Rollright Stones, and do the related exercises below.



### The Ring of Stones

In the heart of the English countryside there is a man waiting to become the King of England. He stands with his men in a field half way between Oxford and Stratford-upon-Avon, near the villages of Long Compton and Great Rollright. He paid a terrible price for his ambition: a witch turned him and his 70 knights into stone. Today he is the King Stone and his men form the Rollright Stones.

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The Rollright Stones stand about two kilometres south of Long Compton in Oxfordshire. They form a stone circle on the top of a ridge behind a line of trees, and about 70 metres away, across a country lane, stands the King Stone. 300 metres away stand another four stones, the “Whispering Knights.” The King Stone is actually a 2.4-metre tall monolith which dates back to 1792 BC. The Rollright Stones are estimated to be older, while the Whispering Knights formed the walls of an early Neolithic tomb.

There’s no doubt that this is one of the most beautiful regions of England. A footpath from the stone circle leads to a picturesque valley and the village Little Rollright with its small church. Long Compton, about two kilometres north on the road to Stratford-upon-Avon, has medieval, stone cottages and a thatched lych-gate.

One last word of warning for visitors to the Rollright Stones: people say the witch’s spell is broken at midnight and the stones go down the hill to drink from a stream. Never visit the stones at night: witnesses either go mad or die!

### The Legend of Rollright

Legends surrounding these megalithic monuments go back to ancient Britain, when it was divided into many kingdoms. An ambitious king decided to conquer the entire country, but he met a witch three kilometres south of Long Compton. She challenged him: “Take seven long strides, and if you can see Long Compton, you will be King of England.” The king started walking and shouted, “Stick, stock, stone. King of England I will be!” On his seventh stride the ground formed a high mound, and the witch declared, “As long as you cannot see Long Compton, you and your men will be stone.” The Whispering Knights, plotting against the king, arrived on the scene and confronted the witch, so she turned them into stone, too. It is said that one day the king will awaken and continue with his conquest of England.

*ridge = hegygerinc, thatched lych-gate = nádtetővel fedett kapu, spell = varázslat, stride = lépés, mound = domb, halom, to plot = fellázad*

(Speak Up, 01.2009. p. 10)

**Exercice 1: Circle T (true) or F (false). Remember: write all your answers on the Answer Sheet. (8 🍌)**

1. The “King” is a stone which stands in the English countryside. T / F
2. According to a legend, he was turned to stone by the devil. T / F
3. The King is accompanied by 17 knights. T / F
4. He stands at the centre of a circle of stones. T / F
5. The stones stand in a beautiful area. T / F
6. People say the stones move around at midnight. T / F
7. Long Compton was the name of the king. T / F
8. The King Stone is newer than the Rollright Stones. T / F



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**Exercise 2: Give short answers. Remember: write all your answers on the Answer Sheet. (7 🟡)**

1. Where in England are the King and his men located?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Why was he turned to stone?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What name is given to his circle of knights?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Where do they stand?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What are the Whispering Knights?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What did they once form?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Why do people say it's dangerous to visit the site at night?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 3: Find the words in the text for these definitions. Remember: write all your answers on the Answer Sheet. (10 🟡)**

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|---|---------|
| 1. A small house in the country:                  | C _____ |
| 2. A narrow river:                                | S _____ |
| 3. A narrow country road:                         | L _____ |
| 4. You walk along this in the country:            | F _____ |
| 5. An area where grass or a crop grows:           | F _____ |
| 6. A very low mountain:                           | H _____ |
| 7. Very old, relating to a time early in history: | A _____ |
| 8. Speak very softly or quietly:                  | W _____ |
| 9. Guess or calculate something:                  | E _____ |
| 10. Take control of people or a place:            | C _____ |

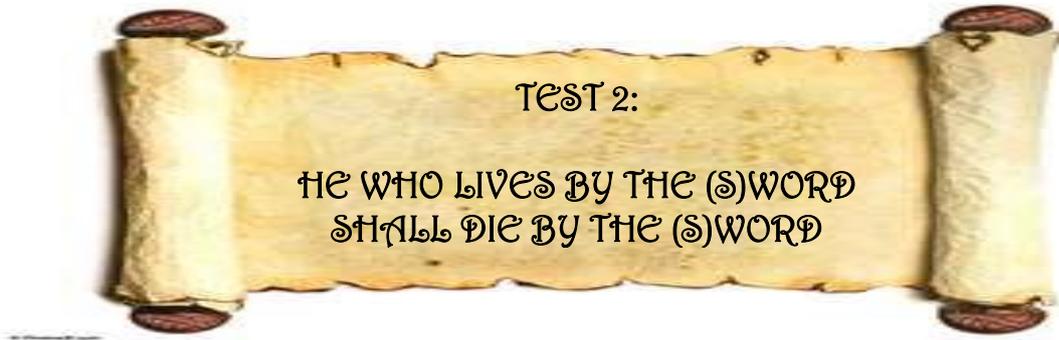


DRAG-ON



DRAG-OFF

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**Exercise 1:** Read the text below and complete it with the missing words. There are five words you won't need. Remember: write all your answers on the Answer Sheet. (10 🟡)



*emphasize, associated, considered, reputation, tortured, realizes, recognizes, mystery, hidden, perform, attempting, annually, attacked, harsh, confidence*

### THE LEGEND OF ST. VALENTINE

Approximately 150 million Valentine's Day cards are exchanged (1).....making Valentine's Day the second most popular card-sending holiday after Christmas. The history of Valentine's Day—and the story of its patron saint—is shrouded in (2)..... .. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. But who was Saint Valentine, and how did he become (3) ..... with this ancient rite.

The Catholic Church (4).....at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to (5).....marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered his execution.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for (6) ..... to help Christians escape (7).....Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and (8)..... . According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl—possibly his jailor's daughter—who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all (9).....his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and—most importantly—romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this (10)....., Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France.

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**Exercise 2:** Read the text below and complete it with the missing words. There are five words you won't need. Remember: write all your answers on the Answer Sheet. (5 🍌)

*sights, point out, literary, draws, meet, appeal, fulfils, stroll, entertaining, suitable*

### STRATFORD

Stratford, with its variety of quality accommodation, makes an ideal base at any time of the year for exploring the many attractions of Shakespeare's Country, the area which perhaps best (1)..... a visitor's expectations. The keynote is the variety of places to visit. Besides its historic and (2)..... associations, this area has wildlife and farming attractions, which will (3)..... to families and groups looking for "days out" ideas. Boating and riverside walks are popular free-time activities, and the canal towpaths are ideal for a peaceful (4)..... . National Hunt racing (5)..... enthusiastic supporters too.

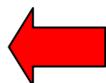
**Exercise 3:** Read the text below and use the word given to form a word that fits the gap in the same line. Remember: write all your answers on the Answer Sheet. (10 🍌)



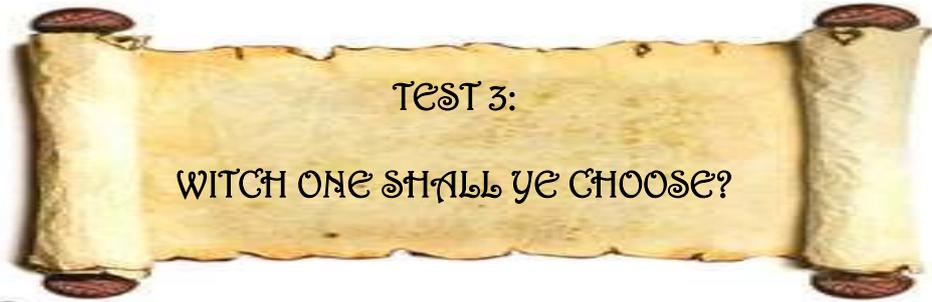
### SNAKES

The belief that all snakes are (1)..... is wrong. Of the 3000 or so snake species (2)....., 400 are dangerous and only a few are (3)..... . Why do snakes bite? It's a (4)..... mechanism to protect themselves. Another reason is to kill their prey, a (5) ..... if they are to live. In general, snakes won't bite unless a (6) ..... of some sort is caused. Snake bites can cause severe (7)....., pain, dizziness and difficulties in breathing, (8) ..... in the victim's movements and a feeling of (9) ..... are common. Of course, there are many (10)..... antidotes available, which should be given as soon as possible.

**POISON**  
**KNOW**  
**DEAD**  
**DEFEND**  
**NECESSARY**  
**DISTURB**  
**SWELL**  
**RESRTRICT**  
**EXHAUST**  
**EFFECT**



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Read the sentences and choose the right answer (A, B, C, D) to fill the gap in each. Remember: write all your answers on the Answer Sheet. (50 🍀)

1. She ... for half an hour.  
A. made us waiting  
B. made us to wait  
C. kept us waiting  
D. kept us to wait
2. I've been ... London.  
A. at  
B. from  
C. in  
D. to
3. I'd hate ... in such a wind.  
A. row  
B. to row  
C. to rowing  
D. rowed
4. It took us five days ... to The Hague.  
A. get  
B. to get  
C. getting  
D. got
5. You ... put on your coat.  
A. had better  
B. would better  
C. had rather  
D. would rather
6. ... you drink, you'll get sick.  
A. However  
B. Whatever  
C. Whoever  
D. Whichever
7. Do you remember ... Helen in Budapest last month?  
A. see  
B. to see  
C. seeing  
D. to be seen
8. ... else to be discussed, we'll end the meeting.  
A. Unless there is something  
B. Unless there's nothing  
C. If there's something  
D. If there's anything



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9. The thief denied ... stolen the money.  
A. had  
B. have  
C. to have  
D. having
10. ....! A bus is coming.  
A. Look for  
B. Look in  
C. Look out  
D. Look after
11. Bristol is a major port in ... south of England.  
A. -  
B. a  
C. an  
D. the
12. Read the notice, will you? What ... ?  
A. is in it  
B. does it tell  
C. does it say  
D. is written in it
13. They insisted ... taking the exam very soon.  
A. on  
B. for  
C. to  
D. in
14. They ... in the village by the time you return.  
A. are leaving  
B. have lived  
C. will be living  
D. will leave
15. I'll telephone you immediately if we ... a cancellation of a seat.  
A. will get  
B. will have  
C. shall have  
D. have
16. I had a toothache ... I went to the dentist's.  
A. so  
B. so that  
C. because  
D. such
17. Henry is in his office at 7 o'clock every day. It means ... up early every morning.  
A. get  
B. to get  
C. getting  
D. got
18. Where is the shop ... sells postcards?  
A. that  
B. where  
C. what  
D. -
19. ... hair is not too short.  
A. She's  
B. She has  
C. Her  
D. Hers
20. ... climate in ... Hungary is continental  
A. A ... -  
B. The ... -  
C. A ... the  
D. The ... the



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21. She was pleased ... my present and thanked ... it.  
A. with ... to  
B. with ... for  
C. of ... for  
D. by ... for
22. I ... be dead in New York than live in Philadelphia.  
A. had better  
B. would better  
C. had rather  
D. would rather
23. He ate a ... of grapes for dinner  
A. bunch  
B. group  
C. flock  
D. swarm
24. I was the ... student in the class.  
A. taller  
B. tallest  
C. more tall  
D. most tall
25. Dick ... his bath now.  
A. took  
B. takes  
C. take  
D. is taking
26. He was interested ... success, because he had invested a lot of money.  
A. at  
B. in  
C. of  
D. by
27. ... lovely eyes she has!  
A. How  
B. What  
C. What a  
D. That
28. This is the key ... the burglar used.  
A. that  
B. what  
C. whose  
D. whom
29. Don't want to change anything. Leave things ... they are.  
A. like  
B. than  
C. then  
D. as
30. A lot of people came to the exhibition because they ... about the picture painted by famous artists.  
A. had heard  
B. believe  
C. were knowing  
D. are told
31. He ... down the motorway when a tyre burst.  
A. was racing  
B. has raced  
C. races  
D. is racing
32. Jack said he ... never see Judy again.  
A. shall  
B. would  
C. won't  
D. was going to



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33. Joe has always wanted to have ..., too.  
A. a room to own  
B. an own room  
C. his own room  
D. a room to his own

34. It's no use ....  
A. lie  
B. to lie  
C. lying  
D. laid

35. Joe's as old ... Mike.  
A. so  
B. then  
C. than  
D. as

36. It's easy ... mistakes.  
A. making  
B. not making  
C. to make  
D. to not make



37. I haven't heard this song ....  
A. already  
B. yet  
C. still  
D. until

38. He doesn't like dancing. .... does his girlfriend.  
A. So  
B. Either  
C. Neither  
D. Also

39. Their play opens the day after tomorrow. Tomorrow night will be the dress ...  
A. training  
B. rehearsal  
C. trial  
D. practice

40. 'Thank you for your help.' ...'  
A. Please  
B. Never mind  
C. It does nothing  
D. Not at all

41. The girls ... up their tents before the storm ... out.  
A. have set ... is breaking  
B. set ... broke  
C. set ... had broken  
D. had set ... broke

42. I've got to do ... homework.  
A. a  
B. own  
C. any  
D. some



43. She has refused, but she ... change her mind if you ask her again.  
A. can  
B. may not  
C. likely to  
D. might

44. Helen likes going to the theatre and ....  
A. so do I  
B. so go I  
C. so I like  
D. so I am

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45. My father met ... John Lennon.  
A. of  
B. with  
C. to  
D. -
46. The teacher gave a 'five' to the pupil ... answered all the questions.  
A. who  
B. that  
C. whom  
D. -
47. I ... for examinations.  
A. got using to study  
B. used to studying  
C. was used to studying  
D. use to study
48. The Danube, ... runs through Budapest, is quite wide at its mouth.  
A. -  
B. what  
C. which  
D. whose
49. Mike was in a much ... position. Why didn't you pass him the ball?  
A. good  
B. better  
C. goodly  
D. best
50. He recommended ... me to buy more ... those apples.  
A. - ... -  
B. to...of  
C. for ... -  
D. to ... for



CONGRATULATIONS!  
YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE QUEST!

