

LEVEL 4

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Dauer: 45 Minuten

- Der Test wird einzeln, ohne Hilfestellung und ohne Hilfsmittel wie Bücher oder Wörterbücher durchgeführt.
- Die 45 Fragen sind nach Kompetenzen sortiert. Für jede Frage gibt es nur eine richtige Antwort.
- Mit einem schwarzen Kugelschreiber oder Filzstift muss für jede Frage auf dem ANTWORTBOGEN das Kästchen angekreuzt werden, das der richtigen Antwort entspricht.
- Je nach Schwierigkeitsgrad der Fragen gibt es eine unterschiedliche Anzahl an Punkten: Für Fragen mit einem weißen Kästchen ☐ gibt es jeweils 5 Punkte, für Fragen mit grauen Kästchen ☐ gibt es 6 Punkte und für Fragen mit einem schwarzen Kästchen ☐ gibt es 7 Punkte.
- Bei einer falschen Antwort wird ein Viertel des vorgesehenen Punktwertes eingebüßt. Wenn auf eine Frage keine Antwort gegeben wird, geht diese Frage mit null Punkten in die Bewertung ein. Wenn auf eine Frage mehrere Antworten gegeben werden, gibt es ebenfalls null Punkte.

Schreibe dir die 7-stellige Nummer auf, die auf deinem Antwortbogen rechts oben angegeben ist und bewahre sie gut auf. Diese Nummer brauchst du, um dein Ergebnis später im Internet einsehen zu können.

A. Snow



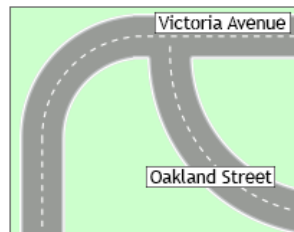
- In this photo, we can see that ...
 A a man fell down the stairs inside his house
 B a woman is helping a man who fell over
 C a young woman needs help from her father
 D it's easy to stay on your feet in these conditions
- The man is probably saying, "..."
 A You're very welcome.
 B How kind of you.
 C I beg your pardon.
 D Please don't bother me.
- Find the list of words associated with the weather.
 A shower, plate, tornado
 B rain, key, sky
 C wind, ice, storm
 D shine, cloud, bridge

B. Vocabulary

- To ... an app means to replace the old version with the new one.
 A undo
 B renew
 C update
 D delete
- Find the right verb to replace "arrive": "He didn't arrive until 11 pm."
 A put down
 B turn up
 C run over
 D fall out
- He's top of the class. He always gets good ... for his essays.
 A smiles
 B marks
 C notes
 D stars
- Find a title for this "family" of words: race, court, ball.
 A Royalty
 B Buildings
 C Toys
 D Sport
- Joe wants a new guitar but he can't ... one – they're too expensive.
 A cash
 B afford
 C lend
 D reach

C. An article in a local paper

On Monday, Mr Robert Ogilvy was turning right into Victoria Avenue from Oakland Street when his car was hit by a van that was exceeding the speed limit. Both vehicles were badly damaged but no one was injured.



Mrs Angela Wright, who lives nearby and saw the accident as she was walking home, said, "This is the third accident this month. When you turn right from Oakland Street into Victoria Avenue, you can't see what's coming from the left because of the bend. And vehicles coming

round that bend are usually going too fast to be able to stop in time if a car pulls out in front of them.

For years now we've been asking the council to put traffic lights there, but it's like talking to a brick wall. They say it would be too expensive. But one of these days someone's going to get killed. Maybe then the council will do something."



Mrs Angela Wright

- What do we know about the accident on Monday?
 A A man was knocked down in the street.
 B A van hit a car that was going too fast.
 C Mr Ogilvy was badly hurt.
 D A van was going too fast and hit a car.
- Angela Wright ...
 A was in the car behind Mr Ogilvy
 B saw the accident from her house nearby
 C knows that accidents often happen there
 D says that people never drive fast along Oakland Street
- Turning right into Victoria Avenue can be a problem because ...
 A there is such a lot of traffic on Victoria Avenue
 B the bend blocks your view of traffic coming from the left
 C it's difficult to drive fast enough
 D you can't see cars coming from the right
- According to the information in the article, find the true sentence.
 A Several people have died in accidents at this junction.
 B The council once planned to build a wall here.
 C The council may one day install traffic lights here.
 D Angela Wright is grateful to the council for listening to her.

D. Grammar

- When the bus came, it was full so we all ... to wait for the next one.
 A had
 B were able
 C must
 D obliged
- That's funny. I don't remember ... my bike here. Someone's moved it!
 A I left
 B leaving
 C to leave
 D to have left
- Taylor Swift released a new single recently but I ... heard it ...
 A haven't ... already
 B didn't ... until now
 C never ... already
 D haven't ... yet
- I didn't enjoy the party very much because I didn't know who ...
 A anyone was
 B were the other people there
 C was anyone there
 D any people there were
- If petrol ... cost so much, I ... see you much more often.
 A won't ... will
 B doesn't ... would
 C didn't ... would come and
 D wouldn't ... will be able to



E. A video for social media



- 18 In this photo,
A everyone is posting a video B five students are watching a play
C only one of the boys is filming D someone is holding a skateboard
- 19 What can you say about the boy in the centre of the picture?
A His feet are on the ground. B His legs are wide apart.
C He's not touching the floor. D He's waving to the camera.
- 20 Look at the three girls. They look
A amazed and upset B thrilled and delighted
C surprised and annoyed D stressed and worried
- 21 Find the list of words that are associated with making videos for social media.
A close-up, comment, sink B caption, edit, lighting
C background, kitten, click D subtitles, liver, bracelet

F. English-speaking countries

- 22 In the USA, people often eat turkey with ... sauce at Thanksgiving.
A cranberry B blueberry C mint D peanut
- 23 Only one of these Canadian cities is on the west coast. Which is it?
A Toronto. B Ottawa. C Montreal. D Vancouver.
- 24 Mark Twain, John Steinbeck and Harper Lee are all American
A folk singers B writers C astronauts D politicians
- 25 In north-west England there's a World Heritage Site that's England's largest National Park. It's called ... National Park.
A Yellowstone B the Lake District
C Cairngorms D Kruger

G. Situations

- 26 In the cinema, Paul is eating popcorn. "Can I have some?" his friend asks. Paul passes the popcorn to him and says, "..."
A Help yourself. B You can help.
C Push in. D Go straight on.
- 27 A man is at work. He says, "It looks like it'll have to come out. Just lean back and open wide." What's his job?
A A firefighter. B A dentist.
C A photographer. D A coal miner.
- 28 Tom asked Kate if he could be her boyfriend, but she said no. In other words, she ... him down.
A put B set
C turned D called
- 29 "Better safe than ... ," is a common expression. Roger's mother uses it when she tells him he must wear a helmet when he's on his bike.
A sad B in danger
C sorry D hurt
- 30 Meryl is talking to Will. Suddenly, Meryl exclaims, "Don't you realise? Olivia was having you on!" Meryl obviously thinks that Olivia
A was trying to borrow some money from Will
B wanted to go out with Will and was flirting
C was offering Will a job
D wanted Will to believe something that wasn't true
- 31 A man says, "Judging by their record, they'll be lucky to get a draw." What's he talking about?
A A rock band who won't get a big audience for their concert.
B Olympic champions who will earn a lot of money.
C A shop whose prices are too high.
D A football team with little chance of winning its next game.

H. Sounds

- 32 Find the word that rhymes with "please".
A seize B grease C piece D peace
- 33 The first vowel sound in "shoulder" is the same as in "...".
A double B round C would D though
- 34 "Accommodate" = o O o o. "Diametre" =
A O o o o B o O o o C o o O o D o o o O

I. An email

From: gwenfmarshall@mymail.com To: danielgryder@funmail.com
Subject: Whose fault?

Hello Danny,

I'm sorry you won't be out of bed for a few days but your mother told me it's nothing serious. Anyway, you've only got yourself to blame. The plan was simple: an anonymous note from "someone who likes you" asking you to go the chemistry lab after school. I knew you'd think it was from one of the girls in our class, that you wouldn't suspect anything, and that you'd be flattered and go to meet her. Then I was going to follow you, lock you in and not let you out for a few hours. I wanted to punish you because you were seen at the cinema with Janet Walsh on Friday and at a party with Emma Farley on Saturday! What's more, you've been avoiding me for over a week! You could at least have told me you didn't want to go out with me any more. It all went to plan until you climbed onto a table to try and get out through the window and knocked those chemicals over. I'm sorry you got hurt in the explosion, but maybe it's taught you a lesson.

Gwen

- 35 What do we definitely know about Danny?
A He's seriously ill.
B He's going out with Gwen at the moment.
C He hasn't been out with Gwen for several days.
D He's been out with three different girls in the last week.
- 36 Gwen feels that
A Danny didn't deserve what happened to him
B she has been treated badly by Danny
C she has learned a lesson
D she did something very wrong
- 37 Find the sentence that we know is true.
A Gwen got a girl in Danny's class to write a note to him.
B Danny thought he was going to the lab to meet a girl.
C The accident happened at the moment when Gwen locked Danny in the lab.
D Danny thought he knew exactly who had written the note.
- 38 Danny went to the lab
A even though he suspected something wasn't quite right
B and found that he had walked into a trap set by Gwen
C because he wanted to punish the writer of the anonymous note
D but didn't get in because he couldn't open the door

J. Sentences

- 39 Although he loved living in Japan, he ... using chopsticks instead of a knife and fork.
A hadn't used with B never got used to
C didn't use to D wasn't used for
- 40 "Passport please, sir." "Yes. Oh no! I ... left it at home!"
A have had B must have
C would have D had to have
- 41 If her students misbehaved, the teacher ... them ... behind after school.
A had ... stay B made ... staying
C told ... that they stay D got ... stayed

K. The Biggest Challenge

- 42 The ... for London tomorrow: cloudy with some rain in the afternoon.
A outcome B outlook C outset D outfit
- 43 The pilot probably ejected from the plane because no body ... from the wreckage.
A recovered anyone B has been recovered
C wasn't recovered at all D has recovered anything
- 44 Leo's mother asks Jill, his babysitter, "Did Leo behave himself or was he naughty?" Jill answers, "Don't worry. He was as good as"
A a lamb B a picture C gold D bread
- 45 ... Friday is a public holiday in Britain. It's the Friday before Easter.
A Good B Cross C Sainly D Black