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## Part I – <u>READING COMPREHENSION</u> – Read the following text and answer questions 1 to 10.

BRITISH VS. AMERICAN EMPIRE - WHICH IS GREATER?

ConvinceMe.net is the ultimate debating website. When your argument convinces someone, you gain a point. It's your

5 chance to convince the world that you are right! Fight for



your side! The first person to get 10 points wins and receives the title "King of the Hill". The debate below is about the British and the American

10 Empires.

Aurelio: Modern America is as large and powerful, if not more than the British Empire in its peak in the 1800s.

Rajio: The very idea that modern America is as

- 15 large and powerful as the British Empire was at its peak is absurd. Read even the smallest piece of history about the British Empire - it reveals that it was tremendously larger and more powerful than present day America is.
- 20 Aurelio: What are the two main powers that a hyper power needs? Military and economy. Bigger does not mean better. No empire has had a larger

## I – UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

- 1. The main idea of the text above is:
  - a) to convince that the American Empire will never be as great as the British Empire.
  - b) to say that the American and the British Empires are the greatest in the world.
  - c) to give an example of the type of debate at ConvinceMe.net.
  - d) to show the US today is larger than the British Empire.
- 2. The text above says that:
  - a) For Aurelio, Britain is as powerful as the US now.
- c) Britain's military power is as large as the US power.
- b) Britain's most powerful period was in the 1800s.
- d) The US economy was never as good as the British.
- 3. Choose the **CORRECT** alternative according to Aurelio's arguments in the text.
  - a) The British economic growth was bigger in the 1800s than the American one is today.
  - b) The American military capacity is not as big as the British was three centuries ago.
  - c) The US Gross Domestic Product is not higher than in any other country today.
  - d) For Aurelio, the British power was not as powerful as the American Empire.
- 4. Choose the **INCORRECT** alternative according to the text.
  - a) For Redwallwarrior, the US will never be as great as Britain because it was once its colony.
  - b) The American government maintains groups of soldiers around most of the world.
  - c) One of the participants does not consider the United States an empire.
  - d) All the participants agree on which country is the most powerful.

## **II – REFERENCE**

<ol> <li>The word '<u>it</u>' (line 17) refers to:</li> <li>a) the smallest piece of history</li> </ol>	b) the British Empire	c) present-day America	d) the peak			
<ol> <li>The word '<u>its</u>' (line 12) refers to:</li> <li>a) the peak</li> </ol>	b) Modern America	c) the British Empire	d) the US			
III – <u>VOCABULARY</u>						
7. In the text, the word 'peak' (line 12) means:						
a) projecting point	b) point of greatest value	c) top of a mountain	d) mountain			
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economy or military presence or technological

edge over other countries than the US has today.

expenditure (680 billion). The US has a military

presence in over 70 percent of the globe. As for

the economy, at the end of World War II the US accounted for 50 percent of the economy, 45-50

world's industrial military capacity. Now was Britain

ever as powerful as that or as any other empire? The US also has the highest GDP (Gross Domestic

empire and there is no emperor. Plus America was

once part of the British Empire and America is

Britain's child and the child is never going to be

PRC: Modern military technology is certainly important, but the British Empire wins easily.

Adapted from: www.convinceme.net

25 The US accounts for 41 percent of global military

30 percent of manufacturing capacity, 75% of the

35 **Redwallwarrior**: The British Empire is far better than the American Empire. America is not even an

Product) in history.

40 better than the parent.

	Γhe word ' <u>main</u> ' (line 20) means a) biggest	: b) largest	c) most important	d) finest		
	The word ' <b>plus</b> ' (line 37) states in		,			
	a) contrast	b) addition	c) consequence	d) condition		
	The word ' <b>edge</b> ' (line 24) mean a) advantage		c) border	d) position		
	RT II – <u>USE OF ENGLISH</u>					
	questions 11 to 20, choose the					
11.	A: How many bedrooms i a) is there / There is					
12.	<ul> <li>I to work because</li> <li>a) don't cycle / there are a lot o</li> <li>b) am not cycling / have many /</li> </ul>			ere aren't many nany / haven't a lot of		
13.	A: How cups of tea a) much / you drinking / No b) much / you drink / Not many	-		ot much		
14.	A: Can you go to the supermark a) a few / a little / none	et? We need juice, _ b) a little / a few / lots of	oranges and milk - c) many / much / lot of	- ten cartons. d) a little / a few / no		
15.	<ul> <li>A: How often a play?</li> <li>a) is Gina seeing / likes going</li> <li>b) does Gina see / likes going</li> </ul>	B: Not often. She	_ to the cinema. c) Gina sees / would like to go d) Gina is seeing / likes to go			
16.	A: What? B: If a) do you do / am looking / Hav b) do you do / look / Did you se	e you seen	? c) are you doing / am looking / d) are you doing / look / Did y			
17.	Sarah to be a lawyer. Sh a) does wants / works b) is wanting not / works	ne as a teacher after	graduation. c) not wanting / is going to wo d) does not want / is going to w			
18.	São Paulo is and ci a) noisier / more expensive than b) the noiser / the more expens	้า	know. c) the noisiest / the most expensive d) Options <u>b</u> and <u>c</u> are correct.			
19.	Which is, the train or the a) quicker	plane? b) more quickly	c) the quickiest	d) the quickliest		
20.	Rick lives away from scho a) more far / early	ol than all his friends but h b) farrer / more early	e always gets there c) further / most early	d) farther / earlier		
For	questions 21 to 25, choose the	INCORRECT option.				
21.	a) When have you seen that?	b) I haven't seen that.	c) When did you see that?	d) I've seen that.		
22.	<ul><li>a) We're going to buy a new car</li><li>b) Are they going to be here new</li></ul>		<ul><li>c) She's going to make a lemond)</li><li>d) He not going to leave from r</li></ul>			
23.			<ul><li>c) I'd like to go now.</li><li>d) I really like drinking coffee in the morning.</li></ul>			
24.	4. a) Harry is a fluent speaker of French.		<ul><li>c) Harry is a fluently French speaker.</li><li>d) Harry's French is fluent.</li></ul>			
25.	<ul><li>a) Tom isn't go out tonight.</li><li>b) Tom is never going to go out at night.</li><li>c) Tom is going out tonight.</li><li>d) John is going to go out tonight.</li></ul>		ght.			
For questions <u>26 to 30</u> , choose the option which has the same meaning and idea as the sentences in italics.						
26.	John <i>has been to</i> Argentina. a) has gone to	b) has travelled to	c) is still in	d) never went to		
27.	The bus station is <i>next to</i> the po a) near	st office. b) not far from	c) beside	d) on the corner of		
28.	Lisa would like to be a careful dr a) Lisa is a careful driver. b) Lisa is not dangerous when s		<ul> <li>c) Lisa likes driving carefully.</li> <li>d) Lisa wants to drive carefully</li> </ul>			

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<ul><li>29. Nina doesn't have many board</li><li>a) Nina has no books in Sp</li><li>b) None of Nina's books and</li></ul>	banish.	c) Only a few of Nina's books a d) A few of Nina's books are no			
<ul><li>30. They wouldn't like to spend</li><li>a) They want to go to a di</li><li>b) They don't enjoy Christ</li></ul>	fferent place for Christmas.	c) They don't like spending Christmas in town. d) They hate spending Christmas in town.			
Answer questions 31 to 40 ac	cording to the instructions.				
•	the simple past form of the ver b) fixed / drunk / robbed	bs is <u>CORRECT</u> . c) payed / played / burned	d) costed / knew / cried		
<ul><li>32. Choose the option with the a) A talkative person does</li><li>b) A cupboard is a flat boa</li></ul>	not talk much.	<ul><li>c) In the spring plants begin to</li><li>d) Onions are small round bisc</li></ul>			
a) Kate has gone in Europ	<ul> <li>3. Choose the <u>CORRECT</u> option in relation to the use of the verb '<u>gone</u>'.</li> <li>a) Kate has gone in Europe several times.</li> <li>b) Has Kate ever gone to Europe?</li> <li>c) When has Kate gone out?</li> <li>d) Kate's not in town. She's gone away.</li> </ul>				
<ul><li>34. Choose the option in which</li><li>a) bridge / road / pea</li></ul>	all the words are in the same v b) fridge / cooker / oven	vocabulary group. c) hall / jam / crisps	d) toast / stairs / chips		
35. Choose the option in which a) had / came / known	all the past participle verbs are b) forgotten / wore / won	<u> </u>	d) made / sat / woken		
<ol> <li>Choose the option in which a) met / said</li> </ol>	the underlined vowels have the b) h <u>a</u> d / f <u>e</u> lt	e same pronunciation as the vow c) l <u>e</u> ft / r <u>a</u> n	rel in the verb ' <b>f<u>e</u>ll</b> '. d) sl <u>e</u> pt / s <u>a</u> ng		
<ol> <li>37. Choose the option in which a) enough / caught</li> </ol>	the underlined letters in both v b) laugh / through	vords are <u>SILENT</u> . c) hi <u>gh</u> / nei <u>gh</u> bour	d) thou <u>gh</u> t / cou <u>gh</u>		
<ol> <li>Choose the option in which a) moves / draws</li> </ol>	the letters <b>'<u>s</u>'/'<u>es</u>'</b> at the end c b) speak <u>s</u> / fight <u>s</u>	of both verbs are pronounced as c) notices / invites	in ' <b>mak<u>es</u>'.</b> d) argue <u>s</u> / phone <u>s</u>		
39. Choose the option in which a) use <u>d</u> / dress <u>ed</u>	the letters <b>'-<u>ed</u>'</b> at the end of k b) rain <u>ed</u> / phone <u>d</u>	ooth verbs are pronounced as in c) visit <u>ed</u> / advertise <u>d</u>	ʻ <b>promis<u>ed</u></b> '. d) fix <u>ed</u> / help <u>ed</u>		
<ul> <li>40. Choose the option in which the underlined word is <b>INCORRECT</b> in the sentence.</li> <li>a) There's a school just <u>through</u> our house.</li> <li>b) The robber came in <u>through</u> the window.</li> <li>c) They walked <u>through</u> the forest to the lake.</li> <li>d) The bullet went straight <u>through</u> his arm.</li> </ul>					
For questions <u>41 to 50</u> , fill in	the blanks with the appropriate	word(s) and mark the CORREC	<u>T</u> alternative.		
Badoo is a social networking w	vebsite. It is in most of the world	d, but the site is <u>41</u> in Lat 41 in Lat 41 in Lat 41 globally. In a recent stud	in America, Spain, Italy,		
		44 in London during the so			
		In 2008, a Russian investor			
a 10% stake in Badoo. They4 <sup>7</sup> the money to improve Badoo in Russia, where the social networking market					
<sup>48</sup> to grow. When a member pays for it, Badoo gives their profile <sup>49</sup> on the site for a limited time. At the end of 2007, reports showed that 20% of Badoo's then 22 million users <sup>50</sup> this function once a month.					
41. a) active more	b) more active	c) activer	d) activest		
42. a) more popular	b) more popular than	c) most popular	d) the most popular		
43. a) more low	b) lower than	c) lowest	d) the lowest		
44. a) began	b) has began	c) begun	d) has begun		
45. a) earlier	b) earlier than	c) earliest	d) the earliest		
46. a) payed	b) has payed	c) paid	d) has paid		
47. a) are going use	b) are using	c) have use	d) using		
48. a) begin	b) begun	c) has began	<ul><li>d) is beginning</li><li>d) the most prominent</li></ul>		
49. a) more prominence	b) more prominence than	c) most prominent	d) the most prominent		
50. a) accesses	b) is accessing	c) accessed	d) has accessed		