



**Part I – READING COMPREHENSION – Read the following text and answer questions 1 to 10.**

**THE FUTURE OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE – THE COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS**

The Commonwealth of Nations is an intergovernmental organisation of fifty-four independent member states.



- 5 All except two of these countries (Mozambique and Rwanda) were **formerly** part of the British Empire, out of which **it** developed. In 2009, the modern Commonwealth celebrated its 60th anniversary. Its future is subject to debate. Many people believe that the Commonwealth has become too weak and nearly irrelevant in today's world, but its potential could be great. Some are calling for a revitalisation of the Commonwealth with a restoration of **its** economic ties and a stronger role for the Commonwealth in international diplomacy.

The future direction of the Commonwealth, including both its role, the expansion of its membership, and the succession to the Crown after the death of Queen Elizabeth II, will be subject to discussion at future

- 25 CHOGMs (Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting), which take place every two years. The next British Monarch does not automatically become Head of the Commonwealth – the members need to agree upon it. They have suggested changing to a rotating position that CHOGM will **appoint**. The future of the Commonwealth, and what shape it will take, is definitely a subject for debate in the early 21<sup>st</sup> Century.
- 30 Interest in the Commonwealth is increasing and the organisation is growing. In 2007 the Commonwealth reviewed membership criteria for joining the organisation and any country with a historical constitutional link to an existing member can join.
- 35 This opens the door for many countries around the world to join. **Applicant** countries need to adhere to human rights, democracy and use English as an official language, **although** the countries can use it alongside other languages.

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**I – UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT**

1. The main idea of the text above is to:
- make predictions about the monarchy in Britain.
  - present the Commonwealth as future rulers of Britain.
  - explain the rules to be a member of the Commonwealth.
  - show the debate about the future of the Commonwealth.
2. The text above says that:
- the Commonwealth countries were British colonies.
  - the creation of the Commonwealth was 63 years ago.
  - after the Queen dies, there will be no more monarchy.
  - they reduced the number of Commonwealth members.
3. Choose the **CORRECT** alternative according to the text.
- The official language of the Commonwealth is English.
  - A group of countries commands the Commonwealth.
  - There is a CHOGM twice a year.
  - The Commonwealth has no diplomatic role.
4. Choose the **INCORRECT** alternative according to the text.
- Nowadays, the Queen is Head of the Commonwealth.
  - The Commonwealth can have great potential.
  - Any country can join the Commonwealth.
  - Commonwealth countries value human rights.

**II – REFERENCE**

5. The word '**it**' (line 8) refers to:
- The British Empire
  - Mozambique
  - The Commonwealth
  - Rwanda
6. The word '**its**' (line 15) refers to:
- restoration
  - the Commonwealth
  - economic ties
  - some

**III – VOCABULARY**

7. In the text, the word '**formerly**' (line 7) means:
- lately
  - in the form of
  - recently
  - in the past
8. The word '**applicant**' (line 36) means:
- dedicated
  - candidate
  - isolated
  - member

9. The word '**although**' (line 38) states in the sentence the idea of:  
 a) contrast                      b) addition                      c) consequence                      d) condition
10. The word '**appoint**' (line 26) means:  
 a) have a meeting                      b) admit                      c) engage                      d) choose

## **PART II – USE OF ENGLISH**

For questions **11 to 20**, choose the option that **CORRECTLY** completes the sentences. (**X = no word**)

11. **A:** Where \_\_\_\_\_, Carl? **B:** New York.  
 a) you are living                      b) do you live                      c) lives you                      d) you live now
12. Frida Kahlo was born \_\_\_\_\_ Mexico \_\_\_\_\_ July 6<sup>th</sup>, 1907.  
 a) in / on                      b) in / at                      c) at / in                      d) in / in
13. I dream \_\_\_\_\_ a quiet city \_\_\_\_\_ I don't need to listen \_\_\_\_\_ forró all the time!  
 a) on / which / X                      b) with / where / to                      c) of / where / to                      d) about / that / X
14. **A:** I'm so thirsty! **B:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 a) I getting water.                      b) Will I get water?                      c) I get some water for you.                      d) I'll get some water.
15. The students \_\_\_\_\_ when the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
 a) were playing / saw                      b) were playing / was seeing                      c) played / was seeing                      d) **a and b**
16. A motorbike is a \_\_\_\_\_ of vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ a bicycle, but it has an engine \_\_\_\_\_ a car.  
 a) kind / similar to / like                      b) type / like / how                      c) thing / looks like / as                      d) type / like / looks
17. "Lazy" is the \_\_\_\_\_ of hardworking. It's a person \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't like doing anything.  
 a) opposite / who                      b) same / which                      c) synonym / who                      d) same / that
18. Larry owns a supermarket \_\_\_\_\_ sells really cheap food.  
 a) where                      b) which                      c) who                      d) whose
19. People say that I'm \_\_\_\_\_ pregnant soon! Oh my!  
 a) get                      b) going to get                      c) being                      d) go to get
20. Aggressive people argue \_\_\_\_\_ everybody! They hardly ever talk quietly \_\_\_\_\_ anyone!  
 a) with / out                      b) with / to                      c) in / at                      d) about / in

For questions **21 to 25**, choose the **INCORRECT** option.

21. a) Who married Tom Cruise?                      c) Where John Lennon died?  
 b) Which was your favorite song?                      d) What movie made Brad Pitt famous?
22. a) I don't think it will rain tomorrow.                      c) I'll help you with your luggage.  
 b) I promise I won't tell anyone your secret.                      d) Larry won't to pass his driving test.
23. a) Who to are you talking?                      c) Are you going to travel on your holidays?  
 b) Do you usually go to the beach?                      d) When did she leave home?
24. a) When can you pay back me?                      c) Ask her to call Junior back.  
 b) This is my pen! Give it back!                      d) I want my money back!
25. a) Manchester United lost the finals.                      c) I lost my keys on the bus.  
 b) Don't lose your head! Chill out!                      d) Hurry or we'll lose the train!

For questions **26 to 30**, choose the option which has the same meaning and idea as the sentences in italics.

26. Maggie *is looking for* her sister.  
 a) taking care of                      b) is anxious about                      c) searching for                      d) observing
27. *Although she likes music, she never went to a concert.*  
 a) She never went to a concert. So, she likes music.                      c) She didn't like music or concerts.  
 b) She liked music after she went to a concert.                      d) She likes music but she was never in a concert.
28. *Lucy was brushing her teeth when her boyfriend arrived.*  
 a) Her boyfriend arrived. Then she brushed her teeth.                      c) While he left, Lucy brushed her teeth.  
 b) She brushed her teeth. Then her boyfriend arrived.                      d) He arrived while Lucy was brushing her teeth.
29. *I'm meeting* Joe tonight.  
 a) I decided to meet                      b) I arranged to meet                      c) It's possible to meet                      d) I can meet

30. Sue borrowed her father's car.

- a) Sue bought the car from her father. c) Her father borrowed the car for her.  
b) Sue's father gave her the car. d) Her father lent her the car.

Answer questions **31 to 40** according to the instructions.

31. Choose the option where the spelling of all the words is **CORRECT**.

- a) shouders / tongue / mouth c) neck / knees / back  
b) haed / eiars / stomach d) foots / eyeis / arms

32. Choose the option with the **CORRECT** definition/description.

- a) A boarding pass is an airport hall. c) A bellboy is a boy who rings the bell in a church.  
b) A toe is one of the five digits in your hand. d) Your uncle is your cousin's father.

33. Choose the **CORRECT** option in relation to the use of the verb **'win'**.

- a) Teachers don't win a lot of money in their job. c) I'll win a good grade in this test.  
b) Julia won weight last month. d) We hope Brazil will win the next World Cup.

34. Choose the option where all the words are in the same vocabulary group.

- a) album / lyrics / pop b) check-in / luggage / toe c) nephew / niece / arrival d) leg / flight / nose

35. Choose the option where the pronunciation of **'-ed'** at the end of both verbs is the same as in **'looked'**.

- a) watched / played b) engaged / worked c) stopped / laughed d) waited / jumped

36. Choose the option where all the underlined vowels have the same pronunciation as the vowel in the word **'bird'**.

- a) heart / heard b) person / ear c) turn / first d) score / thirsty

37. Choose the option where all the underlined consonants have the same pronunciation as the **'ch'** in **'chess'**.

- a) chocolate / picture b) cach / George c) headche / future d) mixture / shin

38. Choose the option where the letters **'-s'/'-es'** at the end of both verbs are pronounced as in **'studies'**.

- a) chooses / loves b) calls / lives c) watches / plays d) hits / cries

39. Choose the option that answers the question: **"Are you ready to order?"**

- a) "There's a mistake." b) "I'll have the steak." c) "The check, please." d) "It's cold, sir."

40. Choose the option in which the words underlined are **CORRECT** in the sentence.

- a) There is a fly into the soup. c) She lives far of the university.  
b) Let's take a walk through the forest. d) The cat is over the tree.

For questions **41 to 50**, fill in the blanks with the appropriate word(s) and mark the **CORRECT** alternative. (Note: **X= no word**)

I've always wanted to live in London because I think it's a fascinating city! However, after a recent visit to London to do some Christmas shopping and see the Christmas lights, I was very happy to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>41</sup> back home in the countryside! It was crowded everywhere I went, because everyone \_\_\_\_\_<sup>42</sup> to get somewhere quickly. There were hundreds of people \_\_\_\_\_<sup>43</sup> the Underground platform and when the train arrived it was full! But the people pushed and pushed and got \_\_\_\_\_<sup>44</sup> the train! I didn't. I went back into the street. It was raining \_\_\_\_\_<sup>45</sup> it was better than the crowded Underground. The shops \_\_\_\_\_<sup>46</sup> I went to were very crowded too! I decided that it was time to go home! My feet were hurting and it was raining again \_\_\_\_\_<sup>47</sup> I decided not to walk. I got a taxi. I was looking \_\_\_\_\_<sup>48</sup> getting home! Well, life in the countryside may not be as exciting as in the city, but the people talk \_\_\_\_\_<sup>49</sup> you and there's more room on our buses and in our shops. \_\_\_\_\_<sup>50</sup> the Christmas lights in London were beautiful, I don't think I'll want to live there anymore!

41. a) pay b) take c) give d) get  
42. a) was trying b) was tryeing c) tryed d) is trying  
43. a) into b) over c) under d) on  
44. a) round b) on c) down d) opposite  
45. a) so b) then c) but d) because  
46. a) when b) then c) who d) that  
47. a) because b) so c) that d) X  
48. a) at b) for c) forward to d) after  
49. a) between b) down c) to d) by  
50. a) Although b) Because c) As d) While