

# "Shirakatsy Lyceum" International Scientific-Educational Complex



## English Language Admission Test for Grade 8

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**1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. (1 points/0.2 for each item)**

### **Reality TV: Entertainment or Exploitation?**

Reality television has become one of the most popular genres in modern media. These shows, which feature real people instead of actors, are often cheaper to produce and attract millions of viewers worldwide. Whether it's watching strangers live together in a house, compete in talent contests, or survive in remote locations, audiences seem to enjoy the drama and unpredictability of reality TV.

One of the reasons for its popularity is that viewers can relate to the participants. They are often ordinary people who suddenly become famous. This gives hope to others that they too can change their lives overnight.

Additionally, the format allows audiences to feel involved, especially when they can vote for their favorite contestant or influence the outcome in some way.

However, not everyone believes reality TV is harmless entertainment. Critics argue that some shows encourage bad behavior, such as lying, shouting, or even bullying, just to get higher ratings. They also point out that producers sometimes edit footage in a way that changes how participants are portrayed, making them seem better or worse than they really are.

Despite the criticism, reality TV continues to grow. As long as people keep watching, networks will keep creating new formats. The question remains: are we watching for fun, or are we enjoying the problems of others a little too much?

1. What makes reality TV different from other television genres?

- A. It focuses on professional acting.
- B. It uses special effects and scripts.
- C. It stars real people instead of actors.
- D. It is mainly produced in Hollywood.

2. Why do some viewers feel connected to reality show participants?

- A. The participants are experts in media.
- B. The shows often include famous celebrities.
- C. The participants are regular people like them.
- D. The shows are based on true stories.

3. How do some reality TV shows involve the audience?

- A. By giving them a role in the show.
- B. By letting them vote for contestants.
- C. By allowing them to join live events.
- D. By asking them to create the script.

4. What is one common criticism of reality TV?

- A. It always presents people in a positive light.
- B. It promotes honesty and teamwork.
- C. It can encourage negative behavior.
- D. It is too educational for entertainment.

5. What does the author suggest about the future of reality TV?

- A. It will soon be replaced by documentaries.      B. It depends on whether people keep watching.  
C. It should be banned by the government.      D. It will stop being popular in a few years.

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**2. Use the verbs in brackets in the correct form. (5 points/0.2 for each item)**

Every day, Sarah (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (wake) up at 6:30 a.m. and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (make) herself a cup of coffee. She usually (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) it on the balcony while she (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (read) the news. Right now, she (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) in her favorite chair and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the sunrise. It's a peaceful morning. She (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (already/complete) most of her tasks for the week, so she (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) relaxed. Over the past year, Sarah (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) a lot about time management. She (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (never/be) this organized before. Yesterday, she (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the office earlier than usual because her manager (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) her to prepare a presentation. By the time her colleagues (13) \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive), she (14) \_\_\_\_\_ (already/finish) everything. While they (15) \_\_\_\_\_ (discuss) the project, Sarah (16) \_\_\_\_\_ (take) notes and (17) \_\_\_\_\_ (plan) her next steps. Last month, she (18) \_\_\_\_\_ (start) working on a new team. Before that, she (19) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) alone for nearly two years. She (20) \_\_\_\_\_ (not realize) how much she missed teamwork until she joined them. Tomorrow, she (21) \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) with her mentor to talk about future goals. She (22) \_\_\_\_\_ (probably/share) her idea for a new project. Sarah (23) \_\_\_\_\_ (hope) it will be approved. No matter what happens, she (24) \_\_\_\_\_ (continue) to grow and improve. That's just who she (25) \_\_\_\_\_ (be).

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**3. Use the word at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. (3 points/0.2)**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the movie, a 15-year-old girl, saved the town from disaster. (hero)
2. The teacher tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the lesson so that everyone could understand. (simple)
3. That dress is very \_\_\_\_\_ and suits you well. (attract)
4. Her \_\_\_\_\_ at the party made everyone happy. (arrive)
5. I was \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the meeting because I was sick. (ability)
6. He asked for \_\_\_\_\_ after breaking her favorite cup. (forgive)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ is important in any friendship or relationship. (honest)
8. The shopkeeper was \_\_\_\_\_ and charged too much. (honest)
9. Her good \_\_\_\_\_ helped the team succeed. (judge)
10. This old phone is \_\_\_\_\_ now because it doesn't turn on. (use)
11. The experiment used a special \_\_\_\_\_ to change the color. (chemistry)
12. She was \_\_\_\_\_ by the magician's tricks. (fascinate)
13. The twins dressed \_\_\_\_\_ for their birthday party. (identity)
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ asked me several questions during the speaking test. (exam)
15. They did a \_\_\_\_\_ experiment to find out how plants grow faster. (science)

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**4. Insert the correct prepositions. (3 points/0.2 for each item)**

1. That restaurant is popular \_\_\_\_\_ tourists because of its great food.
2. I've decided to take \_\_\_\_\_ yoga to help me relax.
3. Many animals, \_\_\_\_\_ instance lions and tigers, live in Africa or Asia.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ conclusion, we should try to recycle more and waste less.
5. He succeeded \_\_\_\_\_ getting a job after many interviews.
6. He spilled the juice \_\_\_\_\_ purpose to make a mess.
7. Can you explain the difference \_\_\_\_\_ "say" and "tell"?
8. I came \_\_\_\_\_ an interesting article online yesterday.
9. I want to find \_\_\_\_\_ more about that new movie.
10. I met my old teacher \_\_\_\_\_ chance at the supermarket.
11. There's no reason \_\_\_\_\_ being rude to others.
12. Don't throw \_\_\_\_\_ that bag – we can reuse it.
13. Hurry \_\_\_\_\_, or we'll miss the train!
14. I promised to help, so I don't want to let you \_\_\_\_\_.
15. They split \_\_\_\_\_ after dating for three years.

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**5. Use the words from the box to complete the text. (2 points/0.2 for each word)**

<b>challenge, cheat, competition, defeat, score, experience, hesitate, convenient, defend, require</b>
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**The Honest Win**

Lana had trained for months for the math (1) \_\_\_\_\_. It was the biggest (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of her school year, and she was determined not to let last year's (3) \_\_\_\_\_ upset her.

During the final round, she noticed the student beside her trying to (4) \_\_\_\_\_, glancing at a hidden sheet of answers. Lana started to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ - should she report it or stay focused on her own work?

It would've been more (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to ignore it. But Lana believed in fairness. She quietly told the teacher, then got back to solving the problems.

Her final (7) \_\_\_\_\_ was high, and though she didn't win the first place, she finished proudly, knowing she didn't (8) \_\_\_\_\_ shortcuts to succeed.

Later, the judges praised her integrity.

"It's not just about winning," one said. "It's how you (9) \_\_\_\_\_ what is right that shows true (10) \_\_\_\_\_."

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**6. Choose the correct option. (5 points/0.2 for each item)**

1. It was \_\_\_\_ beautiful day that we decided to go for a hike.  
a) such                      b) such a                      c) enough
2. There aren't \_\_\_\_ chairs for everyone to sit.  
a) too                      b) much                      c) enough
3. The soup was \_\_\_\_ salty that I couldn't finish it.  
a) so                      b) such                      c) too

4. My friend is coming from \_\_\_\_ United States next week.  
a) a                              b) ---                              c) the
5. This time next week they will be swimming in \_\_\_\_ Mediterranean Sea.  
a) a                              b) ---                              c) the
6. This is the woman \_\_\_\_ daughter lives in France.  
a) whom                              b) whose                              c) which
7. “The Picture of Dorian Grey,” \_\_\_\_ is Oscar Wilde’s only novel, was first published in 1890.  
a) who                              b) whose                              c) which
8. She brought \_\_\_\_ many cookies to the party that we had leftovers for days.  
a) so                              b) such                              c) too
9. That was \_\_\_\_ an exciting movie! I want to watch it again.  
a) so                              b) such                              c) too
10. We had \_\_\_\_ much traffic on the way home that we missed the beginning of the concert.  
a) such                              b) enough                              c) so
11. He isn’t strong \_\_\_\_ to lift that box by himself.  
a) such                              b) enough                              c) too
12. This coffee is \_\_\_\_ hot for me to drink right now.  
a) so                              b) such                              c) too
13. This book is much \_\_\_\_ than the one I read last week.  
a) interesting                              b) more interesting                              c) most interesting
14. She speaks English very \_\_\_\_.  
a) good                              b) well                              c) better
15. He cut \_\_\_\_ while cooking dinner.  
a) himself                              b) him                              c) his
16. Is this Jane’s phone or is it \_\_\_\_?  
a) yours                              b) your                              c) you
17. Of all the students, Lucy runs the \_\_\_\_.  
a) fast                              b) faster                              c) fastest
18. My brother is \_\_\_\_ at math than I am.  
a) good                              b) better                              c) best
19. That’s not my jacket. It’s \_\_\_\_.  
a) her                              b) hers                              c) herself
20. She looked at \_\_\_\_ in the mirror before leaving.  
a) herself                              b) her                              c) hers
21. The flowers on the table looked real, but they were actually \_\_\_\_ .  
a) artificial                              b) complicated                              c) digital
22. She has a \_\_\_\_ talent for painting animals in a way that makes them look alive.  
a) automatic                              b) unique                              c) exact
23. We decided to \_\_\_\_ in solar panels to reduce our electricity bills over time.  
a) import                              b) afford                              c) invest
24. He made a big \_\_\_\_ yesterday — a brand-new laptop for his graphic design work.  
a) purchase                              b) receipt                              c) recipe
25. I really like that jacket, but I can’t \_\_\_\_ it until I get my next paycheck.  
a) recognize                              b) afford                              c) support

**7. Make the sentences passive. (1 points/0.2 for each sentence)**

1. They repainted the Eiffel Tower in 2022.

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2. The USA, Canada and Mexico will host the World Cup in 2026.

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3. You must definitely see the picture “Girl with a Pearl Earring” while visiting The Hague.

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4. The Union of Armenian Artists will exhibit Van Gogh’s and Klimt’s multimedia masterpieces this summer.

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5. Some people could see the full strawberry moon on June 11.

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