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**Varianta 1**

## **CLASA A XII-A**

### **I. Circle the correct answer:**

1. Commonwealth Day is held on .....in March.  
A. the first Monday B. the first Sunday C. the third Monday D. the second Monday
2. The last two countries that joined Commonwealth in 2022 are:  
A. Mozambique and Rwanda B. Gabon and Togo C. Gabon and Rwanda D. Samoa and Seychelles
3. .... is the continent with the highest number of Commonwealth countries.  
A. Asia B. Europe C. North America D. Africa
4. The three main Celtic groups were:  
A. the Gauls, the Britons, the Gaels B. The Britons, Kelts, Normans  
C. Saxons, Victorians, Gauls D. Gaels, Britons, Saxons
5. According to the first written records of England's history, the Romans invaded Britain in .....  
A. 500 AD B. 43 AD C. 1000 BC D. 500 AD
6. What Viking leader led the raid of England in 1066 ?  
A. Eric Bloodaxe B. Sweyn C. Harald Fairhair D. Harald Hardrada
7. In 1066, ....., the king of England, was defeated by William the Conqueror at the Battle of Hastings.  
A. Harold Godwinson B. Harold III C. Harald Hastings D. Henry IV
8. What factor helped Oliver Cromwell in his rise to great political power in the 1650s ?  
A. his alliance with Charles Stuart  
B. his commitment to a written constitution  
C. the support and control of the army  
D. the general acceptance of his rule by the Royalists





9. The conquest of Ireland during the Cromwellian war was considered a brutal act, having as a main major consequence:

- A. the outbreak of bubonic plague      B. a significant drop in the Irish population  
C. famine      D. poverty

10. How long was Queen Victoria's reign ?

- A. 72 years    B. 63 years    C. 69 years    D. 70 years

11. In 1877, Queen Victoria became Empress of ..... under the Royal Titles Act passed by Disraeli's government.

- A. New Zealand    B. South Africa    C. Australia    D. India

12. During The Second World War, Winston Churchill delivered the most powerful speeches ever given in the English language. He coined the term ..... referring to the differences between the Communists and the Free West.

- A. special relationship    B. iron curtain    C. summit    D. cold war

13. For members of the royal family, any event after ..... p.m. is considered formal.

- A. 7    B. 5    C. 6    D. 8

14. An important dinner rule is that when the king puts down his soup spoon all the guests must:

- A. start eating salad    B. start eating dessert    C. stop talking    D. finish eating

15. In the novel *Lord of the Flies*, the act of placing the sow's head near the forest glade filled with butterflies and flowers highlights the theme of :

- A. nature    B. the loss of innocence    C. power    D. evil

16. Ralph is the first boy who uses the conch as a social tool which symbolizes :

- A. unity, order, authority      B. love, unity, authority  
C. war, control, hierarchy      D. danger, superiority, order

17. What happens in the frenzy of the boys' dance ?

- A. Ralph and Piggy feel uncomfortable and leave.  
B. Piggy gets trampled.  
C. The boys kill Simon when he comes out of the forest.  
D. They let the signal fire go out.

18. In George Orwell's *Animal Farm*, the animals overthrow their human oppressors, led by the ..... who represent the ruling class.



A. foxes B. horses C. dogs D. pigs

19. Napoleon's initial ban on alcohol changes according to his behaviour. From extreme interdiction "No animal shall drink alcohol" adding "to excess" this command eventually shows tolerance. What is the symbolic significance of this change?

- A. It shows how quickly people can change their beliefs.
- B. It demonstrates Napoleon's utter control over the other animals.
- C. It shows how language is used to control and manipulate people.
- D. It demonstrates that the infringement of rules may be possible.

20. The song of the revolutionary animals, *Beasts of England*, initially had a tune similar to *Clementine* and *La Cucaracha*. However, later on in the novel, the animals sing it slowly and mournfully. Why?

- A. They were very tired due to the difficult work on the farm.
- B. Life on the farm was not as they have hoped.
- C. They were wishing that Jones would come back.
- D. They were obeying Napoleon's command.





II. Write a text based on the picture below (180 -220 words). Please remember to give a title to your text.

