

ENGLISH COMPETITION 2022

KEY

TASK 1

(Source: *New Scientist*, March 20-26, 2021, pp. 8-9)

0	<i>strategies</i>
1	lengthen
2	rationale
3	theoretically
4	advisory
5	lives
6	vaccination
7	hospitalisation
8	emerging
9	uncertain
10	insufficient

TASK 2

(Source: <https://www.economist.com/the-economist-explains/2017/05/26/what-is-a-brain-computer>)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
L	E	B	I	C	J	D	H	G	A	F

TASK 3

(Source: *The New European*, December 9, 2020)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
C	H	A	K	I	E	F	B	J	L	G

TASK 4

(Source: Réka Kaponay – *Dawn of the Guardian*, Hoot Owl Books, 2016, pp. 134-135)

The wind **0) rip p e d** through Fūko's fur as he climbed, jumping from to platform, his paws **1) gra** _____ **GRAZING** the broken wooden stairs. He pulled himself up to the 'Welcome' stage that was **2) susp** _____ **SUSPENDED** three meters high, held up by the final two flower **3) arb** _____ **ARBORS**. He was no Alexis, but Fūko was **4) harn** _____ **HARNESSING** all of his **5) agi** _____ **AGILITY**, refined from the endless races he and his friends **6) ind** _____ **INDULGED** in. He had also learned a few tricks along the way, and at the back of his mind he could always count on that small extra burst of power when he began to slip, **7) fu** _____ **FUELED** by his sense of the Dream.

From above, Fūko could the entire city square. All around humans lay silent, dropped like flies, their limbs **8) unmo** _____ **UNMOVING**. Fūko sensed their **9) life-** _____ **LIFE-FORCE** and noticed that they were **10) bre** _____ **BREATHING** shallow breaths. Surrounding the **11) indi** _____ **INDISPOSED** bodies, farm animals ran amok, spooked by the fact their **12) care** _____ **CARETAKERS** were strewn all around them, **13) unres** _____ **UNRESPONSIVE** on the cobblestone square.

Fūko would have to move quickly or everyone would be **14) tram** _____ **TRAMPLED**. He maneuvered up the final barrier, sliding under the stage gate and skidding to a halt at center stage. **15) Bre** _____ **BREATHLESS**, he stood quiet for a moment, paws **16) trem** _____ **TREMBLING**, building up courage. He looked down to see Lulu, Alexis, Pepe, and Julian silently urging him on. With a deep breath he released a **17) fie** _____ **FIERCE** bark.

'Would everyone please calm down!'

Fūko's words ricocheted off the **18) pome** _____ **POMEGRANATE**-stained square, drowned out by the **19) rea** _____ **REARING** panic within it.

'Would you please calm yourselves!'

Stricken howls **20) muf** _____ **MUFFLED** Fūko's voice and no one took any notice of the small black figure atop the stage.

'You must all be calm!'

Fūko watched as the horses smashed **21) wind** _____ **WINDOWPANES**, sheep trampled the autumn flowerbeds, and cats aimlessly **22) scam** _____ **SCAMPERED** in a frenzy, while dogs refused to stop their endless **23) kee** _____ **KEENING**. Fūko realized, in one word, it was pandemonium. He felt his blood begin to boil at the **24) vio** _____ **VIOLATION**. How could someone be so cruel as to inflict such a **25) cal** _____ **CALLOUS** attack? Why?! In the back of his mind, a **26) dor** _____ **DORMANT** fire erupted into flames. He felt his paws begin to tingle. The tingling flared into a pulsating beat that began to strike in one with his heart. His brown eyes **27) wid** _____ **WIDENED** clouding over into a **28) mesm** _____ **MESMERISING/MESMERIZING** amber, tainted as if mixed with honey. Fūko drew in a deep breath through his nose. All his pent up emotion, electrified by rage, rocketed out, **29) into** _____ **INTOXICATING** his senses as he forced time to halt in a **30) pro** _____ **PROFOUND** moment of silence.

Why?! (...)