

Choose the best answer.



Hot dog eating champion retains title after tiebreaker Friday, July 4, 2008

For the second year in a row, American competitive eater Joey Chestnut defeated his Japanese rival Takeru Kobayashi at the annual Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest in New York City, after a tie forced a five-hot-dog eat-off to be held.

After ten minutes of hot dog eating, two shorter than in previous years, Chestnut and Kobayashi were tied at 59 frankfurters. But after the rare tiebreaker, 24-year-old Chestnut emerged as the winner, claiming a \$10,000 prize and a mustard-yellow belt. "It was crazy," he said. "I'm just a normal guy eating hot dogs on the Fourth. You can't overcomplicate it."

Kobayashi, whose loss last year shattered a six-year winning streak, said that a sore jaw and a tooth problem may have altered his performance. "If I put one more mouthful in, I could have won", the 30-year-old Nagano native said through a translator. "I lost because I wasn't quick enough in the rematch."

This year, the 22 competitors were under a 10-minute time limit, unlike the 12 minutes used for previous contests. The reason for this, according to Nathan's, was the discovery of a document from 1916, which revealed that the original competition was 10 minutes long.

Thousands gathered at Coney Island to watch the annual event, which has become one of the more colorful traditions of America's Independence Day.



1. Who won the contest last year?
A. Takeru Kobayashi
B. Joey Chestnut
C. First there was a tie, then Chestnut won
D. The text does not say
2. How long was the competition last year?
A. 8 minutes
B. 10 minutes
C. 12 minutes
D. More than 10 minutes
3. Who won the contest two years ago and in the five years before that?
A. Nathan
B. Nagano
C. Takeru Kobayashi
D. Joey Chestnut
4. On what occasion is the contest held?
A. The discovery of a document in 1916
B. The original competition
C. Coney Island's birthday
D. Independence Day
5. How many hot dogs did Joey Chestnut eat in the whole of the final?
A. 59
B. 64
C. Between 59 and 64
D. The text doesn't say

When life was rugged and simple, man's needs were few and he could supply them all. As he advanced from lone hunter to farmer and builder and exchanged a solitary existence for the greater comfort and security of community life, he realized he must come to an agreement with his neighbors on a common system of measurement. How can men build a house, or a storage house, or a temple, unless all the builders use the same basic measurements? The very earliest measurements were for length. The bases for the measures were those most natural - a foot, a palm, a span of the hand. When building alone, man could use his own body. But on community projects a common standard was required. The leader's measurements were taken and marked off a stick or stone. Crude copies were made from the original and passed out for use. Later the foot gradually evolved to become twelve inches long.

6. This article could best be titled_____.
- Man's Early Problems
 - Development of a Standardized Measurement
 - The Growth of Communities
 - Building a Hut
7. The advance of man from solitary to communal life created_____.
- a decrease in his needs
 - a great demand for storage huts
 - the dominance of tribal leaders
 - a need for standards of measure
8. Some standardization of measurement occurred_____.
- because everyone's foot used to be almost the same length
 - as a result of a dispute over the proper size for a hunt
 - when the leader's measurements replaced the individual's
 - due to the accidental discovery that a foot equaled twelve inches
9. The author develops his point by means of_____.
- factual explanation
 - persuasion
 - comparison and contrast
 - arguments and proof
10. A person who has a solitary existence lives
- alone
 - quietly
 - with others
 - in jail

Blueberries By Wanda Hann



Do you know how blueberries grow? They grow on bushes. Each blueberry is small and round. Many blueberries can grow on one bush. At first, the blueberries are green. The green berries are not ready to eat yet. They need a lot of sun and rain to help them become fat and sweet. When the berries turn blue, they are ripe and ready to be picked.

Some farmers grow blueberries in big fields. The people who live nearby can earn money by helping to pick the blueberries. Each one takes a pail out to the field and fills it with blueberries. They work fast so that they can fill many pails. They want to earn as much money as they can. When

they are done picking, their fingers are blue from the juice of the berries!

After the blueberries are picked, they are put into boxes and sent to stores. People buy the blueberries and take them home to eat. Some people like to wash the berries and eat them one by one. Other people like to cook with blueberries. They make blueberry muffins and pancakes.

No matter how you eat them, blueberries taste great!

11. ...who live nearby can earn money by ...
What does earn mean?
- get
 - lose
 - sell
 - share
12. What color are the blueberries before they are ready?
- blue
 - brown
 - red
 - green
13. Where do the blueberry pickers work?
- in a barn
 - in a forest
 - in a field
 - near a stream
14. What happens to blueberries after they are picked _____.
- Farmers plant them
 - They need sun and rain
 - They are put into boxes
 - They become sweet and ripe
15. What could be another title for this story?
- "All About Strawberries"
 - "How to Cook with Blueberries"
 - "Eating Blueberries"
 - "All About Blueberries"



16. "Mary is living in Miami." My friend told me that Mary _____ in Miami.
- lives
 - is living
 - was living
 - has lived
17. My mother prepared the appetizers.
I had my mom _____ the appetizers.
- prepare
 - prepared
 - prepares
 - has prepared



18. Don't _____ these things about you!
 A. let him said B. let him to say
 C. let him say D. let him saying
19. If she hadn't told me to stay, I _____.
 A. will go B. would go
 C. would have gone D. had been gone
20. HEATHER: "Don't say that!"
 HEATHER told you _____.
 A. not say that B. not to say that
 C. not saying that D. not to saying that
21. The neighbors moved away, _____?
 A. hadn't they B. had they
 C. didn't they D. did they
22. This is a _____ painting from the 18th century.
 A. well French known B. known French well
 C. French well known D. well known French
23. My sisters laughed _____ out of the whole audience.
 A. the loudest B. louder
 C. the louder D. loud
24. _____ children are studying French these days.
 A. Little B. Few
 C. Less D. Fewer
25. The man _____ cooked the meal for us is Italian.
 A. who B. whose
 C. where D. what
26. _____ tea in my cup is too hot to drink.
 A. a B. an
 C. the D. no article
27. Q: _____ does he speak to her?
 A: He speaks to her once a week.
 A. How many B. How often
 C. How much D. How well
28. We are planning to go _____ Santa Monica beach this afternoon.
 A. to B. by
 C. at D. on
29. I'm not being cruel! I'm always nice _____ him.
 A. by B. to
 C. on D. at
30. Are you talking _____ ?
 A. on me B. with me
 C. me D. to me
31. Some British people don't like modern cars and _____ some Americans.
 A. either B. nor did
 C. so did D. neither



32. The final exam will be taken next week.
 A. We will be taken the final exam next week.
 B. We have taken the final exam next week.
 C. We will take the final exam next week.
 D. We would take the final exam next week.
33. That sounds like a good job offer.
 If I _____ you, I _____ it.
 A. were / would accept B. was / would accept
 C. am / will accept D. am / accept
34. What is your goal? What will you _____ to reach your goal?
 A. have done B. have to do
 C. must done D. must do
35. "The people in the apartment upstairs must have a lot of children."
 "I don't know how many _____," but it sounds as if they have a dozen."
 A. children do they have
 B. do they have children
 C. children they have
 D. they have children
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36. Maradona is a football player of _____.
 A. Argentine B. Argentineese
 C. Argentinian D. Argentina
37. You should put banknote into _____.
 A. wallet B. bag
 C. notebook D. handbag
38. The daughter of one's brother or sister is _____.
 A. step daughter B. cousin
 C. nephew D. niece
39. 100 years is a _____.
 A. centimeter B. centery
 C. central D. century
40. _____ is the same meaning of potato chip.
 A. Crip B. Cripe
 C. Crisp D. Crips
41. After you shave your _____, you look so young .
 A. moustache B. elbow
 C. hair D. eyebrows
42. _____ is a small solid piece of medicine, made to be swallowed whole.
 A. Medicine B. Tablet
 C. Capsule D. Pill
43. My car is old, please shut the door _____.
 A. hardly B. gently
 C. strongly D. loudly

44. _____ is to cause to feel sad and without hope.

- A. Lonely
- B. Frightened
- C. Depressed
- D. Worried

45. The doctor told me to _____ in deeply.

- A. cough
- B. sneeze
- C. sleep
- D. breathe



46. Boy: I want to buy a fish.

Woman: Do you want a tropical fish or a cold water one?

Boy: I want a really colorful fish. Can you show me some of the tropical fish you have?

Question: What is the boy looking for?

- A. A tropical fish.
- B. A cold water goldfish.
- C. A real fish.
- D. A red and yellow fish.

47. Ray: I need a vacation.

Toni: How about Mexico? I heard it's beautiful at this time of year.

Ray: Maybe, but I was hoping for somewhere a little cooler.

Question: Where does Ray want to go?

- A. A place that has a cooler climate than Mexico.
- B. Mexico, because it's beautiful at this time.
- C. Toni's house in Mexico
- D. Mexico with Toni.

48. Mary: Did you have fun at the barbeque last night?

Linda: Yes, I thought the games were a great touch.

Mary: Me too. I especially liked the three-legged race.

Question: What did Linda like about the barbeque?

- A. The three-legged race
- B. The food
- C. The games
- D. Barbeque

49. Michael: My wife and I bought some great house plants yesterday.

Maria: Really? Do you have a lot of sunlight in your house?

Michael: No, so we bought some plants that have low light requirements.

Question: What kind of plants did Michael buy?

- A. Plants that don't need a lot of sunlight
- B. Plants that need a lot of sunlight
- C. Small house plants
- D. Light plants

50. Frank: I'm going to take my wife to Table Top Mountain this weekend.

Mark: That sounds interesting. Is it far?

Frank: Not too far. It's about a three-hour drive from here.

Question: How are Frank and his wife traveling to Table Top Mountain?

- A. By plane
- B. By ship
- C. By motorbike
- D. By car

Good Luck

