

Twenty-Third International Linguistics Olympiad

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Team Contest Answers

(a)

1. O	2. I	3. H	4. M	5. K	6. Q	7. D	8. J	9. P
10. G	11. A	12. N	13. B	14. F	15. E	16. C	17. L	

(b)

18. N/A	19. CC	20. II	21. RR	22. FF	23. AA	24. BB	25. N/A
26. PP	27. HH	28. DD	29. LL	30. MM	31. NN	32. OO	33. N/A
34. EE	35. N/A	36. KK	37. QQ	38. N/A	39. JJ	40. GG	41. N/A

(c) 18. Txibazûnyân Llwâ' gāxhbátâ'wân máskálykī.

25. Tebidun rô'wtę byākān lê'n dyěndkī.

33. Zěky gûk xkāl̄bāyn dáKrésěnsy.

35. Rěky rékā'n xíndéky nígyénēn.

38. Zittę mědy rāp dáKrésěnsy.

41. Xtxī'nīn rínnīdān bákātsān lógedxrę'.

(d)

1. D	2. N/A	3. E	4. B	5. N/A	6. A	7. N/A	8. F	9. C	10. N/A	11. N/A
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(e)

A. thus	B. he	C. our community that would make but a penny
D. this someone	E. N/A	F. N/A

- (f) 2. He was someone... He would help poor people.
5. He was the one that could turn into the wind and could rise as the eagle.
7. And thus was the one that if he would turn into the wind...
10. Well, he could return... he could return to help our poor community.
11. And thus is a story of this someone that helped the life of our community that would need it.

(g)

1. P	2. H	3. K	4. M	5. F	6. G	7. C	8. T	9. Q	10. S
11. L	12. A	13. O	14. G	15. I	16. N	17. J	18. E	19. B	20. D

- (h) Agentive verbs – where the subject is an agent, having a degree of volition in or control over the action – undergo a change of stem. The verb ‘be in a situation’ is not agentive. The root *bēz* has a mid tone, which causes the previous tone to become mid and the following tone to become high in *rībēzá*. The verb ‘wait’ is agentive, so *ribēzá* is derived from a change of stem: *bēz* became *běz*. This rising tone then became a mid tone followed by a high tone on the next syllable: *-bēzá*. However, since this tone was originally rising, not mid, the preceding low tone did not become mid, giving *ribēzá*.

(i)

21. dx̣byān	22. bānyān	23. rityēsān	24. baṣēdān	25. rilyānā
26. bíxa	27. dx̣bya	28. bányá	29. rityēsá	30. baṣēda

- (j) 31. Tx̣kyt̚ gūbānyá l̥'n nēzdāyn rāw gāxhbázūnyá gedxr̥'.
32. Tx̣iábadx̣ágá dbísyē tx̣irúdbéll gaxyga logedxr̥', txyáká l̥dúm.
33. P̥r tx̣irūnyá zēky gāxhrik̚ázá rát̚ n̥rik̚zdúm.
34. Tx̣iradyeka gubidx gāxhrib̥āna xm̥dy dbénny rr̥kw l̥'n kūdr̥'zy gubidx.
35. Tx̣irútx̣ir̥'zy gubidx gāxhruk̚ātsān l̥'n kūdr̥adyeka gubidx tēbāyn xs̥á'.