

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 bākātsān 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 cent
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. bānyán	23. rityēsān	24. baṣēdān	25. rilyāná
26. bíxa	27. dx̣bya	28. bányá	29. rityēsá	30. baṣēda

- (j) 31. Tx̣kytê gūbānyá l̥'n nēzdāyn rāw gāxhbázūnyá gedxrê'.
32. Tx̣iábadxāgá dbísyê txirúdbéll gaxyga logedxrê', txyáká lādúm.
33. P̥r txirūnyá zēky gāxhrikāzá rátê nirikāzdúm.
34. Txiradyeka gubidx gāxhribāna xmēdy dbénny rr̥kw l̥'n kūdrê'zy gubidx.
35. Txirútxirê'zy gubidx gāxhrukātsān l̥'n kūdradyeka gubidx tébāyn xsâ'.