

# IN ENGLISH Education

AT POZNAŃ UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY



## 13<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE OLYMPIAD FOR TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES STUDENTS

**A**round 50 future engineers chose to inaugurate the long weekend at PUT and in a competitive way, participating in the finals of the 13th edition of the English Language Olympiad for Technical Universities Students. The event organized annually by the Department of Modern Languages has drawn a response from 12 technical universities and an impressive number of 394 students, who enrolled for the first stage of

ast one of its representatives among the best accepted for the final stage in April.

The ultimate struggle took two days; the spirits were high and competitive. On Friday the 27th there was a written test challenge and a chance to speak out at the oral part of the contest. The top 10 of the most skilled at English, and the most articulate, were admitted for the final struggle on Saturday the 28th. The last day of the event started with the

the Faculty of Technical Physics, prof. dr hab. Mirosław Drozdowski. Finally the names of the winners were announced, they were 1. Michał Księżopolski – Warsaw University of Technology, 2. Anna Agnieszka Dąbrowska - Warsaw University of Technology, 3. Krzysztof Nowak - Białystok University of Technology. Congratulations! PUT students did not make it to the top this year, but the scores of Wiktor Wnuk, Marcin Błaszyk, Michał Kempka were high and promising. The participants left Poznań in good moods, some of them already declaring that they would be back.

The event has earned itself an important and fixed position in the agendas of technical universities in Poland. It is growing, attracting more and more participants each year. The organizers are catching up with the latest technologies and since last year you can like the official fanpage of our Olympiad on Facebook. Holidays are approaching, but so is edition 14, as there are only



the contest in December. Although the organizers did their best to make the competitors sweat over the test, which encompassed not only strictly language tasks, but required a lot of technical knowledge and logical thinking, the results achieved by the students are something to be proud of. Moreover, every participating university could see at le-

presentations of the best contenders. Not only did they have to show their presentation skills in English, but also prove that they follow the latest technologies and can find an application for them in another widely discussed challenge of the year, Euro 2012. The award ceremony was honoured by the Prorector elect, prof. dr hab. Jacek Goc and the Dean of

six months left to the first stage of the next English Language Olympiad for the Students of Technical Universities, so students, get ready!

Organizers  
of the English Language  
Olympiad for Technical  
Universities Students

ARE YOU GOOD AT

# SCIENTIFIC QUOTATIONS

Check your knowledge of scientific quotations. Match quotations and their eminent authors. The correct answers are given below. GOOD LUCK!

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|-----------|--|----------|-------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | Wherever smart people work, doors are unlocked.  | <b>A</b> | Bill Gates        |
| <b>2</b>  | A scientific man ought to have no wishes, no affections, - a mere heart of stone.                            | <b>B</b> | Steve Wozniak     |
| <b>3</b>  | That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind.   | <b>C</b> | Guglielmo Marconi |
| <b>4</b>  | There is nothing new to be discovered in physics now. All that remains is more and more precise measurement. | <b>D</b> | Benjamin Franklin |
| <b>5</b>  | All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered, the point is to discover them.                   | <b>E</b> | Albert Einstein   |
| <b>6</b>  | Mathematics is the language in which God has written the universe.   | <b>F</b> | Galileo Galilei   |
| <b>7</b>  | An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.   | <b>G</b> | Lord Kelvin       |
| <b>8</b>  | A question that sometimes drives me crazy: am I or are the others crazy?                                     | <b>H</b> | Galileo Galilei   |
| <b>9</b>  | Every day sees humanity more victorious in the struggle with space and time.                                 | <b>I</b> | Charles Darwin    |
| <b>10</b> | Intellectual property has the shelf life of a banana.  | <b>J</b> | Neil Armstrong    |

Key: 1.B, 2.I, 3.J, 4.G, 5.F/H, 6.F/H, 7.D, 8.E, 9.C, 10.A

ENGLISH - SPEAKING COUNTRIES QUIZ

# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## politics

How much do you know about this beautiful country? Check yourself!

The answers are given at the bottom of the page.

**1. Who was the first president of the United States following the adoption of the Constitution in 1787?**

- a. John Adams
- b. George Washington
- c. Samuel Adams
- d. Alexander Hamilton

**2. What are the three branches of the U.S. Government?**

- a. Judicial, Legislative and Presidential
- b. Executive, Judicial, Confederation
- c. Executive, Pluralist and Sovereignty
- d. Judicial, Legislative and Executive

**3. What was our first written document that established our colonial government, in 1777?**

- a. The Virginia Plan
- b. Declaration of Independence
- c. Articles of Confederation
- d. Federalist Papers

**4. Which philosopher is said to have influenced Jefferson in writing the Declaration of Independence?**

- a. John Locke
- b. Montesquieu

- c. Descartes
- d. Voltaire

**5. Which president was assassinated in 1963?**

- a. Nixon
- b. Johnson
- c. Kennedy
- d. Roosevelt

**6. 'Bi-cameral' refers to what?**

- a. Two houses of legislature
- b. Two houses the President can live in
- c. Two branches of Government
- d. Two judges allowed to retire per year

**7. How many terms of office can the President of the U.S. be elected for as President under the Constitution?**

- a. One
- b. an unlimited number
- c. three
- d. two

**8. George W. Bush, who was elected President in 2000, is from the Republican Party. Who was the last Democratic President before him?**

- a. Richard Nixon
- b. Ronald Reagan
- c. Bill Clinton
- d. Jimmy Carter

**9. Which American President is often credited with ending the Cold War with Russia?**

- a. Ronald Reagan
- b. George Bush (Senior)
- c. Bill Clinton
- d. Jimmy Carter

**10. In what year did Martin Luther King Jr. make his famous "I have a dream ..." speech in Washington, D.C.?**

- a. 1963
- b. 1965
- c. 1953
- d. 1968

Answers:  
1.B 2.D 3.C 4.A 5.C  
6.A 7.D 8.D 9.A 10.A

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