Reading Comprehension Task
"One Language – many voices:
the role of the English language for African writers"

Decide whose opinions these statements reflect: of Ngugi wa Thing'o, of Chinua Achebe, of both African writers or of neither? For the opinions that can be attributed to the writers, give the page and line number of the respective reference in the text plus the first and last word of the quote in question. Rely on the text[1] only.

1) British colonialism brought about the modern African nations. _____

   Reference: _____

2) British colonialism in Africa also had adverse effects on the local populations. _____

   Reference: _____

3) Nigeria had been a great united country even before the British came. _____

   Reference: _____

4) With the English language came Christianisation. _____

   Reference: _____

5) English was placed before African languages by British command. _____

   Reference: _____

6) Before English was made the only official language in the schools for native children, local languages had been taught at least in some of them. _____

   Reference: _____

7) English was a uniting force in Africa. _____

   Reference: _____

8) The emergence of African authors writing in European languages was part of the development that created the modern African countries. _____

   Reference: _____

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9) Today, African literature is popular also in Britain. _____

   Reference: _____

10) African literature has been inspired by oral tradition. _____

   Reference: _____

11) In the future English will no longer be needed by Africans to intercommunicate. _____

   Reference: _____

12) African languages have playful elements. _____

   Reference: _____

13) The African students saw English as a ticket abroad. _____

   Reference: _____

14) African nations are proud of their writers. _____

   Reference: _____

15) On the whole English has had a positive effect on modern Africa. _____

   Reference: _____

16) On the whole English has had a negative effect on modern Africa. _____

   Reference: _____

Solutions:

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.
Achebe	x	x					x	x							x	
N'gugi wa Thiong'o		x			x	x				x		x				x
Neither			x	x					x		x		x	x		