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Class 10 · English Olympiad

Total questions	Total marks	Time	Negative marking
50	60	60 minutes	None

Name: _____ Class/Section: _____ Roll no: _____

Each question has four options, of which only one is correct. Mark your answer on the answer sheet. The Achievers Section carries higher marks per question. Your teacher has the answers.
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Word and Structure Knowledge

30 questions · 1 mark each · 30 marks

Q1. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘accept’.

(A) reject (B) collect (C) approve (D) receive

Q2. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to ‘reluctant’.

(A) careless (B) joyful (C) unwilling (D) eager

Q3. What is the plural of ‘box’?

(A) boxs (B) boxes (C) boxen (D) boxies

Q4. A ___ of cows.

(A) swarm (B) team (C) flock (D) herd

Q5. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
She is afraid ___ the dark.

(A) with (B) by (C) of (D) from

Q6. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
They ___ playing in the garden now.

(A) are (B) is (C) was (D) be

Q7. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘ancient’.

(A) ruined (B) historic (C) modern (D) famous

Q8. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to ‘abundant’.

(A) scarce (B) fragile (C) distant (D) plentiful

Q9. What is the plural of ‘knife’?

(A) knive (B) knifes (C) knifs (D) knives

Q10. A ___ of fish.

(A) litter (B) school (C) flock (D) herd

Q11. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
Divide the sweets ___ the two boys.

(A) between (B) among (C) within (D) across

Q12. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
She ___ her homework every evening.

(A) doing (B) does (C) do (D) done

Q13. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘expand’.

(A) inflate (B) stretch (C) contract (D) enlarge

Q14. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to ‘fragile’.

(A) ancient (B) sturdy

(C) easily broken (D) noisy

Q15. What is the plural of ‘tooth’?

(A) toothes (B) teeths (C) tooths (D) teeth

Q16. A ___ of grapes.

(A) flock (B) bunch (C) fleet (D) herd

Q17. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
He has been ill ___ Monday.

(A) since (B) by (C) for (D) from

Q18. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
Yesterday I ___ to the market.

(A) went (B) gone (C) going (D) go

Q19. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘permanent’.

(A) fixed (B) lasting (C) strong (D) temporary

Q20. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to ‘ancient’.

(A) very old (B) valuable (C) foreign (D) modern

Q21. What is the plural of ‘mouse’?

(A) mice (B) mouses (C) mices (D) mouse

Q22. A ___ of sheep.

(A) school (B) flock (C) pack (D) pile

Q23. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
The train arrived ___ the station.

(A) on (B) into (C) at (D) over

Q24. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
Every day the sun ___ in the east and sets in the west.

(A) rises (B) rise (C) risen (D) rose

Q25. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘victory’.

(A) contest (B) battle (C) defeat (D) trophy

Q26. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to ‘conceal’.

(A) hide (B) repair (C) reveal (D) gather

Q27. What is the plural of ‘city’?

(A) cities (B) cityes (C) citie (D) citys

Q28. A ___ of ships.

(A) swarm (B) fleet (C) bundle (D) herd

Q29. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
She is good ___ mathematics.

(A) of (B) at (C) to (D) on

Q30. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
He has ___ his lunch already.

(A) eat (B) ate (C) eating (D) eaten

Reading

10 questions · 1 mark each · 10 marks

Q31. Read the passage and answer the question.

Meera lives in a small village near the river. Every morning she walks to school with her younger brother. The school is two kilometres away. On the way they pass a mango grove where parrots sit on the branches. Meera likes mathematics best, and she wants to become a teacher one day.

Who walks to school with Meera?

(A) Her teacher (B) Her friend

(C) Her mother (D) Her younger brother

Q32. How far is the school from Meera’s home?

(A) Two kilometres (B) Ten kilometres

(C) Five kilometres (D) One kilometre

Q33. Which subject does Meera like best?

(A) Science (B) History (C) English (D) Mathematics

Q34. What does Meera want to become?

(A) A teacher (B) A doctor (C) A farmer (D) A pilot

Q35. Read the passage and answer the question.

The Indian peacock is the national bird of India. It has a long tail with bright blue and green feathers. When it rains, the peacock spreads its tail and dances. Only the male bird has these long feathers; the female, called a peahen, has a short brown tail.

What colour is the peahen’s tail?

(A) Bright red (B) Blue and green

(C) Pure white (D) Brown

Q36. Which bird has the long, bright feathers?

(A) The male (B) Both birds (C) Neither bird (D) The female

Q37. What is the national bird of India?

(A) The peahen (B) The peacock (C) The parrot (D) The pigeon

Q38. When does the peacock dance?

(A) In winter (B) When it is hungry

(C) When it rains (D) At night

Q39. Read the passage and answer the question.

The postman comes to our street at eleven o'clock every day. He carries a heavy bag full of letters and parcels. Before mobile phones, people waited many days for news from far away, and the postman was the most welcome visitor in the village.

What does the postman carry?

(A) Letters and parcels (B) Newspapers only

(C) Vegetables (D) Medicines

Q40. When does the postman come?

(A) In the evening (B) At eleven o'clock

(C) At noon (D) At nine o'clock

Spoken and Written Expression

5 questions · 1 mark each · 5 marks

Q41. Choose the correct sentence.

(A) She has two brothers. (B) She has two brother.

(C) She having two brothers. (D) She have got two brother.

Q42. What does the idiom 'to break the ice' mean?

(A) to feel cold (B) to spoil a plan

(C) to go skating (D) to start a conversation

Q43. What does the idiom 'to hit the nail on the head' mean?

(A) to say exactly the right thing (B) to build a house

(C) to hurt oneself (D) to miss a chance

Q44. What does the idiom 'to burn the midnight oil' mean?

(A) to fall asleep (B) to cook dinner

(C) to work late into the night (D) to waste money

Q45. What does the idiom 'once in a blue moon' mean?

(A) every night (B) very rarely (C) very often (D) at sunrise

Achievers Section

5 questions · 3 marks each · 15 marks

Q46. What does the idiom ‘to break the ice’ mean?

(A) to feel cold
(B) to start a conversation
(C) to spoil a plan
(D) to go skating

Q47. What does the idiom ‘once in a blue moon’ mean?

(A) at sunrise
(B) very rarely
(C) every night
(D) very often

Q48. What does the idiom ‘a piece of cake’ mean?

(A) a small meal
(B) a rare event
(C) something very easy
(D) an expensive gift

Q49. What does the idiom ‘to burn the midnight oil’ mean?

(A) to fall asleep
(B) to work late into the night
(C) to cook dinner
(D) to waste money

Q50. What does the idiom ‘to hit the nail on the head’ mean?

(A) to hurt oneself
(B) to miss a chance
(C) to say exactly the right thing
(D) to build a house

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