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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. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
The book is ___ the table.

(A) of (B) into (C) on (D) than

Q2. The society postponed the meeting because the required minimum number of members was not present. That minimum is a ___.

(A) panel (B) forum (C) council (D) quorum

Q3. Leela met ___ European visitor known ___ sketching old forts.

(A) a; for (B) the; in (C) a; by (D) an; for

Q4. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
Look! She ___ a book right now.

(A) have read (B) is reading (C) read (D) reads

Q5. What is the plural of ‘child’?

(A) childrens (B) childs (C) children (D) childes

Q6. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
We waited ___ two hours.

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

Q7. Neither the notes nor the diagram in the guide ___ the answer clearly.

(A) explains (B) explain

(C) have explained (D) were explaining

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

(A) minute (B) ordinary (C) hollow (D) very large

Q9. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘artificial’.

(A) plastic (B) imitation (C) costly (D) natural

Q10. Cautious : reckless :: generous : ___.

(A) kind-hearted (B) wealthy (C) frugal (D) selfish

Q11. What is the plural of ‘goose’?

(A) gooses (B) geeses (C) goosen (D) geese

Q12. A ___ of bees.

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

Q13. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘scatter’.

(A) gather (B) throw (C) spread (D) divide

Q14. During yesterday's match, neither the captain nor the players ___ ready to leave before the umpire's signal.

(A) are (B) were (C) has been (D) was

Q15. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
We ___ to Delhi last summer.

(A) travels (B) travelling (C) travel (D) travelled

Q16. What is the plural of ‘woman’?

(A) women (B) womanes (C) womens (D) womans

Q17. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to ‘generous’.

(A) clumsy (B) giving (C) selfish (D) timid

Q18. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘humble’.

(A) arrogant (B) quiet (C) simple (D) modest

Q19. By the time the teacher enters, the monitor ___ the worksheets.

(A) would distribute (B) will have distributed

(C) will distribute (D) has distributed

Q20. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
I ___ my keys this morning.

(A) loses (B) lose (C) losing (D) lost

Q21. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
The cat jumped ___ the wall.

(A) of (B) during (C) over (D) among

Q22. A ___ of wolves.

(A) flock (B) fleet (C) pack (D) swarm

Q23. The principal commended Meera for her judicious handling of the dispute. Which word is closest in meaning to judicious?

(A) prudent (B) generous (C) confident (D) prompt

Q24. What is the plural of ‘leaf’?

(A) leaves (B) leafes (C) leaf (D) leafs

Q25. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to ‘courageous’.

(A) brave (B) cheerful (C) careless (D) curious

Q26. A ___ of stars.

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

Q27. Rohan gave a candid account of the incident. Which word is the best opposite of candid?

(A) courteous (B) detailed (C) hopeful (D) evasive

Q28. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to ‘vivid’.

(A) silent (B) bright and clear

(C) dull (D) heavy

Q29. Neha almost mentioned the prize before the assembly, but stopped in time; she did not want to ___.

(A) face the music after the event (B) let the cat out of the bag

(C) break the ice with the group (D) turn the tables on the team

Q30. What is the plural of ‘baby’?

(A) babyes (B) babie (C) babys (D) babies

Reading

10 questions · 1 mark each · 10 marks

Q31. Read the passage and answer the question.

Dear Kavya,

I thought hills were silent until I spent a week at my aunt's house above Nainital. Silence here is full of small sounds: pine needles rubbing in the wind, bells from mule carts, and water tapping the tin roof after sunset. Each morning my aunt walks to the market with an empty cloth bag and returns with vegetables wrapped in old newspaper. She says plastic packets roll down the slopes and choke the drains during rain.

Yesterday I wanted to take a steep shortcut to the lake. My cousin Dev stopped me because the path crosses a loose hillside where footsteps can start small slides. We used the longer road and reached later, but I noticed ferns growing from stone walls and boats rocking like folded paper. In the evening, mist covered the lower houses, leaving only their yellow windows visible.

I am bringing back pressed leaves for my notebook, not as souvenirs to show off, but to remember how slowly one must walk in a place that can be hurt by hurry.

Love,
Anaya

What is the main idea of Anaya's letter?

(A) Shortcuts save useful time
(B) Hill markets are always noisy
(C) Souvenirs prove a good trip
(D) Mountain places need patient care

Q32. Which action best follows the lesson Anaya learns?

(A) Keeping wrappers in a bag
(B) Dropping packets near drains
(C) Picking ferns from walls
(D) Running down a steep path

Q33. In the passage, "choke" means:

(A) clean by washing
(B) block by filling
(C) carry by floating
(D) cool by shading

Q34. What can be inferred about Anaya's aunt?

(A) She tries to avoid plastic
(B) She fears walking to market
(C) She dislikes old newspapers
(D) She sells vegetables daily

Q35. Why did Dev stop Anaya from taking the shortcut?

(A) It passed a closed market
(B) It ended at the wrong lake
(C) It was covered by thick mist
(D) It crossed a loose hillside

Q36. Read the passage and answer the question.

Honey bees live together in a hive. Each hive has one queen bee, a few hundred drones and thousands of worker bees. The workers collect nectar from flowers and turn it into honey. While collecting nectar they also carry pollen from flower to flower, which helps plants make seeds.

How many queen bees does a hive have?

(A) A few hundred
(B) Two
(C) One
(D) Thousands

Q37. What do bees make from nectar?

(A) Silk
(B) Honey
(C) Wax
(D) Pollen

Q38. How do bees help plants?

(A) By carrying pollen between flowers
(B) By digging the soil
(C) By eating insects
(D) By watering them

Q39. Which bees collect the nectar?

(A) All the bees
(B) The worker bees
(C) The queen bee
(D) The drones

Q40. Read the passage and answer the question.

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(C) By watering them
(D) By eating insects

Spoken and Written Expression

5 questions · 1 mark each · 5 marks

Q41. Choose the correct sentence for an unreal present condition.

(A) If I were the monitor, I will check the list.
(B) If I am the monitor, I would check the list.
(C) If I were the monitor, I would check the list.
(D) If I was the monitor, I would check the list.

Q42. The practice began at 6 yesterday. Choose the correct sentence.

(A) Neither the captain or the players were late.
(B) Neither the captain nor the players are late.
(C) Neither the captain nor the players was late.
(D) Neither the captain nor the players were late.

Q43. What does the idiom ‘to let the cat out of the bag’ mean?

(A) to buy a pet
(B) to reveal a secret
(C) to make a mistake
(D) to lose something

Q44. Librarian: 'The reference book cannot be taken home.' Choose the most suitable student reply.

(A) I understand. May I read it from the library?
(B) I understand. May I read it in the library?
(C) I understand. May I read it in the libraries?
(D) I understand. May I issue it in the library?

Q45. Rearrange to form a meaningful sentence: seldom / does / Meera / miss / the morning assembly.

(A) Seldom does Meera miss the morning assembly.
(B) Seldom Meera does miss the morning assembly.
(C) Meera does miss seldom the morning assembly.
(D) Does Meera seldom miss the morning assembly.

Achievers Section

5 questions · 3 marks each · 15 marks

Q46. Neither the captain nor the players ___ willing to accept the unfair result.

(A) has been (B) was (C) is (D) are

Q47. What does the idiom ‘to let the cat out of the bag’ mean?

(A) to make a mistake
(B) to reveal a secret
(C) to lose something
(D) to buy a pet

Q48. After the missing receipt was found, Meena felt ___; her claim had been doubted all week.

(A) cornered (B) accused (C) vindicated (D) mistaken

Q49. In 'Anil's advice planted a seed of doubt in Rohan's mind', what does 'planted a seed' suggest?

(A) started a doubt that might grow
(B) proved a doubt beyond question
(C) removed a doubt that was growing
(D) shared a doubt with everyone

Q50. After losing the final, Anita smiled at her friends, but the unopened box of sweets went home with her. What is implied?

(A) She planned to share sweets later
(B) She hid her disappointment
(C) She was proud of the result
(D) She accepted defeat cheerfully

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