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Class 5 · 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 ‘victory’.

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

Q2. What is the plural of ‘city’?

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

Q3. Neither the captain nor the players ___ ready for the match.

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

Q4. A ___ of bees.

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

Q5. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
Look! She ___ a book right now.

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

Q6. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to ‘generous’.

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

Q7. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘accept’.

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

Q8. What is the plural of ‘knife’?

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

Q9. Choose the word that best completes the contrast: The pond is shallow near the steps but ___ in the middle.

(A) deep (B) clear (C) wide (D) full

Q10. A ___ of wolves.

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

Q11. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘ancient’.

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

Q12. Fill in the blank with the correct article:
He is ___ best student in the class.

(A) an (B) a (C) the (D) some

Q13. The kite flew ___ the school roof and landed in the field behind it.

(A) under (B) inside (C) over (D) between

Q14. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
They ___ playing in the garden now.

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

Q15. When Meena said the puzzle was a piece of cake, she meant it was ___.

(A) full of questions (B) sweet to eat

(C) very easy (D) hard to finish

Q16. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
He has ___ his lunch already.

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

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

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

Q18. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
She is afraid ___ the dark.

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

Q19. What is the plural of ‘goose’?

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

Q20. The guide ___ us to enter the garden after the rain stopped.

(A) allowd (B) allude (C) aloud (D) allowed

Q21. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
Every day the sun ___ in the east and sets in the west.

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

Q22. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to ‘weary’.

(A) angry (B) alert (C) polite (D) tired

Q23. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
Divide the sweets ___ the two boys.

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

Q24. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘humble’.

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

Q25. Choose the word that must be changed: The box of mangoes are on the kitchen table.

(A) of (B) on (C) are (D) The

Q26. A ___ of sheep.

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

Q27. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to ‘reluctant’.

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

Q28. What is the plural of ‘woman’?

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

Q29. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to ‘vivid’.

(A) dull (B) bright and clear

(C) heavy (D) silent

Q30. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
The book is ___ the table.

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

Reading

10 questions · 1 mark each · 10 marks

Q31. Read the passage and answer the question.

A stepwell is a deep well reached by a long flight of steps. Such wells are seen in several dry parts of India. In hot months, the water level may sink, so the steps let people walk down safely to it. The stone walls are thick, and the lower landings often feel cooler than the open ground. Long ago, travellers could rest there in the shade while villagers filled pots. Rainwater from the surrounding ground entered the well through small channels. If leaves or mud blocked these channels, less water would collect. That is why people swept the area before the rainy season. A stepwell may have carved pillars and arches, but it was not built only for decoration. Its chief work was to store water and make it reachable. Visitors should move slowly, keep away from edges, and never write on the stone.

Which visitor follows the passage’s advice?

(A) one who writes a name on stone (B) one who walks slowly away from edges

(C) one who leans over to see water (D) one who runs down the steps

Q32. What was the chief work of a stepwell, according to the passage?

(A) to mark the edge of a village (B) to store water and make it reachable

(C) to display carvings for decoration (D) to keep travellers away from shade

Q33. In the passage, what does “blocked” mean?

(A) cleaned for the rainy season (B) covered with carved stones

(C) made deeper than before (D) stopped from letting water pass

Q34. Why did people sweep around a stepwell before the rainy season?

(A) to make the stone carvings shine (B) to stop people from using steps

(C) to keep the water channels clear (D) to fill the pots more slowly

Q35. Which heading best suits the passage?

(A) Stepwells: Water, Shade and Care
(B) Games Played on Village Steps
(C) Stone Carvings and Painted Walls
(D) Pots Used by Old Travellers

Q36. Read the passage and answer the question.

At the bus stop near Meera's school, a dusty patch lay beside the wall. The science club planned to plant marigolds there. Rohan wanted to pour all the water at once and finish quickly. Meera said the soil would run off, so they gave small amounts in the morning and evening. They wrote plant names on old ice-cream sticks. During a hot week, the guard forgot that the watering can was locked in the shed. Meera brought an extra bottle from home and shared it between the plants. One plant near the road drooped. She noticed tyre marks and moved a bamboo ring closer to protect it. After ten days, buds appeared on two plants, while the drooping plant made new leaves. At assembly, the teacher praised the club, but Meera asked the class to thank the bus stop cleaners because they had swept around the patch without stepping in it. Rohan said, "Our garden needed more than water; it needed careful eyes."

What did the science club plan to plant in the dusty patch?

(A) jasmine plants
(B) sunflowers
(C) tomato plants
(D) marigolds

Q37. Which sentence best gives the main idea of the story?

(A) A garden grows well with steady care.
(B) A garden needs labels more than water.
(C) A club should finish work quickly.
(D) A patch becomes safe by itself.

Q38. What can we infer about Meera from her actions?

(A) She is hurried and careless.
(B) She is proud and unfriendly.
(C) She is observant and helpful.
(D) She is silent and fearful.

Q39. Why did Meera water the plants with her own bottle?

(A) the watering can was locked in the shed
(B) the plant labels were not ready
(C) the cleaners had swept the patch
(D) the seeds were planted too deep

Q40. In the passage, what does "drooped" mean?

(A) grew straight upward
(B) spread across the soil
(C) changed colour quickly
(D) bent down weakly

Spoken and Written Expression

5 questions · 1 mark each · 5 marks

Q41. Rearrange the words: why / did / the / bell / ring / early

(A) Why did ring the bell early?
(B) Why the bell did ring early?
(C) Why did the bell rang early?
(D) Why did the bell ring early?

Q42. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

(A) "Please wait Anu," said Meera.
(B) "Please wait, Anu" said Meera.
(C) "Please wait, Anu," said Meera.
(D) "Please wait, Anu," Said Meera.

Q43. Choose the correct word:
Their / There / They're — ___ going to the park.

(A) There (B) Their (C) They're (D) Theirs

Q44. Rearrange: always / check / your / homework / before / submitting / it. Choose the correct sentence.

(A) Always your homework check before submitting it.

(B) Check always your homework before submitting it.

(C) Always check your homework before it submitting.

(D) Always check your homework before submitting it.

Q45. Choose the correct word:
She wrote a ___ to her friend.

(A) latter (B) letter (C) later (D) litter

Achievers Section

5 questions · 3 marks each · 15 marks

Q46. Although the climb was steep, Dev reached the top. Which sentence has the same meaning?

(A) Dev stopped because the climb was steep

(B) Dev found the climb completely flat

(C) Dev reached the top despite the steep climb

(D) Dev reached the top before the climb

Q47. Though the boat rocked in the wind, the captain spoke in a ___ voice, so the children stopped worrying.

(A) faint (B) formal (C) stern (D) steady

Q48. Neither Sia nor her friends ___ the answer yet.

(A) knows (B) is knowing (C) has known (D) know

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

(A) to work late into the night

(B) to cook dinner

(C) to fall asleep

(D) to waste money

Q50. Priya told Naman, 'I am not unwilling to help.' What does Priya mean?

(A) She refuses to help

(B) She has finished helping

(C) She needs help herself

(D) She is willing to help

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