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Class 8 · 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 word or phrase closest in meaning to ‘generous’.

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

Q2. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
Yesterday I ___ to the market.

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

Q3. Which verb form shows completion before the bus reached Jaipur? Nisha ___ her return ticket.

(A) was booking (B) had booked (C) will book (D) has booked

Q4. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘permanent’.

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

Q5. A ___ of sheep.

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

Q6. What is the plural of ‘city’?

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

Q7. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
She is good ___ mathematics.

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

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

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

Q9. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
Every day the sun ___ in the east and sets in the west.

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

Q10. The coach agreed ___ help, but did not agree ___ Ravi's opinion.

(A) to; with (B) with; to (C) for; on (D) on; for

Q11. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘accept’.

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

Q12. A ___ of cows.

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

Q13. What is the plural of ‘leaf’?

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

Q14. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
Divide the sweets ___ the two boys.

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

Q15. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to ‘vivid’.

(A) bright and clear (B) heavy

(C) silent (D) dull

Q16. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
She ___ her homework every evening.

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

Q17. Choose the passive voice of: The librarian issued two cards to Aman.

(A) Two cards are issued to Aman by the librarian. (B) Two cards were issued for Aman by the librarian.

(C) Two cards were issued to Aman by the librarian. (D) Two cards were being issued to Aman by the librarian.

Q18. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘humble’.

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

Q19. A ___ of ships.

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

Q20. What is the plural of ‘box’?

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

Q21. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
The train arrived ___ the station.

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

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

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

Q23. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
I ___ my keys this morning.

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

Q24. Choose the word that completes the analogy: whisper : speak :: stroll : ___.

(A) run (B) walk (C) travel (D) wander

Q25. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘scatter’.

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

Q26. A ___ of wolves.

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

Q27. What is the plural of ‘mouse’?

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

Q28. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
The book is ___ the table.

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

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

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

Q30. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
Look! She ___ a book right now.

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

Reading

10 questions · 1 mark each · 10 marks

Q31. 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.

Why was the postman so welcome?

(A) He sold sweets (B) He repaired radios

(C) He taught children (D) He brought news from far away

Q32. When does the postman come?

(A) In the evening (B) At nine o’clock

(C) At eleven o’clock (D) At noon

Q33. What does the postman carry?

(A) Vegetables (B) Letters and parcels

(C) Newspapers only (D) Medicines

Q34. 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.

What does Meera want to become?

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

Q35. How far is the school from Meera's home?

(A) Ten kilometres (B) Two kilometres

(C) One kilometre (D) Five kilometres

Q36. Which subject does Meera like best?

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

Q37. Who walks to school with Meera?

(A) Her friend (B) Her younger brother

(C) Her teacher (D) Her mother

Q38. 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) Pure white (B) Blue and green

(C) Brown (D) Bright red

Q39. What is the national bird of India?

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

Q40. When does the peacock dance?

(A) In winter (B) At night

(C) When it is hungry (D) When it rains

Spoken and Written Expression

5 questions · 1 mark each · 5 marks

Q41. Choose the correct sentence.

(A) The children are playing. (B) The child are playing.

(C) The children is playing. (D) The childrens is playing.

Q42. What does the idiom 'to hit the nail on the head' mean?

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

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

Q43. What does the idiom ‘to break the ice’ mean?

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

Q44. What does the idiom ‘a piece of cake’ mean?

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

Q45. What does the idiom ‘to burn the midnight oil’ mean?

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

Achievers Section

5 questions · 3 marks each · 15 marks

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Q50. What does the idiom ‘once in a blue moon’ mean?

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

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