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Class 9 · English Olympiad

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

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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 cat jumped ___ the wall.

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

Q2. A person who studies the origin and history of words is an ___ .

(A) anthropologist (B) entomologist
(C) etymologist (D) archaeologist

Q3. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
I ___ my keys this morning.

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

Q4. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘ancient’.

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

Q5. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to ‘conceal’.

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

Q6. What is the plural of ‘woman’?

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

Q7. A ___ of sheep.

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

Q8. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
Divide the sweets ___ the two boys.

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

Q9. After wasting money, Arjun decided to turn over a new leaf. He would ___ .

(A) try a different notebook

(B) explain why he was late

(C) forget the matter politely

(D) change his behaviour for the better

Q10. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
They ___ playing in the garden now.

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

Q11. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘accept’.

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

Q12. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to ‘fragile’.

(A) noisy

(B) ancient

(C) easily broken

(D) sturdy

Q13. What is the plural of ‘tooth’?

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

Q14. A ___ of bees.

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

Q15. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
She is afraid ___ the dark.

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

Q16. A week later, report: Rohan said, "I completed the chart yesterday."

(A) Rohan said that he completed the chart the previous day

(B) Rohan said that I had completed the chart the previous day

(C) Rohan said that he had completed the chart yesterday

(D) Rohan said that he had completed the chart the previous day

Q17. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
Look! She ___ a book right now.

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

Q18. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘permanent’.

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

Q19. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to ‘abundant’.

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

Q20. What is the plural of ‘box’?

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

Q21. A ___ of grapes.

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

Q22. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
We waited ___ two hours.

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

Q23. In 'The bridge design is feasible,' feasible is closest in meaning to ___ .

(A) certain to succeed
(B) practical to carry out
(C) simple to describe
(D) cheap to complete

Q24. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
We ___ to Delhi last summer.

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

Q25. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘humble’.

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

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

(A) bright and clear
(B) dull
(C) heavy
(D) silent

Q27. What is the plural of ‘knife’?

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

Q28. A ___ of cows.

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

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

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

Q30. Choose the correctly spelt word.

(A) accomodation
(B) acommodation
(C) accommodasion
(D) accommodation

Reading

10 questions · 1 mark each · 10 marks

Q31. 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 do bees help plants?

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

Q32. What do bees make from nectar?

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

Q33. How many queen bees does a hive have?

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

Q34. Which bees collect the nectar?

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

Q35. 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 farmer
(B) A pilot
(C) A doctor
(D) A teacher

Q36. How far is the school from Meera's home?

(A) Five kilometres
(B) Ten kilometres
(C) Two kilometres
(D) One kilometre

Q37. Who walks to school with Meera?

(A) Her friend
(B) Her teacher
(C) Her younger brother
(D) Her mother

Q38. Which subject does Meera like best?

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

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.

Why was the postman so welcome?

(A) He repaired radios
(B) He taught children
(C) He brought news from far away
(D) He sold sweets

Q40. When does the postman come?

(A) In the evening
(B) At noon
(C) At eleven o'clock
(D) At nine o'clock

Spoken and Written Expression

5 questions · 1 mark each · 5 marks

Q41. What does the idiom 'once in a blue moon' mean?

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

Q42. Choose the correct sentence.

(A) The children are playing.
(B) The childrens is playing.
(C) The children is playing.
(D) The child are playing.

Q43. What does the idiom ‘to burn the midnight oil’ mean?

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

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

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

Q45. What does the idiom ‘to let the cat out of the bag’ mean?

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

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 ‘to hit the nail on the head’ mean?

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

Q48. What does the idiom ‘once in a blue moon’ mean?

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

Q49. What does the idiom ‘to let the cat out of the bag’ mean?

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

Q50. What does the idiom ‘a piece of cake’ mean?

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

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