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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 form of the verb:
Yesterday I ___ to the market.

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

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

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

Q3. What is the plural of ‘baby’?

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

Q4. In the line 'The notice was concise, yet everyone understood it,' concise means ___.

(A) quick and informal (B) small and plain

(C) brief and clear (D) short and abrupt

Q5. A ___ of wolves.

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

Q6. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘scatter’.

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

Q7. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
He has ___ his lunch already.

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

Q8. After two poor rounds, the team refused to throw in the towel and chose to ___.

(A) change players (B) request a pause

(C) continue trying (D) accept defeat

Q9. A ___ of ships.

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

Q10. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
He has been ill ___ Monday.

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

Q11. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘victory’.

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

Q12. What is the plural of ‘child’?

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

Q13. Rohan said, 'Don't count your chickens before they hatch' when the results were not out. He meant ___.

(A) do not assume success too early (B) do not ignore small early signs

(C) do not share news with everyone (D) do not delay work until results

Q14. Change to passive: The librarian issued the cards yesterday.

(A) The cards were being issued by the librarian yesterday (B) The cards had been issued by the librarian yesterday

(C) The librarian was issued the cards yesterday (D) The cards were issued by the librarian yesterday

Q15. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘expand’.

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

Q16. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
Every day the sun ___ in the east and sets in the west.

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

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

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

Q18. What is the plural of ‘city’?

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

Q19. Neither the coach nor the players ___ willing to blame the wet ground.

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

Q20. A ___ of fish.

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

Q21. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
The book is ___ the table.

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

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

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

Q23. Neither the guide nor the tourists ___ aware that the museum closes early on Fridays.

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

Q24. A ___ of stars.

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

Q25. At the end of the science reader, Anu used the list that explains difficult terms. Which one word names it?

(A) index (B) preface (C) glossary (D) appendix

Q26. Choose the OPPOSITE of ‘artificial’.

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

Q27. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
She ___ her homework every evening.

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

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

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

Q29. What is the plural of ‘mouse’?

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

Q30. Take your raincoat ___ the sky looks clear; the weather may change.

(A) although (B) because (C) unless (D) so that

Reading

10 questions · 1 mark each · 10 marks

Q31. Read the passage and answer the question.

Nila Lake lies at the quiet edge of Sundarpur, where the last row of houses gives way to tamarind trees. In summer, the water shrinks and leaves a pale ring of mud on the stones. After the rains, it rises till the steps of the old bathing ghat almost disappear. Dawn is the best time to see it. The first light turns the ripples silver, and egrets stand in the shallows like folded paper. A fisherman knots his net without hurry, while a tea seller opens his stall under a blue tarpaulin. Even he speaks softly, as if loud words might break the lake's thin quiet. On one side, reed mats dry on a rope, their frayed edges moving in the breeze. On the other, two schoolboys collect wrappers before the morning walkers arrive. A wooden sign requests visitors to carry their waste back. Nothing at the lake seems grand or new, yet each small action makes the place feel carefully shared.

In the passage, "frayed" edges are edges that are:

(A) bright and newly coloured (B) heavy and filled with water

(C) smooth and neatly polished (D) worn and loose at the ends

Q32. Which visitor best follows the spirit of the wooden sign?

(A) one who takes snack wrappers home (B) one who hides waste under the reeds

(C) one who leaves cups near the steps (D) one who throws peels into the water

Q33. What is the main idea of the description?

(A) The lake is busy only after sunset (B) The lake is famous for grand buildings

(C) The lake is cared for through small acts (D) The lake is unsafe after the rains

Q34. Which detail shows that fishing is part of the lake's morning life?

(A) a fisherman knots his net
(B) walkers arrive in the morning
(C) reed mats dry on a rope
(D) egrets stand in the shallows

Q35. Why does the tea seller speak softly?

(A) to keep the tarpaulin steady
(B) to frighten birds from the steps
(C) to call the morning walkers
(D) to preserve the lake's quiet mood

Q36. Read the passage and answer the question.

On the morning of the school craft fair, Meera carried a painted tray she had made from old cardboard. At the gate, her younger brother stumbled, and a corner of the tray cracked. Meera was reluctant to display it, but her teacher asked her to walk through the stalls before deciding. Near the back wall sat a potter with clay whistles shaped like small birds. Most children passed him because the next stall had brighter toys. Meera noticed that each whistle made a slightly different note. She arranged them from the deepest sound to the highest and persuaded the potter to play a simple tune. The tune was uneven, yet it made many students stop. Soon they were trying to guess which bird made which note. For the first time that morning, the crack in her tray seemed unimportant. When the judges came, Meera did not ask them to see her tray first. She showed them how the whistles could teach sound through a village craft. She received a special mention, not for the prettiest object, but for helping others notice it.

In the passage, "reluctant" means Meera was:

(A) eager to begin at once
(B) unwilling to do something
(C) certain of winning first
(D) confused about the route

Q37. What can be inferred about the judges?

(A) They preferred plastic toys
(B) They disliked cardboard work
(C) They ignored student effort
(D) They valued learning through a craft

Q38. Which is the best main idea of the story?

(A) A spoiled plan can lead to useful creativity
(B) Village crafts are always difficult to sell
(C) Only painted objects deserve fair prizes
(D) Judges mainly reward neat decoration

Q39. What drew the first crowd to the whistle stall?

(A) the potter played a tune
(B) Meera repainted her tray
(C) the judge announced a prize
(D) children bought brighter toys

Q40. Why did the cracked tray stop troubling Meera?

(A) Meera had bought a clay whistle
(B) Meera had repaired the broken corner
(C) Meera had hidden the tray from judges
(D) Meera had helped people notice the craft

Spoken and Written Expression

5 questions · 1 mark each · 5 marks

Q41. Choose the sentence that fits a real future condition.

(A) If the train will be late, we will call home.
(B) If the train is late, we would call home.
(C) If the train was late, we will call home.
(D) If the train is late, we will call home.

Q42. Ravi: Would you mind closing the window? It is noisy outside. Neha: ___

(A) Not at all. I closed it now.

(B) Not at all. I'll close them now.

(C) Not at all. I'll close it now.

(D) Not at all. I would close it now.

Q43. Teacher: Please submit your project by Monday. Student: ___

(A) Certainly, ma'am. I will submit it by the Monday.

(B) Certainly, ma'am. I will submit it within Monday.

(C) Certainly, ma'am. I submitted it by Monday.

(D) Certainly, ma'am. I will submit it by Monday.

Q44. Arrange the words: hardly / had / the bell / rung / when / the class / began

(A) Hardly the bell had rung when the class began.

(B) Hardly had the bell rung when the class began.

(C) Had hardly the bell rung when the class began.

(D) Hardly had rung the bell when the class began.

Q45. Which request is most suitable in an email to the librarian about extending a book loan?

(A) Could I please keep the book for two more days?

(B) I am keeping the book for two more days.

(C) You must extend my book for two days.

(D) Let me keep the book two days more.

Achievers Section

5 questions · 3 marks each · 15 marks

Q46. The committee found Riya's account ___ because it matched the logbook and two witnesses.

(A) creditable (B) credible (C) credulous (D) incredible

Q47. In a story, Ravi says, 'I nearly missed the bus.' What must be true?

(A) He missed the bus by a long time.

(B) He chose not to board the bus.

(C) He caught the bus, but just in time.

(D) He reached the stop very early.

Q48. Choose the best word: The new lab rules are ___: students must label every sample and clean the table before leaving.

(A) excessive (B) explicit (C) extensive (D) expressive

Q49. The coach called the loss ___ because the team stopped practising, not because the opponents were unbeatable.

(A) avoidable (B) inevitable (C) accidental (D) dramatic

Q50. Fill in the blank: Neither the captain nor the players ___ aware of the schedule change when the bus arrived.

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

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