



CREST English Olympiad (CEO)

Sample Paper

Pattern and Marking Scheme

Grade	Topic/Section	No. of Questions	Marks per Question	Total Marks
Grade 7	English Language	40	1	40
	Achiever's Section	10	2	20
Grand Total		50		60

The total duration of the exam is 60 minutes.

Syllabus

Section 1: Spellings, Collocations and Words related to Travel, Locations, Activities, Homonyms and Homophones, etc. Synonyms, Antonyms, Analogies and Spellings, One Word, Phrasal Verbs and Idioms, Modals, Word order, Nouns, Pronouns, Verbs, Adverbs, Adjectives, Articles, Prepositions, Conjunctions, Punctuation, Tenses, Voices and Narration, etc., Information Retrieval from News Stories, Brochures, Formal and Informal Letters, Advertisements, Brochures, Itinerary, Short Narratives, Biographies, Notices and Messages etc., Spoken and Written Expressions like Requesting and Refusing, Apologies and Stating of Preferences and Expression of Intent, etc.

Achievers Section: Higher Order Thinking Questions - Syllabus as per Section 1

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English Language (Each Question is 1 Mark)

1. Read the advertisement and answer the question given below:
The term 'all inclusive' refers to

TRAVEL AND TOURS
Attractive package available for Maldives.
Four nights, five days. Stay at 3-star hotel,
sight-seeing, breakfast and dinner all
inclusive Rs. 10,000 per person. 20 percent
discount for early bookings.
Contact Moon Star Travels, 9124563290

- a. the package cost of visiting Maldives
b. the total amount paid by a person to avail the services
c. package cost which includes all the services
d. either a or b
2. Choose a word similar to the given word from the given set of options:
propel
- a. drive
b. jettison
c. burst
d. acclimatise
3. Choose a word similar to the given word from the given set of options:
graphic
- a. blurred
b. misty
c. vivid
d. instructive
4. Choose a word similar to the given word from the given set of options:
pacify
- a. offend
b. outrage
c. calm
d. remit
5. Choose the word opposite to the given word from the given set of options:
differences
- a. reassemble
b. discrimination
c. dissimilarities
d. agreement
6. Read the given sentence and select the one which best expresses in Passive/Active voice:
Will they meet him at the party?



- a. Will, he met at the party by them?
- b. Will he be met at the party by them?
- c. Will he being met in the party by them?
- d. Will be been met in the party by them?

7. Choose the correct meaning of proverb/idiom:
to be above board

- a. to be tall
- b. to be honest in any business deal
- c. to have no debts
- d. to travel

8. Spot the error which has to be replaced to make the statement grammatically correct:
Despite of their differences in beliefs and worships, they all stayed united.

- a. despite their
- b. despite of the
- c. despite for their
- d. despite off their

9. Read the passage and answer the question:

It is 6:15 a.m. in the morning and I heard my mom saying it's time to wake up. Once I wake up, I will go to brush my teeth and then take a shower. After my shower, I have to get dressed and eat my breakfast. After eating, I have to go to school and my mom has packed lunch for me. After your school hours, you get back home. My mom teaches me my school subjects and helps me with my homework. I will play for a while before dinner and I will go to sleep. This is my routine and I am bored with it. I need a vacation.

Billy is _____.

- a. spiritless
- b. reposeful
- c. lethargic
- d. nervous

10. Read the passage and fill in the blank:

In the desert region, you can find a plant which is called cactus. Usually, these plants are grown in a very hot and dry place. These plants don't have leaves, instead, they have spiny needles which stick out of their stems. They grow in many shapes; some are small and round while some are tall like columns or pillars. They also grow as trees or shrubs while others grow by covering the ground. The flowers which grow on cactus are big in size and most of them bloom at night. The reason why the flower blossoms during night is that the insects or small animals which come out during night carry pollen from one cactus to another. Most cacti are found in North and South America. Others are found in North Africa, Madagascar, and Sri Lanka. They have small leaves, avoiding the water to stay within the leaves. The water inside the leaves evaporates as it changes its state from liquid to gas. As water becomes a gas, it is light enough to move through the air which in turn is bad for the cactus because the cactus needs water to live. To avoid the water to run down the stem, some cacti have waxy coatings. Also, they absorb water from fog in the air as it does not rain very much in the desert.

The cactus are grown in _____.

- a. North and South America
- b. Northern Europe
- c. South Africa
- d. humid region

11. Choose the option which can replace the underlined part in the given sentence to make the sentence grammatically correct:
Aristotle was one of the wisest man that ever lived.
- a. one of the wisest men
b. one wise men
c. one of the wise men
d. one wiser man
12. Which of the given options has the similar meaning to the given word?
haphazard
- a. harmful
b. random
c. hinder
d. exhausted
13. Complete the sentence using the most suitable article:
Q: What did you get for your birthday?
A: I got _____ lot of wishes and gifts.
- a. a
b. the
c. both a and b
d. no article
14. Complete the sentence using the most suitable article:
Q: How is your grandfather? I thought of meeting him at the hospital.
A: He's _____ little tired and sick, but it's nothing serious.
- a. a
b. the
c. both a and b
d. no article
15. Fill in the blanks with the correct conjunctions:
_____ Willis _____ Smith said anything about the interview results.
- a. Neither/nor
b. Either/or
c. But/or
d. Yet/so
16. Fill in the blank with the correct conjunction:
_____ Nyasha has a fear of heights, she loves walking on the sky bridge.
- a. Even if
b. Since
c. Because
d. Although
17. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
His professional abilities prove that he is cut _____ for this job.
- a. down
b. up
c. out
d. off
18. Fill in the blank using the most appropriate preposition:
Burglars broke _____ his house late at night.
- a. to
b. in
c. for
d. into

19. Fill in the blank using the most appropriate pronoun:
Between you and _____, he is a musician.
- a. I
c. him
- b. me
d. all of the above
20. Identify the different kinds of nouns for the words that are given in quotes:
A "bench" of seven judges heard the case.
- a. common noun
c. collective noun
- b. proper noun
d. abstract noun
21. Identify the kind of noun for the word that is given in quotes:
Never tell a "lie".
- a. common noun
c. collective noun
- b. proper noun
d. abstract noun
22. Choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word:
instil
- a. infuse
c. conspire
- b. extract
d. diminish
23. Choose the correct verb form or tenses from the options to complete the statement:
I _____ something fishy. Can you please verify if this is right?
- a. smell
c. have been smelling
- b. am smelling
d. was smelling
24. Choose the correct verb form or tenses from the options to complete the statement:
Look, the Sun _____ over the mountains. This view is wonderful.
- a. rise
c. is rise
- b. rises
d. is rising
25. Choose the correct verb form or tenses from the options to complete the statement:
We _____ our homework as soon as we came home.
- a. finished
c. finish
- b. have finished
d. had finished

26. Answer the following question based on the information given:

A study in 2004 found that the act of chewing activates some of the same neural circuits that help form memories. Meanwhile, a University of Rhode Island study found that chewing gum can act as an appetite suppressant, greatly reducing the number of calories we consume, because chewing it stimulates the nerves in our brain responsible for satiety.

Chewing gums can help:

- a. those who are trying to lose weight
- b. those who are suffering from memory loss
- c. both a and b
- d. those who are careless

27. Fill in the blank using the correct option:

This will probably be the _____ achievement of her sports career, after coming back from retirement.

- a. bulbous
- b. average
- c. crowning
- d. widespread

28. Read the composition and answer the question:

Admission open!

Age group 5 years and above

Summer Camp – Let your children learn and explore their hidden talents. The duration of the programme is for 15 days which includes singing, dancing, and swimming.

Timings are from – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

This will be a perfect place where you can leave your children during their boring summer holidays!

Book today! Limited seats only! Please login to our website for registration.

Have they given any contact information?

- a. no
- b. complete address is given
- c. yes phone number is given there
- d. yes website is mentioned which is a contact detail

29. Read the composition and answer the question:

If a person faces any danger, the change of nature one undergoes is great. People out of fear feel numbness, standing still without able to think or move a step in fright. Once, I went to rescue a dog which was sealed inside a locked house. The dog was in panic and standing still without knowing what he should do. I managed to open the door where I saw that the dog unable to move. I managed to squeeze inside the door and caught the dog. I made sure that he felt secured by rubbing his back. Firstly, I took him to a Vet and then brought him home.

If a person faces danger, immediately he goes _____.

- a. numb
- b. dumb
- c. deaf
- d. happy

30. Complete the conversation by filling in the appropriate response:

Can you explain why she did that?'

Sara: ' _____ '

- a. Heaven alone will say.
- b. Heaven alone speaks.
- c. Heaven only says.
- d. Heaven only knows.

31. Replace the erroneous part using the correct option:

The moment the department came to know about the involvement of their officer, they order immediately to dismiss him.

- a. immediately ordered his dismissed
- b. ordered his immediate dismissal
- c. immediately order dismissal of his
- d. ordered for immediately dismissal of him

32. Replace the erroneous part using the correct option:

If he has to write the entire document again, it was really a waste of time.

- a. is a real waste
- b. has really a waste
- c. has a really waste
- d. is really a waste

33. Fill in the blank with the correct verb form:

Can you _____ me where he lives? I need to get an appointment with him.

- a. told
- b. tell
- c. tells
- d. telling

34. Fill in the blanks using appropriate adjectives:

Jemima is a _____ woman, but Lisa is _____ than Jemima, and Helen is the _____ woman in town.

- a. rich, richer, richest
- b. richest, richer, rich
- c. richer, rich, richest
- d. all of the above

35. Fill in the blank using appropriate adjective:

The quicker you finish this project, the _____ it will be.

- a. good
- b. goodest
- c. better
- d. all of the above

36. Choose the best option to replace the quoted words:

The girl was not ready to marry an unknown man. However, her silence was 'taken to mean' consent.

- a. construed as
- b. contemplated as
- c. defined as
- d. translated as

37. Read the composition and answer the question:

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Spain's European wars, however, led to economic damage, and the latter part of the 17th century saw a gradual decline of power under an increasingly neglectful and inept Habsburg regime. The decline culminated in the War of the Spanish Succession, where Spain's decline from the position of a leading Western power to that of a secondary one, was confirmed, although it remained the leading colonial power.

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Which century saw a new dynasty?



- a. 17th century
- b. 18th century
- c. 16th century
- d. all of the above

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What is the meaning of the term 'culminated'?

- a. decline from the position of a leading power
- b. guide or transform
- c. reach the highest point
- d. remain the leading power

39. Read the composition and answer the question:

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Which state was most powerful during the 16th century?

- a. Castile
- b. Europe
- c. Spain
- d. all of the above

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The Kingdom of Spain was created with the unification of the _____ and _____.

- a. Kingdom of Castile and the Kingdom of Aragon
- b. Kingdom of Castile and the Kingdom of Aragon
- c. Kingdom of Castile and the Kingdom of Aragon
- d. Kingdom of Castile and the Kingdom of Aragon

Achievers' Section (Each Question is 2 Marks)

41. Choose the correct meaning of the proverb/idiom:

I am sure they will play 'tooth and nail', as they are aware of their ranking.

- a. with all their might
- b. without any other weapon
- c. resorting to violence
- d. very cowardly

42. Replace the erroneous part using the correct option:

The judges have so far unanimously rewarded the best of the performers every year.

- a. the best among the performer
- b. a best among performer
- c. the best of the performer
- d. no correction required

43. Read the passage and answer the question:

In Malaysia, the elephant is a symbol of conservation. Due to rampant development, Malaysian virtually impossible for them to roam without encroaching into plantations, estates and villages. In this context, elephants are considered a nuisance. This is where the translocation team comes in. The center is often called to relocate elephants from unwelcome territories to national parks. Wild elephants can be dangerous if threatened. The center's elephants are brought long to give moral support to wild ones who are frightened, angry, and confused at being captured and chained. Two working elephants flank a single wild elephant, touching it with their trunk, providing comfort, and calm in a slow and delicate process. But knowledge is crucial to creating awareness, especially among the uneducated general public. Usually, it is not elephants that trespass into human territory. Rather, humans are the ones encroaching into elephant territory. The center has noble goals but lacks ample funds to realize its vision. The objective is clear but the process is slow. We may all have to do what we can to help.

According to the passage, what is the threat that makes wild elephants dangerous?

- a. scarcity of food
- b. deforestation
- c. rehabilitating the elephants
- d. flood water

44. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable option:

Have you ever heard of _____ Halloween? Yes, It's a holiday that Americans celebrate on _____ October 31 where people enjoy dressing and attending parties.

- a. a, nil
- b. an, nil
- c. the, nil
- d. nil, nil

45. Read the sentence and identify the command of the author:
Could you close the door, please?



- a. request
b. decision
c. personal prediction
d. polite offer

46. Read the sentence and identify the command of the author:
I might go to my cousin's place tomorrow, as they have planned for a party.



- a. logical conclusion
b. certainty
c. ability
d. probability

47. Fill in the blank with an appropriate preposition:

It is due to their lethargy that the project fell _____. I did not get my promotion because of this.

- a. through
b. out
c. away
d. apart

48. Fill in the blank with the most suitable option:

autonomy is the ability of an animal to _____ a part of its body at will to save itself from predators and attackers.

- a. cast of
b. cast away
c. cut of
d. cast off

49. Select the correctly punctuated sentence:

Beeswax is a natural wax produced by honey bees of the genus apis the wax is formed into scales by eight wax-producing glands in the abdominal segments of worker bees which discard it in or at the hive the hive workers collect and use it to form cells for honey storage and larval and pupal protection within the beehive

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- d. Bees wax is a natural wax produced by honey bees of the genus *Apis*. The wax is formed into scales by eight wax producing glands in the abdominal, segments of worker bees which discard it in or at the hive. The hive workers collect and use it to form cells for honey storage and larval and pupal protection within the beehive.

50. Fill the appropriate response to complete the conversation:

I really appreciate the kindness that you show to the needy.

Susan: '_____'.

- a. All to do with service
 b. All the section of the service
 c. The whole of the service
 d. All part of the service

Answer Key

1.	c	2.	a	3.	c	4.	c	5.	d	6.	b	7.	b
8.	a	9.	a	10.	a	11.	a	12.	b	13.	a	14.	a
15.	a	16.	d	17.	c	18.	d	19.	c	20.	c	21.	d
22.	b	23.	a	24.	d	25.	a	26.	c	27.	c	28.	a
29.	a	30.	d	31.	b	32.	d	33.	b	34.	a	35.	c
36.	a	37.	b	38.	c	39.	c	40.	d	41.	a	42.	d
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