



CREST English Olympiad (CEO)

Sample Paper

Pattern and Marking Scheme

Grade	Topic/Section	No. of Questions	Marks per Question	Total Marks
Grade 8	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: Synonyms, Antonyms, Analogies and Spellings, Collocations, Phrasal Verbs, Idioms or Proverbs, Homonyms and Homophones, One Word, Nouns, Pronouns, Verbs, Adverbs, Adjectives, Articles, Prepositions, Prepositional Phrases, Participle Phrases, Conjunctions, Determiners, Jumbled Words and Punctuations, Tenses, Voices and Narrations, Question Tags, etc. Words Related to Leisure, Household Items/Issues, Social Causes, Outdoor Locations and Activities, etc., Information Retrieval from News Reports, Blurb, Dictionaries, Instruction Manual Format, Messages, Editorials, Essays, etc., Spoken and Written Expressions like Requesting, Giving Information, Expressing Surprise, Pronunciation, 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 notice and answer the question:
BEST BUY MOBILES

SALE! SALE! SALE!

THURSDAY APRIL 16

Stores Open at 9 AM

Avail fabulous discounts and deals on purchases of mobiles worth \$200 and above.

*BestBuy Mobiles stores open till 9 PM.

The offer is applicable only on purchases of _____.

- a. mobiles worth \$200 and above b. mobiles worth \$200
c. all types of mobile phones d. mobiles from 9 AM
2. Read the given sentence and choose the antonym for the word given in quotes:
You have to "meld" the stamps.

- a. tear b. merge
c. purchase d. split

3. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate option:
How can a highly successful man like him be devoid _____ common sense.

- a. of b. from
c. to d. by

4. Complete the proverb:
Beggars can't be _____.

- a. saviours b. chasers
c. choosers d. chased

5. Fill in the blank using an appropriate verb:
Sequel _____ the announcement of the new fiscal policy is awaited by the industrial sector.

- a. of b. to
c. from d. both a and b

6. Read the sentence and complete it with a question tag:
She's not going out with her mom for shopping, _____?

- a. does she b. do she
c. is she d. aren't I

7. Read the extract and answer the question:

Carly has a large family. She lives with four people. Carly also has two pets. Carly's mom is a doctor. Carly's mom works at the hospital. Carly's mom helps people who are sick. Carly's dad works at home. Carly's dad cooks for the family. Carly's dad drives the kids to soccer practice. Carly has two brothers. James is ten years old. Scott is fourteen years old. Carly has two pets. Jinx is a small, black cat. Diego is a large, brown dog. Carly loves her family!

How many people are in Carly's family?

- a. four
- b. five
- c. six
- d. seven

8. Choose the most appropriate option to replace the quoted words:

There is an ATM near the entrance. The store is on Main Street. "All most " in town shops at Dave's.

- a. All most every body
- b. All most everyone
- c. Almost everybody
- d. no change is required

9. Choose the antonym of the word in bold:

Poisonous gases emitted from factories **contaminate** the air we breathe in.

- a. invigorate
- b. taint
- c. sanctify
- d. purify

10. Read the given sentence and spot the common noun:

I know it is hard to walk outside, but if you try to look through the gap you can see my car which is parked there.

- a. outside
- b. car
- c. look
- d. parked

11. Arrange the words given below in a meaningful sequence:

of knowledge / dealing with / engineering or / technology /is the branch / applied sciences.

- a. Technology is dealing with engineering or applied sciences the branch of knowledge.
- b. Technology is the branch of knowledge dealing with engineering or applied sciences.
- c. Is the branch of technology knowledge dealing with engineering or applied sciences.
- d. Technology is dealing with the engineering or applied sciences branch of knowledge.

12. Choose the synonym of the word in bold:

Although the students in her class were naughty, she never resorted to **corporal** punishment.

- a. harsh
- b. physical
- c. general
- d. unjust

13. Find the correct option:

If I spoke English as well as you do, _____.

- a. I'd resign rather than wait to be sacked.
- b. I'd try to find a job with one of the Japanese banks.
- c. I would have got selected in the interview.
- d. we wouldn't be so behind technologically.

14. Identify the part of the sentence that contains grammatical error:

Hardly the inspector had (A)/ arrived there to investigate (B)/ the crime when the (C)/ house alarm rang. (D)

- a. A
- b. B
- c. C
- d. D

15. Identify the type of noun for the quoted words:

There are many "ways" to solve a "question". You can also refer to the answer sheet if you find it difficult.

- a. countable - ways & uncountable -question
- b. uncountable - ways & uncountable - question
- c. countable - ways & countable - question
- d. either a or b

16. Identify the type of noun for the quoted word:

I bought three 'packets of biscuits' for all of us to eat from the super store.

- a. countable noun
- b. collective noun
- c. abstract noun
- d. none of the above

17. Fill in the blank with the right option:

Your perfume has a wonderful _____. Can you buy me one when you go shopping?

- a. sent
- b. cent
- c. scent
- d. send

18. Identify the part of the sentence that contains grammatical error:

Since his arrival at his (A)/ native town he is trying (B)/ to the best of his power (C)/ to spread education among the poor. (D)

- a. A
- b. B
- c. C
- d. D

19. Find the correctly spelt word:

- a. similiar
- b. similar
- c. simmiliar
- d. simuler

20. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate option:

They _____ fighting yesterday and all of a sudden they became close again. I think they _____ advised by their parents.

- a. was/was
- b. were/were
- c. are/are
- d. were/are

21. Read the given sentence and spot the common noun:

Carlos bought a new collar for his dog, Chief so that the dog can be taken for walking along.

- a. Carlos & collar
- b. collar & dog
- c. dog & Chief
- d. Chief & Carlos

22. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles:

With his new promotion _____, Max went to London. He went to do his _____ higher studies but unfortunately he failed _____ in his exams.

- a. no article, no article, no article
- b. a, an, the
- c. an, no article, the
- d. the, the, a

23. Arrange the words given below in a meaningful sequence:

they were/we identified/on the spot/way/to the

- a. We identified on the way to the spot they were.
- b. We identified they were to the spot on the way.
- c. We identified they were on the way to the spot.
- d. They were on the way to the spot we identified.

24. Fill the blank with suitable option:

I'm a Doctor and _____ my husband. We both are working in the same hospital.

- a. is a teacher
- b. is he
- c. so is
- d. such is

25. Choose the most appropriate option:

The Cottage cheese had an 'exotic' flavour; it was delicious, but it was like nothing I'd ever tasted before.

- a. boring because of familiarity
- b. on the outside of something
- c. exciting and unusual because it seems to be connected with foreign countries
- d. unnecessary because of having too much already

26. Identify the adverb:

I remember a beautiful place where our train halted for an hour.

- a. remember
- b. place
- c. where
- d. our

35. Choose the option with the same meaning as the idiom:
The young handsome man became the head of the department in his father's management. The job was handed to him "on a platter".
- obtain something with your abilities
 - to give something to somebody who doesn't deserve it
 - to obtain something easily without having to make too much effort
 - hand and plate go together
36. Choose the most appropriate option:
You cannot expect respect from him because he is lost _____ sense of shame.
- to
 - into
 - in
 - off
37. Fill in the blank using an appropriate option:
All the brides were much _____ than the grooms in the wedding hall.
- young
 - younger
 - both a and b
 - youngest
38. Fill in the blank using a suitable preposition:
I heard that he died ____ a cardiac arrest.
- of
 - to
 - from
 - both a and c
39. Select the appropriate conjunction to complete the sentence:
_____ children get older, they get smarter and bolder.
- As
 - Because of
 - However
 - In case
40. Find the correct option:
Unless you stop smoking and drinking, _____.
- you'll serious health problems
 - you'll have serious health problems
 - you'll enjoy serious health problems
 - you'll overcome serious health problems

Achievers' Section (Each Question is 2 Marks)

41. Choose the option with the same meaning as the idiom:
My boss told me 'to have a free hand'.
- to tie the hands
 - to keep one hand free
 - to do things with just one hand
 - to be able to do things your way

42. Select the correctly punctuated sentence:

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- b. The study of mass communication is chiefly concerned with how the content of mass communication persuades or otherwise affects the behaviour, the attitude, opinion, or emotion of the people receiving the information.
- c. The study of mass communication is chiefly concerned with how the content of mass communication persuades or otherwise affects the - behaviour the attitude, opinion, or emotion of the people receiving the information?
- d. The study of mass communication is chiefly concerned with how the content of mass communication persuades or otherwise affects the - behaviour; the attitude; opinion; or emotion of the people receiving the information.

43. Read the given sentence and choose the antonym for the word given in quotes:

Rex is always with "enthusiasm" whenever he is with his friends.

- a. eagerness
- b. weakness
- c. indifference
- d. softness

44. Read the sentence and identify the correct term:

Fifty per cent of the crowd in my locality are jobless.

- a. unemployment
- b. wars
- c. job seekers
- d. employer

45. Choose the most appropriate option:

Though Samuel did not appear to be particularly _____, he was easily the _____ player in the entire team.

- a. brawny / strongest
- b. athletic / frailest
- c. husky / bravest
- d. delicate / densest

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Steve Jobs was the founder of which company?

- a. Apple Computer Company
- b. Pixar & NeXT companies
- c. America's Most Admired Companies
- d. Steve Wozniak

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Who is the co-founder of Apple Company with Steve Jobs?

- a. Lisa Jobs
- b. Tim Cook
- c. Volkswagen
- d. Steve Wozniak

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Who is the current CEO of Apple?

- a. Steve Jobs
- b. Pauk Cooper
- c. Tim Cook
- d. Jim Brook

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In which year Apple became the second-biggest music retailer in U.S?

- a. 2008
- b. 2011
- c. 1955
- d. 1976

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According to the passage, which is Job's creative product created by Jobs?

- a. mobile phone
- b. iPhone
- c. iPod
- d. iMac

Answer Key

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