



INTSO EDUCATION

ENGLISH TALENT SEARCH OLYMPIAD (ETSO) 2016 - 2017

STAGE - 1

TIME : 60 min.

CLASS : IX

Max. Marks : 50

Instructions:

- ⇒ Fill the OMR sheet completely and carefully.
- ⇒ Each question carries one mark and has only one correct answer. No negative marks
- ⇒ The question paper contains 50 questions to be answered in 60 minutes.

(1 - 5) : Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from those given below.

The ___ 1 ___ beautiful humming birds are ___ 2 ___ in the West Indies and South America. The crest of the tiny head ___ 3 ___ these birds shines like a sparkling crown of coloured light. The shades of colour that adorn ___ 4 ___ breast are ___ 5 ___ brilliant. As the bird flits from one object to another, it looks more like a bright flash of sunlight than it does like a living being.

1. a) more b) most c) much d) many []
2. a) find b) finding c) found d) finds []
3. a) for b) in c) on d) of []
4. a) it's b) its c) her d) his []
5. a) equal b) equals c) equate d) equally []
6. I _____ come back home at any cost or I will lose the chance of meeting my relatives. (Fill in the blank with the appropriate modal verb) []
a) shall b) must c) might d) may
7. They _____ get satisfied with a few buns as no hotel was around. []
a) had to b) could be c) should be d) have to
8. The past participle of 'cost' is _____ []
a) costed b) cost c) costly d) costing

(9 - 11) : Change the following conversation into Reported speech.

Akshay: Who is coming today?

Father : Your aunt. Do you want to see her?

Akshay: Yes, I do.

Akshay asked his father _____ (9) _____. His father told him that _____ (10) _____ and asked him _____ (11) _____. Akshay replied in the affirmative.

9. a) who is coming that day. b) who was coming that day. []
c) who would be coming today. d) who was coming today.
10. a) her aunt was coming b) his aunt is coming []
c) his aunt was coming d) his aunt is going
11. a) if he wanted to see her. b) if he can want to see her. []
c) if he might want to see her. d) if he must want to see her.
12. He said that it _____ a desert centepede after examining its features. []
a) will be b) could be c) may be d) is

Minnu happily purchased the necklace and wore it just everywhere, every time, except while taking bath. Her mother said that her neck would turn pink and the pearls would lose their sheen if she wore it while bathing. But all other times, Minnu wore it, even while sleeping.

Minnu's father used to tell her bed time stories frequently. One night, after completing a story, her dad asked how much she loved him. Minnu replied, "You know how much I love you."

Dad asked, "Then give me your pearl necklace please!"

Minnu replied, "Please daddy, I love you so much but please don't ask for these pearls. I will give you the pink Barbie which you bought me a month ago."

Dad replied, "Fine, sweetheart."

After a few days, the conversation was repeated between Minnu and her dad. Again, Minnu refused to give her pearl necklace and instead asked her dad to take her pet. Dad kissed her and left with smile. This was repeated several times.

One day, Minnu slept while her dad was reading her a story. She was holding the necklace in her hands. Her dad took the pearl necklace from her hand. The next moment, she woke up and asked, "Dad, what are you doing?"

Dad quickly opened a jewel box placed near her bed and handed her a real precious pink pearl necklace. He said, "Sweetheart, this is your real necklace. I wanted to take away the fake one all this while to give you this real one."

She replied, 'Thank you dad!'

Minnu immediately gave up her fake necklace for the real one.

Choose the appropriate option for the questions given below :

46. From the passage we can say that Minnu's family was []
a) a royal family b) as poor as rats c) very rich d) middle class
47. What had Minnu to do for the necklace? []
a) cut wood b) sell the barbie doll c) help her mom d) lose her pocket money
48. She should remove the necklace while bathing because []
a) the pearls lose brightness b) it might be lost in the flush
c) the pearls are soluble in water d) none of the above
49. Minnu's father asked her for the necklace because []
a) he wanted to wear it b) he wanted to test her love to him.
c) he wanted to give her the original one. d) he did not like the barbie doll
50. When Minnu slipped into sleep []
a) she was holding the necklace in her hand.
b) she wore the necklace around her neck.
c) she hung the necklace to a nail in the wall.
d) she gave it to her father.

