



**SOF INTERNATIONAL  
ENGLISH OLYMPIAD**

Total Questions : 50

Time : 1 hr.

PATTERN & MARKING SCHEME				
Section	(1) Word and Structure Knowledge	(2) Reading	(3) Spoken and Written Expression	(4) Achievers Section
No. of Questions	45			5
Marks per Ques.	1	1	1	3

**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.

**Section – 2 :** Search for and retrieve information from various text types like News stories, Brochures, Formal and informal letters and advertisements. Understand information given in news reports, Brochures, Itinerary, etc., Acquire broad understanding of and look for specific information in short narratives, Biographies, Notices and Messages etc.

**Section – 3 :** Ability to understand situation-based variations in functions like requesting and refusing, Apologies and stating of preferences and expression of intent, etc.

**Section – 4 :** Higher Order Thinking Questions - Syllabus as per Sections 1, 2 and 3.

**WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE**

**Direction (Q. No. 1 and 2) : Choose the suitable option for each blank.**

- Someone who interprets is an \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) interpretist (B) interpreter  
(C) interprecian (D) interpretor

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- Many diamond mines are \_\_\_\_\_ in South Africa.  
(A) situation (B) saituate  
(C) situated (D) situating

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- Choose the odd one out.  
(A) Disappear (B) Disperse  
(C) Dissipate (D) Disadvantage

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- Choose the correct phrase.  
(A) Slow and study (B) Slow and steady  
(C) Slow and fast (D) Slow and heady

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- Choose the right word.  
All children did well in the marathon but Rahul was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) the faster (B) fast  
(C) fastest (D) the fastest

- Choose the incorrect part of the sentence.  
“The prisoner / never told me, sir.” /  
(A) (B)  
Watson complains. No error  
(C) (D)

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- Complete the conversation with the correct word.  
Ravi: Did you invite her to the party?  
Rahul: Well! Being invited is one thing. \_\_\_\_\_  
inviting oneself is another.  
(A) However (B) Whereas  
(C) Compared to (D) Besides

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- In which sentence is the word ‘to’ correctly used?  
(A) This watermelon is to heavy.  
(B) Hold it with to hands.  
(C) It’s very slippery to.  
(D) Well, hand it to me.

**READING**

**Direction (Q. No. 9 to 11) : Read the passage and answer the following questions.**

“There is always someone worse off than you.”  
Once upon a time, the rabbits of Jim Corbett were so terrorised by the other animals, they

did not know where to go. As soon as they saw a single animal approach them, off they used to run. One day, they saw a troop of wild horses stampeding about and in quite a panic all the rabbits scuttled off to a lake close by,

determined to drown themselves rather than live in a continual state of fear. But just as they got near the bank of the lake, a troop of frogs frightened in their turn by the approach of the rabbits, scuttled off and jumped into the water. "Truly," said one of the rabbits, "things are not so bad as they seem." There is always someone worse off than you.

9. Rabbits wanted to drown themselves because they \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) were scared of the horses  
(B) did not like living under fear  
(C) were chasing the frogs  
(D) had nowhere to go
10. Rabbits ran away from other animals because they \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) wanted to drown themselves  
(B) were shy  
(C) were scared of being stepped on  
(D) were arrogant
11. Which of the following words would you use to describe the feeling of the rabbits on seeing the troop of wild horses?
- (A) Frightened (B) Unfriendly  
(C) Amused (D) Hostile

### SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

**Direction (Q. No. 12 and 13) : Choose one sentence to complete the dialogue.**

12. Sentence 1. God wanted the people he had created to have a happy life.  
Sentence 2. \_\_\_\_\_.  
Sentence 3. Water, air and sunlight were, therefore, given in abundance.
- (A) That's why He decided to bless the earth with riches  
(B) People had to live with water, air, and sun  
(C) Earth could have them in abundance  
(D) Therefore, He created the earth

13. Sentence 1. From ancient times Indians have worshipped plants and trees.  
Sentence 2. \_\_\_\_\_.  
Sentence 3. While modern man often works to 'conquer' nature, ancient Indians worshipped her.
- (A) They regarded all flora and fauna as sacred  
(B) These plants give us food and oxygen  
(C) They lend beauty to our surroundings  
(D) These plants sacrifice themselves to serve us

### ACHIEVERS SECTION

**Choose the best phrase to complete the sentence.**

14. The new engineer has \_\_\_\_\_ qualifications but only a few months experience.
- (A) a plenty of (B) plenty  
(C) plenty of (D) a lot of

**Choose the appropriate idiom.**

15. The teacher approved her project after she had \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- (A) fine turned (B) fine tuned  
(C) tinkered with (D) refining

### ANSWERS

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