



Global English Olympiad

CLASS 8th SYLLABUS & SAMPLE QUESTIONS

Comprehension, Classification, Analogy, Correct Spelling, One Word Substitution, Jumbled Words And Sentences, Types Of Sentences, Parts Of Speech, Tense, Error Finding, Voice, Modals, Determiners, Direct And Indirect Speech, Clauses, Subject Verb Agreement, Sentence Completion, Homonyms, One Word Substitution, Antonyms/Synonyms, Story And Paragraph Writing, Notice Writing, Letter Writing, Message Writing, Report Writing, Differentiating Between Facts And Opinion, Idioms And Phrases, Functional English

The Actual Question Paper Contains 50 Questions. The Duration of the Test Paper is 60 Minutes.

Reading Comprehension:

Read the passage carefully and answer the question 1 and 2:

The shoemaker, for ages suffered from a bad heart condition and five years ago, after an attack, it had appeared as though he would have either to sacrifice his business upon the auction block and live on a pittance thereafter or put himself at the mercy of unscrupulous employees who would in the end probably ruin him. But just at moment of his darkest despair, this Polish refugee, Sobel appeared one night from the street and begged for work. He was a stocky man, poorly dressed, with a bald head, a severely pain face and soft blue eyes prone to tears over the sad books he read. Though he confessed he knew nothing of shoe-making, he said he was apt and would work for very little if Feld taught him the trade. Feld took him on and within six weeks the refugee rebuilt as good a shoe as he, and not long thereafter expertly ran the business for the shoemaker.

Feld could trust him with anything, and did frequently, going home after an hour or two at the store, leaving all the money in the till knowing Sobel would guard every cent of it. The amazing thing was the he demanded so little. His wants were few; in money he

was not interested—in nothing but books, it seemed—which he one by one lent to Feld's daughter Miriam together with his profuse queer written comments, manufactured during his lonely evenings, which his daughter, from her fourteenth year, read page by sanctified page.

Feld's conscience bothered him for not insisting that his assistant accept a better wage than he was getting, though Feld had honestly told him he could earn a handsome salary if he worked elsewhere, or maybe opened a place of his own. But the assistance answered, somewhat ungraciously, that he was not interested in going elsewhere. Feld frequently asked himself what kept him there, why did he stay? He finally told himself that the man no doubt because of his terrible experiences as refugee, was afraid of the world.

1. **After his heart attack Feld feared that he would have to_____.**

- (A) Take in several employees to help him in the work.
- (B) Teach his daughter, Miriam, the trade of shoe-making
- (C) Give up the business immediately and rest in a hospital
- (D) Sell his business for very little and live as a poor man.



2. Sobel begged for work for a pittance____.

- (A) Because he confessed that he knew nothing of shoe-making.
- (B) Because he admitted that he was a poor man.
- (C) Because he clearly said that he belonged to Poland.
- (D) Because he declared that he was man of honesty.
- (E) None of these

Direction: In question 3: Arrange P, Q, R, S in order to describe the completeness of process:

3.

P : By 7 o'clock I got ready and left for the examination centre though the examination was to start at nine. When I reached the examination centre, my friend, Simran and Sahil, had already arrived there.

Q : I got up at 4 a.m. and had a cup of tea. I studied till 6 o'clock and thus gave a quick revision to all topics.

R : We discussed the important topics. Then we had a cup of tea in the school canteen. Then we entered the examination centre. We were full of confidence and had no fear of the examination.

S : Many students were enthusiastically preparing for the paper. The bell rang and we were in the hall.

- (A) QRPS (B) QPRS
- (C) QRSP (D) PQRS
- (E) None of these

Direction: In question 4 sentences have been divided into six parts. The first and the last parts are numbered 1 and 6 and the remaining four parts are named P, Q, R and S. While parts 1 and 6 are in order, the remaining parts are jumbled. Rearrange the parts P, Q, R and S to form meaningful sentences.

4.

- 1. Many of the advanced countries
- P. the exploration of their own masses

- Q. present affluence by their domination
- R. of today have reached their
- S. over other races and countries
- 6. and their own natural resources.
- (A) PQRS (B) RQSP
- (C) SQPR (D) QSPR
- (E) None of these

Direction: In question 5 three sentences are given, you have to identify which sentence is a fact and which is an opinion.

5. Given below three sentences. Choose fact and opinion.

- I. The old order change the yielding place to new.
- II. Change is the law of nature.
- III. Discard old ideas because they are old.
- (A) I - fact II - opinion III - opinion
- (B) I - opinion II - fact III - opinion
- (C) I - opinion II - opinion III - fact
- (D) I - fact II - fact III - opinion
- (E) None of these

Direction: In question 6 identify the kind of Noun:

6. Adoration

- (A) Proper Noun
- (B) Common Noun
- (C) Collective Noun
- (D) Abstract Noun
- (E) None of these

Direction: From question 19 to 20 insert a verb in agreement with its subject:

7. Her partner and business associate, Smith , _____sweets among children.

- (A) Distribute (B) Distributes
- (C) Distributing (D) All of these
- (E) None of these

Direction: In question 8, a message is given. Fill I, II, III, IV with P, Q, R and S to make the message meaningful.



2nd Sept, 2010

4PM

James

Mr. Thompson _____ I _____ that he would be unable to attend the meeting scheduled for today at 6PM _____ II _____. He has told you _____ III _____ on his behalf from rest of the members. He also told you to inform him about the decision taken in the meeting.

_____ IV _____.

Smith

P : Because of some unavoidable circumstances

Q : I am going for movie

R : to convey the apology

S : Called up to say

(A) SPQR (B) SPRQ

(C) SQRP (D) QSRP

(E) None of these

Direction: In question 9 a sentence is given in parts as P,Q,R,S. There is an error in one part. Find the part that has error.

9. P: Jammu and Kashmir CM Omar Abdullah, Q: has been under fire to failing, R: to control the violence in Kashmir that has already claimed, S: the lives of over 80 people in the last three months.

(A) P (B) Q

(C) R (D) S

(E) None of these

Direction: In question 39 the body of a letter to the Editor is given. Fill I, II, III, IV with P, Q, R and S to make the letter meaningful.

10.

I am a resident of Florida _____ I _____. I had heard about the Russian 911 memorial a couple of years ago and made a visit to the site a priority. I must say I found the

memorial an emotional experience.

Viewing the magnificent structure created and built _____ II _____ by Vladimir Putin was awesome. I am sad and upset at the lack of publicity given this wonderful gift. Residents of Bayonne and surrounding communities do not know of its existence.

_____ III _____ and an internet site should be provided and visitors encouraged to e-mail their appreciation. I , for one, appreciate the gift. _____ IV _____ if the project was given the publicity it deserves.

Yours Faithfully

James

P : I think many more people would feel the same

Q : By Russian workers and made possible

R : On a month long visit to Monmouth County

S : This should be a major tourist attraction

I II III IV

(A) P Q R S (B) R Q S P

(C) R S Q P (D) R Q S P

(E) None of these

Direction: In question 11, identify the relationship between words.

11. Thread, Cotton

(A) If one is the product of the other.

(B) If both are the product of some other thing.

(C) If one is the cause of the other.

(D) If one is the need of the other.

(E) None of these

Direction: In question 12 change direct sentence into indirect.

12. He said to me, " Did you go to market?"

(A) He asked me if I went to market.

(B) He asked me if I did go to market.

(C) He asked me if I had gone to market.

(D) He asked me if I would go to market.

(E) None of these



Direction : In question 13 is based on analogy. Find the suitable match.

13. Vindicable : Reprehensible ::

- (A) Bitter : Sad
- (B) Mild : Serious
- (C) Solid : Porous
- (D) Vivid : Dull
- (E) None of these

Direction: In question 14 Fill in the blanks with suitable Articles:

14. He reads in _____ university.

- (A) A (B) An
- (C) The (D) All of these
- (E) None of these

15. Given below the sentences in jumbled form. Rearrange them to make a meaningful paragraph.

- 1. Global warming has been detected in a number of systems. Some of these changes, e.g., based on the instrumental temperature record, have been described in the section on temperature changes.

- 2. Rising sea levels and observed decreases in snow and ice extent are consistent with warming. Most of the increase in global average temperature since the mid-20th century is, with high probability, attributable to human-induced changes in greenhouse gas concentrations.
- 3. Sparse records indicate that glaciers have been retreating since the early 1800s. In the 1950s measurements began that allow the monitoring of glacial mass balance, reported to the WGMS and the NSIDC.
- 4. Global warming may be detected in natural, ecological or social systems as a change having statistical significance.

Choose the correct option:

- (A) 2, 1, 4, 3 (B) 3, 1, 4, 2
- (C) 4, 3, 1, 2 (D) 4, 3, 2, 1
- (E) None of these

ANSWERS

1. (D) 2. (A) 3. (B) 4. (B) 5. (D) 6. (D) 7. (B) 8. (B)
9. (B) 10. (D) 11. (D) 12. (C) 13. (B) 14. (A) 15. (C)