



INTSO EDUCATION

ENGLISH TALENT SEARCH OLYMPIAD (ETSO) 2015 - 2016

STAGE - 1

TIME : 60 min.

CLASS : X

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.

(1-4) Read the following passage and choose the most appropriate option from those given below.

The _____ (1) _____ the Egyptians. It _____ (2) _____ reed. The English word 'paper' _____ (3) _____
When supplies were limited a _____ (4) _____ on the export of paper.

1. a) paper discovered by []
c) discoverer of paper was []
b) discovery of paper was made by []
d) paper has discovered by. []
2. a) makes of stalks of tall []
c) was made of stalks of tall []
b) made of stalks of tall []
d) has made of stalks of tall. []
3. a) derive from the word 'Papyrus' []
c) was derived from the word 'Papyrus' []
b) derives from the word 'Papyrus' []
d) has derived the word Papyrus. []
4. a) restriction imposed []
c) restriction was imposed []
b) restriction is imposed []
d) restriction has imposed. []

Fill in the blanks with the options that are best suitable.

5. When the manager arrived, I was in the _____ of my work. []
a) centre b) between c) middle d) among.
6. The commander was so _____ his team that he was at a loss for words. []
a) angry with b) angry by c) angry about d) angry on
7. My sister _____ regretted turning down the chance of studying at the Teacher Training college in Lucknow. (Fill in the blank with proper adverb) []
a) entirely b) bitterly c) solely d) devastatingly
8. Sekhar forgot _____ the lights before he left. []
a) turn off b) turning off c) to turn off d) turned off
9. Many intelligent animals suffer from _____ in captivity. []
a) alone b) bore c) boredom d) lonely
10. My flat needs _____. It is in an awful condition. []
a) renovation b) decoration c) innovation d) convention
11. She wasn't _____ to reach the top branch of the tree. []
a) tall enough b) enough tall c) high enough d) sufficient height
12. Choose the closest meaning of the word retrospect []
a) hindsight b) by accident c) known d) wild spread
13. Either of the boys _____ eligible for the first position. []
a) is b) was c) have d) has

14. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was one _____ many children. []
a) of b) for c) among d) between
15. In olden days people believed that the world was flat and ships would fall from the ____ []
a) boundary b) edge c) boarder d) limit
16. Your behaviour vexes me. (Add a suitable question tag) []
a) isn't it? b) aren't you? c) doesn't it? d) don't you?
17. He wants people to like him but his poor attitude is _____ the object. []
a) losing b) failing c) defeating d) wasting
18. The mob was peaceful but suddenly turned _____ []
a) righteous b) riot c) ritual d) riotous
19. Fill in the blank with a proper phrase to complete the conversation []
A : What are you doing tonight ? B : I'm not sure, I _____ to the cinema.
a) will go b) would go c) might go d) have to go
20. I asked my friend where _____ her mobile phone. []
a) she had bought b) did she buy c) had she bought d) has she bought
21. Guess who I _____ at the stadium? I met my childhood friend. []
a) ran upto b) ran by c) ran into d) ran down
22. _____ we can go out. (Choose the appropriate conditional clause) []
a) So rain stops b) Unless rain stops c) If rain stops d) If rain stopped
23. Select the sentence that is grammatically incorrect. []
a) I stayed in Delhi for an year. b) We meet on alternate days.
c) Many prefer English to Hindi. d) The bus-stand is within walking distance.
24. I didn't know the answer. So, I didn't attempt the question. (Start with if clause) []
a) If I know the answer, I can attempt the question.
b) If I knew the answer, I could attempt the question.
c) If I had known the answer, I could attempt the question.
d) If I had known the answer, I could have attempted the question.
25. Select the sentence that is grammatically correct. []
a) I was awaiting for you at the railway station. b) I wish I were rich.
c) This is between you and I. d) I agree with your view.
26. He speaks truth. He is honoured by all. He _____ the truth _____ by all []
a) Who speaks, he would be honoured b) Whom speaks, he would be honoured
c) Who speaks, is honoured d) Who speaks, was honoured
27. Though she is lazy she has passed . She is lazy _____ she has _____. []
a) but, passed b) hence, passed c) so, passed d) and, passed
28. If she _____ forgotten the hall ticket, she _____ written the exam. []
a) has not, will not have b) is not, will not have
c) had not, would have d) has not, would have
29. If I _____ in your place, I _____ help her []
a) am, would b) is would c) was, will d) were, would
30. He has not acted in a play earlier. They wanted someone _____ than him. []
a) more experienced b) good experienced c) most experienced d) as experienced.

31. Prices _____ these days. []
a) soare b) sore c) sour d) soar
32. Education made them understand to be aware of their responsibilities. They would have _____ if they were not educated. (Fill in the blank with suitable antonym of the underlined word)
a) disunderstand b) misunderstand []
c) misunderstood d) disunderstood
33. Don't be degraded morally. You should _____ moral values in your life. (Fill in the blank with suitable antonym of the underlined word) []
a) on grade b) top grade c) up grade d) down grade.
34. My friend felt utterly down cast as I shifted my seat in the last row. (The synonym for the underlined word is) []
a) cast - down b) lonely c) disappointed d) depressed
35. The opposite team could not stomach our victory (Choose the synonym for the underlined word)
a) imagine b) permit c) tolerate d) really
36. John strode out angrily (Choose the synonym for the underlined word) []
a) to walk b) to jog
c) to walk with short steps d) to walk with long steps.
37. Roja could not put up with her pathetic condition of life. (Choose the synonym for the underlined word) []
a) solve b) endure c) admit d) take help
38. The servant walked abjectly behind his master. (Choose the synonym for the underlined word)
a) unhappily b) submissively c) miserably d) sadly
39. Kumar has renounced his job (Choose the synonym for the underlined word) []
a) not attending b) attending c) to come d) to resign
40. You did not carry out the experiment properly (select the meaning of the underlined idiom)
a) to put b) to put it into action c) to act d) to be acting []
41. I got off the metro and walked down to my friend's house. (select the meaning of the idiom)
a) to live b) to come c) to stay d) to leave []
42. Ramu spilled the beans in front of the entire family and told everyone that he had brought a parrot home. (select the meaning of the idiom) []
a) to tell the truth b) to tell the secret c) to tell a lie d) to speak boldly
43. He went through the entire book before making any comment. []
(Choose the proper meaning for the underlined prepositional verb)
a) to learn b) to read c) to examine d) to look
44. It took him long to get over his illness. (select the appropriate meaning) []
a) to listen to b) to recover from c) to come out d) to have out
45. The teacher could make out that the student was unwell. []
a) to listen to b) to observe c) to nag d) to find out

(46 - 50) Read the following passage carefully :

The secret to success is to stick to your goal through rain or shine, through smooth or rough water. Even people who attained worldly goals in the fields of sports, the sciences, or the arts have accomplished wonders through their commitment.

Once, Mahatma Gandhi was visiting Tagore and he spent time with him, discussing topics of interest to them both. Following lunch, Gandhi went to take rest when some of the ashram workers, followers of Tagore, approached him.

"Can you help us, Gandhiji ?" They asked. "What is it ?" asked Mahatma. "We are worried about the health of Rabindranath Tagore," they explained. " He is not keeping good health. The doctors advised him to take rest, but he refuses. After lunch, he immediately goes back to work and does not take a moment's rest. We do not want his health to fail. " Gandhi asked, "Why do you want me to tell him to rest ?" They replied, "We know he will not go against your advice."

After Gandhi had rested a while, he went to Tagore's residence and saw that he was deeply immersed in his work. When Tagore looked up and saw Gandhi standing there he asked him, "Are you not comfortable that you have come out from your rest so soon ?"

Gandhi replied : "I have come to ask you to take rest after your lunch so your health does not fail. You are not keeping fit these days." Tagore replied : " How can I do that ? I must tell you the truth so that you will understand. When I was 12 I took a vow never to rest at any time during the day for any reason. You have to know I have kept that vow. How many more years do I have to live ? Why would I break that vow now ?" Tagore's firm determination and commitment to his promise moved Gandhi. For 67 years Tagore had never rested during the day. Gandhi was impressed by his commitment to his goal, "Now I know the secret of your success !"

Choose the correct option for each of the question given below :

46. The secret to success is []
a) to stick to your goal through rain or shine, through smooth or rough waters
b) to work hard
c) to be rich and get whatever you want
d) the ability to say yes to everything and everybody
47. When Tagore was 12 he []
a) loved playing with his brother
b) was good in singing
c) decided to join the independence movement
d) took a vow never to rest at any time during the day for any reason
48. The people from the ashram were upset because []
a) Tagore did not eat his lunch
b) Tagore was very stubborn.
c) doctors advised him to take rest, but he refused.
d) he was leaving the ashram
49. Tagore's followers requested Gandhiji to []
a) ask him to eat well.
b) tell Tagore to take some rest after lunch as it was important for his health.
c) take Tagore to the hospital
d) stay for some more days in the ashram
50. Tagore was so keen on working throughout the day because []
a) he felt he does not have many years of his life.
b) Tagore had firm determination and commitment to keep his vow.
c) he was a workaholic.
d) there was lot of work he had to do.

