



INTSO EDUCATION

ENGLISH TALENT SEARCH OLYMPIAD (ETSO) 2015 - 2016

STAGE - 2

TIME : 60 min.

CLASS : VIII

Max. Marks : 50

Instructions:

- ⇒ Fill the OMR sheet completely and carefully.
- ⇒ Each question carries one mark and has only one correct answer. $\frac{1}{4}$ (one fourth) marks will be deducted for indicating incorrect response of each question.
- ⇒ The question paper contains 50 questions to be answered in 60 minutes.

Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate word(s) from those given below.

1. I will have completed the work by tomorrow evening. (Identify the tense) []
a) Present Perfect b) Past Perfect c) Future Perfect d) Future Simple
2. Choose the subordinate clause in the following. []
a) I saw a stranger b) I met him.
c) She didnot attend school today. d) Entering my house.
3. Choose a main clause in the following. []
a) being ill since many days b) failing your prompt payment
c) he couldnot attend the meeting d) owing to his illness
4. It _____ to rain in the evening. []
a) is likely b) might c) must d) may
5. Ram goes to school _____ foot. []
a) in b) on c) by d) with
6. Rearrange the following words to make an interrogative sentence. []
todo / such / a / deed / was / he not
a) Such a fool was he to do such a deed ? b) Was he not a fool to do such a deed ?
c) Such a fool was he to do that deed ? d) Was he not to do such a deed a fool ?
7. They donot often pray, _____ ? []
a) did they b) so they c) do they d) does they
8. I am clever, _____ ? []
a) isn't I b) aren't I c) doesn't I d) hence
9. _____ my inability, I could not finish it. []
a) Owing to b) Against of c) Due to d) Hence
10. Students should not write _____ red ink. []
a) over b) on c) with d) in
11. _____ Sneha _____ the doctor yet? []
a) Hasn't, called b) Wouldn't , called c) Shouldn't, called d) Mustn't, called
12. Yesterday, my servant did not come . I _____ wash my clothes. []
a) have to b) had to c) will have to d) has to
13. Bread and butter _____ my favourite breakfast. []
a) was b) are c) is d) were

14. A person who understands and can judge arts is called_____ []
 a) monotheist b) extrovert c) swindler d) connoisseur
15. _____ of the five dancers will dance to night. []
 a) Either b) Any one c) Very d) Many
16. You will experience a rare bliss,_____you serve the poor. []
 a) if b) so c) and d) or
17. Which of the following sentences can be considered as a 'main clause' []
 a) After the cloud burst played havoc. b) As he was not there.
 c) I must believe it. d) since you are sure of it.
18. _____ French _____ all over the world? []
 a) Is, speaks b) Are, spoke c) Was, spoken d) Is, spoken
19. Susmitha sings songs melodiously,_____?(Select the proper question tag) []
 a) did she b) do she c) doesn't she d) don't she
20. The chief with all his men _____massacred.(Identify the correct verb form) []
 a) must b) were c) was d) is
21. Take care of _____pennies, _____pounds will take care of themselves. []
 a) a, a b) the, a c) the, the d) no article is needed
22. Choose the correct 'synonym' for the word 'Spartan' []
 a) austere b) pompous c) opiate d) brash
23. Choose the correct 'synonym' for the word 'proportionate' []
 a) disproportionage b) extraneous c) assimilate d) commensurate
24. Choose the correct 'antonym' of the given word 'recluse' []
 a) ascetic b) esoteric c) profound d) extrovert
25. Choose the 'antonym' for the word 'varied' []
 a) assorted b) uniform c) crooked d) veridical
26. He said, "Bravo! you have done well." (change it into indirect speech) []
 He _____ him saying that _____ well.
 a) said, he has done b) told, he had done
 c) applauded, he had done d) appreciated, he has done well
27. Whom had I helped? (change the voice) []
 _____ helped by me ?
 a) Who had b) Who had been c) Who has been d) Who is
28. Was he writing the drama ? (change the voice) []
 _____ the drama _____ written by him.
 a) was, being b) was, been c) had being d) were being
29. One who is indifferent to pleasure or pain is a _____ []
 a) parasite b) misogynist c) stoic d) polyglot
30. A place where weapons are manufactured and stored. []
 a) garrage b) yard c) barren d) arsenal
31. Write the synonym for the word 'debilitate' []
 a) build up b) enervate c) decay d) enlight

32. The major said, "Start marching left." (change it into indirect speech []
 a) The major said that started marching left b) The major said not to start marching left
 c) The major ordered to start marching left d) The major requested starting march left
33. Do you tell a story on every Sunday? (change the voice) []
 a) Does a story told by you on every Sunday b) Is a story told by you on every Sunday
 c) Do a story told by you on every Sunday d) Whether a story told by you on every Sunday
34. The person who does not know the _____ of his business cannot prosper. []
 (Select the most appropriate phrase to make the sentence meaningful)
 a) Outs and ins b) out and out c) ins and outs d) in and in
35. Shankar who left his house did not _____ till now. []
 a) turn up b) turn down c) turn off d) turn in
36. One who is unable to pay debts is called a/an _____. []
 a) insolvent b) solvent c) samiritan d) miser
37. If I _____ you, I would not do it. []
 a) am b) were c) was d) will
38. He is a _____ to our house but we treated him courteously. (Identify the best option) []
 a) a block horse b) a green horse c) a dark horse d) a light horse
39. We should never _____ with the affairs of others. []
 a) meant b) mould c) meddle with d) mend with
40. Both the friends fought each other _____ (Select the appropriate phrasal verb) []
 a) tooth and nail b) tooth and tooth brush
 c) pen and pencil d) rough and ready
41. _____ a wonderful fellow you are ! (Select the best option) []
 a) Which b) When c) What d) Where
42. _____ brightly the moon shines ! (Choose the best option) []
 a) What b) Why c) Which d) How
43. We should have asked him (change the voice) []
 a) He has been asked by us. b) He should have been asked by us.
 c) He have been asked by us. d) He is been asked by us.
44. _____ we are industrious, we shall fail. []
 a) If b) Unless c) So d) But
45. I entered my home _____ my brother was singing. []
 a) how b) that c) so d) while

(46 - 50) Read the following passage

My waterloo with bees took place in the afternoon, after we scaled a hill. When I reached the top, the bees immediately began landing on my face. The first sting, into my right cheek, surprised me, as did the second and third. As I groped blindly in my pack for my head net, I was stung another five times, all on my face. My head gonged with pain.

"Run!" someone shouted.

I ran as fast as I could. After a minute or so, the swarm let me go. The attack was the most frightening minute of my life.

The second event surpassing the first one happened when I was alone in a small boat and noticed an unusual assemblage of rocks on the shore. The rocks in reality were the hippopotamuses. There were four of them two big ones, two smaller ones. I was, may be fifteen metres away.

Bracing myself against the sides of the boat, I attempted to slip past unnoticed. When I was nine metres away, the largest hippo rotated his head in my direction. We locked eyes.

The hippo and I stared at one another for, may be three seconds. During this time, it seems, I was judged unfavourably. The big male let out a sound like a high pitched horn and suddenly four very large bodies were heading straight at my boat.

Now answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate option.

46. In his first encounter, the author was _____ []
a) spread by the swarm of bees b) stung by the bees on the face
c) stung by the bees on the head d) pursued by the bees
47. 'Groped' in the passage would mean _____ []
a) taking out b) lashing out c) touching d) searched
48. The rocks in reality were _____ []
a) trees b) boats c) hippopotamuses d) whales
49. The hippo judged the author _____ []
a) favourably b) casually c) dismally d) unfavorably
50. The word 'collection' would be best described as the following word in para 4 is _____ []
a) surpassing b) reality c) assemblage d) shore

