



CREST English Olympiad (CEO)

Sample Paper

Pattern and Marking Scheme

Grade	Topic/Section	No. of Questions	Marks per Question	Total Marks
Grade 10	English Language	40	1	40
	Achiever's Section	10	2	20
Grand Total		50		60

The total duration of the exam is 60 minutes.

Syllabus

Section 1: Synonyms, Antonyms, Analogies and Spellings, One Word, Word Order, Nouns, Verbs, Adverbs, Adjectives, Articles, Prepositions, Conjunctions, Punctuations, Voices, Narration. Concord, Question Forms, Tenses, Conditionals, Modals, Collocations, Phrasal Verbs, Idioms, Homonyms and Homophones, Words Related to weather, Countries, Language and People, Global Problems, etc., Information Retrieval from Various Text Types like Encyclopaedias, Dictionaries, etc., Understand Information Presented in Instruction Manual Format, Message Format and Others, Comprehension Based on Editorials, Essays and Advanced Texts., Spoken and Written Expressions like Giving/Accepting Compliments, Agreeing, Disagreeing, Requesting, Seeking Information, Pronunciation, etc.

Achievers Section: Higher Order Thinking Questions - Syllabus as per Section 1

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English Language (Each Question is 1 Mark)

- Choose the synonym for the word in quotes:
She 'upbraided' the little girl who got frightened.

a. make tails	b. make up
c. scolded	d. handed
- Choose the antonym for the word in quotes:
At his success in the examination, he felt 'elated'.

a. exultant	b. dejected
c. resting	d. jubilant
- Choose the correct meaning of the idiom given in quotes in the sentence:
He is a "queer fish". I have failed to understand him.

a. funny person	b. sensitive person
c. strange person	d. quarrelsome person
- Choose the correct meaning of the idiom given in quotes in the sentence:
Kelly was left "high and dry" by her friends when she lost all her money.

a. stranded	b. rejected
c. wounded	d. depressed
- Read the jumbled parts of a sentence and find out which of the four combinations is correct:
1 : A connection had long been suspected
P : since both were at their worst in the
Q : same regions and seasons, but the nature
R : between the abundance of mosquitoes
S : and the occurrence of malaria
6 : of this connection had not been understood.

a. Q S P R	b. R S P Q
c. P S Q R	d. S P R Q
- Find the proper order for the four sentences and mark accordingly:
1 : One of the greatest curses of the world is the belief in the necessity of poverty.
P : There need not be a poor person on the planet.
Q : But there was no poverty, no want, no lack, in the creator's plan for man.
R : Most people have a strong conviction that some must necessarily be poor, that they were made to be poor.
S : The Earth is full of resources which we have scarcely yet touched.
6 : We have been poor in the very midst of abundance, simply because of own blighting limit thought.

a. S P Q R	b. R S P Q
c. R Q P S	d. P Q S R

7. Spot the error:

The enemy has received many informations regarding the activities of the army of our neighbouring country.

- a. many informations
- b. has received
- c. regarding the activities
- d. neighbouring country

8. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:

When calamity _____ the family, he faced it boldly.

- a. fell
- b. fall
- c. befell
- d. feel

9. Choose the option that cannot fit in the blank:

How have you come _____ such a precious diamond?

- a. across
- b. upon
- c. by
- d. aside

10. Fill in the blank with the most suitable option:

He decided to _____ in his matric examination to get a higher score.

- a. reappear
- b. rebate
- c. remake
- d. redo

11. Punctuate the following sentence:

some are born great some achieve greatness.

- a. Some are born great, some achieve greatness.
- b. Some are born great; some achieve greatness.
- c. "Some are born great" some achieve greatness.
- d. Some are born great; 'some achieve greatness'.

12. Punctuate the following sentence:

ah I am undone my friends have ruined me.

- a. Ah! "I am undone." My friends have ruined me.
- b. Ah! I am undone. My friends have ruined me.
- c. "Ah! I am undone. My friends have ruined me."
- d. Ah, I am undone. My friends have ruined me.

13. Choose a suitable option which expresses the same sentence in passive/active voice:

The government has launched a massive women welfare programme in New Orleans.

- a. A massive women welfare programme is launched by the government in New Orleans
- b. A massive women welfare programme has been launched by the government in New Orleans
- c. New Orleans government has launched a massive women welfare programme
- d. The government in New Orleans has launched a massive women welfare programme

14. Combine the sentences by changing the adjective to a noun. Choose from the following:
"Josephine is a stupid girl. She gets into trouble often."
- Josephine's stupidity gets her into trouble often.
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15. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank:
Alex _____ put up the bookshelves. It was too difficult for me to do on my own.
- carelessly
 - slowly
 - easily
 - finally
16. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank:
I was so surprised. His new apartment was _____ decorated.
- peculiarly
 - carelessly
 - beautifully
 - diligently
17. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:
A : These vocabulary classes ! They are taking their toll on me.
B : Well ! It's simple. All you have to do with a word is _____ in a dictionary.
- look in
 - look for
 - look out
 - look it up
18. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blanks:
I would like to _____ your attention to the first paragraph of my letter _____ to the terms of sale of the machinery.
- withdraw, regarding
 - invite, according
 - react, mainly
 - draw, pertaining
19. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:
A trader was _____ at the airport on Friday for carrying gold jewellery worth over Rs. 1 crore.
- detained
 - blocked
 - retained
 - hindered
20. Join the parts to make a meaningful sentence:
- to think she had let it go
 - he was troubled by it
 - on this long without realising
 - it was embarrassing
- 4312
 - 4132
 - 2413
 - 1324

21. Read the given sentence and fill the blank with suitable option:

We _____ some problems with our computer systems recently.

- a. had have
- b. have are
- c. have had
- d. has had

22. Identify the type of adjective:

These materials are of better quality than those of the last dispatch.

- a. demonstrative adjective, adjective of quantity
- b. demonstrative adjective, adjective of quality
- c. adjective of quantity, demonstrative adjective
- d. adjective of quality, demonstrative adjective

23. Choose the correct preposition to complete the sentence:

George told ___ me about the changes in the company.

- a. no preposition is required
- b. of
- c. about
- d. to

24. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate option:

Simona had finished her homework when her mother _____ from work.

- a. had returned
- b. returns
- c. has returned
- d. returned

25. Identify the correct spelling:

- a. skrimmage
- b. scrimmage
- c. scrimage
- d. scremage

26. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:

Snapchat is an American multimedia instant messaging app and service developed by Snap Inc., originally Snapchat Inc. One of the principal features of Snapchat is that pictures and messages are usually only available for a short time before they become inaccessible to their recipients. Snapchat lets you easily talk with friends, view Stories from around the world, and explore news in Discover. Life's more fun when you live in the moment!

What can be done through snapchat?

- a. talk with friends
- b. view global stories
- c. explore news
- d. all of the above

27. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:

This new process is a _____ advance in technology.

- a. considerable
- b. significant
- c. stale
- d. cast-iron

- 28.** Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:
The _____ crowd gave the victorious team a tumultuous welcome.
- a. arrogant
b. jubilant
c. noisy
d. troublesome
- 29.** Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:
Each of these hot dogs _____ juicy.
- a. is
b. are
c. were
d. am
- 30.** Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:
The police pushed the people back to make _____ for Prime Minister's car to pass.
- a. place
b. area
c. passage
d. way
- 31.** Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:
_____ you excuse me for a moment ?
- a. Should
b. Must
c. Needn't
d. Would
- 32.** Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:
If your company is such as a good employer, why _____ for your computer training?
- a. didn't they pay
b. hadn't they paid
c. hadn't they pay
d. hasn't they paid
- 33.** Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:
Nancy Cartwright is a more famous philosopher than _____ professor .
- a. an
b. a
c. the
d. no article required
- 34.** Complete the sentence using the most appropriate option:
I don't know _____.
- a. about what he was worrying
b. what she was worrying about
c. what she was worrying for
d. for what he was worrying
- 35.** Complete the sentence using the most appropriate option:
Liam didn't say _____.
- a. which friend he had gone out with
b. with which friend he had gone out
c. which friend he had gone out
d. who friend he had gone out with

36. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:

We met a lot of interesting people _____ our holiday.

- a. during
- b. while
- c. for
- d. in

37. Read the passage and answer the question:

Iron is only one chemical element. Steel, on the other hand, is a mixture of at least two elements-iron and carbon. Steel may have as much as 1.5 percent carbon in it. But the steel we use most often has only 0.2 percent carbon in it. Besides carbon, steel may have small amounts of other metals that have been put into the 'melt' on purpose.

Metals like manganese, found in some forms of iron, can improve the quality of steel. But there are also some elements found in steel which do not belong. An element such as sulfur can ruin steel. Steel makers try their best to get rid of it.

Without the use of steel, the face of the world today would look a lot like the way it did in the middle 1800's. We would not have tall skyscrapers, huge steamships, cars, planes, and large machines to make life easier.

The manganese found in iron _____.

- a. is removed before steel is made
- b. improves the quality of steel
- c. can ruin the "melt"
- d. is sometimes as high as 2 percent

38. Read the passage and answer the question:

Sails are usually found on boats. But even without a boat, a sail can be useful. In the winter, you can use a sail when you are on ice skates. If the ice is smooth and there is a good wind, you can have lots of fun. The sail will propel you across the ice at great speeds. You can use it at other times of the year too. Try using one when you're on roller skates or on a skateboard. If you have a surfboard or a small rowboat, you can also have fun with a sail. To make a sail, you need a double bed sheet and T-shaped frame. Put the frame together from two light sticks. Sew your bed sheet to the frame. It will look a triangle when it is finished. As a rule, the sail should be as tall as you. Quite a lot of sewing is needed. You may need someone to help you with the sewing.

How long you hold the sail is up to you. Put handholds where you want them or just hold on to the frame. To use it with a boat or surfboard, rig up a kind of mast and attach your sail to it.

To make a sail, you must sew the bed sheet to the _____.

- a. triangle
- b. frame
- c. bed
- d. sail

39. Read the passage and answer the question:

Tom Hamilton liked his Aunt Prudence. She taught at the university. Her name was Dr. Prudence Hamilton. When she came to Tom's father's farm in the Cowichan Valley on Vancouver Island, which is part of the province of British Columbia, she always brought presents. Tom liked her.

He didn't like her constant companion, Genevieve Trueheart, a dog.

Tom Hamilton was fond of other dogs. He had a dog, a bull terrier called Rusty, a fighter right from the word go. Rusty kept the pheasants out of the garden and young grain. He worked for a living. Tom couldn't like Genevieve Trueheart. She was good for nothing. She never even looked like a dog. She was a great big soft wheezing lazy wagging monster, a great big useless jump.

Which of the following DOES NOT describe Genevieve Trueheart?

- a. a fighter from the word go
- b. good for nothing
- c. a great big useless lamp
- d. a lazy wagging monster

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How does Tom feel about Genevieve Trueheart?

- a. he admires how hard she works
- b. he is afraid of such a big monster
- c. he is very fond of her
- d. he doesn't like her at all

Achievers' Section (Each Question is 2 Marks)

41. Choose one word which can be substituted for the given words/sentence:

One who hates marriage

- a. misanthrope
- b. misogynist
- c. misogynist
- d. polygamist

42. Complete the analogy:

scribble : write ::

- a. inform : supply
- b. mutter : listen
- c. stagger : walk
- d. nuzzle : feel

43. Choose the antonym for the quoted word:

Orchids of countless varieties 'abounds'.

- a. shines
- b. dearth
- c. suffices
- d. untamed

44. Complete the analogy:

fearless: daunt

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| a. perplexed: enlighten | b. impassive: perturb |
| c. nondescript: neglect | d. ritual: orthodox |

45. Check the prefix and fill in the blank using a correct option:

We got late for the airport and missed our flight. He _____ the time.

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| a. uncalculated | b. miscalculated |
| c. discalculated | d. decalculated |

46. Read the passage and fill in the blank:

As the rulers of the planet, humans like to think that it is the large creatures who will emerge victorious from the struggle for survival. However, nature teaches us the opposite it is often the smallest species which are the toughest and more adaptable. A perfect example is the hummingbird, which is found in the Americas. One species of hummingbird is known as the bee hummingbird ranks as the world's smallest and lightest bird and it is barely visible when it is in flight.

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Nature has made man realise the fact that _____.

- a. the large creatures emerge victorious from the struggle for survival
- b. the smallest creatures are the toughest and most adaptable
- c. humans who rule the planet are the most powerful beings on Earth
- d. the largest and the smallest species are equally tough and strong

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Which of the following statements about the bee hummingbird is true?

- a. It is obviously visible when it flies.
- b. It escapes our sight when it is in flight.
- c. It could fly high beyond the clouds.
- d. It cannot be seen when it is in flight.

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Hummingbirds need a lot of energy in order to _____.

- a. maintain their body metabolism
- b. flap their wings and fly backwards
- c. sustain a steady rhythm of heart-beat
- d. win in the struggle for survival

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The hummingbirds are exclusive in the sense that _____.

- a. they subsist only on nectar
- b. their pulse rate is more than 1000 per minute
- c. they consume half their body weight everyday
- d. they can fly backwards

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The word, 'incredible' in the passage means

- a. preposterous
- b. imaginable
- c. plausible
- d. terrible

Answer Key

1.	c	2.	b	3.	c	4.	a	5.	b	6.	c	7.	a
8.	c	9.	d	10.	a	11.	a	12.	b	13.	b	14.	b
15.	c	16.	c	17.	d	18.	d	19.	a	20.	b	21.	c
22.	b	23.	a	24.	d	25.	b	26.	d	27.	b	28.	b
29.	a	30.	d	31.	d	32.	a	33.	b	34.	b	35.	a
36.	a	37.	b	38.	b	39.	a	40.	d	41.	b	42.	c
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