


CREST English Olympiad (CEO)

Sample Paper

Pattern and Marking Scheme

Grade	Topic/Section	No. of Questions	Marks per Question	Total Marks
Grade 6	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: Nouns, Pronouns, Verbs, Adverbs, Adjectives, Articles, Prepositions, Punctuation and Jumbled Words, Conjunctions, Tenses, Voices, Narration, etc. Spellings, Collocations, Phrasal verbs, Idioms, Words Related to Everyday Problems, Relationships, Health and Medicine, Travel etc., Information Retrieval from Various Text and Image Types like Brochures, Formal and Informal letters, Itinerary, Short Narratives, Time-tables, News Stories, Diary Entry, Poster Making, Messages etc., Spoken and Written Expressions like Agreement and Disagreement, Requests, Refusals, Apologies, etc.

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

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English Language (Each Question is 1 Mark)

1. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank:

_____ the weatherman forecasted wind and rain, we really enjoyed a pleasant and sunny afternoon.



- a. As though
b. Since
c. Whenever
d. Although
2. Choose the most suitable words/phrase to complete the given sentence:
Vivan_____ ten dollars for the clothes he bought for Christmas.
- a. paid
b. pays
c. had paid
d. would pay
3. Choose the sentence that is closest in meaning to the given sentence:
She cleared her entrance exam because she worked very hard.



- a. Because she cleared her entrance exam, she worked very hard.
b. She worked very hard, so she cleared her entrance exam.
c. She cleared her entrance exam, working very hard.
d. If she doesn't work hard, she wouldn't clear her entrance exam.
4. Choose the article/articles to complete the sentence:
_____ children went to see _____ film yesterday afternoon.
- a. A, the
b. The, a
c. The, the
d. no article required, the
5. Fill in the blank using the most appropriate verb:
I _____ actor Will Smith while returning from California.
- a. sudden came across
b. came across
c. ran into
d. both b and c

6. Fill in the blank using the most appropriate verb:
The doctor _____ the patients with the benefits of the treatment.



- a. promised
c. advised
- b. assured
d. counselled
7. Choose the correct sentence out of the given option:
- a. I purchased the crockery for \$30.
c. I purchased the crockeries for 30\$.
- b. I purchased the crockeries for \$30.
d. I purchased an crockery for \$30.
8. Read the given sentence and check if there is/are any grammatical error/s in any of the given options:
I gave him a 20\$ note to buy some medicines.
- a. I gave him
c. to buy some medicines
- b. a 20\$ note
d. No error
9. Read the given sentence and check if there is/are any grammatical error/s in any of the given options:
Myself and Raven went on a trip to Bali.
- a. Myself and Raven
c. to Bali.
- b. went on a trip
d. No error
10. Read the given sentence and check if there is/are any grammatical error/s in any of the given options:
People who diet prefer milk than butter.
- a. people who diet
c. than butter
- b. prefer milk
d. no error
11. Read the given sentence and check if there is/are any grammatical error/s in any of the given options:
My journey is delayed due to the poor management on behalf of the airways.
- a. my journey is delayed
c. on behalf of the airways
- b. due to the poor management
d. no error
12. Read the given sentence and check if there is/are any grammatical error/s in any of the given options:
By reading this book, you can get all the informations that you want.
- a. by reading this book
c. all the informations that you want
- b. you can get
d. no error

13. From the given alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the given sentence in indirect/direct speech:

He said to his manager, "Please help me with my appraisal."



- a. He asked his manager to please help him with appraisal.
b. He pleaded his manager to please help me with my appraisal.
c. He requested his manager to help him with his appraisal.
d. He asked his manager to help me with my appraisal.
14. From the given alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the given sentence in indirect/direct speech:

The manager ordered the office boy to bring her a glass of water.

- a. The manager told the office boy, "Bring a glass of water."
b. The manager said, "Bring me a glass of water."
c. The manager said to the office boy, "Bring me a glass of water."
d. The manager told the office boy, "Bring her that glass of water."
15. Choose the proper sequence from the jumbled options:

A French woman

P : on a week's trip

Q : as she is an archaeologist

R : came to Africa

S : to do her research

The proper sequence should be:

- a. PRQS
b. QSRP
c. RPSQ
d. SRQP
16. Choose the proper sequence from the jumbled options:

If you need help

P : promptly

Q : you can call me anytime

R : hospital where they serve

S : I will take you to the

The proper sequence should be:

- a. SQPR
b. QPSR
c. QSRP
d. SQRP

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

We prayed for **those brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives for our safety.**

- a. martyr
- b. patriot
- c. soldier
- d. revolutionary

18. Identify the kind of noun for the word that is given in quotes:

Smoking is a bad "habit". Smoking causes cancer and smoking kills.

- a. Habit is a common noun.
- b. Habit is a proper noun.
- c. Habit is an abstract noun.
- d. Habit is a collective noun.

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

Although the soldier knew his comrades would _____ him, he fled the battle scene to save his own life.

- a. concede
- b. despise
- c. praise
- d. caress

20. Under which category does the quoted word fall under:

This is the guy who delivers the newspaper 'daily' to our house. Would you like to subscribe through him?



- a. adverb of time/frequency
- b. adverb of place
- c. adverb of degree
- d. adverb of manner

21. Choose the correct option with right order of adjectives to fill in the blanks:

When you go to the store, can you buy _____ apples and also get _____ water to drink. We had _____ cups of coffee and there were only _____ chairs in the cafe.

- a. a few, a little, a little, a few
- b. a few, a little, a few, a little
- c. a few, a little, a few, a few
- d. a little, a little, a few, a few

22. Choose the correct alternative for the word in quotes, from the given options:

I must take some rest today as I am 'falling under the weather'.

- a. fooling under the weather
- b. failing under the weather
- c. flying under the weather
- d. feeling under the weather

23. From the given options, choose the one which best expresses the given sentence in passive/active voice:

They have built a beautiful arch across the river.

- a. Across the river a beautiful arch was built.
- b. A beautiful arch has been built by them across the river.
- c. A beautiful arch should have been built by them.
- d. Across the river was a beautiful arch.

24. Choose the option with correct punctuation:

- a. Knowing her own strengths and working hard will help to be successful in school.
- b. Knowing her own strengths and working hard,will help to be successful in school.
- c. Knowing her own strengths and working hard will help to be successful, in school
- d. Knowing her own strengths, and working hard will help to be successful in school.

25. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word:

My thoughts can _____ my inner peace and happiness.

- a. affect
- b. effect
- c. affected
- d. effected

26. Fill in the blank and complete the sentence with common idiomatic expression:

Buying a lavish house in that posh area will _____ so I have decided to drop the idea for now.

- a. cost me an arm and a leg
- b. be a white elephant
- c. break a leg
- d. be on cloud nine

27. Choose the antonym of the word given in the bold:

To prove his **mettle** and show that he was daring enough to join the club, Jason had to spend an hour alone in the haunted house on the hill.

- a. perjury
- b. leniency
- c. weariness
- d. timidity

28. Read the given sentence and identify the expression of the author:

My project manager appreciated me and it was like music to my ears.

- a. praises you
- b. abuses you
- c. sings for you
- d. plays for you

29. Read the given sentence and identify the expression of the author:

I'm happy to see Estella back on her feet only a week after her surgery!

- a. bought new shoes
- b. recovers from sickness
- c. wakes up from sleep
- d. able to stand

- 30.** Read the given sentence and identify the expression of the author:
She's scared to ask for a day off as her boss is in a black mood today.
- a. occupied
c. busy
- b. irritated
d. upset
- 31.** Read the given sentence and identify the expression of the author:
He just woke up from a night of heavy drinking and felt so out of it.
- a. disturbed
c. excited
- b. happy
d. sleepless
- 32.** Complete the idiom:
A stitch in time _____.
- a. saves nine
c. ask the tailor
- b. according to your cloth
d. saves time
- 33.** Read the sentence and choose the part that has an error:
When we heard an emergency fire alarm, kids ran towards the balcony. It was Mr Smith's mobile phone's ring tone and he was standing outside weering his pajamas.
- a. Smith's mobile phone's ring tone
c. standing outside weering
- b. towards the balcony
d. an emergency fire alarm
- 34.** Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:
You will die soon, _____.
- a. if you leave the food you eat out in the Sun
b. if you take things seriously
c. if you smoke and drink a lot
d. if I take the train
- 35.** Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:
When the book was made into a screenplay, we decided to _____ some of the comical anecdotes.
- a. go over
c. sort out
- b. miss out
d. go ahead
- 36.** Choose the most appropriate set of options to fill in the blanks:
I am grateful _____ him _____ this help.
- a. for, to
c. to, for
- b. to, to
d. for, with

37. Which of the following cannot fit in the blank?

Dave _____ even on Sundays.

- a. will be working
- b. will work
- c. is working
- d. will have been worked

38. Fill in the blank with the correct tense:

They _____ for some time over their results.

- a. had shouted
- b. have shouted
- c. had been shouting
- d. have being shouting

39. Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks:

_____ is funny as long as it is happening to _____ else.

- a. Something, anyone
- b. Everything, somebody
- c. Anything, somebody
- d. Everything, everyone

40. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank:

Actually, she knew very little about the man with _____ she had promised to spend the summer.

- a. who
- b. whom
- c. whose
- d. who's

Achievers' Section (Each Question is 2 Marks)

41. Choose the correct word to complete each sentence:

_____ are spoiling their children by giving mobile phones.



- a. Parents that
- b. Parents
- c. When parents
- d. If parents

42. Choose the correct option with right order of adjectives to fill in the blanks:

The old man put _____ sugar into the bottle while preparing his drink. I prepared my own drink, as I did not have money. Terry asked if he can help me with _____ money in case of an emergency. My brother was amazed looking at Tarun, as he doesn't have _____ friends. So to thank him back, he brought _____ gift for him.



- a. some, some, many, some
- b. some, many, many, some
- c. many, some, many, some
- d. many, some, some, many

43. Read the proverbs/idioms and choose the correct meaning:

To have an axe to grind

- a. to have a strong personal opinion about something that you want people to accept
- b. to fail to convince people
- c. to have no result
- d. none of the above

44. Read the passage and answer the question based on what is stated or implied in the passage:

The process that describes the continuous movement of water on, above, and below the surface of the Earth is the hydrologic cycle or the hydrological cycle is known as the water cycle.

It is the process where the water evaporates from the surface of the Earth (lake/pond/ocean), rises into the atmosphere, cools and condenses into rain or snow in clouds, and falls again (rain) to the surface as precipitation.

What does the second sentence do?

- a. It reinforces the first.
- b. It provides a contrast.
- c. It states an effect.
- d. It draws a conclusion.

45. Choose the most appropriate set of options to fill in the blanks:

People _____ the age group of less than 18 are not allowed to watch horror movies. They must be _____ their 17s for them to be allowed _____ special days. There is a theatre _____ to the temple which you can check _____.

- a. at, in, on, beside, on
- b. in, on, on, under, in
- c. at, in, on, near, on
- d. in, in, on, next, out

46. Read the passage and answer the question:

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What made Hooker to lose the Battle of Chancellorsville?



- a. vanity
- b. ignorance
- c. overconfidence
- d. faulty information

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What is the contrast between Lee and Hooker intended to _____.

- a. showcase the different backgrounds and personal histories
- b. a better military commander
- c. to show that two men are different
- d. imply that these men fundamentally differed in their approaches

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How many men did Hooker position behind Lee's army?

- a. 61000
- b. 70000
- c. 73000
- d. 134000

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What is the meaning of the word 'retreat'?

- a. strengthened
- b. anchored
- c. heartened
- d. to go back

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What is the moral one should learn from this battle?

- a. Dialogue is better than war
- b. Follow the examples set by seniors
- c. Do not underestimate your enemy and be overconfident
- d. Catch your enemy unprepared and use him to your advantage

Answer Key

1.	d	2.	a	3.	b	4.	b	5.	d	6.	d	7.	a
8.	b	9.	a	10.	c	11.	c	12.	c	13.	c	14.	c
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36.	c	37.	d	38.	c	39.	b	40.	b	41.	b	42.	a
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