



CREST English Olympiad (CEO)

Sample Paper

Pattern and Marking Scheme

Grade	Topic/Section	No. of Questions	Marks per Question	Total Marks
Grade 9	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, Pronouns, Verbs, Adverbs, Adjectives, Articles, Prepositions, Conjunctions, Punctuations, Jumbled Words, Voices, Concord, Question Forms, Tenses, Conditionals, Modals, Reported Speech, Collocations, Phrasal Verbs, Idioms, Homonyms and Homophones, Words Related to Social Cause, Travel, Workplace, etc., Information Retrieval from Various Text Types like Flyers, Classifieds, Dictionaries, Instruction Manuals, Messages, Editorials, Essays, etc., Spoken and Written Expressions like Giving advice, Stating Preferences, Discussing Probability, Making an Offer, 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 word which is the exact opposite of the words given in the quotes:
I hate those artificial eyelashes which are long enough to 'annoy' me when I wear sunglasses.

a. praise	b. rejoice
c. please	d. reward
2. Choose the word which is the exact opposite of the words given in the quotes:
He 'rarely' allowed himself that privilege.

a. hardly	b. definitely
c. frequently	d. periodically
3. Choose the correct set of prepositions that fits to complete the statement:
My stomach is hurting. Maybe it is something I ate _____ the birthday party. They were delicious so I had a lot of them. Maybe the strawberry did not agree _____ me.

a. at, on	b. at, with
c. at, of	d. in, of
4. Choose the correct set of prepositions that fits to complete the statement:
There is a meeting schedule _____ 4 pm to 4.30 p.m. You are invited along _____ your manager to discuss _____ the way forward _____ project completion.

a. amongst, against, in, in	b. between, for, in, in
c. between, with, about, on	d. amongst, with, on, in
5. Choose the correct verb form to replace the verb in brackets:
I (not go) to the school yesterday. My dad has come from Malaysia.

a. no go	b. did not go
c. cannot go	d. did go
6. Fill the incomplete sentence with suitable words from the given options:
When you first meet someone, you usually go _____ their appearance.

a. with	b. on
c. in	d. by
7. Fill the incomplete sentence with suitable words from the given options:
I _____ to the seminar so that I can do my project on the same topic.

a. heard	b. listened
c. was hearing	d. was listen

8. Fill the incomplete sentence with suitable words from the given options:
I thought they would all share the cost of the team lunch, but none of them spoke about it and I _____ up paying for everybody.
- a. end
b. ended
c. finish
d. finishing
9. Choose an appropriate relative pronoun for the given sentence, where one option fits both the blanks:
_____ discovered America? There are several theories as to _____ "discovered" America — some more substantiated than others.
- a. Why
b. Whom
c. Which
d. Who
10. Choose an appropriate relative pronoun for the given sentence, where one option fits both the blanks:
I'm looking at the art _____ you have painted, _____ is mine now!
- a. which
b. who
c. whom
d. whose
11. Choose an appropriate relative pronoun for the given sentence, where one option fits both the blanks:
_____ is that near the door? They were talking about a woman _____ spends all days of the week working so hard.
- a. Who
b. Which
c. Whose
d. Why
12. Choose a suitable word for the given sentences from the given options:
It was funny to watch my friend's dog always chases _____ tail.
- a. their
b. them
c. it's
d. its
13. In the given question, a part of the sentence is given in quotes. Choose the correct alternative from the options:
100 km "are not a great distance" in these days of fast-moving vehicles.
- a. is not a great distance
b. is no distance
c. aren't a great distance
d. no changes required
14. From the given options, choose the correct word to complete the given idiom:
Actions speak louder than _____.
- a. words
b. silence
c. speaker
d. heats

15. From the given options, choose the correct word to complete the given idiom:
A journey of _____ begins with a single step.
- a. thousand miles
b. leap
c. a centum miles
d. go getter
16. Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete the sentence:
A total stranger walked _____ to me and asked if I could lend him some money.
- a. along
b. by
c. under
d. up
17. Fill the appropriate response to complete the sentence:
Meera: 'Thank you so much. You have been of great help!'
Anisha: '_____'.
a. No problem
b. Any problem
c. A problem
d. Some problem
18. Fill the appropriate response to complete the sentence:
Meera: 'I secured good marks even though I didn't think I stood a chance.'
Anisha: '_____'.
a. You always did!
b. You never did!
c. You sometimes did!
d. You often did!
19. Fill the appropriate response to complete the sentence:
Anisha: 'I hear that the ministers are planning to abolish liquor shop.'
Meera: '_____'.
a. That is the day!
b. That may be the day!
c. That could be the day!
d. That'll be the day!
20. Choose the option which has the same relationship:
cricket : pitch
a. ship : deck
b. boat : harbour
c. boxing : ring
d. cards : play
21. Choose the option which has the same relationship:
coffee : beverages
a. burger : snack
b. jam : fruit
c. milk : tea
d. bread : butter
22. Fill in the blank with the correct spelling:
The _____ soldier shared his experiences with the younger recruits.
a. vicious
b. veteran
c. venial
d. vexed

23. Rearrange the given sentences into a meaningful sequence. The first and last sentence are already aligned for you:

1 : Music is an art form and cultural activity whose medium is sound organised in time.

P : Or omit some of these elements creating a new variety

Q : Different styles or types of music may emphasise, de-emphasise

R : General definitions of music include common elements such as pitch

S : Rhythm, dynamics, and the sonic qualities of timbre and texture

6 : This style gave an entirely new dimension to Hindustani classical music tradition.

a. SRQP

b. RSPQ

c. RSQP

d. SRPQ

24. Rearrange the given sentences into a meaningful sequence. The first and last sentence are already aligned for you:

1 : Printing is a device for multiplying what is written by making copies of it.

P : A printing press is a mechanical device for applying pressure to an

Q : Inked surface resting upon a print medium (such as paper or cloth)

R : Thereby transferring the ink. It marked a dramatic improvement on earlier printing

S : Methods in which the cloth, paper or other medium was brushed or rubbed repeatedly

6 : To achieve the transfer of ink, and accelerated the process.

a. PRQS

b. RQPS

c. PQRS

d. PQSR

25. Rearrange the given sentences into a meaningful sequence. The first and last sentence are already aligned for you:

1 : When I reached North Bay, it was dark and it was heavily raining.

P : With a relief, the tiger crawled under the broken roof and lay down by the roof.

Q : He was completely wet and was far from his home

R : There I saw an old tiger running through the rain looking for shelter

S : While running to his cave he saw an old hut

6 : Except for the drizzling sound of the rain, the night was quiet.

a. RPSQ

b. SQRP

c. RQSP

d. SPRQ

26. Choose the appropriate tense for the blank in the given sentence from the given options:

Can you please call the police. Our house _____ into and we are in an emergency.

a. was broken

b. has been broken

c. is broken

d. will be broken

27. Choose the appropriate tense for the blank in the given sentence from the given options:

I _____ them at the church every Sunday and they say hello to everyone.

a. see

b. am seeing

c. will see

d. will seen

28. Choose the appropriate tense for the blank in the given sentence from the given options:
What is the name of that cricketer whose photo you _____ on the wall?
- a. look at
c. are looking at
- b. is looking at
d. looks at
29. Choose the appropriate tense for the blank in the given sentence from the given options:
_____ whatever you hear? Do you think that is right?
- a. Do you believe
c. Are you believing
- b. Is you believing
d. Will you believe
30. From the given options, choose the exact noun from the given sentence for the question:
Clouds of black smoke belched from the house.
Identify the word, which is a mass noun?
- a. clouds
c. house
- b. belched
d. smoke
31. From the given options, choose the exact noun from the given sentence for the question:
My brother, the singer, has been awarded best singer.
Identify the word, which is an appositive noun?
- a. has been
c. awarded
- b. the singer
d. best
32. From the given options, choose the correct quantity noun for the given sentence:
The boys went to the forest and gathered a bundle of _____.
- a. sticks
c. beads
- b. people
d. houses
33. From the given options, choose the correct expression that suits the given sentence:
Our new teacher is very _____ that she encourages us to ask doubts.
- a. conservative
c. patient
- b. petite
d. friendly
34. Identify the correct option with the right punctuation:
A fixed deposit is a financial instrument provided by banks or NBFCs which provides investors a higher rate of interest than a regular savings account until the given maturity date it may or may not require the creation of a separate account.
- a. A fixed deposit is a financial instrument provided by banks or NBFCs, which provides investors a higher rate of interest than a regular savings account, until the given maturity date. It may or may not require the creation of a separate account.
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- c. A fixed deposit is a financial instrument, provided by banks or NBFCs which provides investors a higher rate of interest, than a regular savings account, until the given maturity date. It may or may not require the creation of a separate account.
- d. "A fixed deposit" is a financial instrument provided by banks or NBFCs which provides investors a higher rate of interest than a regular savings account, until the given maturity date. It may or may not require the creation of a separate account.

35. Read the given statement and identify the expression of the author:

Diana's success in the last two years brought her into the role of a manager of a leading company.

- a. failure
- b. achievement
- c. embezzlement
- d. belittle

36. Read the given statement and identify the expression of the author:

The juice we had was homemade, so it was extraordinarily refreshing.

- a. more than regular
- b. less than regular
- c. bad
- d. very bad

37. From the given options, choose the word which can be used as a substitute for the given sentence:

What do you term : Who behaves without moral principles, _____.

- a. luscious
- b. debauched
- c. vocal
- d. vulnerable

38. Choose the right set of conjunctions to fill in the blanks:

The students in the library were silent, _____ it was in the rules of the library to not make any noise, _____ the students who wished to hear music can make use of the headphones. The library is open _____ on the weekends _____ the students can use them more.

- a. as, and, also, that, as
- b. as, but, also, so that
- c. also, so that, as, but
- d. so, but, and, for

39. Choose the right set of conjunctions to fill in the blanks:

Amazon is known for its disruption of well-established industries through technological innovation _____ mass scale. It is the world's largest e-commerce marketplace _____ it uses cloud computing platform. _____ Amazon is the largest Internet company by revenue in the world, it is the second largest private employer in the United States _____ one of the world's most valuable companies.

- a. and, because, Even though, and
- b. because, even Though, and
- c. and, so, Even, though
- d. before, only if, Before, and

40. Choose the right set of conjunctions to fill in the blanks:

Cleanliness is both the abstract state of being clean _____ free from germs, dirt, trash, or waste, _____ the habit of achieving and maintaining that state. _____ the place you live is clean you will have a good hygiene. Cleanliness is often achieved through cleaning. Cleanliness is a good quality _____ may be regarded as contributing to other ideals.

- a. and, because, Even though, and
c. after, only if, Before, and
- b. and, and, Only if, and
d. because, even though, and, or

Achievers' Section (Each Question is 2 Marks)

41. Choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the word given in the quotes:
The 'distinction' left her feeling torn.
- a. diffusion
c. difference
- b. disagreement
d. degree
42. Choose the correct set of prepositions that fits to complete the statement:
When I saw my baby _____ the first time, he was so small. He looked cute _____ those blue eyes. It seems _____ yesterday and he is 5 years now. Now he is doing all his things _____ his own.
- a. for, on, on, like
c. at, against, in, like
- b. for, against, in, like
d. for, with, like, on
43. Choose the correct meaning of the proverb/idiom:
Life is not a 'bed of roses' is a very famous saying. Bed of roses means _____.
- a. to find some reason to quarrel
b. to deal with a person who is more than one's match
c. to work for both sides
d. easy and comfortable
44. From the given options, choose the word which can be used as a substitute for the given sentence:
What do you term : A person appointed by two parties to solve a dispute, _____.
- a. expert
c. middleman
- b. arbitrator
d. referee
45. From the given options, choose the word which can be used as a substitute for the given sentence:
What do you term : Conferred as an honor, _____.
- a. honorary
c. henpeck
- b. highbrow
d. indefatigable
46. Read the following passage and answer the question(s):

Jeffrey Preston Bezos is the founder, chairman, and chief executive officer of Amazon, the world's largest online retailer.

Bezos was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and raised in Houston, Texas. He graduated from Princeton University in 1986 with degrees in electrical engineering and computer science. He worked on Wall Street (a famous street in New York) in various related fields. He founded Amazon in late 1994 during a cross-country road trip from New York City to Seattle.

The company began as an online bookstore and has expanded to include a variety of products and services, including video and audio streaming. It is currently the world's largest Internet sales online company as well as the world's largest provider of cloud infrastructure services via its Amazon Web Services arm.

Bezos is also the founder of Blue Origin, a company that aims to make space travel affordable to ordinary people. He always has his customers in mind, no matter what he is working on. His top priority is making it as available and easily accessible as possible.

Bezos also purchased 'The Washington Post' (an American daily newspaper published in Washington) in 2013. He was named the "richest man in modern history" after his net worth increased to \$150 billion in July 2018.

What was Amazon initially?

- a. online bookstore
- b. online school
- c. online clothes shopping
- d. online music store

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What is the name of the Amazon cloud infrastructure services?

- a. Albuquerque Web Services arm
- b. Amazon Web Houston arm
- c. Amazon Web Store arm
- d. Amazon Web Services arm

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Who is the richest man in modern history?

- a. Jeff Bezos
- b. Bill Gates
- c. Tata Brila
- d. Steve Jobs

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What is Blue Origin?

- a. Blue Origin is a company owned by Steve Jobs that aims to make space travel affordable to ordinary people.
- b. Blue Origin is a company owned by Jeff Bezos that aims to make space travel unaffordable to ordinary people.

- c. Blue Origin is a company owned by Jeff Bezos that aims to make space travel affordable to extraordinary people.
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What is meant by CEO?

- a. Chief Executive Officer
- b. Chief Exercising Officer
- c. Chief Executive Office
- d. Chairman Executive Officer

Answer Key

1.	c	2.	c	3.	b	4.	c	5.	b	6.	d	7.	b
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