



## CREST International Spell Bee – Winter (CSBW)

Previous Year Paper (2023-24)

### Class 8 (Set - A)

Time Allowed: 1 hour

Maximum Marks: 70

- Additional **10 minutes** will be allotted to fill up information on the OMR Sheet, before the start of the exam.
- Fill in all the mandatory fields clearly on the OMR Sheet.
- There are multiple sections in the question paper. Questions in these sections are **1 mark each**.
- There is **no negative marking**. The use of a calculator is not permitted.
- There is **only ONE correct option** to a given question.
- Use **HB Pencil or Blue / Black ball point pen only** for marking the correct choice of answers on the OMR Sheet.
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## Spell Bee - Winter (Each Question is 1 Mark)

### Section name for questions 1-8: Word Champ

1. Choose the correct option to make a meaningful word:

boul\_\_\_\_\_

- a. action                      b. face  
c. evard                        d. stone

2. Choose the correct option to make a meaningful word:

pyro\_\_\_\_\_

- a. amid                         b. thorn  
c. anha                         d. mania

3. In which option are the given words arranged in alphabetical order?

1. jigsaw
2. jaundice
3. jewfish
4. jailbird

- a. 4231                         b. 3421  
c. 2341                         d. 2143

4. In which option are the given words arranged in alphabetical order?

1. misquote
2. muesli
3. megalomania
4. megawatt

- a. 2314                         b. 3412  
c. 4123                         d. 3124

5. Choose the correct word for the blank in the given sentence:

Paul is extremely proud of his stamp collection. A person who is fond of collecting stamps is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. philatelist                 b. geologist  
c. limnologist                d. physiognomist

6. Choose the correct word for the blank in the given sentence:

The ability to stay calm in a difficult situation is defined as \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. progeny                    b. parlance  
c. kibosh                     d. sangfroid

7. Choose the true statement/s:

1. An amulet is worn to protect against evil.
2. A ruffian is a violent person.
3. A clergy is an unprincipled person.

- a. only 1 and 2 are true  
b. all three are true  
c. only 3 is true  
d. only 2 and 3 are true

8. Choose the word that will fit in the blank:

\_\_\_\_\_ means to criticize somebody or speak angrily to them because you do not approve of something that they have said or done.

- a. Warble                      b. Untoward  
c. Upbraid                    d. Tryst

### Section name for questions 9-14: Spell Spies

9. Choose the incorrectly spelt word:

- a. intonation                 b. hypothalemus  
c. grenadier                 d. enunciate

10. Choose the incorrectly spelt word:

- a. leisurely                    b. croquete  
c. pheasant                    d. requisition

11. Choose the word/s that are not spelt correctly in the given sentence:

I was immensely impressed while watching him flipping 20 times a minute.

- a. immensely and impressed
- b. minute / impressed / while
- c. immensely and flipping
- d. impressed

12. Choose the word/s that are not spelt correctly in the given sentence:  
The Chairmen committee has decided to bring about a few changes in the roles and responsibilities of its pivotal personnel.

- a. committee and personnel
- b. chairmen / personnel / pivotal
- c. committee and Chairmen
- d. personnel and pivotal

13. Choose the pair which has a spelling error:

- a. fervent : apathetic
- b. parched : moist
- c. futuristic : archaic
- d. valiant : quaking

14. Choose the pair which has a spelling error:

- a. coherent : illogical
- b. offbeat : conventional
- c. towering : stunted
- d. lavish : frugal

### Section name for questions 15-17: Sound Check

15. Which of the following words rhyme with the given word?  
wrist

- a. dermis                      b. abyss
- c. tryst                         d. heist

16. Choose the correct option:  
In which word is 'me' pronounced differently?

- a. metalloid                  b. meteoroid
- c. somersault                d. boomerang

17. Choose the correct option:  
Which word will not rhyme with the others when the blanks are filled with 'ur' / 'ee' / 'ei'?

- a. proced\_\_e                 b. s\_\_zure
- c. fr\_\_zer                     d. cr\_\_per

### Section name for questions 18-25: Spellacadabra

18. Choose the correct option to make a meaningful word:  
imag\_\_ \_ \_

- a. ant                              b. eor
- c. ent                              d. ery

19. Choose the correct option to make a meaningful word:  
cau\_\_ \_ \_

- a. cer                              b. tor
- c. cus                              d. les

20. Choose the option in which both the blanks can be filled with the same letter:

- a. cir\_ums\_ribe              b. di\_ac\_ic
- c. en\_rv\_te                    d. int\_rlocut\_r

21. Choose the option in which both the blanks can be filled with the same letter:

- a. eph\_m\_ral                  b. li\_c\_pin
- c. m\_lod\_rous                d. comp\_s\_re

22. Choose the option in which the following letters will fit in the given order:  
e, p, t

- a. s\_ren\_ip\_ty                b. pr\_ci\_i\_ate
- c. a\_e\_r\_tion                 d. g\_rr\_l\_us

23. Choose the option in which the following letters will fit in the given order:

o, o, i

- a. ge\_rg\_tt\_                      b. l\_ndl\_bb\_r  
c. p\_rp\_\_se                      d. s\_m\_lc\_st

24. From which option does a letter need to be removed to make a meaningful word?

- a. zealot                      b. witticism  
c. conundrum                      d. tiddlywinkks

25. From which option does a letter need to be removed to make a meaningful word?

- a. tessellate                      b. leguminous  
c. soapsucds                      d. conscription

### Section name for questions 26-31: Jumble Tumble

26. Choose the option in which the letters can be rearranged to form a meaningful word:

- a. muuta                      b. eualqrr  
c. lanutr                      d. uelrmg

27. Which option has letters that you can rearrange to form a noun?

- a. smeird                      b. dbuheac  
c. elicod                      d. ssnergo

28. Choose the correct sequence of the jumbled letters to form a meaningful word:

E M L U B R  
1 2 3 4 5 6

- a. 6 5 4 3 2 1                      b. 2 1 6 3 4 5  
c. 4 1 6 3 2 5                      d. 3 4 2 5 1 6

29. Choose the correct sequence of the jumbled letters to form a meaningful word:

E R U C S B O  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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

30. What is the meaning of the word that can be formed from the given letters? lisewst

- a. that you cannot take seriously  
b. silly or stupid  
c. soft and shining  
d. well known for being bad

31. What is the meaning of the word that can be formed from the given letters? ehtirw

- a. an article about somebody's life and achievements  
b. to make a disease or an illness less painful  
c. all the people who will live in the future  
d. to twist or move your body without stopping

### Section name for questions 32-34: Pictospell

32. Choose the most appropriate word for the given image:



- a. benevolence                      b. audacious  
c. courageous                      d. valiant

33. Choose the most appropriate word for the given image:



- a. shroud                      b. belligerent  
c. betrayal                      d. astute

34. Choose the option which is the synonym of what the image shows:



- a. caucus                      b. chastise  
c. calumny                      d. canny

**Section name for questions 35-40: Word Tally**

35. Find out the number of misspelt words in the given set of words and multiply the answer by '2'.  
leukaemia, ludicrous, manoeuvre, nimble, obitury

- a. 2                                  b. 6  
c. 4                                  d. 8

36. Find out the number of correctly spelt words in the given set of words and multiply the answer by '2'.  
occurrence, onnerous, outragous, paliate, phenomenon

- a. 8                                  b. 6  
c. 2                                  d. 4

37. How many meaningful words can you make by adding an 'u' to the following (without changing the order of the letters)?  
mpteen, intontion, hystrical, ostenttious, philistne

- a. 1                                  b. 2  
c. 3                                  d. 4

38. How many meaningful words can you make by adding 2 u's to the following (without changing the order of the letters)?

penrios, prsevernce, prciptate, recprate, reegde

- a. 2                                  b. 1  
c. 4                                  d. 3

39. Find out the number of misspelt words in the sentence:

Unless you get your information from a credibal website, you should doubt the varacity of the facts until you have confirmed them elsewhere

- a. 0                                  b. 1  
c. 2                                  d. 3

40. Find out the number of misspelt words in the sentence:

At the fundriser, Joe's sententious remarks were so brief and patronising that very little money was raised at the event.

- a. 2                                  b. 0  
c. 3                                  d. 1

**Section name for questions 41-44: Spell-probe**

41. Choose the meaning of the word that will be formed by adding 'o' and 'a' to one of the following:

1. f\_t\_ristic
2. ger\_n\_um
3. h\_em\_rrhage
4. inch\_\_te

- a. imagining what the future will be like  
b. a garden plant with a mass of red, pink or white flowers on the end of each stem  
c. a medical condition in which there is severe loss of blood from a damaged blood vessel  
d. just beginning to form and therefore not clear or developed

42. Choose the meaning of the word that will be formed by adding 'e' and 'a' to one of the following:
1. ind\_gn\_tion
  2. o\_soph\_gus
  3. m\_lic\_ous
  4. num\_sm\_tist
- a. the tube through which food passes from the mouth to the stomach
- b. a person who collects or studies coins or medals
- c. a feeling of anger and surprise caused by something that you think is unfair or unreasonable
- d. having or showing a desire to harm somebody or hurt their feelings

43. Correct the incorrectly spelt word in the given sentence and choose the option with its meaning:

It took several months for prosecution of thief to take place since the attorneys schedules never seemed to align.

- a. the process of trying to prove in court that somebody is guilty of a crime
- b. a lawyer, especially one who can act for somebody in court
- c. a plan that lists all the work that you have to do and when you must do each thing
- d. to arrange something in the correct position

44. Correct the incorrectly spelt word in the given sentence and choose the option with its meaning:

While we are shorthanded in the supply department, we will try and process your requisition for toner as soon as possible.

- a. a shorter way of saying or referring to something
- b. a type of ink
- c. a section of a large organization such as a government, business, university, etc.

- d. a formal, official written request or demand for something

### Section name for questions 45-47: Back to the Roots

45. Choose the correct option:  
Klutz is a \_\_\_\_\_ language word and it means \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. German/ a dance in which two people dance together to a regular rhythm; a piece of music for this dance
- b. Greek/a speech that somebody has used many times
- c. Yiddish/a person who often drops things, is not good at sport(s), etc.
- d. French/a small problem or fault that stops something working successfully

46. Choose the correct option:  
Siesta comes from \_\_\_\_\_ and it means \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Spanish
2. Latin
3. French
4. German
5. a rest or sleep taken in the early afternoon
6. to explore new things in life
7. to talk in an informal and friendly way with somebody
8. a period of time when you are not at home or work

- a. 3/7                      b. 2/8  
c. 4/6                      d. 1/5

47. Choose the correct option:  
\_\_\_\_\_ comes from **Italian** and it means a photographer who follows famous people around in order to get interesting photographs of them to sell to a newspaper.

- a. Babushka
- b. Bossa nova
- c. Paparazzo
- d. Sheikh

**Section name for questions 48-52: Word Fusion**

48. Choose the right combination to make a meaningful word:

1. en
2. ex
3. in
4. verate
5. grace
6. patriate

- a. 1 and 5                      b. 3 and 4  
c. 2 and 6                      d. 1 and 6

49. Choose the right combination to make a meaningful word:

1. hypo
2. en
3. in
4. phobia
5. light
6. choate

- a. 2 and 5                      b. 3 and 6  
c. 3 and 5                      d. 1 and 4

50. Choose the correct prefix and suffix to make a meaningful word:

\_\_\_\_\_dominant\_\_\_\_\_

1. re
2. pre
3. dis
4. pro
5. city
6. ism
7. ly
8. al

- a. 1 and 5                      b. 3 and 8  
c. 3 and 6                      d. 2 and 7

51. Choose the correct prefix and suffix to make a meaningful word:

\_\_\_\_\_surmount\_\_\_\_\_

1. un
2. re
3. in
4. de
5. ible
6. ism

7. able
8. ial

- a. 3 and 7                      b. 2 and 8  
c. 1 and 6                      d. 4 and 5

52. Choose the right combination to form a word to fill in the blank:

\_\_\_\_\_ is a figure made to look like a person, that is dressed in old clothes and put in a field to frighten birds away.

1. Wood
2. Scare
3. Panic
4. Louse
5. crow
6. insect
7. mouse

- a. 1 and 4                      b. 2 and 6  
c. 2 and 5                      d. 3 and 7

**Section name for questions 53-55: Word Twins**

53. Identify the sentence/s with the correct use of the word in bold:

1. An **alter** was built by those needing a platform from which they could worship various gods and goddesses.
2. Many authors have an **alter** ego that allows them to write in multiple genres under different names.

- a. only 2                      b. only 1  
c. both a and b              d. neither a nor b

54. Identify the sentence/s with the correct use of the word in bold:

1. After looking at the month's revenue, the storeowner was happy because the sizable profit appeared to **auger** a good start for his new business.
2. Neither of us knew how unstable heavy that **augur** bit was.

- a. only 2                      b. only 1  
c. both a and b              d. neither a nor b

55. Choose the correct option for the blanks:

- In fact, \_\_\_\_\_ music can be very flexible as to the number of parts.
- Oil spills are having a devastating effect on \_\_\_\_\_ reefs in the ocean.

- a. coral/choral              b. choral/ choral  
c. choral/ coral              d. coral/coral

**Section name for questions 56-60: Word Puzzle**

56. Match the words with their meanings:

1.	callous	a.	very brightly coloured in an unpleasant way
2.	dapper	b.	not caring about other people's feelings, pain or problems
3.	garish	c.	small with a neat appearance and nice clothes

- a. 1-c, 2-b, 3-a              b. 1-a, 2-b, 3-c  
c. 1-b, 2-c, 3-a              d. 1-a, 2-c, 3-b

57. Match the words with their meanings:

1.	irrevocable	a.	that cannot be changed
2.	mammoth	b.	something that will solve all the problems of a particular situation
3.	panacea	c.	an animal like a large elephant covered with hair

- a. 1-b, 2-c, 3-a              b. 1-a, 2-c, 3-b  
c. 1-c, 2-b, 3-a              d. 1-b, 2-a, 3-c

58. Match the words with their antonyms:

1.	spurious	a.	renovate
2.	ravage	b.	modest
3.	pompous	c.	genuine

- a. 1-b, 2-a, 3-c              b. 1-a, 2-c, 3-b  
c. 1-a, 2-b, 3-c              d. 1-c, 2-a, 3-b

59. Match the words with their synonyms:

1.	zenith	a.	renounce
2.	waive	b.	apex
3.	despicable	c.	shameless

- a. 1-c, 2-a, 3-b              b. 1-b, 2-a, 3-c  
c. 1-c, 2-b, 3-a              d. 1-a, 2-b, 3-c

60. Match the words with their antonyms:

1.	eradicate	a.	restore
2.	daunt	b.	encourage
3.	elation	c.	gloom

- a. 1-a, 2-b, 3-c              b. 1-c, 2-b, 3-a  
c. 1-c, 2-a, 3-b              d. 1-b, 2-a, 3-c

**Section name for questions 61-70: Duo-chip**

61. Fill in both the blanks in statements I and II with the same correct option:

- Some people try to \_\_\_\_\_ the presence of God.
- She tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the effect of his rude behaviour on her.

- a. piltrate                      b. negate  
c. radiate                      d. repeal

62. Fill in both the blanks in statements I and II with the same correct option:

- The environmentalist \_\_\_\_\_ the practice of animal testing for cosmetic products as cruel.
- The opposition leader \_\_\_\_\_ the law as inhuman and biased.



- a. decried                      b. rectified  
c. modified                     d. magnified

63. Fill in both the blanks in statements I and II with the same correct option:
- I. He was seen \_\_\_\_\_ public opinion on this matter on his youtube channel.
- II. The party workers were actively \_\_\_\_\_ support for their leader.
- a. digressing                    b. regressing  
c. canvassing                 d. progressing

64. Fill in both the blanks in statements I and II with the same correct option:
- I. The teacher is good except that she often \_\_\_\_\_ from the main topic in discussion.
- II. "Guys, let's focus on the issue in hand. Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ now will be disqualified from the group discussion", said the leader.
- a. fades                         b. bonkers  
c. meanders                  d. digresses

65. Fill in both the blanks in statements I and II with the same correct option:
- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the poor girl is not hidden from my eyes.
- II. "Only the ruling government is responsible for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the country", said the opposition leader.
- a. pliancy                        b. pliers  
c. plethora                      d. plight

66. Fill in both the blanks in statements I and II with the same correct option:
- I. The politicians \_\_\_\_\_ each other's reputation by saying unkind words.
- II. No body should be allowed to \_\_\_\_\_ the constitution like that.
- a. filtrate                        b. denigrate  
c. penetrate                    d. desiccate

67. Fill in both the blanks in statements I and II with the same correct option:
- I. A healthy \_\_\_\_\_ among the colleagues help remove friction and smoothens the inter-departmental work flow.
- II. Such events are good in strengthening \_\_\_\_\_ among the junior and senior level students.
- a. chummy                      b. pal  
c. bonhomie                    d. chundering

68. Fill in both the blanks in statements I and II with the same correct option:
- I. "Are you stooping to \_\_\_\_\_ my reputation now?", shouted Amelia in disgust.
- II. "I am soon going to sue you for this \_\_\_\_\_ and you are going to regret it", Fiona commented angrily before slamming down the phone.
- a. plunder                        b. blunder  
c. squander                      d. slander

69. Fill in both the blanks in statements I and II with the same correct option:
- I. A \_\_\_\_\_ new restaurant has opened in our neighbourhood.
- II. Her \_\_\_\_\_ style of dressing catches many an eye.
- a. swanky                        b. swarthy  
c. swerve                        d. stirrup

70. Fill in both the blanks in statements I and II with the same correct option:
- I. The animator \_\_\_\_\_ the images skillfully to suit the project's needs.
- II. The hacker who \_\_\_\_\_ her images with the intent to blackmail her is now behind the bars.
- a. tarnished                      b. corpsed  
c. escorted                      d. morphed

## Answer Key

1. c	2. d	3. a	4. b	5. a	6. d	7. a	8. c	9. b	10. b
11. c	12. a	13. d	14. b	15. c	16. b	17. b	18. d	19. c	20. a
21. a	22. b	23. c	24. d	25. c	26. b	27. a	28. d	29. c	30. b
31. d	32. a	33. c	34. b	35. c	36. d	37. a	38. b	39. c	40. d
41. d	42. a	43. b	44. d	45. c	46. d	47. c	48. c	49. b	50. d
51. a	52. c	53. a	54. d	55. c	56. c	57. b	58. d	59. b	60. a
61. b	62. a	63. c	64. d	65. d	66. b	67. c	68. d	69. a	70. d