

Class 10 · English Olympiad

Total questions 50	Total marks 60	Time 60 minutes	Negative marking None
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Each question has four options, of which only one is correct. Mark your answer on the answer sheet. The Achievers Section carries higher marks per question. The answer key with full solutions is at the end of this paper.

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Word and Structure Knowledge

30 questions · 1 mark each · 30 marks

Q1. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'accept'.

- (A) reject (B) collect (C) approve (D) receive

Q2. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'reluctant'.

- (A) careless (B) joyful (C) unwilling (D) eager

Q3. What is the plural of 'box'?

- (A) boxs (B) boxes (C) boxen (D) boxies

Q4. A ____ of cows.

- (A) swarm (B) team (C) flock (D) herd

Q5. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

She is afraid ____ the dark.

- (A) with (B) by (C) of (D) from

Q6. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:

They ____ playing in the garden now.

- (A) are (B) is (C) was (D) be

Q7. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'ancient'.

- (A) ruined (B) historic (C) modern (D) famous

Q8. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'abundant'.

- (A) scarce (B) fragile (C) distant (D) plentiful

Q9. What is the plural of 'knife'?

- (A) knife (B) knives (C) knifs (D) knives

Q10. A ____ of fish.

- (A) litter (B) school (C) flock (D) herd

Q11. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

Divide the sweets ____ the two boys.

- (A) between (B) among (C) within (D) across

Q12. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:

She ____ her homework every evening.

- (A) doing (B) does (C) do (D) done

Q13. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'expand'.

- (A) inflate (B) stretch (C) contract (D) enlarge

Q14. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'fragile'.

- (A) ancient (B) sturdy
(C) easily broken (D) noisy

Q15. What is the plural of 'tooth'?

- (A) toothes (B) teeths (C) tooths (D) teeth

Q16. A ____ of grapes.

- (A) flock (B) bunch (C) fleet (D) herd

Q17. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

He has been ill ____ Monday.

- (A) since (B) by (C) for (D) from

Q18. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:

Yesterday I ____ to the market.

- (A) went (B) gone (C) going (D) go

Q19. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'permanent'.

- (A) fixed (B) lasting (C) strong (D) temporary

Q20. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'ancient'.

- (A) very old (B) valuable (C) foreign (D) modern

Q21. What is the plural of 'mouse'?

- (A) mice (B) mouses (C) mices (D) mouse

Q22. A ____ of sheep.

- (A) school (B) flock (C) pack (D) pile

Q23. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

The train arrived ____ the station.

- (A) on (B) into (C) at (D) over

Q24. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:

The sun ____ in the east.

- (A) rises (B) rise (C) risen (D) rose

Q25. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'victory'.

- (A) contest (B) battle (C) defeat (D) trophy

Q26. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'conceal'.

- (A) hide (B) repair (C) reveal (D) gather

Q27. What is the plural of 'city'?

- (A) cities (B) cityes (C) citie (D) citys

Q28. A ___ of ships.

- (A) swarm (B) fleet (C) bundle (D) herd

Q29. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

She is good ___ mathematics.

- (A) of (B) at (C) to (D) on

Q30. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:

He has ___ his lunch already.

- (A) eat (B) ate (C) eating (D) eaten

Reading

10 questions · 1 mark each · 10 marks

Q31. Read the passage and answer the question.

Meera lives in a small village near the river. Every morning she walks to school with her younger brother. The school is two kilometres away. On the way they pass a mango grove where parrots sit on the branches. Meera likes mathematics best, and she wants to become a teacher one day.

Who walks to school with Meera?

- (A) Her teacher (B) Her friend
(C) Her mother (D) Her younger brother

Q32. How far is the school from Meera's home?

- (A) Two kilometres (B) Ten kilometres
(C) Five kilometres (D) One kilometre

Q33. Which subject does Meera like best?

- (A) Science (B) History (C) English (D) Mathematics

Q34. What does Meera want to become?

- (A) A teacher (B) A doctor (C) A farmer (D) A pilot

Q35. Read the passage and answer the question.

The Indian peacock is the national bird of India. It has a long tail with bright blue and green feathers. When it rains, the peacock spreads its tail and dances. Only the male bird has these long feathers; the female, called a peahen, has a short brown tail.

What colour is the peahen's tail?

- (A) Bright red (B) Blue and green
(C) Pure white (D) Brown

Q36. Which bird has the long, bright feathers?

- (A) The male (B) Both birds (C) Neither bird (D) The female

Q37. What is the national bird of India?

- (A) The peahen (B) The peacock (C) The parrot (D) The pigeon

Q38. When does the peacock dance?

- (A) In winter (B) When it is hungry
(C) When it rains (D) At night

Q39. Read the passage and answer the question.

The postman comes to our street at eleven o'clock every day. He carries a heavy bag full of letters and parcels. Before mobile phones, people waited many days for news from far away, and the postman was the most welcome visitor in the village.

What does the postman carry?

- (A) Letters and parcels (B) Newspapers only
(C) Vegetables (D) Medicines

Q40. When does the postman come?

- (A) In the evening (B) At eleven o'clock
(C) At noon (D) At nine o'clock

Spoken and Written Expression

5 questions · 1 mark each · 5 marks

Q41. Choose the correct sentence.

- (A) She has two brothers. (B) She has two brother.
(C) She having two brothers. (D) She have got two brother.

Q42. What does the idiom 'to break the ice' mean?

- (A) to feel cold (B) to spoil a plan
(C) to go skating (D) to start a conversation

Q43. What does the idiom 'to hit the nail on the head' mean?

- (A) to say exactly the right thing (B) to build a house
(C) to hurt oneself (D) to miss a chance

Q44. What does the idiom 'to burn the midnight oil' mean?

- (A) to fall asleep (B) to cook dinner
(C) to work late into the night (D) to waste money

Q45. What does the idiom 'once in a blue moon' mean?

- (A) every night (B) very rarely (C) very often (D) at sunrise

Achievers Section

5 questions · 3 marks each · 15 marks

Q46. Rahul finished the puzzle in two minutes and said it was 'to burn the midnight oil'. What did he mean?

- (A) to work late into the night (B) to waste money
(C) to cook dinner (D) to fall asleep

Q47. Using each of the digits 1, 8, 0, 6 exactly once, what is the smallest 4-digit number that can be formed?

- (A) 1068 (B) 1077 (C) 0168 (D) 8610

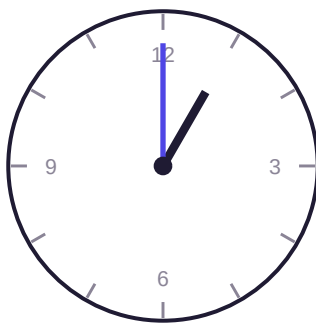
Q48. If FISH is coded as KNXM, how is ROAD coded?

- (A) WTFI (B) MJVY (C) BYKN (D) IFTW

Q49. The average of 3 numbers is 13. 2 of them are 24, 11. What is the remaining number?

- (A) 6 (B) 4 (C) 13 (D) 2

Q50. The clock in the figure shows 1:00. What is the angle between the hour hand and the minute hand?



- (A) 60° (B) 15° (C) 30° (D) 45°

Answer Key

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A	C	B	D	C	A	C	D	D	B
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
A	B	C	C	D	B	A	A	D	A
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
A	B	C	A	C	A	A	B	B	D
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
D	A	D	A	D	A	B	C	A	B
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
A	D	A	C	B	A	A	A	B	C

Solutions

Q1. (A) The opposite of 'accept' is 'reject'.

Q2. (C) 'reluctant' means unwilling.

- Q3. (B) The plural of 'box' is 'boxes'.
- Q4. (D) The collective noun for cows is a 'herd'.
- Q5. (C) The correct preposition is 'of': She is afraid of the dark.
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- Q25. (C) The opposite of 'victory' is 'defeat'.
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- Q27. (A) The plural of 'city' is 'cities'.
- Q28. (B) The collective noun for ships is a 'fleet'.
- Q29. (B) The correct preposition is 'at': She is good at mathematics.
- Q30. (D) The correct form is 'eaten': He has eaten his lunch already.
- Q31. (D) The passage states this directly. The answer is Her younger brother.
- Q32. (A) The passage states this directly. The answer is Two kilometres.
- Q33. (D) The passage states this directly. The answer is Mathematics.
- Q34. (A) The passage states this directly. The answer is A teacher.
- Q35. (D) The passage states this directly. The answer is Brown.
- Q36. (A) The passage states this directly. The answer is The male.
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- Q38. (C) The passage states this directly. The answer is When it rains.
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- Q45. (B) 'once in a blue moon' means very rarely.

Q46. (A) In this sentence 'to burn the midnight oil' means to work late into the night.

Q47. (A) A 4-digit number cannot begin with 0, so the smallest possible first digit is 1. The remaining digits are then placed in increasing order: 1068.

Q48. (A) Every letter moves 5 place(s) forward, so ROAD becomes WTFI.

Q49. (B) The 3 numbers add up to $13 \times 3 = 39$. The given numbers add up to 35, so the missing number is $39 - 35 = 4$.

Q50. (C) The minute hand is at 0° from 12 and the hour hand at 30° from 12, so the angle between them is 30° .

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