

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. A ____ of bees.

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

Q2. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'accept'.

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

Q3. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:

Yesterday I ____ to the market.

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

Q4. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

She is afraid ____ the dark.

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

Q5. What is the plural of 'knife'?

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

Q6. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'reluctant'.

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

Q7. A ____ of stars.

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

Q8. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'humble'.

- (A) quiet (B) modest (C) simple (D) arrogant

Q9. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:

We ____ to Delhi last summer.

- (A) travels (B) travelling (C) travel (D) travelled

Q10. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

Divide the sweets ____ the two boys.

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

Q11. What is the plural of 'tooth'?

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

- Q12. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'ancient'.
- (A) modern (B) valuable (C) foreign (D) very old
- Q13. A ____ of wolves.
- (A) flock (B) pack (C) swarm (D) fleet
- Q14. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'ancient'.
- (A) famous (B) historic (C) modern (D) ruined
- Q15. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
They ____ playing in the garden now.
- (A) are (B) be (C) is (D) was
- Q16. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
He has been ill ____ Monday.
- (A) since (B) by (C) from (D) for
- Q17. What is the plural of 'woman'?
- (A) womanes (B) womens (C) women (D) womans
- Q18. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'conceal'.
- (A) repair (B) gather (C) reveal (D) hide
- Q19. A ____ of ships.
- (A) fleet (B) bundle (C) herd (D) swarm
- Q20. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'expand'.
- (A) stretch (B) enlarge (C) inflate (D) contract
- Q21. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:
I ____ my keys this morning.
- (A) lose (B) lost (C) loses (D) losing
- Q22. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:
We waited ____ two hours.
- (A) since (B) from (C) at (D) for
- Q23. What is the plural of 'mouse'?
- (A) mouse (B) mice (C) mouses (D) mices
- Q24. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'vivid'.
- (A) bright and clear (B) silent
(C) dull (D) heavy
- Q25. A ____ of fish.
- (A) flock (B) herd (C) litter (D) school
- Q26. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'victory'.
- (A) contest (B) trophy (C) battle (D) defeat

Q27. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:

She ____ her homework every evening.

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

Q28. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

The train arrived ____ the station.

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

Q29. What is the plural of 'city'?

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

Q30. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'immense'.

- (A) ordinary (B) very large (C) hollow (D) minute

Reading

10 questions · 1 mark each · 10 marks

Q31. 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 is the national bird of India?

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

Q32. When does the peacock dance?

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

Q33. Which bird has the long, bright feathers?

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

Q34. What colour is the peahen's tail?

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

Q35. 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.

When does the postman come?

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

Q36. What does the postman carry?

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

Q37. Why was the postman so welcome?

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| (A) He taught children | (B) He brought news from far away |
| (C) He repaired radios | (D) He sold sweets |

Q38. 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.

How far is the school from Meera's home?

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

Q39. Who walks to school with Meera?

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

Q40. What does Meera want to become?

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| (A) A doctor | (B) A farmer | (C) A pilot | (D) A teacher |
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Spoken and Written Expression

5 questions · 1 mark each · 5 marks

Q41. What does the idiom 'a piece of cake' mean?

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| (A) something very easy | (B) an expensive gift |
| (C) a small meal | (D) a rare event |

Q42. Choose the correct sentence.

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| (A) He not like mangoes. | (B) He doesn't like mangoes. |
| (C) He doesn't likes mangoes. | (D) He don't likes mangoes. |

Q43. What does the idiom 'to break the ice' mean?

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

Q44. What does the idiom 'to let the cat out of the bag' mean?

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| (A) to lose something | (B) to reveal a secret |
| (C) to buy a pet | (D) to make a mistake |

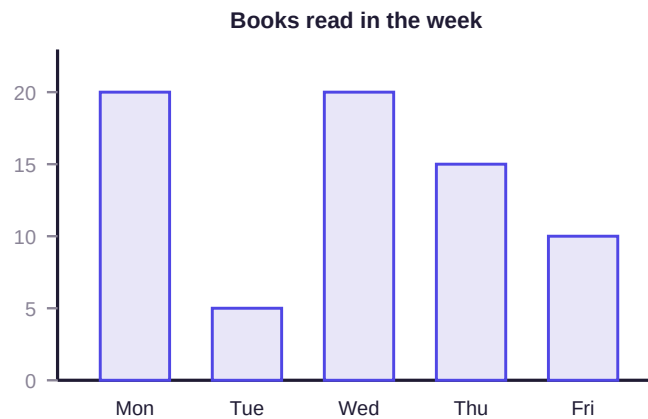
Q45. What does the idiom 'to hit the nail on the head' mean?

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

Achievers Section

5 questions · 3 marks each · 15 marks

Q46. The bar graph shows the number of books read by a class on each day of one week. How many books were read in the whole week?



- (A) 80 (B) 65 (C) 75 (D) 70

Q47. Rahul finished the puzzle in two minutes and said it was 'a piece of cake'. What did he mean?

- (A) an expensive gift (B) a rare event
(C) something very easy (D) a small meal

Q48. If FISH is coded as JMWL, how is WIND coded?

- (A) HRMA (B) EQVL (C) SEJZ (D) AMRH

Q49. You see a bird with a long, sharp, pointed beak catching fish. What does the beak shape tell you?

- (A) It is used for digging soil (B) It is suited to spearing and gripping fish
(C) It is used for cracking seeds (D) It is used for sipping nectar

Q50. If Independence Day falls on a Friday, what day will Teachers' Day fall on in the same year? (15 August to 5 September)

- (A) Saturday (B) Friday (C) Thursday (D) Sunday

Answer Key

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

Solutions

- Q1. (A) The collective noun for bees is a 'swarm'.
- Q2. (A) The opposite of 'accept' is 'reject'.
- Q3. (C) The correct form is 'went': Yesterday I went to the market.
- Q4. (A) The correct preposition is 'of': She is afraid of the dark.
- Q5. (C) The plural of 'knife' is 'knives'.
- Q6. (C) 'reluctant' means unwilling.
- Q7. (A) The collective noun for stars is a 'cluster'.
- Q8. (D) The opposite of 'humble' is 'arrogant'.
- Q9. (D) The correct form is 'travelled': We travelled to Delhi last summer.
- Q10. (B) The correct preposition is 'between': Divide the sweets between the two boys.
- Q11. (C) The plural of 'tooth' is 'teeth'.
- Q12. (D) 'ancient' means very old.
- Q13. (B) The collective noun for wolves is a 'pack'.
- Q14. (C) The opposite of 'ancient' is 'modern'.
- Q15. (A) The correct form is 'are': They are playing in the garden now.
- Q16. (A) The correct preposition is 'since': He has been ill since Monday.
- Q17. (C) The plural of 'woman' is 'women'.
- Q18. (D) 'conceal' means hide.
- Q19. (A) The collective noun for ships is a 'fleet'.
- Q20. (D) The opposite of 'expand' is 'contract'.
- Q21. (B) The correct form is 'lost': I lost my keys this morning.
- Q22. (D) The correct preposition is 'for': We waited for two hours.
- Q23. (B) The plural of 'mouse' is 'mice'.
- Q24. (A) 'vivid' means bright and clear.
- Q25. (D) The collective noun for fish is a 'school'.
- Q26. (D) The opposite of 'victory' is 'defeat'.
- Q27. (B) The correct form is 'does': She does her homework every evening.
- Q28. (B) The correct preposition is 'at': The train arrived at the station.
- Q29. (A) The plural of 'city' is 'cities'.
- Q30. (B) 'immense' means very large.
- Q31. (A) The passage states this directly. The answer is The peacock.
- Q32. (B) The passage states this directly. The answer is When it rains.
- Q33. (B) The passage states this directly. The answer is The male.
- Q34. (B) The passage states this directly. The answer is Brown.
- Q35. (D) The passage states this directly. The answer is At eleven o'clock.
- Q36. (C) The passage states this directly. The answer is Letters and parcels.
- Q37. (B) The passage states this directly. The answer is He brought news from far away.
- Q38. (A) The passage states this directly. The answer is Two kilometres.
- Q39. (C) The passage states this directly. The answer is Her younger brother.
- Q40. (D) The passage states this directly. The answer is A teacher.
- Q41. (A) 'a piece of cake' means something very easy.
- Q42. (B) "He don't like mangoes." is wrong; the correct sentence is "He doesn't like mangoes."
- Q43. (C) 'to break the ice' means to start a conversation.

Q44. (B) 'to let the cat out of the bag' means to reveal a secret.

Q45. (D) 'to hit the nail on the head' means to say exactly the right thing.

Q46. (D) $20 + 5 + 20 + 15 + 10 = 70$ books.

Q47. (C) In this sentence 'a piece of cake' means something very easy.

Q48. (D) Every letter moves 4 place(s) forward, so WIND becomes AMRH.

Q49. (B) Beak shape matches diet: a long pointed beak suits catching fish. The answer is It is suited to spearing and gripping fish.

Q50. (B) From 15 August to 5 September is 21 days, exactly three weeks, so it is the same weekday: Friday.

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