

Class 5 · 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 ships.

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

Q2. What is the plural of 'leaf'?

- (A) leafes (B) leaf (C) leaves (D) leafs

Q3. Fill in the blank with the correct article:

She is ___ honest girl.

- (A) the (B) one (C) an (D) a

Q4. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'ancient'.

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

Q5. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:

She ___ her homework every evening.

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

Q6. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

He has been ill ___ Monday.

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

Q7. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'permanent'.

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

Q8. A ___ of fish.

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

Q9. What is the plural of 'tooth'?

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

Q10. Fill in the blank with the correct article:

We went to ___ university in Kolkata.

- (A) the (B) some (C) a (D) an

Q11. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'fragile'.

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

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

We ____ to Delhi last summer.

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

Q13. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

The cat jumped ____ the wall.

- (A) among (B) over (C) under (D) beside

Q14. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'scatter'.

- (A) throw (B) divide (C) spread (D) gather

Q15. A ____ of grapes.

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

Q16. What is the plural of 'baby'?

- (A) babies (B) babyes (C) babys (D) babie

Q17. Fill in the blank with the correct article:

I saw ____ elephant at the zoo.

- (A) an (B) this (C) a (D) the

Q18. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'conceal'.

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

Q19. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:

Yesterday I ____ to the market.

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

Q20. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

We waited ____ two hours.

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

Q21. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'expand'.

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

Q22. A ____ of stars.

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

Q23. What is the plural of 'mouse'?

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

Q24. Fill in the blank with the correct article:

____ apple a day keeps the doctor away.

- (A) An (B) Some (C) The (D) A

Q25. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'immense'.

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

Q26. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:

I ____ my keys this morning.

- (A) losing (B) loses (C) lose (D) lost

Q27. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

The train arrived ____ the station.

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

Q28. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'artificial'.

- (A) natural (B) plastic (C) imitation (D) costly

Q29. A ____ of cows.

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

Q30. What is the plural of 'child'?

- (A) childs (B) childes (C) childrens (D) children

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 colour is the peahen's tail?

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

Q32. What is the national bird of India?

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

Q33. When does the peacock dance?

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

Q34. Which bird has the long, bright feathers?

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

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

Q36. Why was the postman so welcome?

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

Q37. What does the postman carry?

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

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.

What does Meera want to become?

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

Q39. Which subject does Meera like best?

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

Q40. Who walks to school with Meera?

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

Spoken and Written Expression

5 questions · 1 mark each · 5 marks

Q41. Choose the correct sentence.

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

Q42. Choose the correct word:

I can't hear you — speak ____.

- (A) louder (B) loudly more (C) loudest (D) more loud

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

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

Q44. Choose the correct word:

The dog wagged ____ tail.

- (A) it's (B) it (C) its' (D) its

Q45. What does the idiom 'a piece of cake' mean?

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

Achievers Section

5 questions · 3 marks each · 15 marks

Q46. Find the next number: 4, 6, 10, 16, 24, ____

- (A) 35 (B) 36 (C) 32 (D) 34

Q47. The average of 4 numbers is 16. 3 of them are 26, 9, 15. What is the remaining number?

- (A) 14 (B) 16 (C) 15 (D) 12

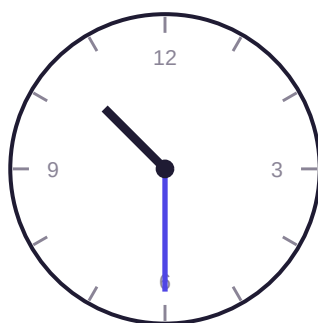
Q48. 12 taps together fill a tank in 50 minutes. How long will 5 taps of the same kind take to fill it?

- (A) 120 minutes (B) 117 minutes (C) 50 minutes (D) 123 minutes

Q49. A file is 2 megabytes. Roughly how many kilobytes is that?

- (A) About 200 KB (B) About 2 KB
(C) About 20 KB (D) About 2,000 KB

Q50. The clock in the figure shows 10:30. What is the angle between the hour hand and the minute hand?



- (A) 135° (B) 120° (C) 150° (D) 165°

Answer Key

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

Solutions

Q1. (B) The collective noun for ships is a 'fleet'.

Q2. (C) The plural of 'leaf' is 'leaves'.

Q3. (C) The correct article is 'an': She is an honest girl.

Q4. (B) 'ancient' means very old.

Q5. (A) The correct form is 'does': She does her homework every evening.

Q6. (D) The correct preposition is 'since': He has been ill since Monday.

- Q7. (A) The opposite of 'permanent' is 'temporary'.
- Q8. (C) The collective noun for fish is a 'school'.
- Q9. (A) The plural of 'tooth' is 'teeth'.
- Q10. (C) The correct article is 'a': We went to a university in Kolkata.
- Q11. (A) 'fragile' means easily broken.
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- Q27. (C) The correct preposition is 'at': The train arrived at the station.
- Q28. (A) The opposite of 'artificial' is 'natural'.
- Q29. (B) The collective noun for cows is a 'herd'.
- Q30. (D) The plural of 'child' is 'children'.
- Q31. (C) The passage states this directly. The answer is Brown.
- Q32. (C) The passage states this directly. The answer is The peacock.
- Q33. (A) The passage states this directly. The answer is When it rains.
- Q34. (D) The passage states this directly. The answer is The male.
- Q35. (D) The passage states this directly. The answer is At eleven o'clock.
- Q36. (A) The passage states this directly. The answer is He brought news from far away.
- Q37. (C) The passage states this directly. The answer is Letters and parcels.
- Q38. (C) The passage states this directly. The answer is A teacher.
- Q39. (A) The passage states this directly. The answer is Mathematics.
- Q40. (B) The passage states this directly. The answer is Her younger brother.
- Q41. (A) "She have two brothers." is wrong; the correct sentence is "She has two brothers."
- Q42. (A) The correct word is 'louder'.
- Q43. (D) 'to break the ice' means to start a conversation.
- Q44. (D) The correct word is 'its'.
- Q45. (B) 'a piece of cake' means something very easy.
- Q46. (D) The gaps grow 2, 4, 6, 8, so the next gap is 10 and $24 + 10 = 34$.
- Q47. (A) The 4 numbers add up to $16 \times 4 = 64$. The given numbers add up to 50, so the missing number is $64 - 50 = 14$.
- Q48. (A) One tap alone would take $12 \times 50 = 600$ minutes. With 5 taps the time is $600 / 5 = 120$ minutes.

Q49. (D) 1 megabyte is about 1,000 kilobytes, so 2 MB is about 2,000 KB.

Q50. (A) The minute hand is at 180° from 12 and the hour hand at 315° from 12, so the angle between them is 135° .

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