

Class 8 · 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 'permanent'.

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

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

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

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

Yesterday I ____ to the market.

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

Q4. A ____ of ships.

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

Q5. What is the plural of 'woman'?

- (A) womanes (B) women (C) womens (D) womans

Q6. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

The cat jumped ____ the wall.

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

Q7. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'humble'.

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

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

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

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

I ____ my keys this morning.

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

Q10. A ____ of bees.

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

Q11. What is the plural of 'baby'?

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

Q12. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

The book is ____ the table.

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

Q13. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'ancient'.

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

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

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

Q15. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:

He has ____ his lunch already.

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

Q16. A ____ of fish.

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

Q17. What is the plural of 'leaf'?

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

Q18. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

She is afraid ____ the dark.

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

Q19. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'scatter'.

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

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

- (A) tired (B) alert (C) polite (D) angry

Q21. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:

The sun ____ in the east.

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

Q22. A ____ of sheep.

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

Q23. What is the plural of 'tooth'?

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

Q24. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

The train arrived ____ the station.

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

Q25. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'artificial'.

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

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

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

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

We ____ to Delhi last summer.

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

Q28. A ____ of wolves.

- (A) swarm (B) flock (C) fleet (D) pack

Q29. What is the plural of 'child'?

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

Q30. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

She is good ____ mathematics.

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

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.

What does Meera want to become?

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

Q32. Which subject does Meera like best?

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

Q33. Who walks to school with Meera?

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

Q34. How far is the school from Meera's home?

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

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.

Which bird has the long, bright feathers?

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

Q36. What is the national bird of India?

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

Q37. When does the peacock dance?

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

Q38. What colour is the peahen's tail?

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

Q39. Read the passage and answer the question.

Honey bees live together in a hive. Each hive has one queen bee, a few hundred drones and thousands of worker bees. The workers collect nectar from flowers and turn it into honey. While collecting nectar they also carry pollen from flower to flower, which helps plants make seeds.

How many queen bees does a hive have?

- (A) A few hundred
- (B) Two
- (C) Thousands
- (D) One

Q40. How do bees help plants?

- (A) By watering them
- (B) By digging the soil
- (C) By carrying pollen between flowers
- (D) By eating insects

Spoken and Written Expression

5 questions · 1 mark each · 5 marks

Q41. What does the idiom 'to hit the nail on the head' mean?

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

Q42. Choose the correct sentence.

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

Q43. What does the idiom 'to burn the midnight oil' mean?

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

Q44. What does the idiom 'a piece of cake' mean?

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

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

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

Achievers Section

5 questions · 3 marks each · 15 marks

Q46. How many numbers between 40 and 60 leave a remainder of 2 when divided by 8?

- (A) 3
- (B) 2
- (C) 4
- (D) 5

- Q47. A website address begins with https:// instead of http://. What does the extra "s" mean?
- (A) The site is faster (B) The connection is secure and encrypted
(C) The site is in English (D) The site is free
- Q48. Two identical glasses hold water at 10°C and at 80°C. In which glass will a sugar cube dissolve faster?
- (A) Neither will dissolve (B) The glass at 80°C
(C) Both at the same speed (D) The glass at 10°C
- Q49. Find the next number: 4, 6, 10, 16, 24, ____
- (A) 35 (B) 36 (C) 34 (D) 32
- Q50. Rahul finished the puzzle in two minutes and said it was 'a piece of cake'. What did he mean?
- (A) a small meal (B) an expensive gift
(C) a rare event (D) something very easy

Answer Key

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

Solutions

- Q1. (D) The opposite of 'permanent' is 'temporary'.
- Q2. (D) 'abundant' means plentiful.
- Q3. (B) The correct form is 'went': Yesterday I went to the market.
- Q4. (A) The collective noun for ships is a 'fleet'.
- Q5. (B) The plural of 'woman' is 'women'.
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- Q7. (C) The opposite of 'humble' is 'arrogant'.
- Q8. (D) 'ancient' means very old.
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- Q19. (B) The opposite of 'scatter' is 'gather'.
- Q20. (A) 'weary' means tired.
- Q21. (B) The correct form is 'rises': The sun rises in the east.
- Q22. (A) The collective noun for sheep is a 'flock'.
- Q23. (B) The plural of 'tooth' is 'teeth'.
- Q24. (D) The correct preposition is 'at': The train arrived at the station.
- Q25. (B) The opposite of 'artificial' is 'natural'.
- Q26. (B) 'reluctant' means unwilling.
- Q27. (D) The correct form is 'travelled': We travelled to Delhi last summer.
- Q28. (D) The collective noun for wolves is a 'pack'.
- Q29. (A) The plural of 'child' is 'children'.
- Q30. (D) The correct preposition is 'at': She is good at mathematics.
- Q31. (D) The passage states this directly. The answer is A teacher.
- Q32. (C) The passage states this directly. The answer is Mathematics.
- Q33. (B) The passage states this directly. The answer is Her younger brother.
- Q34. (D) The passage states this directly. The answer is Two kilometres.
- Q35. (B) The passage states this directly. The answer is The male.
- Q36. (B) The passage states this directly. The answer is The peacock.
- Q37. (B) The passage states this directly. The answer is When it rains.
- Q38. (B) The passage states this directly. The answer is Brown.
- Q39. (D) The passage states this directly. The answer is One.
- Q40. (C) The passage states this directly. The answer is By carrying pollen between flowers.
- Q41. (B) 'to hit the nail on the head' means to say exactly the right thing.
- Q42. (C) "He don't like mangoes." is wrong; the correct sentence is "He doesn't like mangoes."
- Q43. (A) 'to burn the midnight oil' means to work late into the night.
- Q44. (C) 'a piece of cake' means something very easy.
- Q45. (C) 'once in a blue moon' means very rarely.
- Q46. (A) The numbers are 42, 50, 58 — 3 of them.
- Q47. (B) The "s" stands for secure: the data sent to the site is encrypted. The answer is The connection is secure and encrypted.
- Q48. (B) Substances dissolve faster in hotter water because its particles move faster. The answer is The glass at 80°C.
- Q49. (C) The gaps grow 2, 4, 6, 8, so the next gap is 10 and $24 + 10 = 34$.
- Q50. (D) In this sentence 'a piece of cake' means something very easy.