

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

The sun ____ in the east.

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

Q2. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

The train arrived ____ the station.

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

Q3. A ____ of stars.

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

Q4. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'scatter'.

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

Q5. What is the plural of 'city'?

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

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

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

Q7. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:

By next week she ____ the book.

- (A) will have finished (B) finishing
(C) finish (D) finished

Q8. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

He has been ill ____ Monday.

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

Q9. A ____ of ships.

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

Q10. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'ancient'.

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

Q11. What is the plural of 'child'?

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

Q12. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'generous'.

- (A) clumsy (B) giving (C) selfish (D) timid

Q13. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:

I ____ my keys this morning.

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

Q14. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

She is good ____ mathematics.

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

Q15. A ____ of cows.

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

Q16. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'permanent'.

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

Q17. What is the plural of 'box'?

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

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

- (A) bright and clear (B) heavy
(C) silent (D) dull

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

He has ____ his lunch already.

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

Q20. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

The cat jumped ____ the wall.

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

Q21. A ____ of bees.

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

Q22. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'humble'.

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

Q23. What is the plural of 'knife'?

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

Q24. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'immense'.

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

Q25. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:

Yesterday I ____ to the market.

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

Q26. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

We waited ____ two hours.

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

Q27. A ____ of fish.

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

Q28. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'artificial'.

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

Q29. What is the plural of 'woman'?

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

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

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

Reading

10 questions · 1 mark each · 10 marks

Q31. 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 do bees help plants?

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

Q32. What do bees make from nectar?

- (A) Silk (B) Honey (C) Pollen (D) Wax

Q33. Which bees collect the nectar?

- (A) The worker bees (B) The drones
(C) All the bees (D) The queen bee

Q34. How many queen bees does a hive have?

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

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.

What does the postman carry?

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

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. When does the postman come?

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

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.

Which subject does Meera like best?

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| (A) Mathematics | (B) History | (C) Science | (D) English |
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Q39. How far is the school from Meera's home?

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

Q40. Who walks to school with Meera?

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

Spoken and Written Expression

5 questions · 1 mark each · 5 marks

Q41. 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 say exactly the right thing | (D) to miss a chance |

Q42. Choose the correct sentence.

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| (A) I am went to school yesterday. | (B) I going to school yesterday. |
| (C) I go to school yesterday. | (D) I went to school yesterday. |

Q43. What does the idiom 'to let the cat out of the bag' mean?

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

Q44. What does the idiom 'to break the ice' mean?

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

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

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

Achievers Section

5 questions · 3 marks each · 15 marks

Q46. The binary number 1000 equals which decimal number?

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| (A) 4 | (B) 1000 | (C) 8 | (D) 16 |
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Q47. 12 taps together fill a tank in 15 minutes. How long will 3 taps of the same kind take to fill it?

- (A) 15 minutes (B) 63 minutes (C) 60 minutes (D) 57 minutes

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) The glass at 10°C (D) Both at the same speed

Q49. Find the next number: 4, 6, 10, 16, 24, ____

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

Q50. Using each of the digits 0, 6, 5, 4 exactly once, what is the smallest 4-digit number that can be formed?

- (A) 4065 (B) 0456 (C) 6540 (D) 4056

Answer Key

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

Solutions

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Q3. (C) The collective noun for stars is a 'cluster'.

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Q11. (D) The plural of 'child' is 'children'.

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- Q16. (C) The opposite of 'permanent' is 'temporary'.
- Q17. (B) The plural of 'box' is 'boxes'.
- Q18. (A) 'vivid' means bright and clear.
- Q19. (B) The correct form is 'eaten': He has eaten his lunch already.
- Q20. (A) The correct preposition is 'over': The cat jumped over the wall.
- Q21. (D) The collective noun for bees is a 'swarm'.
- Q22. (C) The opposite of 'humble' is 'arrogant'.
- Q23. (A) The plural of 'knife' is 'knives'.
- Q24. (B) 'immense' means very large.
- Q25. (B) The correct form is 'went': Yesterday I went to the market.
- Q26. (B) The correct preposition is 'for': We waited for two hours.
- Q27. (D) The collective noun for fish is a 'school'.
- Q28. (B) The opposite of 'artificial' is 'natural'.
- Q29. (C) The plural of 'woman' is 'women'.
- Q30. (B) 'conceal' means hide.
- Q31. (C) The passage states this directly. The answer is By carrying pollen between flowers.
- Q32. (B) The passage states this directly. The answer is Honey.
- Q33. (A) The passage states this directly. The answer is The worker bees.
- Q34. (B) The passage states this directly. The answer is One.
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- Q44. (C) 'to break the ice' means to start a conversation.
- Q45. (D) 'a piece of cake' means something very easy.
- Q46. (C) 1000 in binary is $1 \times 8 + 0 \times 4 + 0 \times 2 + 0 \times 1 = 8$.
- Q47. (C) One tap alone would take $12 \times 15 = 180$ minutes. With 3 taps the time is $180 / 3 = 60$ minutes.
- 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) A 4-digit number cannot begin with 0, so the smallest possible first digit is 4. The remaining digits are then placed in increasing order: 4056.

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