

Class 9 · 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 preposition:

The cat jumped ____ the wall.

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

Q2. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'expand'.

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

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

I ____ my keys this morning.

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

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

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

Q5. What is the plural of 'baby'?

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

Q6. A ____ of grapes.

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

Q7. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

The book is ____ the table.

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

Q8. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'humble'.

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

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

He has ____ his lunch already.

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

Q10. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'generous'.

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

Q11. What is the plural of 'box'?

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

Q12. A ____ of wolves.

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

Q13. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

He has been ill ____ Monday.

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

Q14. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'ancient'.

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

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

By next week she ____ the book.

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

Q16. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'weary'.

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

Q17. What is the plural of 'tooth'?

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

Q18. A ____ of stars.

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

Q19. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

She is afraid ____ the dark.

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

Q20. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'victory'.

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

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

We ____ to Delhi last summer.

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

Q22. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'courageous'.

- (A) careless (B) brave (C) curious (D) cheerful

Q23. What is the plural of 'city'?

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

Q24. A ____ of ships.

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

Q25. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

The train arrived ____ the station.

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

Q26. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'artificial'.

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

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

Yesterday I ____ to the market.

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

Q28. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'reluctant'.

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

Q29. What is the plural of 'woman'?

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

Q30. A ____ of cows.

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

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.

Which subject does Meera like best?

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

Q32. What does Meera want to become?

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

Q33. Who walks to school with Meera?

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

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

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

Q35. 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.

What do bees make from nectar?

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

Q36. Which bees collect the nectar?

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

Q37. How many queen bees does a hive have?

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

Q38. How do bees help plants?

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

Q39. 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) Both birds
- (B) The male
- (C) Neither bird
- (D) The female

Q40. When does the peacock dance?

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

Spoken and Written Expression

5 questions · 1 mark each · 5 marks

Q41. What does the idiom 'to let the cat out of the bag' mean?

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

Q42. Choose the correct sentence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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) 65 (B) 75 (C) 70 (D) 60

Q47. If BOOK is coded as CPPL, how is MILK coded?

- (A) NJML (B) LHKJ (C) LMJN (D) OKNM

Q48. Fish can live in a frozen pond because:

- (A) Ice floats on top and water below stays liquid (B) Fish stop needing oxygen in winter
(C) Ice sinks to the bottom (D) Fish can breathe air

Q49. The binary number 1000 equals which decimal number?

- (A) 8 (B) 4 (C) 1000 (D) 16

Q50. How many numbers between 50 and 70 leave a remainder of 4 when divided by 7?

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

Answer Key

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

Solutions

Q1. (C) The correct preposition is 'over': The cat jumped over the wall.

Q2. (C) The opposite of 'expand' is 'contract'.

- Q3. (B) The correct form is 'lost': I lost my keys this morning.
- Q4. (A) 'ancient' means very old.
- Q5. (D) The plural of 'baby' is 'babies'.
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- Q21. (B) The correct form is 'travelled': We travelled to Delhi last summer.
- Q22. (B) 'courageous' means brave.
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- Q24. (D) The collective noun for ships is a 'fleet'.
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- Q28. (A) 'reluctant' means unwilling.
- Q29. (D) The plural of 'woman' is 'women'.
- Q30. (D) The collective noun for cows is a 'herd'.
- Q31. (D) The passage states this directly. The answer is Mathematics.
- Q32. (A) The passage states this directly. The answer is A teacher.
- Q33. (D) The passage states this directly. The answer is Her younger brother.
- Q34. (D) The passage states this directly. The answer is Two kilometres.
- Q35. (C) The passage states this directly. The answer is Honey.
- Q36. (C) The passage states this directly. The answer is The worker bees.
- Q37. (B) The passage states this directly. The answer is One.
- Q38. (D) The passage states this directly. The answer is By carrying pollen between flowers.
- Q39. (B) The passage states this directly. The answer is The male.
- Q40. (A) The passage states this directly. The answer is When it rains.
- Q41. (A) 'to let the cat out of the bag' means to reveal a secret.
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Q46. (A) $5 + 25 + 5 + 10 + 20 = 65$ books.

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Q49. (A) 1000 in binary is $1 \times 8 + 0 \times 4 + 0 \times 2 + 0 \times 1 = 8$.

Q50. (D) The numbers are 53, 60, 67 — 3 of them.

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