

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

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

Q2. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'humble'.

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

Q3. What is the plural of 'knife'?

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

Q4. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

Divide the sweets ____ the two boys.

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

Q5. A ____ of wolves.

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

Q6. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:

She ____ her homework every evening.

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

Q7. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'courageous'.

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

Q8. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'ancient'.

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

Q9. What is the plural of 'baby'?

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

Q10. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

He has been ill ____ Monday.

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

Q11. A ____ of bees.

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

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

By next week she ____ the book.

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

Q13. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'immense'.

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

Q14. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'artificial'.

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

Q15. What is the plural of 'goose'?

- (A) geeses (B) goosen (C) geeses (D) geese

Q16. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

We waited ____ two hours.

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

Q17. A ____ of fish.

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

Q18. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:

They ____ playing in the garden now.

- (A) is (B) be (C) are (D) was

Q19. Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to 'generous'.

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

Q20. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'victory'.

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

Q21. What is the plural of 'woman'?

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

Q22. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

She is afraid ____ the dark.

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

Q23. A ____ of stars.

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

Q24. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:

We ____ to Delhi last summer.

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

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

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

Q26. Choose the OPPOSITE of 'accept'.

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

Q27. What is the plural of 'box'?

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

Q28. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition:

The train arrived ____ the station.

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

Q29. A ____ of grapes.

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

Q30. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:

I ____ my keys this morning.

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

Reading

10 questions · 1 mark each · 10 marks

Q31. 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) In the evening (B) At nine o'clock
(C) At eleven o'clock (D) At noon

Q32. Why was the postman so welcome?

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

Q33. What does the postman carry?

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

Q34. 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) One (B) A few hundred
(C) Thousands (D) Two

Q35. Which bees collect the nectar?

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

Q36. How do bees help plants?

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

Q37. What do bees make from nectar?

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

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?

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

Q39. What does Meera want to become?

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

Q40. How far is the school from Meera's home?

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

Spoken and Written Expression

5 questions · 1 mark each · 5 marks

Q41. Choose the correct sentence.

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

Q42. What does the idiom 'to break the ice' mean?

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

Q43. What does the idiom 'once in a blue moon' mean?

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

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

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

Q45. What does the idiom 'to let the cat out of the bag' mean?

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

Achievers Section

5 questions · 3 marks each · 15 marks

Q46. The average of 3 numbers is 15. 2 of them are 37, 5. What is the remaining number?

- (A) 3 (B) 1 (C) 15 (D) 5

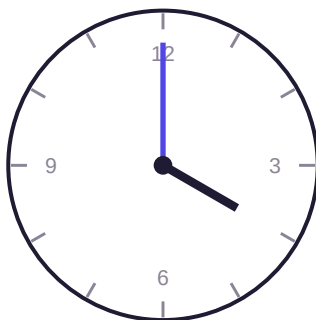
Q47. Using each of the digits 3, 0, 6, 8 exactly once, what is the smallest 4-digit number that can be formed?

- (A) 3077 (B) 0368 (C) 3068 (D) 8630

Q48. Rahul finished the puzzle in two minutes and said it was 'to burn the midnight oil'. What did he mean?

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

Q49. The clock in the figure shows 4:00. What is the angle between the hour hand and the minute hand?



- (A) 150° (B) 120° (C) 105° (D) 135°

Q50. A website address begins with https:// instead of http://. What does the extra "s" mean?

- (A) The connection is secure and encrypted (B) The site is in English
(C) The site is free (D) The site is faster

Answer Key

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

Solutions

Q1. (A) 'reluctant' means unwilling.

Q2. (D) The opposite of 'humble' is 'arrogant'.

Q3. (B) The plural of 'knife' is 'knives'.

- Q4. (D) The correct preposition is 'between': Divide the sweets between the two boys.
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- Q18. (C) The correct form is 'are': They are playing in the garden now.
- Q19. (C) 'generous' means giving.
- Q20. (B) The opposite of 'victory' is 'defeat'.
- Q21. (C) The plural of 'woman' is 'women'.
- Q22. (A) The correct preposition is 'of': She is afraid of the dark.
- Q23. (B) The collective noun for stars is a 'cluster'.
- Q24. (B) The correct form is 'travelled': We travelled to Delhi last summer.
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- Q27. (B) The plural of 'box' is 'boxes'.
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- Q29. (B) The collective noun for grapes is a 'bunch'.
- Q30. (A) The correct form is 'lost': I lost my keys this morning.
- Q31. (C) The passage states this directly. The answer is At eleven o'clock.
- Q32. (D) The passage states this directly. The answer is He brought news from far away.
- Q33. (C) The passage states this directly. The answer is Letters and parcels.
- Q34. (A) The passage states this directly. The answer is One.
- Q35. (B) The passage states this directly. The answer is The worker bees.
- Q36. (B) The passage states this directly. The answer is By carrying pollen between flowers.
- Q37. (A) The passage states this directly. The answer is Honey.
- Q38. (A) The passage states this directly. The answer is Mathematics.
- Q39. (D) The passage states this directly. The answer is A teacher.
- Q40. (B) The passage states this directly. The answer is Two kilometres.
- Q41. (A) "He don't like mangoes." is wrong; the correct sentence is "He doesn't like mangoes."
- Q42. (C) 'to break the ice' means to start a conversation.
- Q43. (A) 'once in a blue moon' means very rarely.
- Q44. (C) 'to burn the midnight oil' means to work late into the night.
- Q45. (C) 'to let the cat out of the bag' means to reveal a secret.

Q46. (A) The 3 numbers add up to $15 \times 3 = 45$. The given numbers add up to 42, so the missing number is $45 - 42 = 3$.

Q47. (C) A 4-digit number cannot begin with 0, so the smallest possible first digit is 3. The remaining digits are then placed in increasing order: 3068.

Q48. (D) In this sentence 'to burn the midnight oil' means to work late into the night.

Q49. (B) The minute hand is at 0° from 12 and the hour hand at 120° from 12, so the angle between them is 120° .

Q50. (A) The "s" stands for secure: the data sent to the site is encrypted. The answer is The connection is secure and encrypted.

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