



## CREST English Olympiad (CEO)

### Previous Year Paper

# Class 10 (Set - A)

**Time Allowed: 1 hour**

**Maximum Marks: 60**

- Additional **10 minutes** will be allotted to fill up information on the OMR Sheet, before the start of the exam.
- Fill in all the mandatory fields clearly on the OMR Sheet.
- There are a total of **50 questions** in this booklet comprising **2 sections** namely the **English Language & Achievers' Section** consisting of **40 questions (1 mark each) & 10 questions (2 marks each)** respectively.
- There is **no negative marking**. The use of a calculator is not permitted.
- There is **only ONE correct option** to a given question.
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## English Language (Each Question is 1 Mark)

1. Choose the synonyms for the word in quotes:  
James Anderson had 'penchant' for hook shots.  
  
 a. art                                      b. inclination  
 c. strength                                d. desire
  
2. Choose the antonym for the word in quotes:  
'Modesty' is a virtue, but it must not be allowed to be exploited.  
  
 a. reserve                                b. boldness  
 c. mildness                               d. humility
  
3. Find the correctly spelt word:  
  
 a. ebullient                                b. jubilant  
 c. imminent                               d. tolerant
  
4. Read the jumbled parts of the sentences.  
The first and the last parts are written for you. Find out which of the four combinations is correct:  
  
 1: In spite of an unprecedented boom in the market  
 P: and had to remain content  
 Q: the paper-dealer could not  
 R: push up his sales  
 S: with a volume of sale lower than  
 6: what he had sold the previous year.  
  
 a. Q R P S                                b. S P R Q  
 c. P R Q S                                d. R P S Q
  
5. Read the jumbled parts of the sentences  
The first and the last parts are written for you. Find out which of the four combinations is correct:  
  
 1: Moisture is continuously lost  
 P: and as result of the stresses  
 Q: as part of a natural process  
 R: and strains of daily life  
  
 S: leading to a dull, dry and  
 6: lifeless complexion.  
  
 a. S Q P R                                b. P R S Q  
 c. R S Q P                                d. Q P R S
  
6. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:  
The police \_\_\_\_\_ into action on receiving telephone call yesterday.  
  
 a. swang                                    b. swung  
 c. swing                                    d. swings
  
7. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:  
Sporadic gunfire \_\_\_\_\_ each night.  
  
 a. reports                                    b. was reported  
 c. has been reports                      d. had reported
  
8. Punctuate the following sentence:  
oh dear I am tired today.  
  
 a. Oh, dear I am tired today.  
 b. Oh dear! "I am tired today."  
 c. Oh dear! 'I am tired today.'  
 d. Oh dear! I am tired today.
  
9. Punctuate the following sentence:  
o yes I like singing you like dancing.  
  
 a. O yes, I like singing; you like dancing.  
 b. O yes I like singing; you like dancing.  
 c. O yes, I like singing, you like dancing.  
 d. O yes!, I like singing; you like dancing.
  
10. The same word is used in two sentences. Identify the option where the same word has the same meaning:

- a. He can type over 100 words per minute.  
That guy is really not her type.
- b. You were right.  
Access to clean water is a basic human right.
- c. The children love to play with the leaves.  
Rex does not like when his father leaves for work.
- d. The students were very engaged in the presentation.  
The magician engaged the kids with his tricks.

**11.** Combine the sentences by changing the adjective to a noun. Choose from the following:

"Roger Federer is famous. It gets him numerous advertising contracts."

- a. Roger Federer's famed career gets him numerous advertising contracts.
- b. Roger Federer's familiarity gets him numerous advertising contracts.
- c. Roger Federer's famousness gets him numerous advertising contracts.
- d. Roger Federer's fame gets him numerous advertising contracts.

**12.** Choose the most appropriate option to fill in the blank:

Sharon is throwing a party on Saturday. She \_\_\_\_\_ finished her PhD.

- a. finally                      b. vaguely
- c. easily                        d. slowly

**13.** Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank based on a famous quote:

\_\_\_\_\_ are the sugar of literature and \_\_\_\_\_ the salt.

- a. Adjectives, adverbs
- b. Adverbs, adjectives
- c. Nouns, pronouns
- d. Pronouns, nouns

**14.** Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:

Clara: Eureka! I will be meeting my deadline.

Jenny: You will be given some more work.

Clara: Nay! \_\_\_\_\_

Jenny: This is a testing time for all of us. We will have to slog.

- a. I am just half-way through.
- b. I am head-over-heel on it.
- c. I am through with it.
- d. I am right under.

**15.** Choose the most suitable option which is not an interrogative response to fill in the blank:

Daughter: I think I'll go on a holiday with my friend.

Mother ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Will her parents approve?
- b. You'll do nothing of that sort.
- c. When are you planning to go?
- d. Don't you think that's rather dangerous?

**16.** Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:

Ashley: "Carlos's loving his new job in Dubai."

Sophia: "What? I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ abroad!"

- a. even know he was living
- b. even knew he is living
- c. know he has lived
- d. know he does live

**17.** Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:

It rained heavily. Only \_\_\_\_\_ children came to school.

- a. a few                      b. a little
- c. many                     d. much

**18.** Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:

Sam was delighted to see a wedge of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. lion                      b. geese
- c. dogs                    d. wolves

19. Choose an appropriate answer:

It's hard to hold my temper with the kids after being kept awake by them all night long. 'Hard to hold one's temper' means:

- a. to stay awake
- b. to be calm
- c. to maintain energy levels
- d. to hold something slippery

20. Fill in the blank with the correct option:

The doctor's prescription is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. unpleasant    b. indecipherable
- c. unreliable    d. illogical

21. What does the following quote mean?

My mama always said, life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you gonna get.

- a. Things do happen in life unexpectedly.
- b. Life is a mystery.
- c. You never know when you would find things lost a while ago.
- d. You lose people in life's journey.

22. Rearrange the words to form a meaningful sentence:

into / can / exercise / activity /  
incorporate / any / one

- a. One can incorporate activity into any exercise.
- b. Any one activity can incorporate into exercise.
- c. Into any activity one can incorporate exercise.
- d. One can incorporate exercise into any activity.

23. Read the given sentence and identify the tense:

By this time tomorrow, I shall have reached my home.

- a. simple present tense
- b. future perfect continuous tense
- c. future perfect tense
- d. simple future tense

24. Fill in the blank with appropriate modal verb:

It's a hospital. You \_\_\_\_\_ smoke

- a. wouldn't              b. couldn't
- c. mustn't                d. may not

25. Choose the sentence which has the correct usage of quotes:

- a. She said, "I quote from his letter, 'I agree with Kipling that "the female of the species is deadlier than the male," but the phenomenon is not an unchangeable law of nature,' a remark he did not explain."
- b. She said, 'I quote from his letter, 'I agree with Kipling that 'the female of the species is more deadliest than the male,' but the phenomenon is not an unchangeable law of nature,' a remark he did not explain.'
- c. She said, "I quote from his letter, 'I agree with Kipling that 'the female of the species is more deadly than the males,' but the phenomenon is not an unchangeable laws of nature,' a remark he did not explain."
- d. She said, "I quote from his letter, 'I agree with Kipling that "the females of the species is more deadly than the male", but the phenomena is not an unchangeable law of nature,' a remark he did not explain".

26. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:

The scissors \_\_\_\_\_ blunt.

- a. was
- b. is
- c. are
- d. all of the above

27. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:

Because I had to catch the train, and as we \_\_\_\_\_ short on time, I forgot to pack my toothbrush for our vacation.

- a. have been                      b. had had been
- c. were                              d. are

28. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:

You \_\_\_\_\_ be serious about swimming outdoors in winter.

- a. would                          b. could
- c. might                          d. can't

29. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:

Plants \_\_\_\_\_ have sunlight in order to make food.

- a. must                              b. may
- c. will                                d. can

30. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:

What's the worst that could happen if you \_\_\_\_\_ your boss your computer password?

- a. hadn't told                      b. didn't told
- c. shouldn't tell                      d. don't tell

31. Spot the error:

My father always likes to travel by the air since he is a very busy man.

- a. by the air
- b. is a very busy
- c. likes to travel
- d. no error

32. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:

Educate \_\_\_\_\_ man and you educate \_\_\_\_\_ individual. Educate \_\_\_\_\_ woman and you educate \_\_\_\_\_ family.

- a. a, a, a, the
- b. a, an, a, the
- c. a, an, a, a
- d. a, the, a, the

33. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:

There is no \_\_\_\_\_ AIDS yet.

- a. cure of                              b. cure for
- c. cure on                              d. cure from

34. Complete the sentence using the most appropriate option:

Elwin's mother asked him \_\_\_\_\_

- a. on what he was writing about
- b. what he was writing about
- c. on what he were to write about
- d. on what he were writing about

35. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:

By this time next Saturday, I \_\_\_\_\_ all my exams.

- a. will be finishing
- b. have been finishing
- c. will have finished
- d. must have finished

36. Read the passage and answer the question:

In front of the house, there was a beach. Peter liked to stretch on the sand when the Sun was warming it. From the back door of the house, he would walk along a path as far as the sand, and stand at the water's edge looking at the sea. When nothing very interesting was happening on the water, he would go down on his knees and take a handful of sand. Through his fingers ran the sand until only small stones and shells were left. Then, with a large sweep of his arm and will as much strength as he could muster, Peter would throw the shells away as far as he could. At other times, he would go on his back and gaze up at the clouds, his hands idly

searching the sand at his sides. He never stopped playing with the sand and feeling it run through his fingers, however much he was absorbed by the changes in the clouds.

Occasionally, some fishing boats came close enough to the beach for Peter to see what the fishermen were doing. Then with his hands clasped, he would look and look, while his whole body moved with the boat from side to side. When the fisherman drew in their nets or cast them into the water, Peter would do the same with an imaginary net of his own his place on the beach. On this small beach, Peter had a world of his own.

What did he do with the stones and shells left in his hands?

- a. put them in his collection at home
- b. threw them away as far as he could
- c. buried them in the sand as he gazed at the sky
- d. threw them at the clouds

**37.** Read the passage and answer the question:

Cats have a long and interesting history. In fact, the cat was probably the first animal to be domesticated. The Egyptians worshipped cats. In Europe, cats were praised for their ability to catch rats and mice. They were much in demand during the Black Plague illness of the 11th century.

In the middle ages, cats lost much of their appeal because they became connected with devil worship. Many cats lost their lives and gave rise to superstitions still held by some people today.

The American Indian did not appear to keep cats as pets, so it wasn't until the white settlers who came from Europe that cats were kept as pets in America. The Colonists, like the Europeans, found cats helpful in controlling rats and mice.

When did cats lose much of their appeal and connected with devil worship?

- a. the 11th century
- b. during Colonial times
- c. in the Middle Ages
- d. during the twentieth century

**38.** Which of the following options is grammatically correct?

- a. Who come to the class yesterday?
- b. I am having two brothers and one sister.
- c. That is what I say. She is very arrogant.
- d. I cannot cope up with this workload.

**Direction (for questions 39-40):** Read the passage and answer the question:

Sails are usually found on boats. But even without a boat, a sail can be useful. In the winter, you can use a sail when you are on ice skates. If the ice is smooth and there is a good wind, you can have lots of fun. The sail will propel you across the ice at great speeds. You can use it at other times of the year too. Try using one when you're on roller skates or on a skateboard. If you have a surfboard or a small rowboat, you can also have fun with a sail. To make a sail, you need a double bed sheet and T-shaped frame. Put the frame together from two light sticks. Sew your bed sheet to the frame. It will look like a triangle when it is finished. As a rule, the sail should be as tall as you. Quite a lot of sewing is needed. You may need someone to help you with the sewing. How long you hold the sail is up to you. Put handholds where you want them or just hold on to the frame. To use it with a boat or surfboard, rig up a kind of mast and attach your sail to it.

**39.** The main point of the first passage is that \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. people can make sailboats
- b. you must learn to sew
- c. a sail has many uses
- d. roller skating is fun

40. Which of the following inferences can't be drawn from the passage?
- a. It is advisable to have sail as tall as yourself.
  - b. You need a double bed sheet and T-shaped frame to make a sail.

- c. The sail helps in propelling across the ice at great speeds.
- d. You can have a lot of fun with sail even if the wind is not good.

## Achievers' Section (Each Question is 2 Marks)

41. Choose the antonym for the word in quotes:

A character without a 'blemish' is a virtue of a leader.

- a. stigma
- b. adornment
- c. atrix
- d. blot

- c. to another
- d. he has not

46. Identify the correct spelling:

- a. convalesent
- b. convalescent
- c. convalsent
- d. convalecent

42. Find the correctly spelt word:

- a. qstalt
- b. imbrolios
- c. ampassé
- d. recondite

43. Choose the correct word to fill in the blank:

A violent \_\_\_\_\_ broke out between police and demonstrators.

- a. scuffle
- b. crux
- c. scuffling
- d. cortège

44. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom given in quotes:

The party stalwarts have advised the President to take it "lying down" for a while.

- a. to show no reaction
- b. to take rest
- c. to be on the defensive
- d. to be cautious

45. Spot the error:

Order has been issued for his transfer to another district but he has not received them so far.

- a. transfer to
- b. order has

**Direction (for questions 47 to 50):** Read the passage and answer the question:

True, it is the function of the army to maintain law and order in abnormal times. But in normal times, there is another force that compels citizens to obey the laws and to act with due regard to the rights of others. The force also protects the lives and the properties of law abiding men. Laws are made to secure the personal safety of its subjects and to prevent murder and crimes of violence. They are made to secure the property of the citizens against theft and damage to protect the rights of communities and castes to carry out their customs and ceremonies, so long as they do not conflict with the rights of others.

Now the good citizen, of his own free will obey these laws and he takes care that everything he does is done with due regard to the rights and well-being of others. But the bad citizen is only restrained from breaking these laws by fear of the consequence of his actions. And the necessary steps to compel the bad citizen to act as a good citizen are taken by this force. The supreme control of law and order in a State is in the hands of a Minister who is responsible to the State Assembly and acts through the Inspector General of Police.

47. The expression 'customs and ceremonies' means
- fairs and festivals
  - habits and traditions
  - usual practices and religious rites
  - superstitions and formalities
48. A suitable title for the passage would be:
- The Function of the Army
  - Laws and People's Rights
  - The fear of the Law and Citizen's Security
  - The Functions of the Police
49. Which of the following is not implied in the passage?
- Law protects those who respect it.
  - Law ensures people's religious and social rights absolutely and unconditionally.
  - A criminal is deterred from committing crimes only for fear of the law.
  - The forces of law help to transform irresponsible citizens into responsible ones.
50. According to the writer, which one of the following is not the responsibility of the police?
- to protect the privileges of all citizens
  - to check violent activities of citizens
  - to ensure peace among citizens by safeguarding individual rights
  - to maintain wartime activities during extraordinary circumstances

## Answer Key

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