



**CREST English Olympiad (CEO)**  
**Previous Year Paper (2021-22)**

**Class 10**

**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 **2 sections** in the question paper 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.
- Use **HB Pencil or Blue / Black ball point pen only** for marking the correct choice of answers on the OMR Sheet.
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- The OMR Sheet is to be handed over to the invigilator at the end of the exam.
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## English Language (Each Question is 1 Mark)

- Choose the synonym for the word in quotes:  
She is not seen even smiling these days, she is rather 'pensive'.
  - Ruminative
  - Sad
  - Gloomy
  - Black
- Choose the correct option to fill in the blank:  
When I go to a stranger's library, I glance around the bookshelves. That reveals the kind of person he is. I feel that I have an \_\_\_\_\_ into his mind.
  - secret
  - mystery
  - insight
  - solution
- Choose the correct option to fill in the blank:  
Men, like women, should try too patiently \_\_\_\_\_. And when they fail, their failure should be a challenge to other men.
  - work
  - plausible
  - imaginable
  - multi-task
- Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:  
I think she \_\_\_\_\_ the clock this week.
  - wounded
  - wind
  - wound
  - wounds
- Punctuate the following sentence:  
young and old good and bad all must die.
  - Young and old, good and bad - all must die.
  - "Young and old, good and bad" - All must die.
  - Young and old, good and bad - All must die.
- Choose the most suitable alternative in accordance with the correct use of tense:
  - By five o'clock yesterday, I caught only one fish.
  - By five o'clock yesterday, I will have caught only one fish
  - By five o'clock yesterday, I had caught only one fish.
  - none of the above
- Choose a suitable option which expresses the same sentence in indirect/direct speech:  
Johnny asked Wilson whether the latter was in his senses.
  - "Hey Wilson are you in your senses now?" asked Johnny.
  - "Wilson, have you lost your senses?" asked Johnny.
  - "Wilson, are you in your senses?" asked Johnny.
  - "Are you senseless, Wilson?" asked Johnny.
- Choose the option that has pairs NOT representing nominalisation of adjectives:
  - Decorate-decoration; divide-division
  - Confident-confidence; different-difference
  - Kind-kindness; selfish-selfishness
  - Pure-purity; stupid-stupidity
- Complete the analogy:  
Eat: Gorge ::
  - Drink: Guzzle
  - Sprint: Jog
  - Read: Write
  - Snicker: Smirk

10. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank:  
We knew that she had got the job when we saw her \_\_\_\_\_ talking on the phone.

- a. easily
- b. slowly
- c. excitedly
- d. carelessly

11. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank:  
Although she speaks five languages, she did not do \_\_\_\_\_ on the translation exam.

- a. better
- b. well
- c. best
- d. more

12. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:  
The \_\_\_\_\_ disease has left Adam bedridden for years.

- a. persistent
- b. chronic
- c. consistent
- d. resistant

13. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:  
Patient: Good evening, doctor! I am your new patient and scheduled for an appointment today. Could you please re-schedule it for tomorrow, as I have to go out of station today?  
Doctor: In that case, you can come back a week later.  
Patient: That would be too late.

\_\_\_\_\_

- a. I will try to come tomorrow.
- b. I will keep my appointment for tomorrow.
- c. Give me another date.
- d. I would like to make it today itself.

14. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:  
Ken: How was your fishing trip?  
Ben: \_\_\_\_\_

- a. There was fish.
- b. It was strange.
- c. It was delightful.
- d. I was delighted.

15. Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:  
Bella likes to read; \_\_\_\_\_, her sister Della prefers to watch TV.

- a. in contrast
- b. therefore
- c. moreover
- d. in fact

16. Choose the correct prepositions to complete the sentence:

Sleep is defined as a natural and reversible state \_\_\_\_ reduced responsiveness \_\_\_\_ external stimuli and relative inactivity, accompanied \_\_\_\_ a loss of consciousness.

- a. of, to, by
- b. of, about, from
- c. about, since, by
- d. No preposition is required, in, on

17. Fill in the blank with an appropriate option:

Kate thinks that \_\_\_\_\_ people are evil.

- a. all
- b. all of
- c. every
- d. each

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

An influential news magazine in United States has enumerated forty cases of ethno-religious conflict \_\_\_\_\_ within this period.

- a. harming
- b. developing
- c. surrounding
- d. erupting

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

It's not a very challenging job. I only have to deal with \_\_\_\_\_ affairs.

- a. everyday                      b. fair  
c. significant                    d. unfair

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

They don't always agree, but I think there is a bond of \_\_\_\_\_ affection between them.

- a. fair                              b. shallow  
c. deep                             d. inside

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

Thunder and lightning \_\_\_\_\_ my puppy.

- a. frightens  
b. frighten  
c. has frightened  
d. brighten

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

The book, including all the chapters in the first section, \_\_\_\_\_ boring.

- a. have                            b. are  
c. were                            d. is

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

She \_\_\_\_\_ stay up late if she takes a nap now.

- a. can                              b. mustn't  
c. used to                        d. shouldn't

24. Choose the most suitable word to replace the words given in bold:

George wants to consult a/an **book that contains information on various subjects**. What should he refer to?

- a. Dictionary                    b. Novel  
c. Thesaurus                    d. Encyclopaedia

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

The Chairman and \_\_\_\_\_ CEO of our hotel is a very energetic person.

- a. a  
b. an  
c. the  
d. no article required

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

Whenever I visit her, she always makes \_\_\_\_\_ mention of her mother.

- a. a  
b. an  
c. the  
d. no article required

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

Do you realize I \_\_\_\_\_ medicine for six years now?

- a. will be studying  
b. will have studied  
c. might have studied  
d. have been studying

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

Robert suddenly began to feel ill \_\_\_\_\_ he was doing the exam.

- a. during                        b. while  
c. for                             d. along

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

Seeing the Sunrise on the highest peak was a \_\_\_\_\_ to behold.

- a. site                                      b. sight  
c. cite                                        d. side

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

The \_\_\_\_\_ was highly energetic and agile.

- a. cop                                        b. coarse  
c. corpse                                    d. corps

31. Read the passage and fill in the blank:

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 with 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 from his place on the beach.

On this small beach, Peter had a world of his own.

This passage tells mainly about \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. the fishermen  
b. the beach  
c. Peter's love for the beach  
d. the house by the beach

32. Read the passage and answer the question:

Tom Hamilton liked his Aunt Prudence. She taught at the university. Her name was Dr Prudence Hamilton. When she came to Tom's father's farm in the Cowichn Valley on Vancouver stand, which is part of the province of British Columbia, she always brought presents. Tom liked her.

He didn't like her constant companion, Genevieve Trueheart, a dog.

Tom Hamilton was fond of other dogs. He had a dog, a bull terrier called Rusty, a fighter right from the word go. Rusty kept the pheasants out of the garden and young grain. He worked for a living. Tom couldn't like Genevieve Trueheart. She was good for nothing. She never even looked like a dog. She was a great big soft wheezing lazy wagging monster, a great big useless jump.

What is Aunt Prudence's occupation?

- a. Doctor                                    b. Teacher  
c. Dog trainer                              d. Farmer

33. Read the passage and fill in the blank:

Iron is only one chemical element. Steel, on the other hand, is a mixture of at least few elements-iron and carbon. Steel may have as much as 1.5 percent carbon in it. But the steel we use most often has only 0.2 percent carbon in it. Besides carbon, steel may have small amounts of other metals that have been put into the "melt" on purpose.

Metals like manganese, found in some forms of iron, can improve the quality of steel. But there are also some elements found in steel which do not belong. An element such as sulphur can ruin steel. Steel makers try their best to get rid of it.

Without the use of steel, the face of the world today would look a lot like the way it did in the middle 1800's. We would not have tall skyscrapers, huge steamships, cars, planers, and large machines to make life easier.

The invention of steel \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. has brought progress to the world
- b. has helped put colonies on Mars
- c. has allowed some countries to become too powerful
- d. has lengthened the lifespan of man

**Direction (for questions 34 to 38):** Read the passage and fill in the blanks:

Stammering is a habit disorder linked with lack of self-confidence. Basically, for a child to understand a language, there are four stages. The first is learning to understand the spoken language and the second is speaking. Both of these usually develop around the age of two. The third stage is speaking complex sentences, which develops at around three

and the fourth is when the child recognizes the written alphabet. In 80% of children while the third and fourth stage are at play, the first two get disturbed because something new is being incorporated in the mind.

This is absolutely normal. But what over cautious mothers do is fret a lot and the child develops a fear which later manifests itself as stammering. In fact, most textbooks on stammering state in bold that "Had there not been any over cautious mothers, hardly anyone would have suffered from stammering". Fluency can be incorporated in the speech of such patients through hypnosis.

34. Stammering is caused because of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. physical disorder
- b. hindered growth
- c. lack of self-confidence
- d. lack of understanding

35. The second stage of a child's understanding the language is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. speaking
- b. writing
- c. listening
- d. reading

36. \_\_\_\_\_ are basically the reason for developing a fear in the child's mind.

- a. Parents
- b. Over cautious mothers
- c. Fathers
- d. Uncles

37. Fluency in such patients can be incorporated in the speech of such patients through \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. hypnosis
- b. love
- c. cautious mothers
- d. symbiosis

38. By the time the child becomes two years old, he/she can \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. only speak sentences

- b. only understand spoken language
- c. understand and speak simple language
- d. Both a and b

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

We humans are used to thinking that our minds separate us from other animals. But new studies show that animals are quite intelligent and sensitive. Animal intelligence isn't found only in mammals. It can be found in other animals, such as birds. Although we sometimes call people "birdbrains" as an insult, our feathered friends can be very smart. Some can solve puzzles. For example, ravens can untie knots. Some birds can use tools. Some crows, for example, use twigs as spears. Some birds can even use our language. An Africa Grey parrot named Alex does more than just imitate human sounds. This parrot can name dozens of objects. It also seems to understand the ideas of "same and different amount". Animals are able to feel emotion, too. This ability can be as painful for them as it for humans. For example, some baboons live in groups where the leaders control through fear. Low-ranking baboons can live in a constant state of stress. This stress can cause health

problems, just as it does in humans. Some animals feel sadness when a family member dies. Elephants show interest even in decades-old elephant bones. Like humans, they are connected to each other in many ways.

- 39.** What would be a good title for the above passage?
- a. The human mind of birds.
  - b. Stress as a health problem for birds.
  - c. Humans and animals share similar intelligence.
  - d. African Grey Parrots are sensitive too
- 40.** How are birds similar to human beings?
- a. Birds show interest and live in constant stress.
  - b. Birds have their own language and use twigs as spears.
  - c. Some birds use tools and imitate human sounds.
  - d. Birds have large brains and feel stress.

## Achiever's Section (Each Question is 2 Marks)

**41.** Find the correctly spelt word:

- |                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| a. Inconsistant | b. Repentant |
| c. Exponent     | d. Exculent  |

**42.** Find the correctly spelt word:

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| a. Malignant   | b. Impertinant |
| c. Independant | d. Neglegent   |

**43.** Spot the error:

Cattles are not allowed to enter this ground.

- |                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| a. This ground | b. Are not |
| c. To enter    | d. Cattles |

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

Remember, this is not a safe road

\_\_\_\_\_.

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| a. to travel  | b. to travel by |
| c. travelling | d. travel on    |

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

He was called \_\_\_\_\_ to prove the correctness of the press reports.

- a. up
- b. at
- c. upon
- d. away

46. Punctuate the following sentence:  
do not desire O my young friend to get what you cannot get said the fisherman.

- a. "Do not desire, O my young friend, to get what you cannot get," said the fisherman.
- b. Do not desire, O my young friend, to get what you cannot get, said the fisherman.
- c. Do not desire, O my young friend, to get what you cannot get" said the fisherman.
- d. "Do not desire, O my young friend, to get what you cannot get", said the fisherman.

47. Punctuate the following sentence:  
the words the prohibited area were written on the wall.

- a. The words, "The prohibited Area," were written on the wall.
- b. The words, The Prohibited Area, were written on the wall.
- c. The words, "The Prohibited Area" were written on the wall.

d. The words, "The Prohibited Area", were written on the wall.

48. Choose an appropriate answer:

Saba and I are very much in love, but we are not joined at the hip, you know. "Joined at the hip" means:

- a. To have numerous commonalities
- b. to not be in love
- c. to be exceptionally close to someone
- d. to keep one things to oneself

49. Choose the most suitable option that can replace the words given in bold:

The handwriting on the ancient manuscript was such **that could not be read**.

- a. Legible
- b. Negligible
- c. Illegible
- d. Corrigible

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

National college is \_\_\_\_\_ the University of Rossetto.

- a. affiliated to
- b. affiliated with
- c. affiliated of
- d. affiliated from



## Answer Key

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