



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

**Class 8**

**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.
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## English Language (Each Question is 1 Mark)

1. Fill in the blank using a suitable preposition:

The kid responded to his mother \_\_\_\_\_ looking at his mother's face. Later, the mother realised the kid is frightened.

- a. with  
c. from
- b. by  
d. on

2. Read the extract and answer the question:

Carly has a large family. She lives with four people and two pets. Her mom is a doctor who works in a hospital and helps people who are sick. Carly's dad works at home. He cooks for the family and drives the kids to soccer practice. Carly has two brothers; James who is ten years old and Scott, fourteen years old. Carly's pets are Jinx, a small, black cat and Diego, a large, brown dog. Carly loves her family!

Carly's mom works in a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. restaurant  
c. hospital
- b. mall  
d. theatre

3. Fill in the blank with the correct option:

A web\_\_\_\_\_ holds collective information about the specific page.

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

4. Choose the most appropriate option to replace the phrase marked in quotes, if it is wrong:

My name is Jacqueline. I am "a supervisor at Martin's" Clothing Store. Sometimes I work in a restaurant.

- a. Supervisor at Martin's  
c. A supervisor at the Martin's
- b. The supervisor in Martin's  
d. No change required

5. Read the sentence and complete it with a question tag:

Your father can speak Mandarin, \_\_\_\_\_?

- a. can he  
c. do him
- b. can't he  
d. did him

6. Find the correct option:

You will die soon \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. if you leave it out in the Sun.  
c. if you smoke a lot.
- b. if he can avoid it.  
d. if I take the train.

7. Identify the type of noun for the quoted word:  
The cake my mother prepared was very tasty. But my friend did not like it. She must have lost her sense of "taste".
- a. Countable noun  
b. Uncountable noun  
c. Both  
d. Material noun
8. Find the correctly spelt word:
- a. Pseudomonas  
b. Pseudamonas  
c. Pseudomanos  
d. Pseudomanous
9. Complete the proverb:  
When in Rome, \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. do as the Romans do  
b. visit the amphitheatre  
c. live life Rome – size  
d. dress like Romans
10. Fill in the blank:  
You will be waiting for the bus, \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. if you leave it out in the Sun.  
b. if he can avoid it.  
c. if you start late from home.  
d. if I take the train.
11. Complete the proverb:  
When life gives you lemons, \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. grow a lemon tree  
b. make lemonade  
c. throw them right back  
d. run and hide
12. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable set of option:  
When I looked through the window while eating, I noticed that \_\_\_\_\_ was reading a book.  
\_\_\_\_\_ was wearing spectacles while reading.
- a. I / He  
b. he / He  
c. him / They  
d. him / He
13. Arrange the words given below in a meaningful sequence:  
laughing / and / small children / there were / in the park / playing
- a. Were small children laughing playing and there in the park.  
b. There were small children laughing and playing in the park.  
c. In the park there were laughing and playing the small children.  
d. In the park laughing and playing the small children there were.

14. Select the appropriate conjunction to complete the sentence:  
This exam is critical, \_\_\_\_\_ it rains I have to go and attend the exam.
- a. even if  
b. furthermore  
c. on grounds that  
d. despite
15. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate option:  
It (be) \_\_\_\_\_ cold yesterday. It \_\_\_\_\_ freezing and my sister started to shiver.
- a. was / was  
b. was / were  
c. are / was  
d. were / was
16. Identify the type of adjective:  
The physical workouts in the gym are painful.
- a. Interrogative adjective  
b. Adjective of quantity  
c. Demonstrative adjective  
d. Adjective of quality
17. Fill in the blank with the correct option:  
She returned to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the accident to check if anyone was in need of medical emergencies.
- a. scene  
b. vision  
c. visibility  
d. situation
18. Choose the most appropriate option:  
The death of the minister left the corporation in a state of \_\_\_\_\_: without a clear successor, conditions rapidly descended into \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. confederation / disorder  
b. sorrow / tumult  
c. anarchy / chaos  
d. panic / tranquillity
19. Choose the most appropriate option:  
When the doctor removed a bullet from the army officer's shoulder, she used drugs to \_\_\_\_\_ the pain and make him unconscious; if she hadn't, the pain from the operation would have been \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. sedate / uncomfortable  
b. amplify / fierce  
c. dull / excruciating  
d. heighten / exquisite
20. Identify the adverb and fill in the blank:  
The movie was \_\_\_\_\_ entertaining. I couldn't believe we spent 3 hours in the theatre.
- a. ago  
b. too  
c. enough  
d. very

21. Arrange the words given below in a meaningful sequence:

no / the / had / poor farmers / to stay / place

- a. The poor farmers had place to stay to no.
- b. The poor farmers had no place to stay.
- c. The farmers had no place to stay poor.
- d. The poor farmers had no to stay place.

22. Choose the best polite answer to make a conversation:

Harry: Can you come here for a minute?

Peter: \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. long and short
- b. Surely and clearly
- c. Why don't you come here?
- d. Sure, just give a minute and I'll be there.

23. Fill in the blank using a suitable preposition:

I saw a car collide \_\_\_\_ a motorbike.

- a. about
- b. with
- c. in
- d. for

24. Identify the type of noun of the quoted word:

I prefer "tea" to coffee. I am not addicted to caffeine.

- a. Countable noun
- b. Uncountable noun
- c. Common noun
- d. All of the above

25. Choose the most appropriate option that has the same meaning as the quoted word:

The senator's dedication to justice and liberty is "admirable".

- a. Commendable
- b. Colourful or bright
- c. Authentic or real
- d. Humorous or obnoxious

26. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate options:

They (be) \_\_\_\_\_ busy yesterday. They did not have time to relax so they \_\_\_\_\_ sent home soon.

- a. were / was
- b. were / were
- c. were / are
- d. are / were

27. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable set of option:

My name is Sonia. \_\_\_\_\_ love my family. \_\_\_\_\_ am fond of my pets.

- a. I / We
- b. She / I
- c. I / I
- d. We / I

28. Fill in the blank using an appropriate verb:

She's been \_\_\_\_\_ to music all day. I think she is going to fail.

- a. listening
- b. ignoring
- c. unnoticed
- d. disregarding

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

\_\_\_\_\_ is the state of being comfortable, healthy, or happy.

- a. Ambitious
- b. Spiritual
- c. Healthy
- d. Well being

30. Fill in the blank with the correct option:

I had an orange and a \_\_\_\_\_ for lunch.

- a. piar
- b. pair
- c. pire
- d. pear

31. Choose the most appropriate option:

"She not know" if she should go in or run away! She couldn't move. She heard the soft sound of footsteps. She couldn't breathe. The door slowly opened.

- a. She doesn't know
- b. She do not knew
- c. She didn't knew
- d. She didn't know

32. Complete the proverb:

Honey catches more \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Sweetness than jaggery
- b. insects than water
- c. flies than vinegar
- d. bees than butter

33. Fill the blanks with suitable articles.

A: What's wrong?

B: I have \_\_\_\_\_ bad headache. I have been looking for help \_\_\_\_\_ from the morning. I found none in \_\_\_\_\_ hostel room.

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

34. Read the sentence and complete it with a question tag:

She recognised him at once, \_\_\_\_\_?

- a. does she
- b. don't she
- c. did she
- d. didn't she

**35.** Select the appropriate conjunction to complete the sentence:

The main purpose of a river is to fulfil the basic water needs. With the runoff of water, it is routed to fill large dams that have to be built \_\_\_\_\_ store water for use.

- a. notwithstanding
- b. regardless of
- c. so as to
- d. thanks to

**Direction (for questions 36-40):** Read the passage and answer the question:

Niagara Falls were formed 10,000 years ago in Ontario, Canada. The falls were a result of glaciers moving back to show the sharp face of the mountain. This allowed the waters of Lake Erie to flow north, over the slope, to Lake Ontario. The sharp face gradually eroded back toward Lake Erie, a process that has also formed the Niagara Gorge Whirlpool Rapids and the Whirlpool. This is how Niagara Falls were formed. Niagara Falls is the most well-known waterfall in the world. As a result of this, it attracts millions of tourists every year. There are many great hotels near the falls. The tourists in these hotels witness and enjoy the beauty of the falls. July and August are the busiest months. Hence, there are problems including traffic jams, crime and business problems like expanding industries. While June and September are the best times to visit as the weather is nice and the place is less crowded.

Here are mountain ranges with the highest being Cross Fell at 893 meters. Also, there is another mountain with a peak of 775 meters. The lake flows from here, where it slowly becomes the River Tees. There is a V-shaped valley in its early course, which holds many things. A dam has been built here to form Cow Green Reservoir. This is a very important water supply for the towns further downstream. There are farms in the V-shaped valley with the highest lying 370 meters above sea level.

The ground is waterlogged so crops can't be grown, but sheep are farmed there, spending most of their time on hillsides. This is also significant for the towns downstream as it is used for food purposes. The climate in the upper course is quite poor. Precipitation reaches up to 1500 mm a year with about 3 months of snow cover. Also, contributing to the bad weather is the fact that there is barely any sunshine. Because of this, Whinstone waterfalls were formed. This happens when the river flows down, as the Whinstone. On March 29th, 1848, papers reported that Niagara Falls ran dry. During weather-related occurrence, a southwest storm blowing off of Lake Erie caused ice to jam and dam up at the mouth of the Niagara River causing the water flow to be severely restricted.

**36.** Which dam is built near Niagara Falls?

- a. Lake Erie
- b. Ontario
- c. Cow Green Reservoir
- d. Cross Fell

**37.** According to the passage, when did paper report Niagara Falls ran dry?

- a. March 29th, 1848
- b. March 29th, 1868
- c. March 29th, 1846
- d. March 28th, 1849

38. According to the passage, which of the given statement is true?
- a. The Niagara Falls were formed as a result of flood moving back to show the sharp face of the mountain.
  - b. The Niagara Falls were formed as a result of rain moving back to show the sharp face of the mountain.
  - c. The Niagara Falls were not formed as a result of glaciers moving back to show the sharp face of the mountain.
  - d. The Niagara Falls were formed as a result of glaciers moving back to show the sharp face of the mountain.
39. According to the passage, which is the best month to visit Niagara Falls?
- a. July and September
  - b. June and September
  - c. June and August
  - d. January and September
40. According to the passage, which of the given statement is false?
- a. July and September are the busiest months.
  - b. The ground is waterlogged so crops can't be grown, but sheep are farmed there, spending most of their time on hillsides.
  - c. The lake flows from here where it slowly becomes the River Tees.
  - d. There are many great hotels near the falls to witness this beautiful waterfall.

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

41. Read the notice and answer the question:  
K.P.S. SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, GURGAON  
NOTICE  
18th March, 2022  
VOLUNTEER FOR ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMME  
The students of class X-XII are hereby informed that our school is going to hold 'Adult Education Programme' during this summer vacation. The volunteer teachers will be sent to teach the adults in the nearby villages for twenty days i.e. 10<sup>th</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Extend your help and volunteer yourselves for this noble cause. Give your name to the undersigned by 25<sup>th</sup> March positively.  
Lisa Stanley  
(In charge, NSS Wing)  
Alex is interested to volunteer for adult education program. So, he should \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. train himself to be a volunteer.
  - b. keep himself free for twenty days.
  - c. contact the undersigned for details.
  - d. give name before 25th March to the undersigned.



42. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate option:

Her \_\_\_\_\_ was exemplary.

- a. atiquette
- b. etiquette
- c. atiqeutte
- d. etiqeutte

43. Fill in the blank with the correct option:

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the story is to always be kind to others. Each story has its own value.

- a. conclusion
- b. moral
- c. ending
- d. epilogue

44. Select the appropriate conjunction to complete the sentence:

I started with my new business and I have never come across this type of financial problem and therefore, I have to confess that people have no resolution to the problem. The logic is that \_\_\_\_\_ this person has never encountered this type of financial crisis earlier so he has no solution to it.

- a. despite
- b. although
- c. since
- d. contrary to

45. Choose the option which means the same as the quoted words:

Watching my daughter sing makes me "happy as a clam".

- a. sense of sadness
- b. sense of forlorn
- c. sense of happiness
- d. sense of vexation

46. Choose the most appropriate option to correct the given sentence:

The workers in the trade centre "always very busy". They need to stand the entire day doing their work.

- a. are always very busy
- b. are very always busy
- c. were always very busy
- d. always very are busy

47. Select the correctly punctuated sentence:

online shopping is a form of electronic commerce which allows consumers to directly buy goods or services from a seller over the Internet using a web browser

- a. Online shopping is a form of electronic commerce which allows consumers, to directly buy goods or services, from a seller over the Internet using a web browser.
- b. Online shopping is a form of electronic commerce which allows consumers to directly buy goods or services from a seller over the Internet using a web browser.
- c. Online shopping - is a form of electronic commerce which allows consumers to directly buy goods or services from a seller over the Internet, using a web browser.
- d. Online shopping is a form of electronic commerce, which allows consumers to directly, buy goods or services from a seller over the Internet using a web browser.

**48.** Find the correct option:

If you spoke less and listened more, \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. I'd resign rather than wait to be sacked.
- b. I'd have a lot of problems getting another one.
- c. I'd try to find a job with one of the Japanese banks.
- d. then the problem would have come to an end.

**49.** Select the pair which has the same relationship:

Salsa: Dance

- a. Aluminium: Metal
- b. Watch: Time
- c. School: Teacher
- d. Water: Thirst

**50.** Read the statement and identify the correct term:

Migration of a population from populated towns and cities to low-density residential development over more and more rural land is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. migration
- b. immigration
- c. rural-urban fringe
- d. urban sprawl

## Answer Key

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