



CREST English Olympiad (CEO)

Previous Year Paper (2023-24)

Class 8 (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.
- Use **HB Pencil or Blue / Black ball point pen only** for marking the correct choice of answers on the OMR Sheet.
- Rough work is to be done in the space provided in the test booklet. An extra plain sheet may be provided by the school for the rough work.
- The OMR Sheet is to be handed over to the invigilator at the end of the exam.
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Candidate Name: _____

Class: _____ Section: _____

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English Language (Each Question is 1 Mark)

- Fill the blank with a suitable preposition:
Since he bought a new car, Shaun never seems to be _____ home. He keeps traveling around the world.
a. on b. in
c. at d. with
- Select the correctly punctuated sentence:
a. Lemurs are wet-nosed, mammals of the superfamily Lemuroidea, divided into: 8 families and consisting of 15 genera and around 100 existing species.
b. Lemurs are: wet-nosed mammals of the superfamily Lemuroidea, divided into 8 families and consisting of 15 genera and around 100 existing species.
c. Lemurs are wet-nosed mammals of the superfamily Lemuroidea; divided into 8 families and consisting of 15 genera and around 100 existing species.
d. Lemurs are wet-nosed mammals of the superfamily Lemuroidea, divided into 8 families and consisting of 15 genera and around 100 existing species.
- Find the correctly spelt word:
a. bouquete b. bouquette
c. bouquet d. boquet
- Fill in the blanks with the most suitable option:
A singer while doing his live performance should be on _____ best behaviour. He will be rated on both _____ performance and presence of mind.
a. their/his b. his/his
c. him/his d. it/his
- Fill in the blank using a suitable preposition:
I'll see you _____ work once I finish the meeting.
a. in b. by
c. at d. when
- Fill in the blank using a suitable preposition:
It's been raining _____ last night and the streets are flooded with water.
a. since b. for
c. until d. at
- Fill the blank with suitable option:
Be cautious and never drink and drive at any time in the future. You _____ easily been killed.
a. can b. should have
c. could have d. would
- Find the correct option:
You are blind _____.
a. if he can avoid it.
b. if I take the train.
c. if you leave it out in the sun.
d. if you say he is fat.
- Read the given statement and choose the correct synonym for the word given in quotes:
He is a fantastic and fun loving guy, but he has a "propensity" for getting into debt.
a. natural tendency
b. aptitude
c. characteristic
d. quality

10. Fill in the blank with the correct option:

The school _____ spoke to a group of parents. I am sure he would have spoken about raising funds.

- a. principal b. princi
c. principle d. Both a and b

11. Fill in the blank using an appropriate adverb:

Shelly was wise _____ to fool him.

- a. enough b. too
c. ago d. only

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

Nothing about me is true, _____

- a. is it? b. doesn't it?
c. aren't it? d. ain't it?

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

When will you be _____ with your work?

- a. been done b. done
c. making d. made

14. Fill in the blank using an appropriate option:

These are probably the _____ cars in the showroom. I will definitely buy one.

- a. macabre b. fanciest
c. appalling d. most fanciest

15. Fill in the blank using a suitable option:

I had _____ money when they asked me to contribute for the flood relief. So I did not contribute.

- a. a lot of b. a trillion
c. no d. shedload

16. Choose the most appropriate option:

When an employer agrees to give a loan, the details of the arrangement will normally be set out in a separately written loan _____.

- a. agreement b. disagreement
c. consent d. discord

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

She's not going to college, _____?

- a. does she b. do she
c. is she d. am I

18. Identify the correctly spelt word:

- a. goverment b. occured
c. permanent d. recieve

19. Read the given statement and find the antonym for the word given in quotes:

Look at the "rear" mirror while driving.

- a. unusual b. front
c. upper d. back

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

and/ forest / conquered / land / space / we /have / intention/ of / with /the / living /a / sophisticated life

- a. With the intention of living a conquered life we have sophisticated land space and forest
b. Living a sophisticated life with the intention of we have conquered land, space and forest.
c. Conquered land, space and forest with the intention of living a sophisticated life we have.
d. We have conquered land, space and forest with the intention of living a sophisticated life.

21. Complete the sentence with the correct expression:

Canada's economy was greatly affected in the 1920s ____ the over-production of goods and by the over-expansion of industries.

- a. while
- b. because of
- c. even
- d. since

22. Read the statement and identify the correct term:

The fact of a country or city having too many people living in it.

- a. overpopulation
- b. bottleneck
- c. developed
- d. desolate

23. Identify the misspelt word:

- a. nonplussed
- b. acost
- c. lieutenant
- d. abnegation

24. Choose the most appropriate option:

Claudia and Benjamin are married. Claudia likes "sing and dance" whereas Benjamin likes to read and write.

- a. the sing and dance
- b. to sing and dance
- c. singing and the dance
- d. no correction required

25. Choose the most appropriate option

that can replace the quoted words: Benjamin is studying mathematics and wants to be a professor. Claudia cooks big meals. Benjamin eats big meals. Claudia and Benjamin like "difference things".

- a. the different things
- b. difference things
- c. different things
- d. things that have difference

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

I met Bella yesterday. _____ made me laugh louder. _____ is fond of

music and has a good sense of humour.

- a. It / Her
- b. Her / She
- c. She / She
- d. They / Her

27. Fill in the blank using an appropriate verb:

I don't know who _____ this art. It is so amazing in the art gallery.

- a. paints
- b. painted
- c. painting
- d. paint

28. Fill in the blank with the most suitable option:

Your uniform is dirty; I don't think it will _____ for the school's annual day. Wash it before you wear it for the annual day.

- a. wear
- b. present
- c. do
- d. make

29. Find the correctly spelt word:

- a. forcast
- b. forecaste
- c. forcaust
- d. forecast

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

the way / start doing / talking and / to get started / is to quit

- a. The way to quit talking and start doing to get started is.
- b. To get started is to quit talking and start doing the way.
- c. The way to get started is to quit talking and start doing.
- d. Started to get is to quit talking and start doing the way.

31. Fill in the blanks with the correct option:

I wonder if they will change _____ plans? I really want to join them as _____ itinerary is good.

- a. their, there
- b. there, their
- c. there, there
- d. their, their

32. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate option:
It (be) _____ very hot yesterday. I _____ exhausted and I fainted in the middle of the road.

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

33. Select the appropriate conjunctions to complete the sentence:

Due to _____ excess production _____ decrease in sales, they are reducing the manpower in the warehouse.

- a. neither / nor b. both / nor
c. neither / and d. both / and

34. Complete the sentence with the most appropriate word:

I _____ for about an hour. I am completely drained but the session went well.

- a. spoke b. talked
c. speak d. both a and b

35. Read the statement and identify the correct term:

Thomas was made fun of and threatened in front of everyone in the school so he was heartbroken.

- a. addiction b. racism
c. crime d. bullying

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

Lemurs are generally small in size, and their face somewhat resembles a mouse's face in smaller species or a fox's face in larger species. Many lemur species have a snout, and all have a wet and hairless nose with curved nostrils, which is unique among primates and makes them superior sniffers. They have five digits on front and hind limbs, and some species have longer hind limbs than forelimbs for jumping.

Their tail is not prehensile and varies in length, depending on the species. Lemurs range greatly in size from the mouse lemurs to the indri. Lemurs have bright round eyes and soft fur that varies in colour, depending on the species. The most common lemur colours are white, grey, black, brown, and red-brown. In some species, males and females have different colouring. For example, in blue-eyed black lemurs, males are solid black and females are reddish-brown.

Lemurs that are diurnal (active during the daytime), are social and live in family groups or troops. They follow the safety-in-numbers idea, using alarm calls when a predator is spotted to inform the rest of the group. Nocturnal lemurs do not live in large groups, but have the cover of night to help protect them. And, some lemurs are active day and night. The primary predator of lemurs is the fossa, although they can fall prey to large boas, hawks, and introduced species, as well.

36. What is meant by the term 'diurnal'?

- a. active only during the daytime
b. active only during the night-time
c. active only during the weekdays
d. active only during the weekends

37. According to the passage, what is not true?

- a. Some lemurs are diurnal.
b. Some lemurs are nocturnal.
c. Some lemurs are both diurnal and nocturnal.
d. Some lemurs are semi-diurnal and semi-nocturnal.

38. According to the passage, what is not true?

- a. They have five digits on front and hind limbs.
b. Their face somewhat resembles a mouse's face in smaller species or a fox's face in larger species.
c. They have a wet and hairless nose.

- d. The most common lemur colours are white, grey, black, brown, and orange-red.

39. Lemurs are hunted by _____.

- a. boas and fossa
b. hawks
c. both a and b

- d. none of the animals can hunt them due to their high speed

40. Which of these is not a lemur's feature?

- a. curved nostrils
b. wet and hairless nose
c. their tail varies in length
d. bright square eyes with hard fur

Achievers' Section (Each Question is 2 Marks)

41. Read the news report and answer the question given below:

Modern Public School organised its Annual Awards Function - Regatta-20XX on Friday on its school campus. The talented students were awarded for their achievements in various fields. These included writing, painting, fancy dress competition, science exhibition, folk dance, slogan writing and sports like volleyball, basketball and chess. As many as 30 students were awarded 100% attendance. School founder and trustee Mr Greg gave his blessings to the students. In his speech, he said that all children are talented but they need proper moulding and guidance. This can be done only by a teacher. The School Principal read out the Annual Report. She exhorted students to take part in extra-curricular activities. A dance ballet was performed by the students and a devotional song was sung by the choir. The function ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

Which of the following did the Principal encourages students to do?

- a. take part in sports
b. have 100% attendance in school
c. receive more awards in different competitions

- d. take part in extra-curricular activities

42. Read the notice and answer the question:

SECURITY NOTICE

Security may search your bag when you enter the museum. No sharp objects are allowed and will be confiscated.

Choose the option which is most likely to happen if there is a pair of scissors inside your bag.

- a. The security will not allow you to enter the museum.
b. The security will not allow you to enter the museum without your bag.
c. The security will ask you to deposit your bag/the pair of scissors at the counter before you enter the museum.
d. The security will allow you to enter the museum with your bag.

43. Select the pair which has the same relationship as:

conclusion : essay

- a. theme : restaurant
b. desert : meal
c. parade : sports
d. denouement : play

44. Fill in the blanks using most suitable options:
 _____ in the college came to attend the interview, but _____ of them got selected.
- a. Every, all b. No one, each
 c. Either, all d. Everyone, none

45. Fill in the blank with suitable option:
 Jim hasn't met the new manager yet, and _____.
- a. me too b. neither I have
 c. neither have I d. I haven't

46. Read the statement and identify the correct meaning of the term given in quotes:
 The NGO decided to educate people about their "carbon print".
- a. the carbon emission by the vehicles
 b. the carbon-dioxide people breathe out
 c. the total amount of greenhouse gases generated by our actions
 d. carbonated drinks that people drink in their lives

47. Choose the most appropriate option:
 Howard insisted his wife carry his umbrella and follow him around in a _____ manner.
- a. humble b. freethinking
 c. uppity d. servile

48. Out of the four given alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given sentence:
 A formal assurance that certain conditions will be fulfilled, especially that a product will be repaired or replaced if the product is not of a specified quality.

- a. protection b. guarantee
 c. warrant d. tutelage

49. Choose the option with the same meaning as the idiom:
 He "had his hands full" so he could not take on any more work.
- a. to have a lot of work
 b. to be able to sweat
 c. to fill up your pockets
 d. to clean your hands

50. Out of the four given alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the words given in bold:

Yesterday I met **a person who checks and is specialised in treating kids.**

- a. family physician
 b. endocrinologist
 c. pediatrician
 d. dermatologist

Answer Key

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