



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

Class 9

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.
- Rough work is to be done in the space provided in the test booklet. 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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FILL IN THE DETAILS

Student Name: _____

Class: _____ Section: _____

Enrollment No: _____

English Language (Each Question is 1 Mark)

- Choose the word which is the exact opposite of the word given in the quotes:
The "arrogant" questions were rendered ineffective.
a. Humble b. Bumptious
c. Overweening d. Haughty
- Choose the option with the correct verb form to replace the words in brackets:
"Where (your parents live)?" asked the gatekeeper.
a. your parents live?
b. does your parents live?
c. had your parents live?
d. did your parents lived?
- Fill the incomplete sentence with suitable word from the given options:
While driving I prefer to reduce the volume of the music so that it doesn't distract people at the far end of the road who can _____ it.
a. listen to b. listening to
c. hear d. hearing
- Fill the incomplete sentence with suitable word from the given options:
There is an ATM machine at the _____ of the road. You can withdraw cash there.
a. conclusion b. end
c. finish d. ending
- Fill in the blank with a suitable option:
My friend says that she doesn't _____ that I am home since morning.
a. no b. knew
c. know d. now
- Choose suitable prepositions for the blanks in the given sentence:
I heard glass breaking noise in the living room and found that a stone was thrown _____ the window. People were protesting to fight _____ increase in crime rate.
a. on, for b. from, against
c. against, against d. on, against
- Choose suitable prepositions for the blanks in the given sentence:
Suzanne, who lives _____ that metro station, came over to take her car from the parking where people hurried _____.
a. on, by b. by, by
c. by, at d. in, by
- Choose a suitable preposition for the blank in the given sentence:
My house is _____ the grocery store and the gas station.
a. under b. off
c. among d. between
- For the given question, a part of the sentence is given in quotes. Choose the correct alternative from the options:
He found "five, round, wooden, brown, broken" chairs in the room.
a. five, round, brown, wooden, broken
b. five, broken, round, brown, wooden
c. five, brown, broken, round, wooden
d. No changes required
- From the given options, choose the correct word to complete the given

idiom:

Too many cooks spoil the _____.

- a. broths
- b. birth
- c. borth
- d. broth

11. From the given options, choose the correct word to complete the given idiom:

It takes two to _____.

- a. numbers
- b. tango
- c. add
- d. three

12. Choose the one which best expresses the given sentence in Direct/Indirect speech:

The poor kid exclaimed, "Will none of you take me?"

- a. The poor kid replied whether none of them would take him.
- b. The poor kid exclaimed if anyone will take him.
- c. The poor kid exclaimed whether anyone would take him.
- d. The poor kid exclaimed whether none of them would take him.

13. Fill the appropriate response to complete the sentence:

Myra: "I am most grateful. I will not forget you for the rest of my life."

Eva: "_____"

- a. You are welcoming.
- b. You welcome.
- c. You're welcome.
- d. You are welcomed.

14. Fill the appropriate response to complete the sentence:

Meera: "Your advice this morning was much appreciated. This has changed my life."

Anisha: "_____"

- a. All to do with service.

- b. All the section of the service.
- c. The whole of the service.
- d. All part of the service.

15. Complete the sentence with the most suitable question tag:

Your parents are waiting. I think you ought to go, _____

- a. ought you?
- b. do I?
- c. do you?
- d. don't you?

16. Complete the sentence with the most suitable question tag:

She's always late to school, _____

- a. is it?
- b. isn't she?
- c. was she?
- d. isn't it?

17. Complete the sentence with the most suitable question tag:

Danny: "She hates the sight of him."

Ann: "_____"

- a. She did, did she?
- b. She hates, does she?
- c. She does, does she?
- d. She doesn't hate, does she?

18. Complete the sentence with the most suitable question tag:

Megan: "I would prefer to go by air."

Fiona: "_____"

- a. Oh you would, wouldn't you?
- b. Oh you prefer, don't you?
- c. Oh you did, did you?
- d. Oh, you wouldn't, will you?

19. Fill in the blank with the correct spelling:

For my birthday they gifted me a _____ of white and red roses.

- a. banquet
- b. boucquet
- c. bouquet
- d. bouquett

20. Fill in the blank with the correct option:
I _____ hope that our lives will also change and we all will be happy again.
- a. doubtfully b. dishonestly
c. sincerely d. frivolously
21. Choose the appropriate tense for the blank in the given sentence from the given option:
Bryan _____ when the meeting started.
- a. hasn't arrived
b. hadn't been arriving
c. hasn't been arriving
d. hadn't arrived
22. Choose the appropriate tense for the blank in the given sentence from the given options:
Later tonight I _____ my uncle, who is hospitalized.
- a. will visiting b. will be visiting
c. are visiting d. visiting
23. Choose the appropriate tense for the blank in the given sentence from the given options:
I _____ to remember all the content delivered by Mr Duncan.
- a. try
b. am trying
c. will trying
d. will have been try
24. Choose the appropriate tense for the blank in the given sentence from the given options:
If you really want me not to accuse you, then you _____ to tell me the truth.
- a. have b. will have
c. had d. Both a & b
25. We know our art teacher will not take any class now.
Identify the word, which is a compound noun?
- a. Not b. Art teacher
c. Class d. Know
26. What kind of noun is the word "life"?
In my life, I follow the same routine for each and every day.
- a. Singular and collective noun
b. Singular and abstract noun
c. Plural and material noun
d. Singular and proper noun
27. Someone in the crowd screamed leaving people to panic.
Identify the word, which is a collective noun?
- a. Crowd b. Panic
c. Screamed d. Someone
28. From the given options, choose the correct quantity noun for the given sentence:
I used my binoculars to see if I can also find a fleet of _____.
- a. players b. insects
c. stairs d. ships
29. From the given options, choose the correct quantity noun for the given sentence:
Suzanne was tired and when she looked up, she saw a flight of _____.
- a. birds b. insects
c. crows d. stairs
30. Fill in the blank with a suitable option:
My wife is always _____ when she gets a headache and becomes angry at me for no reason at all.

- a. jealous
- b. affable
- c. gregarious
- d. cantankerous

31. Identify the correct option with the right punctuation:

- a. Miss England contestant: Melissa Raouf, has brought the spotlight, to the competition after becoming the first contestant to compete without makeup. In its 94 year history: the pageant has never had a bare-faced contestant, and the move, has gained raouf a flood of support on social media.
- b. Miss England contestant, Melissa Raouf, has brought the spotlight to the competition after becoming the first contestant to compete without makeup. In its 94 year history the pageant has never had a bare-faced contestant, and the move has gained Raouf a flood of support on social media.
- c. Miss england contestant, Melissa raouf, has brought the spotlight- to the competition after becoming the first contestant to compete without makeup. In its 94 year history- the pageant has never had a bare-faced contestant, and the move has gained raouf a flood of support on social media..
- d. miss England contestant, melissa Raouf, has brought the spotlight to the competition after becoming the first contestant to compete without makeup; In its 94 year history the pageant has never had a bare-faced contestant, and the move has gained Raouf a flood of support on social media.

32. Read the given statement and identify the expression of the author:
My parents complimented and appreciated me for my marks, which were music to my ears.

- a. Pleasant to hear
- b. Pummels you
- c. Asperses you

- d. Excoriates you

33. Read the given statement and identify the expression of the author:

I always feel down in the dumps when I go back to school after the summer holidays.

- a. Happy
- b. Sad
- c. Angry
- d. Bored

34. Choose the correct set of conjunctions to fill in the blanks:

The kids are usually afraid during their first day in school, _____ their parents are allowed to sit with them. The parents can stop coming _____ the kids are comfortable, _____ they can continue to come the entire term _____ they wish to do so.

- a. and, after, before, and
- b. before, only if, before, and
- c. so, once, but, if
- d. after, only if, before, and

35. Choose the correct set of determiners to fill in the blanks:

Very _____ people are allowed to go to the hilltop just because of terrorist activities. I had a _____ friends staying on the hilltop, so I moved in a downhill place. It didn't cost _____ to buy such a nice house.

- a. little, none, many
- b. much, a few, much
- c. few, few, much
- d. many, fewer, a lot of

Direction (for questions 36-40): Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Globally we use 2.5 billion kilograms of pesticides every year. Pesticides have been blamed for a myriad of health conditions, affecting the nervous system, skin and eyes, and being strongly linked to different types of

cancer. Conventional pesticides are associated with a lot of harmful side effects. Farming on a commercial scale requires high crop yield, which pesticides help to produce. As the world's population is set to hit eight billion people by 2022, finding ways to grow crops quickly with minimum wastage is a necessity.

Now, a team of scientists from institutions in Brazil and Spain have found that ants can be even more effective at protecting crops from pests than conventional harmful pesticides. The researchers, led by Diego V. Anjos, looked at over 50 studies on 17 different crops. The crops were grown in the UK, US, Australia and Brazil, and included cotton, mango, cauliflower and sweet potato.

After analysing the papers, the researchers discovered that ants were as good, if not better in some cases, at protecting crops from pests.

“Overall, the mere presence of ants, regardless of their body size, provided pivotal services for crops,” the researchers said in their study.

The ants' presence was most effective when they were in shady areas. In areas protected by shade, ants decreased pests by almost twice as much. Ants were also more effective when the crop range was diverse- i.e., when many different types of crops are grown together.

However, ants did increase the presence of one insect- aphids. Ants actually farm aphids to capture the sweet honeydew that they secrete. Whilst aphids may have been increased, the overall effectiveness of using ants as pest control is positive. The researchers also suggested that having another source of sugar nearby could negate the effects of aphids.

The use of ants in pesticides is not a new concept. In China, ants have been used to control pests in citrus trees for centuries. The yellow citrus ant was documented 1700 years ago as being used to control pests in the orange groves of Southern China. And it's not just ants that have been used as natural pesticides. Ducks have been used by farmers in Thailand to devour pests.

Moving away from traditional pesticides would have a myriad of positive benefits for humans and insects alike. The researchers concluded their article by stating that ants would also be cost-effective compared to chemical pesticides, and would help to maintain low biodiversity.

- 36.** According to the article, whose presence is increased by ants?
- Aphids
 - Aridic substances
 - Fertilizing agents
 - Pests
- 37.** Which country used ants as pesticides centuries ago?
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| a. India | b. Japan |
| c. Thailand | d. China |
- 38.** Pesticides can adversely affect:
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| a. Skin | b. Nervous system |
| c. Eyes | d. All of the above |
- 39.** Ducks were used by which country to control pests?
- | | |
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| a. Spain | b. Thailand |
| c. China | d. Argentina |
- 40.** From the given options, choose the one which is false:
- The researchers have also suggested that another source of sugar nearby could accentuate the effects of aphids.
 - Globally 2.5 billion kilograms of pesticides are used every year.
 - Using ants as natural pesticides can not only help maintain low

biodiversity but also would be quite cost-effective.

- d. Brazilian and Spanish researchers, led by Diego

V. Anjos, looked at over 50 studies on 17 different crops.

Achiever's Section (Each Question is 2 Marks)

41. Choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the word given in the quotes:

I wanted to 'rescue' them. Since I am not a trained fireman to save them from danger, I was not allowed into the forest area.

- a. Imperil b. Extricate
c. Defend d. Safety

42. Choose the word which is the exact opposite of the word given in the quotes:

To whom should I "confess" my blunder? I do not like being punished, so it is better to inform at the initial stage itself.

- a. Deny b. Profuse
c. Contest d. Contend

43. Fill in the blank with suitable word from the given options:

I'm sorry, but I _____ what you said so far.

- a. am not listening to
b. wasn't hearing
c. didn't hear
d. didn't do hearing

44. Choose an appropriate relative pronoun for the given sentence, where one option fits both the blanks:

Excuse me, can you tell me to _____ does this car belong and to _____ did the prize go?

- a. which b. who
c. whom d. whose

45. Fill in the blanks with the correct set of alternatives from the options:

Persistent rumination can _____ the symptoms of existing mental health conditions. Conversely, being able to control _____ thoughts may help people ease these symptoms and cultivate relaxation and joy.

- a. nullify, disturbing
b. reduce, tormenting
c. exacerbate, ruminating
d. simplify, perpetuating

46. For the given question, a part of the sentence is given in quotes. Choose the correct alternative from the options:

Nowadays, several of our intellectuals still speak in terms of revolution and the rights of man, not appreciating that "much has happened" since then.

- a. much has been happening
b. much had happened
c. much might happen
d. no changes required

47. Fill in the blank with the correct spelling (as per British English):

With new policies, both the employer and the employees are _____.

- a. benifitted b. benefitted
c. benefited d. bennefitted

48. Rearrange the given sentences into a meaningful sequence. The first and last sentence are already aligned for you:

1: In the New Thought philosophy, the Law of Attraction is the belief
P: Negative experiences into a person's life.
Q: That positive or negative thoughts

bring positive or

R: Both made from pure energy, and that through the process of like energy

S: The belief is based on the idea that people and their thoughts are

6: Attracting like energy a person can improve their own health, wealth, and personal relationships.

- a. QPRS
- b. QPSR
- c. SQPR
- d. SRPQ

49. What do you term: One who does things for pleasure and not as a profession.

- a. Amateur
- b. Freelancer
- c. White-collar
- d. Salaried

50. Choose the correct set of determiners to fill in the blanks:

There is _____ water left in the pond.
There isn't _____ point at all in getting upset about water scarcity. _____ coat will do (not necessarily a raincoat), as it is not going to rain.

- a. some, several, No
- b. little, any, Any
- c. few, any, Little
- d. much, many, Few

Answer Key

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