



CREST English Olympiad (CEO)

Previous Year Paper (2023-24)

Class 9 (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: _____

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English Language (Each Question is 1 Mark)

- Choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the word given in the quotes:
After the civil war, all the soldiers returned to a "wretched" kingdom.
a. foolish b. woeful
c. insane d. strained
- Choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the word given in the quotes:
This omission is sometimes believed to be an 'error'.
a. misadventure b. misgiving
c. ambiguity d. blunder
- Fill in the blank with a suitable word from the given options:
This television gives you the _____ news. They were the first channel to be bold enough in highlighting burning issues.
a. last b. latest
c. least d. later
- Fill in the blank with a suitable word from the given options:
I was talking to Kiara from a far distance, not sure if she was able to _____ me.
a. listening b. hearing
c. listen d. hear
- Choose the appropriate articles for the given blanks:
Canada is a country in _____ northern part of North America. Its ten provinces and three territories extend from _____ Atlantic to _____ Pacific and northward into _____ Arctic Ocean, covering 9.98 million square kilometres, making it _____ world's second-largest country by total area.
a. the, a, a, the, a
b. the, the, an, the, a
c. the, the, the, the, the
d. the, an, a, the, the
- Choose an appropriate relative pronoun for the given sentence which fits in both the blanks:
In this city _____ do you think would have a new Jaguar like that? He is the one _____ owns it.
a. whom b. that
c. who d. why
- Choose an appropriate relative pronoun for the given sentence which fits in both the blanks:
Well, I can judge people and say someone for _____ money is no object and for _____ money is everything.
a. whom b. who
c. that d. when
- Choose a suitable word for the given sentence from the given options:
The students attended a seminar for 6 hours and now _____ completely exhausted.
a. they're b. there
c. their d. three
- Choose a suitable word for the given blank from the given options:
Whenever we go on a trip or a vacation, we leave our dog in the _____ which we built for him.
a. sty b. coop
c. cage d. kennel
- Choose a suitable preposition for the blanks in the given sentence, one option will fit in both the blanks:

Shaun, your friend is waiting for you _____ the gate for the past one hour.
So I have put the _____ lights on.

- a. around
- b. outside
- c. above
- d. against

11. Choose the correct alternative that can replace the quoted part correctly from the given options:

"His powerful desire" brought about his downfall.

- a. His intense desire
- b. His desire for power
- c. His fatal desire
- d. No changes required

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

I took the new car "which he bought a week back" to pick him from the airport.

- a. that he bought a week back
- b. that he had bought a week back
- c. that which he had bought a week back
- d. no changes required

13. Choose the correct alternative for the sentence given in quotes:

"The more they earn, more they spend"

- a. More they earn, more they spend
- b. More they earn, the more they spend
- c. The more they earn, the more they spend
- d. no changes required

14. Choose the one which best expresses the given sentence in direct/indirect speech:

'Can you solve this maths problem?' he asked me.

- a. He said me if I could solve that maths problem.

- b. He asked me if I could solve that maths problem.
- c. He told me if I could solve that maths problem.
- d. He asked me to solve that maths problem.

15. Fill in the appropriate polite response to complete the conversation:

Meera: 'That was very thoughtful of you to do that. Appreciate your effort.'

Anisha: '_____'

- a. Oh! you should remember it.
- b. It was my pleasure.
- c. I've forgotten it.
- d. Don't forget it.

16. Fill in the appropriate response to complete the sentence:

Meera: 'We'd like to give you this small gift to show our gratitude.'

Anisha: '_____'

- a. It's really not required.
- b. It's really not demanded.
- c. It's really not wanted.
- d. It's really not compulsory.

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

You said you would write the assignment for me, _____

- a. would you?
- b. did you?
- c. Had you?
- d. didn't you?

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

She's definitely not coming to the ball, _____

- a. will she?
- b. isn't she?
- c. is she?
- d. can she?

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

Looking them together drives you mad, _____

- a. is it? b. does it?
- c. doesn't it? d. won't it?

- a. effcieant b. effecient
- c. efficient d. efficent

20. Choose the option which is without any error:

- a. An European visited in Canada.
- b. A European visited me in Canada.
- c. Many European visits in Canada.
- d. The European visited in Canada.

21. Choose the option which is without any error:

- a. It is raining when I went home last night.
- b. It was raining when I went home last night.
- c. It has been raining when I went home last night.
- d. It is not raining when I went home last night.

22. Fill in the blank with the correct meaning of the proverb/idiom:

I thought the opponent was strong and honest, but he turned out to be nothing more than "a man of straw".

A man of straw means _____.

- a. a man of no substance
- b. a very active person
- c. a worthy fellow
- d. an unreasonable person

23. Choose the option which has the same relationship:

stage : theatre

- a. kitchen : house
- b. car : fuel
- c. school : education
- d. professor : reality

24. Fill in the blank with the correct spelling:

An _____ master knows how to train his dog in a short time span.

25. Rearrange the given sentences into a meaningful sequence. The first sentence is aligned for you:

Advertising is a marketing communication

P: Businesses wishing to promote their products or services.

Q: That employs an openly sponsored, non-personal message

R: To promote or sell a product, service or idea.

S: Sponsors of advertising are typically

- a. RQPS b. QRPS
- c. RQSP d. QRSP

26. Choose the most suitable option for the given blank:

I have a terrible headache. I

_____ another tablet to manage for few hours.

- a. take b. will take
- c. took d. will took

27. Choose the appropriate tense for the blank in the given sentence:

Lydia _____ a fantasy story when she was traveling back to Mumbai.

- a. had been read
- b. has been reading
- c. read
- d. has read

28. Choose the most suitable option for the given blank:

_____ by car as it increases traffic and pollution. So I prefer travelling by public transport.

- a. I don't often travel
- b. I'm not often travelling
- c. I'll not often travel
- d. I will not often travel

- 29.** Choose the appropriate tense for the blank in the given sentence from the given options:
If you _____ given me your laptop, I would have installed the recent version of the operating system.
- a. have b. has
c. will d. had
- 30.** Choose the appropriate tense for the blank in the given sentence from the given options:
_____ you be able to lend me some money? I promise to return it in a few days.
- a. Will b. Was
c. Were d. Is
- 31.** "You fool, why will you erase all the files from the computer?"
Identify the word, which is a vocative noun?
- a. erase b. my
c. computer d. you fool
- 32.** From the given options, choose the correct quantity noun in the given sentence:
The construction work is ongoing and there I saw a heap of _____.
- a. houses b. flowers
c. stairs d. stones
- 33.** From the given options, choose the correct nouns for the given blanks:
The _____ of _____ stayed together as their guard was watching them.
- a. flock, sheep
b. gang, camels
c. parade, donkeys
d. army, fox
- 34.** From the given options, choose the correct expression that suits the blank in the given sentence:
My husband is very _____ as he never helps me with any of the house chores.
- a. sedulous b. unflagging
c. indolent d. painstaking
- 35.** Read the given statement and identify the expression of the author:

I was so happy to see her back on her feet only a week after her surgery!
- a. bought new shoes
b. recover from sickness
c. wakes up from sleep
d. able to stand
- 36.** Read the given statement and identify the expression of the author:
Shelly was on cloud nine when she heard the news.
- a. worried b. ecstatic
c. anxious d. doubtful
- 37.** My uncle regards the entire world as his country. What do you call a person who regards the whole world as his country?
- a. versatile b. cosmopolitan
c. convalescent d. debonair
- 38.** Choose the correct set of determiners to fill in the blanks:
David is a focused player, but unfortunately, he has _____ skills. We spent _____ money during our practice in Spain. We've been practicing here for _____ years.
- a. none, many, much
b. some, many, more
c. little, all of, many
d. few, a lot of, many

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

I didn't have _____ trouble getting my air tickets. I only had a problem with my passport, as it had my old photo. The airport was crowded and there was _____ space to move. When I rushed, they told me to slow down; we had _____ time.

- a. much, little, plenty of
- b. much, a little, a few
- c. no, some, lot of
- d. several, many, a lot

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

We thought she knew _____ of the subject. _____ people enjoy the idea of sharing knowledge through group discussion. I had to follow their instructions in Paris and Madrid for many years because of my business, but I don't like _____ city much.

- a. much, No, all
- b. several, Every, whole
- c. any, Several, neither
- d. much, Several, either

Achievers' Section (Each Question is 2 Marks)

41. Fill in the incomplete sentence with suitable word from the given options:

On our school sports day, the chief guest advised the students to always tell the _____.

- a. true
- b. facts
- c. information
- d. truth

42. Choose an appropriate relative pronoun for the given sentence which fits in both the blanks:

Someday I wish to participate in the program: '_____ wants to be a millionaire?'. Alex was the one _____ has applied for that quiz program.

- a. which
- b. what
- c. who
- d. how

43. Choose a suitable preposition for the blanks in the given sentences, one option will fit in both the blanks:

I. I don't remember how many times I have told my daughter to look on both the sides before running _____ the street.

II. They lived _____ the street.

- a. across
- b. alongside
- c. beside
- d. around

44. Choose the option which has the same relationship as:

nun : convent

- a. monk : monastery
- b. peasant : village
- c. church : house
- d. noble : house

45. Identify the correct option with the right punctuation:

- a. Autumn also known as fall in American and Canadian English is one of the four temperate seasons Autumn marks the transition from Summer to Winter, in September or March when the duration of daylight becomes noticeably shorter and the temperature cools considerably.
- b. Autumn also known as fall in american, and Canadian English is one of the four temperate seasons Autumn, marks the transition from summer to winter, in September or March when the duration of daylight becomes noticeably shorter and the temperature cools considerably
- c. Autumn also known as fall in American and canadian english is one of the four temperate seasons autumn marks the transition from

summer to winter, in september or march when the duration of daylight becomes noticeably shorter and the temperature cools considerably.

- d. Autumn, also known as fall in American and Canadian English, is one of the four temperate seasons. Autumn marks the transition from summer to winter, in September or March, when the duration of daylight becomes noticeably shorter and the temperature cools considerably.

Direction (for questions 46 to 50): Read the following passage and answer the question: They emerged as competition to other traditional modes of entertainment such as novels and magazines. Soon after, animated cartoons found their way into popular culture, and made a significant mark there. The first ever animated cartoon was called Fantasmagorie, and was released in the year 1908. Fantasmagorie is a 1908 French animated film by Émile Cohl. It is one of the earliest examples of traditional (hand-drawn) animation, and considered by film historians to be the first animated cartoon. Oswald the Lucky Rabbit (also known as Oswald the Rabbit or Oswald Rabbit) is a cartoon character created in 1927 by Walt Disney for Universal Pictures.

46. Why did animated cartoons emerge?

- a. as competition to other traditional modes of entertainment such as novels and magazines.
- b. as a reaction to boring means of children entertainment
- c. as an answer to the long search for amusing kids entertainment
- d. as support to TV, plays and web-series

47. Which was the first ever animated cartoon?

- a. Fantoosherie
- b. Fantasmagorie
- c. Fantasyland
- d. Fanatasymania

48. Which was the first cartoon character?

- a. Oliver, the wild squirrel
- b. Olivia, the grasshopper
- c. Oscar, the wild cat
- d. Oswald the Lucky Rabbit

49. The first animated cartoon was made in which country?

- a. France
- b. Spain
- c. Canada
- d. Madagascar

50. Who made the first animated cartoon?

- a. Fiona Furbett
- b. Haidi Mathew
- c. Émile Cohl
- d. Nicole Garry

Answer Key

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