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Pattern and Marking Scheme

| Section Name | Section Details | Number of Questions |
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| Spell-o-Spell | Test your spelling skills | 6 |
| Word Connection | Find antonyms, synonyms, masculine, feminine and other alternative words | 8 |
| Word Makeup | Identify the right suffix, prefix and compound words | 10 |
| Mingle-Mangle | Form meaningful words from jumbled letters | 3 |
| PictureSpeak | Answer image-based questions | 3 |
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| Word Melody | Write correct words based on phonetics | 4 |
| Word Ensemble | Check your knowledge of idioms, proverbs, etc. | 8 |
| Mathlish | Identify incorrect words while having fun with Maths | 8 |
| Rapid Fire (Audio Round) | Hear and write the spelling of words quickly | 20 |
| Grand total | | 80 |

Each question carries 1 mark (Total duration: 60 min. including Rapid Fire of 5 min.)

Spell-o-Spell

1. From the given alternatives, choose the correct spelling:

- | | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| (a) boastfull | (b) battalion |
| (c) convinient | (d) extraordinary |

Spell-o-Spell

2. From the given alternatives, choose the correct spelling:

- | | |
|-------------|----------------|
| (a) shriek | (b) illution |
| (c) slithar | (d) accomodate |

Spell-o-Spell

3. From the given alternatives, choose the correct spelling:

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| (a) mufler | (b) commentery |
| (c) conspicuous | (d) evoporation |

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Spell-o-Spell

4. From the given alternatives, choose the incorrect spelling:

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|----------------|-----------------|
| (a) omniscient | (b) humiliation |
| (c) vanquish | (d) somarsault |
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Spell-o-Spell

5. From the given alternatives, choose the incorrect spelling:

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|------------------|-----------------|
| (a) illustration | (b) treacherous |
| (c) apprehensive | (d) comparision |
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Spell-o-Spell

6. From the given alternatives, choose the incorrect spelling:

- | | |
|---------------|----------------|
| (a) mesmerize | (b) noncholant |
| (c) squeaky | (d) discretion |
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Word Connection

7. Choose the correct antonym of the given word:

relapse

- | | |
|--------------|------------|
| (a) tired | (b) relief |
| (c) progress | (d) repeat |
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Word Connection

8. Choose the correct antonym of the given word:

formidable

- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| (a) friendly | (b) intimidate |
| (c) Horrific | (d) powerful |

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Word Connection

9. Choose the correct antonym of the given word:

perpetual

- (a) constant
(c) infinity

- (b) temporary
(d) repeat
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Word Connection

10. Choose the correct antonym of the given word:

scatter

- (a) spread
(c) gather

- (b) migrate
(d) distribute
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Word Connection

11. Choose the correct synonym of the given word:

bolster

- (a) strong
(c) obstruct

- (b) decrease
(d) support
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Word Connection

12. Choose the correct synonym of the given word:

hospitality

- (a) friendliness
(c) curiosity

- (b) disease
(d) unhappy
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Word Connection

13. Choose the correct synonym of the given word:

humility

- (a) insult
- (c) pride

- (b) modest
 - (d) confidence
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Word Connection

14. Choose the correct synonym of the given word:

negotiate

- (a) agree
- (c) refuse

- (b) confuse
 - (d) disagree
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Word Makeup

15. From the given alternatives, choose the suffix to form a meaningful word:

talk

- (a) itve
- (c) ative

- (b) itive
 - (d) etive
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Word Makeup

16. From the given alternatives, choose the suffix to form a meaningful word:

court

- (a) ious
- (c) ous

- (b) eous
 - (d) us
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Word Makeup

17. From the given alternatives, choose the suffix to form a meaningful word:

critic

(a) size

(b) se

(c) ice

(d) ize

Word Makeup

18. From the given alternatives, choose the prefix to form a meaningful word:

scient

(a) con

(b) suffi

(c) omni

(d) pro

Word Makeup

19. From the given alternatives, choose the prefix to form a meaningful word:

generous

(a) hetero

(b) hetro

(c) hatro

(d) hetiro

Word Makeup

20. From the given alternatives, choose the prefix to form a meaningful word:

thermia

(a) homo

(b) hypo

(c) hipo

(d) dis

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Word Makeup

21. From the given alternatives, choose the correct compound word:

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| (a) nightmair | (b) mouthpeice |
| (c) real-state | (d) middleman |
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Word Makeup

22. From the given alternatives, choose the correct compound word:

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|----------------|----------------|
| (a) copywright | (b) playwright |
| (c) earthwarm | (d) eyeled |
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Word Makeup

23. From the given alternatives, choose the correct compound word:

- | | |
|---------------|----------------|
| (a) bulldozer | (b) fortknight |
| (c) cubboard | (d) hedghog |
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Word Makeup

24. From the given alternatives, choose the correct compound word:

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|----------------|---------------|
| (a) golekeeper | (b) horseshoe |
| (c) backstrook | (d) ashtrey |
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Mingle-Mangle

25. Form the meaningful word from the given jumbled letters:

hcath

- | | |
|-----------|-----------|
| (a) catch | (b) teach |
| (c) hatch | (d) reach |
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Mingle-Mangle

26. Form the meaningful word from the given jumbled letters:

dseapeur

- (a) preserve
- (c) despute

- (b) persuade
 - (d) parsuade
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Mingle-Mangle

27. Form the meaningful word from the given jumbled letters:

noitrspierpa

- (a) perspiration
- (c) evaporation

- (b) respiration
 - (d) preservation
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PictureSpeak

28. select the correct spelling for the given image:



- (a) wrestling
- (c) wrestling

- (b) wressting
 - (d) wreshtling
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PictureSpeak

29. Select the correct spelling for the given image:



- (a) pharماسist
- (c) pharmecist

- (b) phermacist
 - (d) pharmacist
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PictureSpeak

30. Select the correct spelling for the given image:



- (a) shephard
- (c) shepherd

- (b) shapherd
 - (d) sheapherd
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Word Cookie

31. Insert the missing letters in the given word:

d_t_riorate

- (a) i,i
- (c) i,e

- (b) e,i
 - (d) e,e
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Word Cookie

32. Insert the missing letters in the given word:

bo_st_rous

- (a) e,a
- (c) a,a

- (b) i,e
- (d) a,e

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Word Cookie

33. Insert the missing letters in the given word:

r_lig_ous

- (a) e,i
- (c) i,i

- (b) i,e
 - (d) i,e
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Word Cookie

34. Find the extra letter in the given word from the alternatives:

committee

- (a) i
- (c) t

- (b) m
 - (d) e
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Word Cookie

35. Find the extra letter in the given word from the alternatives:

porcupine

- (a) u
- (c) e

- (b) n
 - (d) r
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Word Cookie

36. Find the extra letter in the given word from the alternatives:

apprehension

- (a) p
- (c) i

- (b) e
 - (d) h
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Word Cookie

37. Find the misspelt word in the given sentence:

His parents were poor so he recieved a meagre education.

- (a) recieved
- (c) parents

- (b) meagre
- (d) education

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Word Cookie

38. Find the misspelt word in the given sentence:

The child is smart enough to distinguish between reality and fantasy.

- | | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| (a) between | (b) distinguish |
| (c) fantasy | (d) enough |
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Word Cookie

39. Find the misspelt word in the given sentence:

Anger and humiliation boiled up inside her when she realized what it meant.

- | | |
|-----------------|------------|
| (a) allegiance | (b) meant |
| (c) humiliation | (d) boiled |
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Word Cookie

40. Find the misspelt word in the given sentence:

The old man approached the counter with no sign of freindliness in his eyes.

- | | |
|----------------|------------------|
| (a) sign | (b) counter |
| (c) approached | (d) freindliness |
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Word Melody

41. Find the phonetic of the given word:

negotiate

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| (a) /nɪ'gəʊʃɪɪt/ | (b) /nɪ'gəʊʃɪənt/ |
| (c) /nɪgəʊʃɪ'eɪʃ(ə)n/ | (d) /nɪ'gəʊʃ(ɪ)əb(ə)l/ |
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Word Melody

42. Find the correct phonetic of the given word:

sufficient

- (a) /sə'fɪʃ(ə)nsi/
(c) /'sʌfəkɪt/

- (b) /sə'fɪʃ(ə)ntli/
(d) /sə'fɪʃ(ə)nt/
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Word Melody

43. Find the correct phonetic of the given word:

preliminary

- (a) /prɪ'kɔːʃ(ə)n(ə)ri/
(c) /prɪ'limɪn(ə)ri/

- (b) /'prɛv(ə)l(ə)nt/
(d) /prɪ,sɪprɪ'teɪʃ(ə)n/
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Word Melody

44. Find the correct phonetic of the given word:

imminent

- (a) /'ɪmɪnənt/
(c) /'ɪmɪgr(ə)nt/

- (b) /'ɪmɪnəntli/
(d) /'ɪmənənt/
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Word Ensemble

45. Find out the meaning of the given idiom from the given alternatives:

caught between the devil and the deep blue sea

- (a) make friendship with two bad persons
(b) be optimist in a difficult situation
(c) between two equally difficult or unacceptable choices
(d) work closely with someone often to accomplish something dishonest

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Word Ensemble

46. Find out the meaning of the given idiom from the given alternatives:

go against the grain

- (a) to go against the elders
 - (b) to go against something as it is against your belief or principle
 - (c) work hard to earn food
 - (d) to continue trying to do something despite difficulties
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Word Ensemble

47. Find out the meaning of the idiom used in the given sentence:

After a few months of argument, Janet and Mary decided to **bury the hatchet**.

- (a) make peace
 - (b) bury the evidence
 - (c) to quarrel
 - (d) to get separated
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Word Ensemble

48. Find out the meaning of the idiom used in the given sentence:

I agree with what you say, but I'll **play devil's advocate** so that we can cover all the possibilities that may arise.

- (a) one who defends oneself
 - (b) to investigate something
 - (c) one who presents a counter argument
 - (d) to take the side of a bad person
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Word Ensemble

49. Complete the given proverb:

Lie down with dogs, _____

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| (a) best part of strength | (b) better part of valour |
| (c) better part of a brave man | (d) best part of a brave man |

Word Ensemble

50. Complete the given proverb:

a friend's frown is better _____

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| (a) than an enemy's smile | (b) then a fool's smile |
| (c) than an enemy's fake smile | (d) than a fool's smile |

Word Ensemble

51. Complete the given proverb:

a man in debt is _____

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| (a) the most miserable man | (b) the most unfortunate man |
| (c) caught in a net | (d) caught in a threat |

Word Ensemble

52. Complete the given proverb:

a bad workman always _____

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| (a) blames his boss | (b) blames his tools |
| (c) blames his work | (d) blames his job |

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Mathlish

53. Find the number of misspelt words in the given set of words:

necessity, disgiuse, conscious, claok, audience, embarass

- (a) 3 (b) 5
(c) 2 (d) 4
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Mathlish

54. Find the number of misspelt words in the given set of words:

remnant, courtier, mesmarize, disciple, squaeky, battallion

- (a) 1 (b) 2
(c) 3 (d) 5
-

Mathlish

55. Find the number of misspelt words in the given set of words:

appara, accummulate, beneficial, campain, discretion, commentery

- (a) 3 (b) 5
(c) 4 (d) 6
-

Mathlish

56. Find the number of misspelt words in the given set of words:

consequence, entangel, fathom, geniune, rejoice, lullaby

- (a) 2 (b) 4
(c) 1 (d) 3
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Mathlish

57. Find the number of correctly spelt words in the given set of words:

criticle, lamant, conscious, emphetic, nonchalant, sprinkel

- (a) 3 (b) 2
(c) 4 (d) 1
-

Mathlish

58. Find the number of correctly spelt words in the given set of words:

pershuade, awkward, appearence, vanquish, boastful, incense

- (a) 2 (b) 3
(c) 4 (d) 5
-

Mathlish

59. Find the number of correctly spelt words in the given set of words:

transparant, polythene, enclouse, sprout, technology, ancklet

- (a) 4 (b) 3
(c) 2 (d) 5
-

Mathlish

60. Find the number of correctly spelt words in the given set of words:

compliment, coartyard, boalster, hospitality, sarcasam, diject














- (a) 2 (b) 3
(c) 4 (d) 1

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Rapid Fire Section (Audio Round)

5 min.

Please listen to the audio and write the correct spelling (you need a headphone to attempt this round):

- 61. consequence 
- 62. exaggerate 
- 63. catastrophe 
- 64. demonstrate 
- 65. persuade 
- 66. prescribe 
- 67. embellish 
- 68. anxious 
- 69. apprehension 
- 70. oblivious 
- 71. hypothesis 
- 72. civilization 
- 73. archeology 

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74. administration 
75. disappearance 
76. fascination 
77. honorable 
78. acknowledge 
79. crackle 
80. negotiation 

Answers

1. (b), 2. (a), 3. (c), 4. (d), 5. (d), 6. (b), 7. (c), 8. (a), 9. (b), 10. (c), 11. (d), 12. (a), 13. (b), 14. (a), 15. (c), 16. (b), 17. (d), 18. (c), 19. (a), 20. (b), 21. (d), 22. (d), 23. (a), 24. (b), 25. (c), 26. (b), 27. (a), 28. (c), 29. (d), 30. (c), 31. (d), 32. (b), 33. (a), 34. (a), 35. (c), 36. (d), 37. (a), 38. (b), 39. (c), 40. (d), 41. (a), 42. (d), 43. (c), 44. (a), 45. (c), 46. (b), 47. (a), 48. (c), 49. (b), 50. (d), 51. (c), 52. (b), 53. (d), 54. (c), 55. (b), 56. (a), 57. (b), 58. (c), 59. (b), 60. (a)