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Pattern and Marking Scheme

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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:

1. memento 2. obsiquies 3. episle 4. phenomenen

- (a) a letter
- (b) funeral ceremonies
- (c) a remarkable person or thing
- (d) an object kept as a reminder of a person or event

Spell-o-Spell

2. Find out the meaning of the correctly spelt word from the given alternatives:

1. delibrate 2. cautieous 3. orater 4. vanquish

- (a) done on purpose rather than by accident
- (b) being careful about what you say or do
- (c) a public speaker
- (d) defeat thoroughly

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Spell-o-Spell

3. Find out the meaning of the correctly spelt word from the given alternatives:

1. ulterior 2. catastroph 3. captivity 4. hagar

- (a) a sudden event that causes many people to suffer
- (b) the state of being kept as a prisoner
- (c) existing beyond what is obvious or admitted
- (d) looking very tired because of illness, worry or lack of sleep

Spell-o-Spell

4. Find out the meaning of the incorrectly spelt word from the given alternatives:

1. criterion 2. apposition 3. minstrel 4. existance

- (a) a musician or singer in the Middle Ages
- (b) a standard or principle by which something is judged
- (c) the fact or state of living or having objective reality
- (d) the positioning of things side by side

Spell-o-Spell

5. Find out the meaning of the incorrectly spelt word from the given alternatives:

1. ceremony 2. colleague 3. enterprise 4. nutritious

- (a) efficient as food
- (b) a project or undertaking
- (c) a person with whom one works in a profession
- (d) a formal religious or public occasion

Spell-o-Spell

6. Find out the meaning of the incorrectly spelt word from the given alternatives:

1. exellence 2. trinket 3. sacred 4. Acquire

- (a) the quality of being extremely good
- (b) a small ornament that is of little value
- (c) regarded with great respect and reverence
- (d) learn or develop a skill, habit, or quality

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Word Connection

7. Find out the correct antonym of the word given in bold in the sentence:

A judge must be free from **prejudice**.

- (a) underestimate (b) hindrance
(c) predispose (d) impartiality
-

Word Connection

8. Find out the correct antonym of the word given in bold in the sentence:

His speeches in the chamber were always **eloquent** and powerful.

- (a) forceful (b) irrelevant
(c) relevant (d) inarticulate
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Word Connection

9. Find out the correct antonym of the word given in bold in the sentence:

His behavior has **exalted** the power and prestige of his office.

- (a) upgraded (b) degraded
(c) prominent (d) dignified
-

Word Connection

10. Find out the correct antonym of the word given in bold in the sentence:

Political leaders united yesterday to **condemn** the latest wave of violence.

- (a) castigate (b) deprecate
(c) commend (d) comment
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Word Connection

11. Find out the correct synonym of the word given in bold in the sentence:

He used to **swindle** people out of their land.

- (a) deceit (b) assist
(c) benefit (d) help
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Word Connection

12. Find out the correct synonym of the word given in bold in the sentence:

Some of the younger pop bands try to **imitate** their musical heroes from the past.

- (a) oppose (b) defame
(c) truthful (d) copy
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Word Connection

13. Find out the correct synonym of the word given in bold in the sentence:

I **despise** anyone who is cruel to animals.

- (a) accuse (b) hate
(c) appeal (d) abuse
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Word Connection

14. Find out the correct synonym of the word given in bold in the sentence:

His capacity for learning languages **astonished** me.

- (a) frightened (b) expected
(c) amazed (d) emulated
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Word Makeup

15. Choose the word from which a meaningful word cannot be formed using the given suffix.

ible

(a) adapt
(c) access

(b) suggest
(d) response

Word Makeup

16. Choose the word from which a meaningful word cannot be formed using the given suffix.

ry

(a) gallant
(c) nurse

(b) circuit
(d) confine

Word Makeup

17. Choose the word from which a meaningful word cannot be formed using the given suffix.

ious

(a) envy
(c) glory

(b) court
(d) study

Word Makeup

18. Choose the word from which a meaningful word cannot be formed using the given prefix.

in

(a) partial
(c) different

(b) fest
(d) animate

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Word Makeup

19. Choose the word from which a meaningful word cannot be formed using the given prefix.

pre

- (a) face (b) cease
(c) diction (d) caution
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Word Makeup

20. Choose the word from which a meaningful word cannot be formed using the given prefix.

im

- (a) partiality (b) pervious
(c) cite (d) passe
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Word Makeup

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

- (a) airborne (b) awstruck
(c) awesome (d) no-how
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Word Makeup

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

- (a) fundriser (b) high-tec
(c) weekend (d) weekday
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Word Makeup

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

- (a) waistcoat (b) waistbasket
(c) straightforward (d) roller coaster

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Word Makeup

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

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|------------------|---------------------|
| (a) quarelsome | (b) ponytail |
| (c) overexposure | (d) notwithstanding |
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Mingle-Mangle

25. Identify the word with jumbled letters in the given sentence:

To be trusted is a greater tmemmoiclp than to be loved.

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| (a) complacent | (b) complicated |
| (c) compliment | (d) complement |
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Mingle-Mangle

26. Identify the word with jumbled letters in the given sentence:

The names of the shops are entirely lanoitcif.

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| (a) factional | (b) frictional |
| (c) fictitious | (d) fictional |
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Mingle-Mangle

27. Identify the word with jumbled letters in the given sentence:

Don't demlde with the electrical wiring.

- | | |
|------------|-------------|
| (a) middle | (b) meddle |
| (c) medal | (d) dilemma |
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PictureSpeak

28. Select the correct spelling for the given image:



- (a) veterrarian
- (c) veterinarian

- (b) veterinerian
- (d) veterinerien

PictureSpeak

29. Select the correct spelling for the given image:



- (a) chameleon
- (c) cameleon

- (b) chamelion
- (d) chamileon

PictureSpeak

30. Select the correct spelling for the given image:



- (a) journalist
- (c) jornalist

- (b) journalist
- (d) journlist

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Word Cookie

31. Insert the missing letters in the given word:

inconv_n__nce

(a) i,i,e

(c) e,i,e,

(b) i,e,i

(d) e,e,i

Word Cookie

32. Insert the missing letters in the given word:

co_loqui_l

(a) o,e

(c) o,a

(b) l,e

(d) l,a

Word Cookie

33. Insert the missing letters in the given word:

over_he_m

(a) v,a

(c) w,l

(b) v,l

(d) w,a

Word Cookie

34. Find the extra letter in the given word:

tablespoonfull

(a) e

(c) s

(b) o

(d) l

Word Cookie

35. Find the extra letter in the given word:

auxilliary

(a) x

(c) l

(b) i

(d) a

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Word Cookie

36. Find the extra letter in the given word:

accomplish

- (a) m
- (c) h

- (b) c
 - (d) s
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Word Cookie

37. Find the misspelt word in the given sentence:

Jackie sees the comedy in her millionaire husband's thrifty habits.

- (a) comedy
- (c) husband

- (b) millionare
 - (d) thrifty
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Word Cookie

38. Find the misspelt word in the given sentence:

Perseverance is failing nineteen times and succeeding the twenteith.

- (a) perseverance
- (c) succeeding

- (b) nineteen
 - (d) twenteith
-

Word Cookie

39. Find the misspelt word in the given sentence:

Soldiers flaudering knee-deep in mud pushed the guns and wagons themselves.

- (a) soldiers
- (c) wagons

- (b) flaudering
 - (d) knee-deep
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Word Cookie

40. Find the misspelt word in the given sentence:

He seemed quite sanguine about his chances of sucess.

- (a) quite
- (c) chances

- (b) sanguine
- (d) sucess

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Word Ensemble

41. A set of idioms has been given below. Pick the suitable idiom for the blank given in the questions.

1. a hot potato
2. at the drop of a hat
3. be glad to see the back of
4. beating around the bush
5. blessing in disguise 6. burn the midnight oil

Quit _____ and tell me what you really want.

- | | |
|-------|-------|
| (a) 2 | (b) 3 |
| (c) 4 | (d) 5 |
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Word Ensemble

42. A set of idioms has been given below. Pick the suitable idiom for the blank given in the questions.

1. a hot potato
2. at the drop of a hat
3. be glad to see the back of
4. beating around the bush
5. blessing in disguise 6. burn the midnight oil

That girl is so emotional; she'll start crying _____.

- | | |
|-------|-------|
| (a) 1 | (b) 2 |
| (c) 3 | (d) 4 |
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Word Ensemble

43. A set of idioms has been given below. Pick the suitable idiom for the blank given in the questions.

1. a hot potato
2. at the drop of a hat
3. be glad to see the back of
4. beating around the bush
5. blessing in disguise 6. burn the midnight oil

I had to _____ to get the project completed on time.

- | | |
|-------|-------|
| (a) 3 | (b) 4 |
| (c) 5 | (d) 6 |
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Word Ensemble

44. A set of idioms has been given below. Pick the suitable idiom for the blank given in the questions.

1. a hot potato
2. at the drop of a hat
3. be glad to see the back of
4. beating around the bush
5. blessing in disguise 6. burn the midnight oil

The guest was so irritating that the hosts were _____ him.

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

Word Ensemble

45. Complete the given proverb:

The grass is always greener _____.

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| (a) in the field | (b) on the other side of the fence |
| (c) if you look closely | (d) in the back of the yard |
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Word Ensemble

46. Complete the given proverb:

You can't have your cake _____.

(a) if it is not yours

(b) if it belongs to someone else

(c) and eat it too

(d) while looking at it

Word Ensemble

47. Complete the given proverb:

Don't cross the bridge _____.

(a) until you come to it

(b) if you don't know the way

(c) until you are ready for it

(d) if don't need to

Word Ensemble

48. Complete the given proverb:

The early bird _____.

(a) catches the worm

(b) flies far

(c) gets the food

(d) sleeps early

Mathlish

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

commendable, delapidate, guardian, sherif, massacre, adroit

(a) 1

(b) 2

(c) 3

(d) 4

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Mathlish

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

antethesis ,druge, firmment, frieght, shephard, primature, allituration

- (a) 4
(b) 5
(c) 6
(d) 7
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Mathlish

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

merth, plenteous, libertine, voyage, invigorate, tyrant

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

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

melancoly, ludicros, pompos, avaricious, accord, redound, temperance

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

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

elegible, emeliorate, accommodation, consecrate, ascribe, comptible, tenacious

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

54. Find the number of correctly spelt words in the given set of words:
scoff, antheism, covetous, superstission, misereble, derilict, rander

(a) 6
(b) 1
(c) 5
(d) 2

Mathlish

55. Find the number of correctly spelt words in the given set of words:
pique, acclaim, resemblance, confind, abstimous, diffident

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

Mathlish

56. Find the number of correctly spelt words in the given set of words:
anamour, liesure, hier, sorcer, crouch, distructive

(a) 6
(b) 4
(c) 2
(d) 1

Word Melody

57. Find the correct phonetic of the given word:

consistent

(a) /kən'sɪst(ə)nt/
(b) /ə'sɪst(ə)nt/
(c) /pə'sɪst(ə)nt/
(d) ɛg'zɪst(ə)nt/

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Word Melody

58. Find the correct phonetic of the given word:

crammer

(a) /'glamə/

(b) /'klamə/

(c) /'gramə/

(d) /'kræmə/

Word Melody

59. Find the correct phonetic of the given word:

vanish

(a) /'banɪʃ/

(b) /'vanɪʃ/

(c) /'vanɪkwɪʃ/

(d) /'blɛmɪʃ/

Word Melody

60. Find the correct phonetic of the given word:

analysis

(a) /ə'nalɪsɪs/

(b) /'an(ə)lɪz/

(c) /ə'pɪlɪz/

(d) əb'slɪz/

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. zealous



62. audacious



63. evidence



64. apologize



65. succumb 
66. abstain 
67. derogate 
68. deviate 
69. endeavour 
70. resilient 
71. refrain 
72. expostulate 
73. intrigue 
74. remonstrate 
75. sympathize 
76. trifle 
77. clamour 
78. stipulate 
79. despair 
80. acquiesce 

Answers

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