



## Stage II



Grades 4-6

CREST Teacher English Olympiad (CTEO)

# Sample Paper

### Pattern and Marking Scheme

Stage	Topic/Section	No. of Questions	Marks per Question	Total Marks
For stage II (Grades 4-6)	English Language	30	3	90
	Achiever's Section	20	6	120
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>50</b>		<b>210</b>

The total duration of the exam is 60 minutes.

**Note:** For every incorrect answer, there's a penalty of 1/3rd of the total marks allotted to that question.

## Syllabus

Nouns and its types, Verbs, Pronouns, Adjectives (quality & quantity), Adverbs, Simple tenses, Articles, Prepositions, Conjunctions, Punctuation, Types of sentences, Subject & predicate, Jumbled words, Information retrieval from various text and image types like stories, anecdotes, pictures, time-table Format, messages, invitations etc., Spoken and verbal expressions like apology, greetings, introduction, request, etc., Feminine & masculine, Word Power (homonyms and homophones, common phrasal verbs, collocations, idioms and proverbs), Active-passive voice, Reported speech, Tenses, Similes and metaphors, One word substitution, Parts of speech, prefixes-suffixes

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## English Language (Each Question is 3 Marks)

1. Choose the correct collective noun for the following sentence:

A \_\_\_\_\_ of seahorses were spotted swimming towards the base of the sea.

- a. group                      b. comb  
c. shoal                      d. swarm

2. Fill in the blanks with the correct set of verbs as given in the options:

- I. You \_\_\_\_\_ answer my question yesterday.  
II. Before making the decision, it's crucial to \_\_\_\_\_ all team members of the situation to ensure everyone is well-informed and on the same page.

- a. I. didn't, II. apprise  
b. I. don't, II. inform  
c. I. aren't, II. fetch  
d. I. doesn't, II. provide

3. Choose the correct adverb from the given options:

The children searched \_\_\_\_\_ for their bags.

- a. about                      b. away  
c. everywhere              d. nowhere

4. Fill in the blank with the correct adjective to complete the sentence:

After years of culinary exploration, he developed a \_\_\_\_\_ palate, finding it hard to be impressed by ordinary flavours and dishes.

- a. graded                      b. jaded  
c. golden                      d. fallible

5. Fill in the blank with the correct adjective to complete the sentence:

They are men of \_\_\_\_\_ build and stature.

- a. likes                      b. likely  
c. like                      d. liked

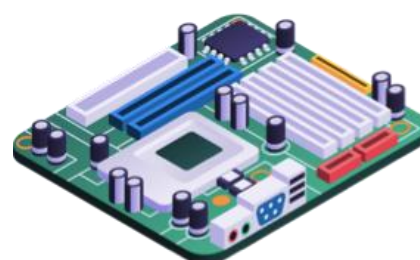
6. Fill in the blanks with a suitable set of articles:

Multitasking involves overlapping and interleaving \_\_\_\_\_ execution of several programs. This is often achieved by capitalising on \_\_\_\_\_ difference between \_\_\_\_\_ computer's rapid processing capacity and \_\_\_\_\_ slower rates of its input/output devices.

- a. the, the, a, the  
b. no article, a, a, an  
c. the, an, no article required, a  
d. a, the, an, no article

7. Fill in the blanks with a suitable set of articles:

\_\_\_\_\_ motherboard is easily identified, as it is \_\_\_\_\_ largest board inside \_\_\_\_\_ computer's casing. In tower computers, it stands vertically on \_\_\_\_\_ tower's left or right side. While motherboards come in \_\_\_\_\_ variety of types and sizes—each designed to be placed in \_\_\_\_\_ different kind of computer and to work with different types of processors and memory—they all have \_\_\_\_\_ same basic components.



- a. A, the, a, the, a, a, the
- b. The, a, a, an, no article, no article, a
- c. The, the, the, a, a, an, no article
- d. A, a, the, the, an, an, no article

8. Fill in the blanks with a suitable set of prepositions:

Mass, \_\_\_\_\_ physics, is the quantitative measure \_\_\_\_\_ inertia, a fundamental property \_\_\_\_\_ all matter. It is, in effect, the resistance that a body \_\_\_\_\_ matter offers \_\_\_\_\_ a change in its speed or position upon the application of a force. The greater the mass of a body, the smaller the change produced \_\_\_\_\_ an applied force.

- a. in, of, of, of, to, by
- b. for, of, in, of, by, on
- c. with, in, by, of, from, in
- d. of, for, in, at, by, of

9. Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition:

Sherry is accurate \_\_\_\_\_ predicting things.

- a. with
- b. in
- c. on
- d. of

10. Choose the correct set of conjunctions to complete the sentences:

The environment will continue to be adversely affected \_\_\_\_\_ people don't become careful. The transportation sector also contributes to emissions of air toxics, which are compounds that are known \_\_\_\_\_ suspected to cause cancer or other serious health \_\_\_\_\_ environmental effects. Examples of mobile source air toxics include benzene, formaldehyde \_\_\_\_\_ diesel particulate matter.

- a. if, or, and, and
- b. so, since, but, or
- c. and, and, and, or
- d. but, or, but, and

11. Choose the sentence with the correct punctuation marks:



- a. I need onion capsicum corn and cheese as my pizza toppings by the way do you know who invented pizza!
- b. I need onion, capsicum, corn and cheese as my pizza toppings. By the way, do you know who invented pizza?
- c. I need onion, capsicum, corn and Cheese as my pizza toppings. by the way, Do you know who invented pizza?
- d. I need Onion Capsicum Corn and Cheese as my pizza toppings. By the way, Do you know who invented pizza?

12. Find the collocation in the following sentence:

I didn't get a call from the HR.

- a. I didn't
- b. get a call
- c. from the HR
- d. call from

13. Identify the type of sentence:

I love golden colour!

- a. interrogative
- b. declarative
- c. imperative
- d. exclamatory

14. Arrange the following jumbled parts appropriately to form meaningful sequential sentences:

- A. Yin and yang is a concept that originated in Chinese philosophy,
- B. describing opposite but interconnected, mutually perpetuating forces.
- C. In Chinese cosmology, the universe creates itself out of a primary chaos of material energy,

- D. organised into the cycles of yin and yang and formed into objects and lives.
- E. 'Yin' is retractive, passive and receptive while 'yang' is active, repelling and expansive; in principle, this dichotomy in some form, is seen in all things.

- a. BEDCA                      b. AEBDC  
c. BADEC                      d. ABCDE

15. Arrange the jumbled parts appropriately to form a meaningful sentence:

- A. Yin and yang transform each other: like an undertow in the ocean,  
B. every advance is complemented by a retreat, and every rise transforms into a fall.  
C. Then, when it reaches its full potential height, it will fall.  
D. Thus, a seed will sprout from the earth and grow upwards towards the sky—an intrinsically yang movement.

- a. ACBD                      b. CABD  
c. ABDC                      d. CABD

16. Which of the following word is a synonym of the underlined word?

I am least interested in tear-jerkers as we already are posed with a lot of miseries staring us starkly in the face in real life.

- a. completely                b. bleakly  
c. bluntly                      d. sharply

17. Fill in the blanks with the correct set of options:

- I. Nancy \_\_\_\_\_ all our offers of help.  
II. I was late because he \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ on the phone and wouldn't shut up.

- a. turned off, hailed across  
b. turned down, bailed up  
c. blew off, bogged down  
d. blewed up, held up

18. Choose the correct meaning of the underlined phrasal verb:

He went off without a word.

- a. refused to speak  
b. spoke  
c. left  
d. looked aside

19. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of tenses to complete the following sentences:

Risha \_\_\_\_\_ badminton on Saturdays. If you are a badminton enthusiast, \_\_\_\_\_ regularly can help you improve your skills.



- a. playing, practicing  
b. plays, practising  
c. play, practice  
d. did played, practices

20. Fill in the blank with the correct form of tense to complete the following sentence:

Jojo's guinea pig \_\_\_\_\_ into the pond yesterday.



- a. have fallen                b. was falling  
c. is falling                      d. fell

21. Identify the figure of speech in the following sentence:

Della smiled like a devil.

- a. onomatopoeia    b. simile  
c. metaphor        d. oxymoron

22. Identify the figure of speech in the following sentence:

The camel is the ship of the desert.



- a. onomatopoeia    b. simile  
c. metaphor        d. oxymoron

23. State the part of the speech for the underlined word:

He does well, only that he is nervous at the start.

- a. conjunction    b. adverb  
c. pronoun        d. adjective

24. State the part of speech for the underlined word:

After the storm comes the calm.

- a. conjunction    b. adverb  
c. preposition    d. adjective

25. State the part of speech for the underlined word:

All is fair in love and war.

- a. conjunction    b. adverb  
c. adjective        d. pronoun

26. What is the plural of the underlined word?

The vibrant canary fluttered its wings as it sang a melodious tune, filling the room with its cheerful chirping.

- a. canaries        b. canary  
c. canarries      d. canaries

27. Choose the correct idiom to fill in the blank:

Mike: I think I should give up on guitar because I find it too difficult to cope with my guitar lessons.

Father: Oh come on, \_\_\_\_\_. Just put your 'heart and soul' into it. I am sure you will sail through smoothly.

- a. It's not rocket science  
b. It's not a blessing in disguise  
c. Pull yourself together  
d. Drop of a hat

**Direction (for questions 28-30):** Read the text and answer the questions that follows:

It is irrefutable that everyone in this fast-paced world of today is suffering from some form of stress or another. This text intends to look into some major causes of stress in people's lives and suggest some ways to overcome them.

To begin with, there is a lot of stress in the workplace. Managers are expected to deal not only with their own pressure, but also with the pressure of the people they manage. There are some people who are being squeezed from above and below. And when people themselves feel pressured, they often put additional pressure on their colleagues, which is their outlet of stress.

Not only at the workplace, there is stress even at home. The demands of the children are skyrocketing in this era of consumerism. Inflation is going higher and higher. Children and teenagers have their own share of stress in this highly competitive era.

The solutions are not easy. There can never be one way of effectively dealing with pressure, since no two people are affected by stress in the same way. One man's stress may be another person's excitement. And, of course, depending upon what else is going on in a person's life, what feels manageable one day may feel overwhelming the next.

Fortunately, there are things one can do that help manage the pressure. To begin with, one should do a stress audit. By identifying what stresses you, you can look at prevention as well as cure. Secondly, one should set realistic goals; trying to make big changes usually results in failure and disappointment. By lowering your standards, you can create far more 'wins' for yourself, and 'wins' make us all feel great. Then, misunderstandings are another big cause of stress. Therefore, anything that improves communication or clears the air will reduce pressure.

To sum up, there are many causes of stress in people's lives today. But steps can be taken to manage it.

28. What does the word 'skyrocketing' mean as it appears in the text?
- increasing rapidly and suddenly
  - decreasing sharply
  - remaining neutral
  - improve day by day
29. Which line in the text means nearly the same as 'one man's food is another man's poison'?
- When people themselves feel pressured, they often put additional pressure on their colleagues, which is their outlet for stress.
  - One man's stress may be another person's excitement.
  - Not only at the workplace, there is stress even at home.
  - What feels manageable one day, may feel overwhelming the next.
30. What does the phrase 'clear the air' mean as it appears in the text?
- freshens up the air
  - to remove the communication gap
  - removes the cause of stress
  - deepens misunderstandings

## Achievers' Section (Each Question is 6 Marks)

31. Choose the option that cannot be used as a collective noun for 'trees':

Our train passed from the countryside and I could see a \_\_\_\_\_ of trees.



- lombast
- grove
- thicket
- orchard

32. State the kind of pronoun for the underlined word as used in the sentence:

Each one of you have a bright future ahead.

- relative
- indefinite
- reflexive
- distributive

33. State the kind of pronoun for the underlined word as used in the sentence:

This is the kind of dress I was looking for.



- a. relative                      b. indefinite  
c. demonstrative              d. emphatic

34. Fill in the blank with the correct form of verb to complete the sentence:

The plants in our kitchen garden \_\_\_\_\_ to be watered.



- a. needing                      b. need  
c. is needing                  d. needs

35. Identify if the underlined word is an adjective/ adverb or some other part of speech from the given options:

He is still in business.

- a. adjective                      b. adverb  
c. verb                              d. noun

36. Identify the type of conjunction for the underlined word in the given sentence:  
My grandmother died before I was born.

- a. coordinating conjunction  
b. both coordinating, subordinating  
c. subordinating conjunction  
d. neither a nor c

37. Identify the type of sentence:

I wish we could be together at the new year!



- a. interrogative                b. declarative  
c. imperative                  d. exclamatory

38. Choose the option with the correct spelling of the given words:

- a. hipocrecy                      b. hypocarcy  
c. hipoucruy                      d. hypocrisy

39. Identify the misspelt word in the given sentence:

The CEO's succinct speech delivered the company's goals and strategies concisely, leaving a lasting impact on the audience despite its brevity.

- a. brevity                          b. strategies  
c. succint                          d. concisely

40. Which of the following words is an antonym of the underlined word?

He is notorious for his voracious appetite.

- a. gluttonous                      b. explosive  
c. dainty                              d. acute

41. Which of the following words is a synonym of the underlined word?

Amy asked Loyla not to meddle in her affairs.

- a. complicate                      b. openly discuss  
c. ruin                                  d. Interfere

42. Fill in the blank with the suitable word:

When she realised that nobody was listening to her, she left in a fit of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. pique
- b. peek
- c. peak
- d. peeque

43. Fill in the blank with the suitable word:

The bees made their hive under the \_\_\_\_\_ of the building.

- a. eave
- b. eve
- c. ewe
- d. eew

44. Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idiom:

John had lost all his wealth at the age of 60 and ran into debts but he was able to map out his way back to wealth at the age of 75 years.

- a. to determine the magnitude of something
- b. to work smart
- c. to decide in detail how something will be done
- d. to work hard

45. Replace the underlined words with the correct phrasal verb:

How are you getting on with your new internship?

- a. working for
- b. doing with
- c. dealing with
- d. get along

46. Choose the option that describes the underlined portion of text in one word:

Kiara is a person who likes to live alone and therefore avoids anyone's company.

- a. agnostic
- b. unsocial
- c. ascetic
- d. recluse

47. Fill in the blank with the suitable word:

He was \_\_\_\_\_ for driving whilst drunk.

- a. being rebuking
- b. accused
- c. pestered
- d. nicked

48. Fill in the blank with the suitable word:

I was \_\_\_\_\_ when I heard your news.

- a. cleft
- b. dazzled
- c. dumb
- d. gobsmacked

**Direction (for questions 49 and 50):**

Alisha: Hey Nancy, I have heard that Mrs. Smith, our new warden is \_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_. She keeps on bragging about her awards and achievements. Do you agree with that?

Nancy: Oh, no no, that's all \_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_, ignore all that stuff. I would suggest just don't be prejudiced.

49. What will come in the first blank?

- a. black-eyed
- b. toffee-nosed
- c. low-brow
- d. high-heeled

50. What will come in the second blank?

- a. false dawn
- b. jibe
- c. buzz
- d. codswallop

## Answer Key

1.	c	2.	a	3.	c	4.	b	5.	c	6.	a	7.	a
8.	a	9.	b	10.	a	11.	b	12.	b	13.	d	14.	d
15.	c	16.	d	17.	b	18.	c	19.	b	20.	d	21.	b
22.	c	23.	a	24.	c	25.	d	26.	a	27.	a	28.	a
29.	b	30.	b	31.	a	32.	d	33.	c	34.	b	35.	b
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