



## Stage III



Grades 7-8

CREST Teacher English Olympiad (CTEO)

# Sample Paper

### Pattern and Marking Scheme

Stage	Topic/Section	No. of Questions	Marks per Question	Total Marks
For stage III (Grades 7-8)	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 various types, Verbs (transitive and intransitive, modals), agreement of the verb with the subject, Pronouns (all types, recognition and classification), Adverbs and its types, Adjectives (all types, sequencing), Adverbs (and its types) and differentiation between adjectives and adverbs, Articles (definite and indefinite), Prepositions and its types, Conjunctions and its types, Punctuation, Tenses (all), Prepositions, prepositional phrases, Analogies and spellings, Word power (Synonyms, antonyms, homonyms and homophones), Active-passive voice, Direct and indirect speech, Jumbled words, participle phrases and punctuations, Figures of speech- classification, recognition, matching, Information retrieval from news reports, blurb, brochures, dictionaries, formal and informal letters, instruction manual format, notices, biographies, messages, editorials, short narratives, advertisements, itinerary, essays, etc., Collocations and interjections, Phrasal verbs, idioms and proverbs, One word substitution

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## English Language (Each Question is 3 Marks)

1. Identify the type of nouns for the highlighted words in the following sentences:

- I. A **community** of gymnastic enthusiasts had gathered at the sports centre to witness the gymnastic trials.
- II. The books in the library were organised meticulously, each placed in its designated **category** based on **genre** and subject matter for easy access.



- a. community-common noun, category- collective noun, genre-proper noun
- b. community- collective noun, category- common noun, genre-abstract noun
- c. community- abstract noun, category- common noun, genre-collective noun
- d. community- collective noun, category- abstract noun, genre-abstract noun

2. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks:

Memory \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the key aspects of learning. There are a number of \_\_\_\_\_ to increase the \_\_\_\_\_ of memory.

- a. pretension, tricks, functionals
- b. retention, techniques, durability
- c. retainment, gadgets, flexibility
- d. retension, ways, quality

3. What is the past participle of the highlighted word in the sentence given?

He **became** poorer as he spend money on unnecessary things.

- a. become
- b. became
- c. becomes
- d. becoming

4. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:

The teacher said that we \_\_\_\_\_ read this book by ourselves.



- a. ought
- b. might
- c. should
- d. weren't

5. Identify the type of underlined pronouns:

- I. He himself disclosed the intricate details of his malicious plan while he was under the influence of a drug.
- II. He blamed himself for the wrongdoings which were impacting their lives adversely.

- a. I. reflexive, II. reflexive
- b. I. emphatic II. reflexive
- c. I. emphatic II. emphatic
- d. I. reflexive II. emphatic

6. Fill in the blank with the correct pronoun:

Robert and \_\_\_ spent the whole weekend planning our baby shower.

- a. me                      b. I  
c. myself                d. mine

7. Fill the blank with the appropriate adjective to form a meaningful context:

The biography offers a \_\_\_\_\_ image of the woman it was written about.



- a. corrupt                b. framed  
c. cowardice            d. outlined

8. Fill in the blank with the appropriate adjective/s to form a meaningful sentence:

The importance of preparation cannot be \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. overmanned    b. understood  
c. overwrought    d. overemphasised

9. Identify whether the highlighted word is used as an adverb or an adjective in the given sentence:

Her helplessness scared **away** the passers-by.

- a. adverb  
b. adjective  
c. both adjective and adverb  
d. neither adjective nor adverb

10. Fill in the blank with the correct article from the options given below:

She went to study at \_\_\_\_\_ University of California.

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

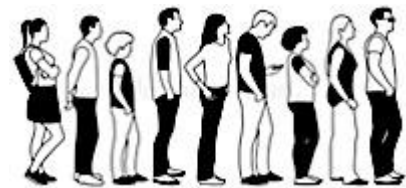
11. Fill in the blank with the correct article from the options given below:

Mary was \_\_\_\_\_ well-known among her peers.

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

12. Fill in the blank with the appropriate preposition from the options given below:

Excuse me, please stop breaking the line. I was \_\_\_\_\_ you.



- a. in front off            b. in front of  
c. behead                d. ahead

13. Identify the type of preposition used in the sentence given below:

Are you **out of** your mind?

- a. double preposition  
b. compound Preposition  
c. participle Preposition  
d. simple Preposition

14. Fill in the blank with the appropriate form of the verb given in the bracket: She \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) for work by the time I had come home.

- a. has left  
b. leaves  
c. had left  
d. has been leaving

15. Fill in the blank with the appropriate form of the verb given in the bracket:

How long \_\_\_\_\_ (work) when he retires?



- a. had have been working  
b. has have been working  
c. was he been working  
d. will he have been working
16. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate options:
- Cookies \_\_\_\_\_ small pieces of text \_\_\_\_\_ to your browser by a website you visit. They help that website \_\_\_\_\_ information about your visit, which can both make it easier to visit the site again and \_\_\_\_\_ the site more useful to you.
- a. are, sent, remember, make  
b. is, similar, gather, build  
c. were, interact, collect, choose  
d. looks, associated, crack, present
17. Choose the option that correctly completes the analogy:
- honour: disgrace :: comfort : \_\_\_\_\_
- a. burden                      b. pleasure  
c. disturb                      d. consolation
18. Identify the type of analogy used in the sentence given below:

Graphite is the metal used in pencil nibs.

- a. part-whole  
b. cause-effect  
c. source-product  
d. object-purpose

19. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate answer from the options given below:

The politician's \_\_\_\_\_ promises seemed insincere, overshadowed by a history of unfulfilled commitments.

- a. murky                      b. fulsome  
c. suasive                      d. crepuscular

20. Fill in the blank with the correct option:

The judge examined the dog's \_\_\_\_\_ during the show, evaluating its structure and adherence to breed standards.

- a. conformation              b. confirmation  
c. confrontation              d. conformance

21. Identify whether the following highlighted words are homophones or homonyms:

I cannot **accept** any gifts, **except** for those from my former students.



- a. homophones  
b. homonyms  
c. both a and b are correct  
d. neither a nor b

22. Convert the following sentence into passive voice:

Josh let me borrow his book.

- a. I was allowed by Josh to borrow his book.  
b. I will be allowed by Josh to borrow him book.  
c. I will let Josh borrow his book.  
d. Josh will be allowing me to borrow his book.

23. Convert the following sentence into passive voice:

They elected him as the class president.



- a. He was being elected by them as class president.
  - b. He was the class president, elected by them.
  - c. He was elected the class president by them.
  - d. He became elected as the class president by them.
24. Choose the option that correctly expresses the given sentence in indirect speech:

She said, "The Earth is round."



- a. She said that the Earth was round.
  - b. She said that the Earth is being round.
  - c. She says that the Earth was being round.
  - d. She said that the Earth is round.
25. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence:

Joseph likes eggs joan does not.

- a. Joseph likes eggs: joan does not.
- b. Joseph likes eggs; Joan does not?
- c. Joseph likes eggs, Joan does not.
- d. Joseph likes eggs; Joan does not.

26. Rearrange the following words to form a meaningful sentence:

and space / conquered / air, time / we have / help of / with the / scientific inventions

- a. We have conquered air, time and space with the help of scientific inventions.
- b. We have conquered scientific inventions with the help of air, time and space.
- c. We have conquered inventions with the help of scientific air, time and space.
- d. Both a and b are correct

27. Fill in the blank:

\_\_\_\_\_, can I make a suggestion?

- a. Ahem
- b. Whoa
- c. Aloha
- d. Ciao

**Direction (for questions 28-30):** Read the following passage and answer the given question:

No live organism can exist sanely for long under conditions of absolute reality. Even larks and katydids, some suppose, must dream. Hill House, not sane, stood by itself against its hills, holding darkness within. It had stood so for eighty years and might stand for eighty more. Inside, the walls rose straight, bricks were neatly set, floors were firm, and doors sensibly shut. Silence lay steadily upon the wood and stone of Hill House, and whatever walked there, walked alone.

28. Under what conditions can no organisms continue to live?

- a. absolute chaos
- b. absolute love
- c. absolute calm
- d. absolute reality

29. Which figure of speech is used throughout the passage to qualify the Hill House?

- a. metaphor
- b. personification
- c. simile
- d. synecdoche

30. What is the overall tone of the passage?

- a. ominous
- b. comic
- c. exciting
- d. happy

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

31. Identify the degrees of comparison used in the following sentences:

- I. He was more enthusiastic than all the people who participated in the race.
- II. She emerged as the briskest runner at the race.

- a. I. comparative II. superlative
- b. I. superlative II. comparative
- c. I. superlative II. positive
- d. I. positive II. positive

32. Identify the type of adverb highlighted in the given sentences:

- I. I left on time; **however**, there was a lot of traffic, which made me late to work.
- II. You are **altogether** mistaken.

- a. I. conjunctive adverb II. adverb of degree
- b. I. adverb of time II. adverb of reason
- c. I. adverb of frequency II. adverb of reason
- d. I. adverb of degree II. adverb of affirmation

33. Which of the following options best completes the analogy?

smear: libel :: insipid : X

- a. X- quiver
- b. X-flamboyant
- c. X- vapid
- d. X- quixotic

34. Pick out the misspelt word:

- a. obfuscate
- b. recommendation
- c. mortification
- d. euphoric

35. Which of the following best represents the spelling of the word that means 'people or things that are varied or mixed'?

- a. miscelleneous
- b. miscellaneous
- c. miscellaneous
- d. misscellaneous

36. Choose the option that correctly expresses the given sentence in reported speech:

"We are going to the mall," they informed me.

- a. They informed me that we are going to the mall.
- b. They informed me that they were going to the mall.
- c. They informed me that we were going to the mall.
- d. They informed me that they will be going to the mall.

37. Identify the participle in the following sentence:

Singing her heart out, Amaira enjoyed her evening shower.

- a. Singing her heart out
- b. Amaira enjoyed
- c. her evening shower
- d. heart out, Amaira

38. Choose the option that correctly rewrites the given sentence with participle clauses:

Samantha left early because she felt nauseated.

- a. Samantha was feeling nauseated so she left early.
- b. Leaving early, Samantha felt nauseated.
- c. Feeling nauseated, Samantha left early.
- d. Samantha nauseated and she left early.

39. Choose the option that gives the correct sequence of meaningful sentences:

- A. to access features that are fundamental to a service.
- B. Cookies and other technologies used for functionality allow you
- C. Things considered fundamental to a service include preferences, like your choice of language, information relating
- D. to your session, such as the content of a shopping cart, and product optimisations that help maintain and improve that service.

- a. ABCD                      b. DCBA
- c. BACD                     d. DACB

40. Identify the figure of speech used in the following sentence:

O Solitude! Where are the charms that sages have seen in thy face?

- a. personification    b. simile
- c. apostrophe        d. metaphor

41. Identify the figure of speech used in the following sentence:

Why, man, if the river were dry, I am able to fill it with tears.

- a. apostrophe        b. synecdoche
- c. metaphor         d. hyperbole

42. Identify the figure of speech used in the following sentence:

Here is the smell of blood still; all the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand.

- a. euphemism        b. hyperbole
- c. oxymoron         d. simile

43. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word:

She was aware of \_\_\_\_\_ folk dances.

- a. sundry              b. number
- c. diversification    d. distant

44. Which of the following best represents the antonym of the word 'advanced'?

- a. current              b. unaccustomed
- c. conventional      d. established

45. Fill in the blank with the appropriate collocation:

From a \_\_\_\_\_ perspective, the novel analysed the societal issues with a nuanced approach, dissecting complex themes and characters.

- a. aspirational        b. critical
- c. therapeutic        d. glocal

46. Fill in the blank with the correct option:

I wish you could stop \_\_\_\_\_ and do something useful.

- a. faffing around
- b. deferring off
- c. smacking about
- d. jesting in

47. Fill in the blank with the correct option:

I always \_\_\_\_\_ school when I could.

- a. sleeve off      b. skived off
- c. skimmed up    d. bunking at

48. Fill in the blank with the correct polite option to complete the conversation:

Sam: What kind of music do you listen to?

Billy: I don't really listen to too much music, \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. so that's a ridiculous question
- b. I mean who listens to serious music?
- c. just whatever's in the charts
- d. Is that even necessary?

49. Choose the correct option that fits both the blanks:

- 1. He gave me a \_\_\_\_\_ pat on the shoulder.
- 2. I appreciated his \_\_\_\_\_ advice.

- a. coyly                      b. genuine
- c. congenial                d. reassuring

50. Fill in the blank with the correct option:

That solid 3D figure had six faces, twelve edges and eight \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. vertices                      b. vertexes
- c. indices                        d. converges

## Answer Key

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