



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
Grand Total		50		210

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 noun for the highlighted word in the following sentence:

A **community** of gymnastic enthusiasts had gathered at the sports centre to witness the gymnastic trials.



- a. Proper noun
b. Common noun
c. Abstract noun
d. Collective noun
2. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the noun from the options given below:
Memory _____ (retain) is one of the key aspects of learning.

- a. retain b. retention
c. retainment d. retend

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. may
c. should d. could

5. Fill in the blank with the correct possessive determiner from the options given below:

I looked for notes _____ but I couldn't find them.

- a. anywhere b. somewhere
c. nowhere d. everywhere

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 context:

The importance of preparation cannot be _____.

- a. overmanned b. understood
c. overwrought d. stated enough

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

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

- 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

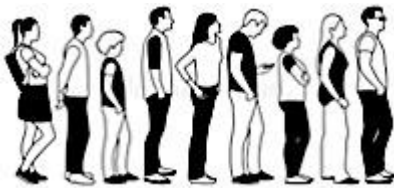
11. Fill in the blank with the correct article from the options given below:

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, quit 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 blank with the appropriate form of the verbs given in the bracket: I _____ (work) for the company for two years when I received the dismissal.

- a. has worked
- b. had been working
- c. am working
- d. had working

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 man was rewarded for his _____ action.

- a. courageous b. courageous
- c. couragous d. caurageous

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

He hired a _____ to clean his room. She also _____ him food on the days he was busy.

- a. maid, maid b. made, made
- c. made, maid d. maid, made

21. Identify whether the following pair of sentences is a homophone or a homonym:

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 the 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. Which feeling is being expressed by the interjection used in the given sentence?

You are the best!

- a. Hate
- b. Anger
- c. Disgust
- d. Joy

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

No live organism can continue for long to exist sanely under conditions of absolute reality; even larks and katydids are supposed, by some, to 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. Within, walls continued upright, bricks met neatly, floors were firm, and doors were sensibly shut; silence lay steadily against 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 sentence:

I left on time, **however**, the traffic made me late to work.

- a. Conjunctive adverb
- b. Adverb of time

- c. Adverb of frequency
- d. Adverb of degree

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

Network : Connect :: Joke : _____

- a. Fear
- b. Memorialize
- c. Create
- d. Entertain

34. Pick out the misspelt word from the given set of words:

particular, supersede, recommend, surprise

- a. Particuler
- b. Supersede
- c. Recommend
- d. Surprise

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. Miscellanous
- 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 correctly punctuated sentence:

- a. He was planning to study four subjects: politics, philosophy, sociology, and economics?
- b. He was planning to study four subjects: politics, philosophy, sociology and economics.
- c. He was planning to study four subjects; politics, philosophy sociology and economics.
- d. He was planning to study four subjects, politics, philosophy, sociology, and economics.

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 a _____ number of folk dances.

- a. sundry
- b. numerous
- 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:

Please feel free to sit down and _____.

- a. come clean
- b. wait bit by bit
- c. make yourself at home
- d. open secret

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. skimmed up

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 silly question
- b. I mean who listens to serious music?
- c. 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. comradely

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