



Stage IV



Grades 9-10

CREST Teacher English Olympiad (CTEO)

Sample Paper

Pattern and Marking Scheme

Stage	Topic/Section	No. of Questions	Marks per Question	Total Marks
For Stage IV (Grades 9-10)	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

Synonyms, Antonyms, Analogies and Spellings, One Word, Word Order, Nouns, Pronouns, Verbs, Adverbs, Adjectives, Articles, Prepositions, Conjunctions, Punctuations, Jumbled Words, Voices, Concord, Question Forms, Tenses, Conditionals, Modals, Reported Speech, Collocations, Phrasal Verbs, Idioms, Homonyms and Homophones, Narrations, Words (Related to Weather, Countries, Language and People, Global Problems, etc.), Information Retrieval from Various Text (Encyclopaedias, Dictionaries, Manual Format, Message Format, Editorials, Essays and Advanced Texts), Spoken and Written Expressions (Giving/Accepting Compliments, Agreeing, Disagreeing, Requesting, Seeking Information, Pronunciation, etc.)

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English Language (Each Question is 3 Marks)

1. Out of the given sentences, choose the incorrect one:
 - a. There are four big cats that can roar: lion, tiger, leopard and jaguar - all of which belong to the genus Panthera.
 - b. In these species, the epiphyal bone, part of the voice box, is replaced by a ligament.
 - c. This ligament can be stretched, creating a larger sound-producing passage and thus a wider range of pitch.
 - d. The more the ligament extends, the lower the sound generated when air passes across the vocal cords.
2. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate word/phrase:
Some scientists _____ that the snow leopard deserves its own genus: Uncia.
 - a. argue b. argued
 - c. argues d. had argue
3. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate prepositions:
Some new supercomputers would be installed _____ various national-level research laboratories and academic institutions _____ end of 2030.
 - a. in, at b. by, at
 - c. with, by d. at, by
4. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate word/phrase:
He was sick and the doctor advised him to take _____ of medicine two times a day.
 - a. two spoonsful b. two spoonfulls
 - c. two spoonfuls d. both a and c
5. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate option:
A rocket at an Iranian space center that was to conduct a satellite launch criticised by the US apparently exploded on _____ launch pad on Thursday.
 - a. it's b. its
 - c. his d. their
6. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate word/phrase:
In a move earning it praise, Bhutan has announced that salaries of teachers, doctors, nurses, and all medical staff _____ to make them the highest paid civil servants in the country.
 - a. will be hiked
 - b. has hiked
 - c. has been hiked
 - d. have been hiked
7. Correct the incorrectly spelt word in the given sentence and find out its meaning:
After the terrorist attacks, the government established a domestic security agency to help avert future tragedies.
 - a. to prevent something bad or dangerous from happening
 - b. a very sad event or situation, especially one that involves death
 - c. of or inside a particular country; not foreign or international
 - d. respected or given official status because it has existed or been used for a long time

8. Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence:

A press release issued by the Prime Minister's Office stated, "If the pay revision comes through as proposed by the government, teaching will become the highest paid profession in the country."

- a. A press release issued by the Prime Minister's Office stated that if the pay revision came through as proposed by the government, teaching would become the highest paid profession in the country.
- b. A press release issued by the Prime Minister's Office stated that if the pay revision comes through as proposed by the government, teaching would become the highest paid profession in the country.
- c. A press release issued by the Prime Minister's Office stated that if the pay revision came through as proposed by the government, teaching will become the highest paid profession in the country.
- d. A press release issued by the Prime Minister's Office stated that if the pay revision came through as proposed by the government, teaching will have become the highest paid profession in the country.

9. Rearrange the given sentences in a meaningful order:

- A. Modern farmers have a huge range of equipment options for the various activities they do on an annual basis.
- B. From high-tech combine harvesters to simple tractors, the various kinds of farm equipment available can meet the needs of small-scale homesteaders and industrial-size farming operations alike.
- C. However, it can be difficult to keep track of all the options. New farmers especially may wonder

what the different types of farming machinery are for. For small- and mid-size farms especially, determining the different types of farming machinery you may need to make your operations more efficient can be frustrating.

- a. BAC
- b. ABC
- c. ACB
- d. BCA

10. Complete the given conversation:

- A. Hey! You don't look good today, what happened?
- B. I'm really feeling _____ today; I have a terrible cold.

- a. under the weather
- b. under the doubt
- c. under the thunder
- d. under the season

11. A set of six words is given below. Pick the most appropriate word to fill in the blank:

- 1. affable
- 2. canine
- 3. diffident
- 4. estranged
- 5. odious
- 6. laconic

The athlete got arrested for participating in the _____ sport of dog fighting.

- a. canine
- b. estranged
- c. affable
- d. odious

12. Select the correct active form of the given sentence:

The union leader's proposals could not be accepted by the manager.

- a. The manager could not accept the union leader's proposals.
- b. The manager could not be accepted the union leader's proposals.

- c. The manager could accept the union leader's proposals.
- d. The manager could not be accept the union leader's proposals.
- 13.** Choose the option which is a synonym of the highlighted word:
She expressed her disagreement with a **vehement** tone, passionately defending her point of view during the heated debate.
- a. generous b. benevolent
c. aggressive d. hesitant
- 14.** Choose the correctly punctuated sentence:
- a. What is the purpose of poetry in modern life? Let us begin by saying what it is not. Obviously, the purpose is not ethical. Didactic poetry is now lamost universally recognised as impertinence.
- b. What is the purpose of poetry in modern life! Let us begin by saying what it is not; Obviously, the purpose is not ethical. Didactic poetry is now lamost universally recognised as impertinence.
- c. What is the purpose of poetry in modern life- Let us begin by saying what it is not: Obviously, the purpose is not ethical. Didactic poetry is now lamost universally recognised as impertinence.
- d. What is the purpose of poetry in modern lif. Let us begin by saying what it is not? Obviously, the purpose is not ethical. Didactic poetry is now lamost universally recognised as impertinence.
- 15.** Fill in the blank with the correct option:
It is time now to look at the _____ causes.
- a. latant b. latest
c. latent d. lenient
- 16.** Identify the type of adjective:
You have no sense.
- a. adjective of quantity
b. adjective of number
c. distributive adjective
d. definite numeral adjective
- 17.** Choose the most suitable option to fill in the blank:
Concept mapping as a method was _____ by Joseph Novak and a team of researchers at Cornell University in the 1970's. Dr. Novak was searching for a new tool to _____ explicit changes in children's conceptual understanding.
- a. explains, prepares
b. describe, developed
c. pursue, conceive
d. relate, discover
- 18.** Combine the sentences by changing the adjective to a noun. Choose from the following:
"Roger Federer is famous. It gets him numerous advertising contracts."
- a. Roger Federer's famed career gets him numerous advertising contracts.
- b. Roger Federer's familiarity gets him numerous advertising contracts.
- c. Roger Federer's famousness gets him numerous advertising contracts.
- d. Roger Federer's fame gets him numerous advertising contracts.
- 19.** Spot the error:
My father always likes to travel by the air since he is a very busy man.
- a. by the air
b. is a very busy
c. likes to travel
d. no error

20. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate prepositions:
In a learner-centric classroom, the process _____ evaluation is based _____ the overall performance of the student _____ the year.

- a. about, over, in
- b. for, on, in
- c. of, on, throughout
- d. of, about, throughout

21. Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence:

George said to Ramona, "Why do you hate Mathematics so much?"

- a. George asked Ramona that why she hates Mathematics so much.
- b. George asked Ramona why do you hate Mathematics so much.
- c. George asked Ramona why she hates Mathematics that much?
- d. George asked Ramona why she hated Mathematics that much.

22. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate word/phrase:

To _____ the friendliest nations in the world, you can checkout different categories that include ability to befriend with new people, success in allowing them to learn local language, capacity for mixing into their community and ease to fit into the new culture.

- a. calculate b. determine
- c. analyze d. observe

23. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate word/phrase:

Currently, the Julian calendar is 13 days behind the Gregorian calendar. So, to convert from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, add 13 days; to convert in the opposite direction, subtract 13 days. The gap _____ the two calendar systems will increase to 14 days in the year 2100.

- a. among b. between
- c. apart d. in

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

- I. Mum will be happy to see you, _____?
- II. You're addicted to mobile, _____?

- a. I. isn't she, II. isn't you
- b. I. isn't she, II. isn't you
- c. I. won't she, II. aren't you
- d. I. hasn't she, II. mustn't you

25. Choose the option that cannot fit in the blank:

He indeed has a very _____ personality. Everybody comes under the influence of his powerful aura.

- a. charismatic b. magnetic
- c. hypnotic d. reticent

26. Out of the given alternatives, select the option in which the given idiom has been used correctly:

- a. The employees in this sector have gift of the gab because they have to do whatever they are told to do.
- b. Raymond is not highly qualified but he has the gift of gab.
- c. The C.B.I. has revealed that many ministers have gift of the gab.
- d. He has gift of the gab by investing his money in shares.

27. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate word/phrase:

The girl and the dog _____ I met yesterday are kidnapped.

- a. that b. who
- c. which d. whose

28. Correct the incorrectly spelt word in the given sentence and find out its meaning:

If you were lucky enough to buy that particular technology stock early on, then soon you will be receiving some munificent rewards.

- a. used to emphasize that you are referring to one individual person or thing and not others
- b. scientific knowledge used in practical ways in industry
- c. extremely generous
- d. a thing that you are given because you have done something good, worked hard, etc.

Direction for question 29-30: Read the passage carefully and answer the question that follows:

Sport at its best is a glorious indulgence that blends adrenaline rush, exultant joy and mind-numbing grief both for the athlete and the expectant fan. However, in its worst form, sport is war minus the shooting while the cause of nationhood whips up jingoistic passions. In the distraught times of the pandemic and the resultant social distancing, basic survival takes precedence over moving limbs and the frenzied applause from a thrilled audience. And it was no surprise that sports events have been postponed or cancelled and the latest to face a disruption in its schedule is the Olympics. Football continues to be the beautiful game but the Olympics remains the world's greatest congregation adhering to its eternal

'faster, higher, stronger' motto. A postponement is a first in the chequered history of the modern Olympics since its inception at Athens in 1896. But worse has happened, especially the cancellations, during 1916, 1940 and 1944, when the World Wars drew vicious lines of hate. There were also the Cold War years when the United States and its allies boycotted the Moscow Games in 1980 and the erstwhile Union of Soviet Socialist Republics retaliated along with the Eastern Bloc by skipping the 1984 Olympics at Los Angeles. The most heart-rending was the 'Munich Massacre' during the 1972 edition in then West Germany when a Palestinian terrorist group, Black September, killed 11 members of Israel's squad. Seen through that prism of a bloodied past, the latest postponement seems a mere quibble.

29. The given passage is talking about _____.

- a. postponement of the Olympics
- b. boycott of the Moscow Games by United States and its allies
- c. distraught times of the pandemic and social distancing
- d. glory of the sports

30. In which year, the modern olympics were held for the first time?

- a. 1972
- b. 1980
- c. 1896
- d. 1984

Achievers' Section (Each Question is 6 Marks)

31. Out of the given alternatives, find out grammatically incorrect sentence/sentences. If all are incorrect, mark 'Option D' as your answer:

1. Researchers have unearthed evidence of rainforests near the South Pole 90 million years ago, a finding which suggest that the climate at this time was exceptionally warm.
2. On World Sparrow Day (March 20), the miniister has spoken on FM Radio about sparrows and conservation.
3. In his meeting with heads of various states on the Prime Minister said in the next few weeks testing of the pilot project should remain the focus areas.

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| a. 1 and 2 | b. 2 and 3 |
| c. 1 and 3 | d. all are incorrect |

32. Rearrange the given sentences in a meaningful order. The first sentence of the sequence is fixed and named S3:

S3: The jaguar has the strongest bite of any big cat relative to its size.

- A. Research by Adam Hartstone-Rose and colleagues at the University of South Carolina,
- B. Who compared the bite forces of nine different cat species,
- C. Reveals that a jaguar's bite force is only three-quarters as strong as a tiger's bite force.

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| a. ABC | b. CBA |
| c. BAC | d. ACB |

33. Complete the given conversation:

A: Are you prepared for the exam?

B: Of course I am, _____?

A: I am but I am a bit nervous.

B: Don't worry. It will be _____ for you.

- a. isn't it, on the ball
- b. aren't you, a piece of cake
- c. ain't I, a dime a dozen
- d. not you, blessing in disguise

34. Choose the most appropriate set of words to fill in the blanks:

The Chinese government has left no stone _____ to _____ that the new year event will be a grand success.

- a. touched, assure
- b. untouched, insure
- c. unturned, ensure
- d. checked, censure

35. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate word/phrase:

Richard is eclipsed by his wife, who is _____ than he is.

- a. cleverer and amusing
- b. clever and amusing
- c. cleverer and more amusing
- d. clever and more amusing

36. Find the type of noun for the bold word in quotes:

"Branches, ropes, and ladders" will also provide opportunities for climbing, play, and exercise.

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| a. common | b. proper |
| c. abstract | d. collective |

37. Choose the correct spelling from the given options:

- a. epilog
- b. epilouge
- c. epilogue
- d. eppilogue

38. Choose the option that does not fits in both the blanks:

- I. The toddler's _____ innocent laughter and affectionate hugs melted the hearts of everyone in the room.
- II. She smiled _____ at the elderly woman, expressing gratitude for the stories and wisdom shared during their heartwarming conversation.

- a. rakishly
- b. endearingly
- c. jauntily
- d. apparently

39. Fill in the blank with the correct idiom: While other competitors showcased their talents, Emily patiently _____, rehearsing her lines silently before stepping onto the stage for her performance.

- a. walked out on
- b. waited in the wings
- c. stuck in a time warp
- d. snowed under

40. Choose the correct option which converts the following sentence from direct to indirect form:

The policeman said to us, "You must not cross the road unless for the pedestrains light is green."

- a. The policaman explained to us that we should not cross the road unless the light is green for pedestrains.
- b. The policaman advised us that we ought not cross the road unless the light is green for pedestrains.
- c. The policaman ordered us that we should have not cross the road

unless the light is green for pedestrains.

- d. The policaman told us that we must not cross the road unless the light is green for pedestrains.

41. Choose the correct word to fill in the blank:

A violent _____ broke out between police and demonstrators.

- a. scuffle
- b. crux
- c. scuffling
- d. cortège

42. Rearrange the given sentences in a meaningful order. The first sentence of the sequence is fixed and named S1: S1: Elisabeth Badinter is the richest author in the world,

- A. With an estimated net worth of \$1.7 billion. She is a
- B. French author, historian, feminist, and professor who wrote the European bestseller
- C. The Conflict: How Modern Motherhood Undermines the Status of Women.

- a. BCA
- b. CAB
- c. ABC
- d. CBA

43. Complete the given sentence with the most appropriate word/phrase: Evergreen trees in your backyard not only shades your home in the summer, but also provide a windscreen to _____ harsh winter breezes.

- a. aid
- b. block
- c. propel
- d. precede

44. Choose the option that correctly expresses the given sentence into active/passive voice: We prohibit smoking.

- a. Smoking could be prohibited.
- b. Smoking had been prohibited.
- c. Smoking was prohibited.
- d. Smoking is prohibited.

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

I am upset ____ my daughter ____ she has over-night turned ____ a defiant teenager.

- a. by, in, in b. with, as, into
- c. at, as, on d. on, by, in

46. Out of the given alternatives, find grammatically incorrect sentence/sentences.

- 1. I could not remember a story to tell the students so I made one up as I went along.
- 2. Until she spoke I didn't realise that she wasn't an Indian.
- 3. He is not among those who believe whatever they read in social media.

- a. 1 b. 2
- c. 3 d. all are correct

47. Out of the given alternatives, find grammatically incorrect sentence/sentences.

- 1. To promote the business of the company in the rural areas the company is planning to hire over one hundred trainees.
- 2. She was good at mathematics despite of the fact that she found it boring.
- 3. Everyone of the employees were against the new norms introduced by the mill owner.

- a. both 1 and 3 b. only 2
- c. both 2 and 3 d. all are correct

48. Choose the most appropriate word that fits in both the blanks:

- 1. The police were corrupt and were operating in _____ with the drug dealers.
- 2. There was _____ between the two witnesses.

- a. collision b. conflict
- c. conclusion d. collusion

49. Rearrange the given sentences in a meaningful order. Third sentence of the sequence is fixed and named S3:

S3: He states that statesmen should

- A. integrity because he felt that, only such men
- B. Plato's 'Republic' has exercised tremendous influence
- C. could enlighten the darker side of human nature into a positive one.
- D. on human thought and intelligence
- E. be men of supreme intelligence and impeccable

- a. BCDEA b. BDEAC
- c. BDCAE d. BDAEC

50. Choose the option which changes the given sentence correctly into indirect speech:

The teacher said to the students, "The Earth revolves around the Sun"

- a. The teacher told the students that Earth revolved around the Sun.
- b. The teacher asked the students if the Earth revolves around the Sun.
- c. The teacher told the students that the Earth revolves around the Sun.
- d. The teacher told the students the Earth revolve around the Sun.

Answer Key

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8.	a	9.	b	10.	a	11.	d	12.	a	13.	c	14.	a
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