



# ENGLISH

School Level Examination

GRADE

10

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- \* All questions are compulsory.
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- \* You **MUST** record your answers on the **ANSWER SHEET.**
- \* There are 50 **MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS.** Use the information provided to choose the **BEST** answer among the four possible options.

On your **ANSWER SHEET** fill in the oval that matches your answer.

- \* Marks are **NOT** deducted for incorrect answers.
- \* Return the **Answer Sheet** to the invigilator at the end of the examination.
- \* Write your Roll No. on the Question Paper too and take it home for future reference.
- \* You are **NOT** allowed to use a calculator.

You may use a ruler and spare paper for rough work.

## Section - A

(This section contains 30 multiple choice questions. Each question has four choices (A), (B), (C) and (D), out of which only ONE is correct.)

1. Fill in the blank with the correct option.

Get out, I cannot tolerate \_\_\_\_\_ audacious behaviour, anymore.

- (A) my (B) his  
(C) their (D) your

2. Choose the correct option for the words in bold.

The manager had joined this organisation **in the late 90s**.

- (A) in the late 9'0s (B) in the late '90s  
(C) in the late 90s' (D) in the late 90's

3. Find out the distributive adjective.

- (A) Our (B) Own  
(C) Either (D) This

4. Find out the error/s in the parts in bold.

It is **an independent body** (i)/ that **does not have to** get (ii)/ **it's decisions** (iii)/ **cleared by** the Chief Minister's office (iv).

- (A) (i) (B) (ii) and (iii)  
(C) (iv) (D) (iii)

5. Choose the correct sentence.

- (A) The man even has not a roof over his head.  
(B) Even the man has not a roof above his head.  
(C) The man has not even a roof over his head.  
(D) The man has even not a roof over his head.

6. Choose the correct form of the verb in bold.

I wanted to go but was **bounded by** promise.

- (A) bound by (B) bind by  
(C) brand by (D) bounded by

7. Connect the sentence with a subordinating conjunction.

I heard the news. I rushed for home.

- (A) and (B) yet  
 (C) As soon as (D) for

8. In the following question there are four tags (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) that together form a coherent paragraph. Choose the options that is/are incorrect in terms of grammar or usage.

- (i) To defend Covid-19 several protective gears are needed,  
 (ii) according to the Indian Health Ministry.  
 (iii) The least report says that  
 (iv) the health workers does not have enough equipment.

- (A) (ii) only (B) (iv) only  
 (C) Both (iii) and (iv) (D) (iii) only

9. Match the following to create compound words.

(p) Back	(i) blood
(q) Blue	(ii) reliance
(r) Self	(iii) ache
(s) God	(iv) send

- (A) (p)-(iv), (q)-(iii), (r)-(i), (s)-(ii) (B) (p)-(ii), (q)-(i), (r)-(iii), (s)-(iv)  
 (C) (p)-(iii), (q)-(i), (r)-(ii), (s)-(iv) (D) (p)-(i), (q)-(ii), (r)-(iv), (s)-(iii)

10. Fill in the blank with the correct option.

During home quarantine, people \_\_\_\_\_ surf internet for everything.

- (A) habitually (B) habitation  
 (C) habitual (D) inhabiting

11. Find out the name of the clause.

He will help you in the project if you ask him for help.

- (A) Noun Clause (B) Adverb Clause  
 (C) Adjective Clause (D) None of these

12. Fill in the blank with correct option.

Planets are heavenly bodies which run on elliptical lines \_\_\_\_\_ and make up the universe.

- (A) that enables avoiding collision  
 (B) that comes in the way of each other

- (C) that are parallel  
(D) none of the above
13. Choose the correct indirect speech of the given direct speech.  
“Climb up! Little boy,” said the Tree.  
(A) The tree asked climb the little boy.  
(B) The Tree requested the little boy to climb up.  
(C) The little boy climb up said the tree.  
(D) The tree told the boy climb up.
14. Choose the best way to write the sentence.  
(A) Stock exchange is an emotional game, especially in volatile markets.  
(B) Stock exchange was an emotional game, especially when the markets are volatile.  
(C) Stock exchange is emotional, especially in volatile markets.  
(D) Stock exchange is emotionally game, especially in volatile markets.
15. Select the correct passive form of the active voice.  
He hurt himself.  
(A) Himself hurt he. (B) He is hurt.  
(C) He was hurt by himself. (D) He himself hurt.
16. Choose the best way of writing the sentence.  
(A) When the investigator came to my office after a mysterious murder, my colleagues suggests I keep my nose clean and stick to my business.  
(B) When the investigator has come to my office after a mysterious murder, my colleagues suggested I keep my nose clean and stick to my business.  
(C) When the investigator came to my office after a mysterious murder, my colleagues suggested I keep my nose clean and stick to my business.  
(D) When the investigator is coming to my office after a mysterious murder, my colleagues suggest I lose my nose clean and stick to my business.
17. Choose the correct active voice.  
Jeff is pestered a lot by his boss.  
(A) His boss pesters Jeff a lot. (B) His boss pestered Jeff a lot.  
(C) Both (A) and (B) (D) None of these
18. Choose the correct alternative for the section in bold.

I always check news online because I **am liking to be informed about current politics.**

- (A) like to be informed about current politics.
- (B) like being inform about current politics.
- (C) like to being informed about current politics.
- (D) like to be informed on the current politics.

19. Choose the correct option.

They left the country. \_\_\_\_\_?

- (A) Aren't they
- (B) Haven't they
- (C) Didn't they
- (D) Weren't they

20. Choose the correct alternative for the section in bold.

This is the **most easiest question** I have ever answered.

- (A) most-easiest question
- (B) easymost question
- (C) most easy question
- (D) easiest question

21. Find out the error in the sentence.

Their list of (i)/ promises growth in economy, (ii)/ secured locality and developed health sectors, (iii)/ seem difficult to keep (iv).

- (A) (i)
- (B) (ii)
- (C) (iii)
- (D) (iv)

22. Choose the best alternative for the part in bold.

The detective examined the crime scene with **a fine tooth-brush** look.

- (A) a sharp tooth-paste
- (B) a bitter tooth-gum
- (C) a fine tooth-comb
- (D) a serious tooth-pick

23. Choose the correct phrasal verb.

I never thought we'd ever achieve this difficult target, but somehow we made it.

- (A) pull out
- (B) pull across
- (C) pull off
- (D) put about

24. Find out the sentence that has no error.

- (A) John, who is an English, is gentle.
- (B) No he is not a student.
- (C) Are you a man.

(D) What a piece of work is man.

25. Choose the words from the options to replace the words in bold in the given sentence so as to make it grammatically meaningful and correct.

Retinas can get **effected** for several reasons. But Retinal pigmentosa is an **inherit** disease.

- (A) affected, inherited (B) afflicted, inherit  
(C) Both (A) and (B) (D) None of the above

26. Substitute the description with one word.

The pointed end or top of a thing.

- (A) Apex (B) Asinine  
(C) Boom (D) Rills

27. Choose the right phrasal verb.

Your anxiety will soon **diminish** when you take a holiday.

- (A) fall back (B) fall down  
(C) fall away (D) fall through

**Read the passage and answer the questions 28 to 30.**

Always remember that regular and frequent practice is essential if you are to learn to write well. You learn to write by writing. It is no good waiting until you have an inspiration before you write. Even with the most famous writers, inspiration is rare. Writing is 99 percent hard work and 1 percent inspiration, so the sooner you get into the habit of disciplining yourself to write, the better.

If you keep your ears and eyes open, you will find plenty of things to write about around you. Often a little piece of conversation heard in the street can start you thinking along interesting new lines. Imagine that you are a stranger who is not familiar with the things that you see around you, and start from there.

Read the newspapers carefully. Keep a notebook in which to put down things that you notice, or ideas that come to you.

Try to develop a warm, human understanding of people. You will find material for your work as a writer.

28. Writing is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) completely based on hard work  
(B) completely based on inspiration  
(C) hugely based on hard work and little inspiration.  
(D) based neither hard work nor inspiration

29. A would-be writer should keep \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) a book in hand (B) a pair of spectacles  
(C) a notebook (D) a dictionary
30. A writer should have inclination towards \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) animals (B) books  
(C) human beings and their nature (D) newspaper

### Section - B

**(This section contains 20 multiple choice questions. Each question has four choices (A), (B), (C) and (D), out of which TWO are correct.)**

31. Select the sentences with correct use of apostrophe.
- (A) 14th November is celebrated as Childrens' Day.  
(B) It's your duty to finish the project.  
(C) Can't you see I am working?  
(D) The whole credit of this work is yours'.
32. Choose the parts which have errors.
- After an one-week (i)/ break in the mountains, Jeet is (ii)/ returning back(iii) today (iv).
- (A) (i) (B) (ii)  
(C) (iii) (D) (iv)
33. Select the sentences in passive voice.
- (A) The book would have been read.  
(B) She might sing a song.  
(C) Let this work be done.  
(D) Let's go to the church tomorrow.
34. Which of the following has two clauses?
- (A) She will receive the award this year.  
(B) I have been to Paris this year.  
(C) Garima went to the kennel and fed the dogs.  
(D) If it rains, I will not come.
35. Select the sentences in indirect speech for the sentence:

He said, "Let us go out for a walk."

- (A) He asked if they could go out for a walk.
- (B) He suggested that they shall go out for a walk.
- (C) He suggested that they should go out for a walk.
- (D) He proposed his friend to go out for a walk.

36. Choose the correct words to fill in the blank.

As soon as the newspapers carried the story of his connection with the criminals, his friends \_\_\_\_\_ him.

- (A) obscured
- (B) alienated
- (C) nauseated
- (D) ostracized

37. Select the sentences where the prepositions have been used correctly.

- (A) He entered into the room.
- (B) I have not seen him for a week.
- (C) He knows French besides English.
- (D) Sri Lanka is on the south of India.

38. Which of these sentences do NOT have an intransitive verb?

- (A) The train has arrived.
- (B) He played the flute.
- (C) The girl danced.
- (D) The mailman delivered the letter.

39. Select the sentences with future perfect tense.

- (A) I shall have not written the letter by that time.
- (B) I will go to Bangalore next week.
- (C) You shall have finished your studies by then.
- (D) I have planned to create a Facebook page.

40. Choose the correct antonyms of the word.

**Chastity**

- (A) Immaculacy
- (B) Modesty
- (C) Lechery
- (D) Venery

41. Select the sentences that do not show possession.

- (A) We began our journey at noon.
- (B) Dad is driving the car.
- (C) I love Tina's dog.



- (D) At the end of the term the students will be evaluated.
42. Select the sentences that have a phrase.
- (A) I love music.  
(B) The baby is playing in the next room.  
(C) The school will be closed tomorrow.  
(D) The women sitting in the garden are enjoying themselves.
43. Select the verbs to complete the sentence.
- The astronauts \_\_\_\_\_ for the next mission.
- (A) is practising (B) are practising  
(C) has been practising (D) were practising
44. Select the correct sentences.
- (A) The waist coat is a unisex apparel.  
(B) She is working as a part-time teacher in an international school.  
(C) The waistcoat is a unisex apparel.  
(D) She is working as a part time teacher in an international school.
45. Select the sentences that have a phrase.
- (A) India is rich in minerals.  
(B) You come here.  
(C) I have read your book through and through.  
(D) The boy whom you met yesterday is my cousin.
46. Fill in the blank with the correct option.
- His \_\_\_\_\_ disposition alienates not only the outsiders but also his friends at times.
- (A) bellicose (B) ardent  
(C) hostile (D) arduous
47. Choose the words that are opposite in meaning to the word in bold.
- Anusha is praised everywhere for her **courteous** behaviour.
- (A) Polite (B) Inconsiderate  
(C) Humble (D) Uncouth
48. Select the sentences that can be completed with 'the'.
- (A) \_\_\_\_\_ UK is very expensive for foreigners.



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