



School Level Examination
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ENGLISH

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Total Questions: 50

Time: 1 hour

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- All questions are compulsory.
- Read the instructions on the **ANSWER SHEET** and fill in your **NAME, CLASS** and **OTHER INFORMATION**.
- To mark your choice of answer by darkening the circles in the **ANSWER SHEET**, use a **BLUE/BLACK BALLPEN** only.
- You **MUST** record your answers on the **ANSWER SHEET** only.
- 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 circle that matches your answer.
- Marks are **NOT** deducted for incorrect answers.
- Return the **ANSWER SHEET** to the invigilator at the end of the examination.
- You are **NOT** allowed to use a calculator. You may use a ruler and spare paper for rough work.

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This question paper contains a total of 50 questions divided into two sections - A and B.
Read the instructions carefully before attempting these questions.

Section A (Subject Specific)

1. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word.
Pride goes _____ a fall.
(A) to (B) of
(C) before (D) into
2. Which of the following words has both suffix and prefix in it?
(A) Unwittingly (B) Understandably
(C) Unusual (D) Carelessly
3. Fill in the blank correctly.
He ran as fast as he _____.
(A) can (B) would
(C) could (D) might
4. 'Meticulous' also means _____.
(A) precise and careful (B) hot tempered
(C) hard working (D) active and vigilant
5. Which of the following advertisement notes is arranged in meaningful order?
(A) For sale, piano, property of a musician with curved legs
(B) For sale, a piano with curved legs, property of a musician
(C) For sale, property of a musician, piano with curved legs
(D) For sale, a musician's property with curved legs, a piano
6. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank.
The headmaster _____ to speak to you.
(A) was wanting (B) wants
(C) is wanting (D) will be wanting
7. Which part of the sentence given below has an error?
(i) I will try (ii) to be on time (iii) but do not worry (iv) when I am late.
(A) (iii) (B) (iv)
(C) (i) (D) (ii)
8. Convert the given sentence to passive voice.
Why did your brother write such a letter?
(A) Why is such a letter written by your brother?
(B) Why has your brother written such a letter?
(C) Why was such a letter written by your brother?
(D) Why had such a letter been written by your brother?

9. Which part of the sentence given below has an error?
(i) It is evening, (ii) and darkness is spreading. (iii) Please (iv) put on the light.
(A) (iv) (B) (ii)
(C) (iii) (D) (i)
10. Choose the word that is nearly opposite in meaning to the following given word:
Melancholy
(A) Undecided (B) Happiness
(C) Worrisome (D) Anxiety
11. A family of lions is called _____.
(A) herd (B) pride
(C) flock (D) brood
12. Complete the sentence with appropriate verbs.
They _____ the project, by the time the boss _____.
(A) will complete, arrives (B) will complete, arriving
(C) would have completed, is arrived (D) completing, would have arrived
13. "To make both ends meet" is an idiom which means _____.
(A) to manage to run one's family (B) keeping one's family happy
(C) pleasing both-home and office (D) to avoid extra work
14. Add a question tag to the following sentence:
Gopal hasn't passed the examination, _____.
(A) did he? (B) has he?
(C) didn't he? (D) had he?
15. Choose the sentence in which indirect speech has been used correctly for the following sentence?
"Is this the way to talk to your king?" He asked the stranger.
(A) He asked the stranger that was the way to talk to his king.
(B) He asked the stranger if that was the way to talk to his king.
(C) He said to he stranger whether that was the way to talk to his king.
(D) He asked the stranger the way to talk to his king.
16. Fill in the blank with the correct possessive adjective.
The supervisor may soon call _____ assistants.
(A) my (B) your
(C) their (D) his
17. The sentence is divided into four parts: (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv). Choose the part that has a finite verb.
(i) He (ii) stood up (iii) to shake hands (iv) with the thief.
(A) (i) (B) (ii)
(C) (iv) (D) (iii)

18. Choose the sentence in which apostrophe ('s) has been correctly used.
 (A) The Akbar's the great empire was very vast. (B) The great empire of Akbar the great was very vast.
 (C) Akbar the Great's empire was very vast. (D) Akbar's the great empire was very vast.
19. Choose the sentence in which the adverb '**majestically**' has been used in the correct position.
 (A) The boat sailed majestically on the blue water.
 (B) The boat sailed on majestically the blue water.
 (C) The boat sailed on the blue water majestically.
 (D) Majestically the boat sailed on the blue water.
20. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence.
 To err is human to forgive divine
 (A) To err is human; to forgive divine. (B) To err – is human; to forgive - divine.
 (C) To err is human. To forgive divine. (D) To err, is human; to forgive, divine.
21. Select the correct sentence in indirect speech.
 (A) Rahul told his mother he wanted to have a pet.
 (B) Rahul told his mother, that he wanted to have a pet.
 (C) Rahul told his mother that he wants to have a pet.
 (D) Rahul told his mother that he wanted to have a pet.
22. Which sentence has a subordinate clause?
 (A) Reena not only helped me, but also lodged an FIR.
 (B) Reena helped me.
 (C) Reena is the one who helped me.
 (D) Reena took me to the hospital and lodged an FIR.
23. Before which word should the adverb 'often' be inserted in the given sentence?
 I have seen him at this place.
 (A) Have (B) Seen
 (C) Him (D) Place
24. Fill in the blank with suitable relative pronoun and identify its antecedent.
 Please narrate _____ you have heard.
 (A) whom, antecedent – you (B) what, antecedent – you
 (C) which, no antecedent (D) who, no antecedent
25. Choose a suitable one word substitute for the following:
 A writer who borrows ideas or words from others
 (A) Privateer (B) Brigand
 (C) Plagiarist (D) Pillager
26. Which conjunction can be used to combine these sentences?
 He is watching a programme on the TV. The programme is very violent.
 (A) While (B) Which
 (C) Whom (D) Whose
27. Select the correct sentence.
 (A) Everybody is as dear to me as you. (B) Everybody are as dear to me as you.
 (C) Everybody is as dear to I as you. (D) Everybody is as dear to me than you.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

When I returned to the common, the sun was setting. Scattered groups were hurrying from the direction of Woking, and one or two persons were returning. The crowd about the pit had increased, and stood out black against the lemon yellow of the sky – a couple of hundred people, perhaps. There were raised voices, and some sort of struggle appeared to be going on about the pit. Strange imaginings passed through my mind. As I drew nearer, I heard Stent's voice:

"Keep back! Keep back!"

A boy came running towards me.

"It's a-movin'," he said to me as he passed; "a-screwin' and a-screwin' out. I don't like it. I'm a-goin' 'ome, I am."

I went on to the crowd. There were really, I should think, two or three hundred people elbowing and jostling one another, the one or two ladies there being by no means the least active.

"He's fallen in the pit!" cried some one.

"Keep back!" said several.

The crowd swayed a little, and I elbowed my way through. Every one seemed greatly excited. I heard a peculiar humming sound from the pit.

"I say!" said Ogilvy; "help keep these idiots back. We don't know what's in the confounded thing, you know!"

I saw a young man, a shop assistant in Woking I believe he was, standing on the cylinder and trying to scramble out of the hole again. The crowd had pushed him in.

The end of the cylinder was being screwed out from within. Nearly two feet of shining screw projected. Somebody blundered against me, and I narrowly missed being pitched onto the top of the screw. I turned, and as I did so the screw must have come out, for the lid of the cylinder fell upon the gravel with a ringing concussion. I stuck my elbow into the person behind me, and turned my head towards the Thing again. For a moment that circular cavity seemed perfectly black. I had the sunset in my eyes.

I think everyone expected to see a man emerge—possibly something a little unlike us terrestrial men, but in all essentials a man. I know I did. But, looking, I presently saw something stirring within the shadow: greyish billowy movements, one above another, and then two luminous disks—like eyes. Then something resembling a little grey snake, about the thickness of a walking stick, coiled up out of the writhing middle, and wriggled in the air towards me—and then another.

28. Why was the crowd 'black'?

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| (A) As they were scared | (B) As the sun was setting |
| (C) As the people were anxious | (D) As it was dawn |

29. Why did the people want others to 'keep back'?

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| (A) As there was something scary in the pit | (B) As they did not know what was in the pit |
| (C) As it was getting dark | (D) As they wanted to see the pit first |

30. What were the people expecting to see? What did they see instead?

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| (A) A man – a little unlike humans; something like a snake |
| (B) An extra-terrestrial; human-like creature |
| (C) An animal-faced creature; something like a snake |
| (D) A slimy creature; human |

Section B (Competency Enhancement)

31. Choose the parts which have finite verbs.

(i) River Yamuna, (ii) which is sometimes called Jamuna (iii) flows into the Ganga, (iv) Allahabad.

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

32. Choose the sentences where a collective noun has been used incorrectly.
- (A) The crowd in Srinagar was demanding the resignation of the Chief Minister.
(B) I had seen a pride of elephants for the first time in the Jim Corbett National Park.
(C) The jury agrees that the accused is incorrect.
(D) The kids stumbled over a chest of chairs.
33. What does the word given in bold in the following sentence mean?
Her **haughty** nature makes her so unpopular.
- (A) Arrogant (B) Slowly
(C) Proud (D) Clumsy
34. "Bear the brunt of" means _____.
(A) face openly (B) get criticised
(C) oppose (D) take on openly
35. Read the sentence carefully to see if there is a grammatical error in it. The sentence has been broken into 4 parts (A), (B), (C) and (D), separated by a slash mark(/). Mark the parts that have an error.
At least 100 people (i)/ were injured at(ii)/ two attacks(iii)/ between 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (iv).
- (A) (ii) (B) (iii)
(C) (i) (D) (iv)
36. What does the expression given in bold mean?
The new engineer is a **green horn**.
- (A) An inexperienced person (B) Short tempered
(C) A novice (D) Under trial
37. What does the word given in bold mean?
Yours is a **quixotic** project.
- (A) Great and glorious (B) Very promising
(C) Unrealistic (D) Impractical
38. Choose the similar sentences.
- (A) They tied the knot last year. (B) Their love story was known to all.
(C) They got married last year. (D) We have known them for long.
39. Which two sentences mean the same thing?
- (A) They have been gifted with a baby boy. (B) Pigeons were used to carry letters.
(C) Older people have more experience. (D) A son is born to them.
40. Choose the correct tense to fill in the blank.
It _____ impossible to talk to him regarding the play.
- (A) is (B) have been
(C) has become (D) were being
41. Select the sentences that have two independent clauses.
- (A) He lived near our house and progressed a lot.
(B) The man who lived near our house has progressed a lot.
(C) The man who lived near our house has progressed a lot and has lot of assets.
(D) The man has progressed a lot.

42. Select the sentences that show possession.
 (A) That girl is carrying my book. (B) His mother is my uncle's sister.
 (C) Do you mind giving away old clothes? (D) He loves collecting stamps.
43. Select the sentences in the present perfect tense.
 (A) The place has been damaged due to floods.
 (B) This has been my favourite movie since I was six.
 (C) He had been my best friend through thick and thin.
 (D) I would have helped him if he had asked.
44. Select the sentences with correct use of apostrophe.
 (A) My number has three 7s and John's number has three 5s.
 (B) We are going out for two weeks vacation.
 (C) My number has three 7's and John's number has three 5's.
 (D) We are going out for two weeks' vacation.
45. Change the sentence to indirect speech.
 Disha said, "I will finish the picture tomorrow."
 (A) Disha asked if she could finish the picture the next day.
 (B) Disha said that she would finish the picture the next day.
 (C) Disha said that she would finish the picture the following day.
 (D) Disha said I will finish the picture the next day.
46. Select the sentences with NO error.
 (A) Nelson is the only one who have lived up to his teacher's expectations.
 (B) Nelson is the only one who has lived up to his teacher's expectations.
 (C) One of Nelson's close friends is my best friend.
 (D) One of Nelson's close friends are my best friend.
47. Which of the given conjunctions can be used to combine the following sentences?
 We gave a bag to Meena. She is carrying the same bag.
 (A) Whose (B) That
 (C) Which (D) While
48. Select correct forms of the verbs that can be used to complete the sentence.
 We _____ (go) for a trip to Antarctica.
 (A) will go (B) are going
 (C) have gone (D) had been going
49. Select the sentences with NO error.
 (A) Not only the students but also their instructor has been working hard.
 (B) Not only the students but also their instructor have been working hard.
 (C) Each student as well as their instructor hopes for the best.
 (D) Each student as well as their instructor hope for the best.
50. Select the correct determiners to complete the given sentence.
 She has _____ friends who will support her in _____ difficulty.
 (A) some, every (B) little, any
 (C) few, any (D) every, little

