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# ENGLISH

## Grade 10

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Total Questions: 50

Total Marks: 50

Time: 1 hour

**DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO**

- 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 an **HB PENCIL** only.
- You **MUST** record your answers on the **ANSWER SHEET** only.
- There are **50 MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS**. Each question carries one mark. Use the information provided to choose the **BEST** possible answer among the four options. On your **ANSWER SHEET** fill in the circle that matches your answer.
- $\frac{1}{2}$  **MARK** will be deducted for every **WRONG ANSWER**.
- 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.



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

### Section A (Skills Based)

1. Select the correct option to fill in the blank.  
The cat is playing with \_\_\_\_\_ tail.  
(A) its (B) it's  
(C) their (D) options (A) and (C)
2. Select the correct relative pronoun to complete the sentence.  
\_\_\_\_\_ you decide, I will support your choice.  
(A) Whoever (B) Whichever  
(C) Whatever (D) All of these
3. Identify the words in bold.  
The teacher asked him **to study** for the test.  
(A) Gerund (B) Present participle  
(C) Infinitive (D) Verb
4. Fill in the blanks with the correct option.  
The weather was \_\_\_\_\_ hot \_\_\_\_\_ we couldn't go outside for hours.  
(A) as...as (B) so...that  
(C) such...that (D) such...as
5. Fill in the blank with the correct article.  
\_\_\_\_\_ apple a day keeps the doctor away.  
(A) An (B) A  
(C) The (D) All of these
6. Select the correct option on the basis of correct position of adverb.  
(A) She sings beautifully in the choir every Sunday.  
(B) She sings in the choir beautifully every Sunday.  
(C) She beautifully sings in the choir every Sunday.  
(D) None of these
7. Select the correct preposition that follows the given word.  
Rely  
(A) On (B) With  
(C) For (D) In
8. Select the most appropriate conjunction to complete the sentence.  
I will visit the museum \_\_\_\_\_ I finish my work.  
(A) while (B) after  
(C) before (D) none of these



9. Select the part that is a subordinate clause/clauses in these sentences.  
(i) Although the weather was cold, (ii) they decided to go on a hike. (iii) It was an adventurous day.  
(A) (i) (B) (ii)  
(C) (iii) (D) No subordinate clause
10. Select the most appropriate reporting verb.  
The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the students to submit their assignments on time.  
(A) said (B) requested  
(C) asked (D) informed
11. Change the given sentence to passive voice. Select the correct option.  
The teacher explains the lesson every day.  
(A) The lesson is explained by the teacher every day.  
(B) The lesson has explained every day by the teacher.  
(C) The lesson was explained by the teacher every day.  
(D) The lesson will be explained by the teacher every day.
12. Select the correct option to complete the sentence.  
The team \_\_\_\_\_ practising hard for the upcoming tournament.  
(A) are (B) is  
(C) were (D) has
13. Select the correct option to complete the sentence.  
They enjoy reading books and \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) write (B) to write  
(C) writing (D) all of these
14. Find out the sentence that has NO punctuation error.  
(A) She enjoys reading, writing, and, painting. (B) She enjoys reading, writing and painting.  
(C) She enjoys reading, writing, and painting (D) She enjoys, reading, writing and painting.
15. Identify the tense.  
She had already left when I called her.  
(A) Past Perfect (B) Past Continuous  
(C) Present Perfect (D) Future Perfect
16. Look at the word given in bold and complete the given sentence.  
He is **never early**. He is always \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) untimely (B) initial  
(C) late (D) options (A) and (B)
17. Pick out the correct one-word substitute.  
Science of air pressure  
(A) Aerobiology (B) Aerodynamics  
(C) Aerostatics (D) None of these





18. Select the correct word that uses the given suffix to make a new word.

suffix – wise

(A) Length

(B) Other

(C) Clock

(D) All of these

19. Select the correct option to complete the sentence.

He has \_\_\_\_\_ unique gait.

(A) a

(B) an

(C) the

(D) none of these

**Read the passage.**

Being unable to gather funds for his studies, Benjamin had to discontinue formal education at the age of ten. The rest of his studies banked upon his voracious reading that enlightened him. He stepped into the professional world at the age of twelve when he served as an apprentice to his brother James, a printer. He started writing at the age of 15 under the pseudonym, Mrs Silence Dogood. Soon, writings by Benjamin Franklin gained momentum and his identity was disclosed. Differences cropped up between his brother and him and he left behind his family for an independent livelihood in Philadelphia.

The most renowned writing of Benjamin Franklin, Poor Richard's Almanac, was published in 1733. This proved to be the threshold of his fame as a writer and continued henceforth. Franklin believed in a simple, clear and smooth way of communication and Benjamin Franklin's writings portrayed his liking. Simplicity being the dominant characteristic of the writings by Benjamin Franklin, attracted the not-so-educated readers of that age. He knew how to play with words and bring out the deep-rooted satire even in difficult life situations. Many scholars point out the fact that his writings lacked factual accuracy but his convincing style created a make-believe picture for the readers. Most of his writings had an objective style that allowed the readers to ignore the historical evidence. Being a learned person, he was open to all sorts of criticism. He not only pointed out the flaws of other contemporary writers but never retrieved from accepting his faults.

Benjamin Franklin loved experimenting with human minds. He believed in the imperfection of human beings and loved exploring the nooks and corners of human emotion. Thus, his interest in human psychology provoked him to justify human behaviour and be tolerant. This was also a dominant characteristic of Benjamin Franklin's writings. 'The Whistle' by Benjamin Franklin is one such short story dealing with the introspection and perception of the outer world by a small child. It establishes the distinction drawn between necessary and unnecessary things in the life of a man of mediocre stature. This piece uses a lot of symbolism when the narrator refers to the 'whistle' to refer to his past and is a good plot with a good purpose.

Complete the following sentences with the most appropriate option.

20. Benjamin had to discontinue formal education because \_\_\_\_\_.

(A) of paucity of funds

(B) of death in the family

(C) both (A) and (B)

(D) neither (A) nor (B)

21. Benjamin took up a job at the age of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ at the age of 15.

(A) 12, his brother left him

(B) 12, adopted a pseudonym

(C) 12, published his first book

(D) none of these

22. The three qualities of his work were \_\_\_\_\_.

(A) simplicity, clarity and smoothness

(B) simplicity, authenticity and flow

(C) complexity, authenticity and flow

(D) none of these





23. Benjamin had the courage to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) accept his mistakes  
(B) point out the mistakes of his contemporaries  
(C) both (A) and (B)  
(D) neither (A) and (B)
24. Benjamin had a keen interest in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) psychology  
(B) human emotions  
(C) satire  
(D) all of these
25. Which of the following is the correct usage of the apostrophe for possession?  
(A) The dress's colour is beautiful.  
(B) The dress' colour is beautiful.  
(C) The dress'es colour is beautiful.  
(D) Options (A) and (C)
26. Select the correct relative pronoun to complete the sentence.  
\_\_\_\_\_ you talk to me, you are rude.  
(A) Whoever  
(B) Whenever  
(C) Whichever  
(D) However
27. Match the correct options.

(p) It was raining at that time.	(i) Transitive
(q) She laughed at the joke.	
(r) She gave a cookie to the child.	(ii) Intransitive
(s) They slept in the street.	

- (A) (p)-(ii), (q)-(ii), (r)-(i), (s)-(ii)  
(B) (p)-(i), (q)-(i), (r)-(ii), (s)-(i)  
(C) (p)-(i), (q)-(i), (r)-(i), (s)-(i)  
(D) (p)-(i), (q)-(ii), (r)-(ii), (s)-(i)
28. Choose the correct determiner to fill in the blank.  
I waited for \_\_\_\_\_ minutes for him.  
(A) a few  
(B) little  
(C) much  
(D) a little
29. Fill in the blank with the correct Distributive Adjective and Quantifier.  
She does not work there any more \_\_\_\_\_ does her friend.  
(A) either  
(B) neither  
(C) both  
(D) options (B) and (C)
30. Select the correct position for the adverb given in brackets in the sentence.  
She looked at the ceiling. (quickly)  
(A) Before she  
(B) Before looked  
(C) After at  
(D) All of these





## Section B (Competency Based)

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

31. Pick out the correct compound relative pronoun.  
\_\_\_\_\_ day you choose, let us know.  
(A) Whatever (B) However  
(C) Whichever (D) None of these
32. Replace the words in bold with one word to make the given sentence less verbose.  
The practice of **beating the culprits with a whip** still persists in some places.  
(A) Flogging (B) Fumigate  
(C) War (D) Whipping
33. Select the correct meaning of the following idiom.  
Straight from the shoulder  
(A) Openly (B) Hitting someone with the shoulder  
(C) Frankly (D) Hitting hard
34. Choose the correct options.  
The child was playing with the ball all day long.  
(A) Transitive sentence (B) Intransitive sentence  
(C) Neither transitive nor intransitive (D) Only transitive
35. Select the correct options to complete the sentence.  
He has \_\_\_\_\_ pain at the moment.  
(A) some (B) any  
(C) a little (D) none of these
36. Select the correct options.  
(A) The kid was crying loudly. (B) The kid was loudly crying.  
(C) Loudly, the kid was crying. (D) None of these
37. Choose the correct words to fill in the blank.  
My brother ran \_\_\_\_\_ the famous actor at the airport.  
(A) on (B) across  
(C) into (D) around
38. Choose the options in which the conjunctions are used appropriately.  
(A) Find the bag of gold, or I shall punish you.  
(B) Find the bag of gold or the diamonds.  
(C) Find the bag of gold, or the diamonds  
(D) All of these



39. Identify the type of sentence.

He waved at the plane flying above, but no one responded.

- (A) Simple (B) Compound  
(C) Assertive (D) Complex

40. Select the correct options.

Mother says, 'She looks after everyone in the family.'

- (A) Mother says that she looked after everyone in the family.  
(B) Mother says she looks after everyone in the family.  
(C) Mother said that she looks after everyone in the family.  
(D) Mother says that she looks after everyone in the family.

41. Select the sentences that cannot be changed to passive voice.

- (A) I have written this book. (B) This is my book.  
(C) Honey is good for health. (D) The black cat ran after the birds.

42. Select the error in the sentence.

Mita sends a message that she, along with her husband, were shopping at a mall.

- (A) Sends (B) Together  
(C) She (D) Were

43. Pick out the correct sentences.

- (A) Ask either Meeta or Preeti. (B) Either ask Meeta or ask Preeti.  
(C) Either ask Meeta or Preeti (D) Both (A) and (C)

44. Select the correct form of tense to indicate future action.

I will reach the office by 9:15 as the meeting \_\_\_\_\_ at 9:30.

- (A) will start (B) starts  
(C) is going to start (D) will be started

45. Select the correct meaning of the highlighted phrasal verb in the sentence.

My brother **gave up** learning to play the guitar.

- (A) Quit a bad habit (B) Stop trying  
(C) Abandon an activity (D) Both (A) and (B)

46. Choose the correct options to complete the sentence.

Educated is to learn as illiterate is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) literate (B) wise  
(C) ignorant (D) clueless

47. Which words have a suffix and a prefix?

- (A) Successful (B) Unsuccessful  
(C) Unsuccessfully (D) All of these





48. Which of the following sentences are correctly written?
- (A) Delhi's street lights are not working.
  - (B) Delhi's street's lights are not working.
  - (C) Delhi streets' lights are not working.
  - (D) The street lights of Delhi are not working.
49. Pick out the correct compound relative pronouns.
- Let me know \_\_\_\_\_ you want me to meet you.
- (A) wherever
  - (B) whenever
  - (C) options (A) only
  - (D) none of these
50. Which of the following sentences use a possessive adjective?
- (A) The car bought by Raj belongs to me.
  - (B) The car bought by Raj is mine.
  - (C) My car was bought by Raj.
  - (D) Raj bought my car.