



**National Level Examination**  
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# English

## Grade 8

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**Total Questions: 40**

**Total Marks: 40**

**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 **40 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 (Subject Specific)

1. Choose the correct option.

The man \_\_\_\_\_ you met yesterday is my uncle.

- (A) who (B) which  
(C) that (D) whom

2. Choose the correct option.

Which word is the verb in this sentence?

She sings beautifully in the choir every Sunday.

- (A) Sings (B) Beautifully  
(C) Choir (D) Sunday

3. Choose the correct option.

I don't have \_\_\_\_\_ money left in my wallet.

- (A) some (B) any  
(C) both (A) and (B) (D) none of these

4. Fill in the blank with the most suitable adverb of the highlighted word.

The baby is crying loud. She is shouting \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) loud (B) loudly  
(C) loudest (D) none of these

5. Choose the correct option.

The little boy lost his favorite toy. \_\_\_\_\_ sad he must be!

- (A) What (B) How  
(C) Is (D) Has

6. Identify the sentence on the basis of its structure.

I wanted to go for a walk, but it started raining.

- (A) Simple (B) Compound  
(C) Complex (D) All of these



7. She said, 'I am preparing for the test now.'

- (A) She said that she is preparing for the test now.
- (B) She said that she was preparing for the test then.
- (C) She said that she was preparing for the test now.
- (D) She said that she is preparing for the test then.

8. Choose the correct option.

Who has broken this vase?

- (A) By whom this vase was broken?
- (B) By whom has this vase been broken?
- (C) By whom this vase had been broken?
- (D) All of these

9. The bouquet of roses, along with some lilies, \_\_\_\_\_ a delightful fragrance.

- (A) emit
- (B) emits
- (C) both
- (D) none of these

10. Choose the sentence with the correct punctuation.

the river's current was strong it pulled everything in its path downstream

- (A) The river's current was strong it pulled everything in its path downstream.
- (B) The river's current was strong. It pulled everything in its path downstream.
- (C) The river's current was strong, it pulled everything in its path downstream.
- (D) The river's current was strong: it pulled everything in its path downstream.

11. Change present tense to present participle.

What are you doing standing in the rain? I am \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for the bus.

- (A) waiting
- (B) going to wait
- (C) about to wait
- (D) none of these

12. Choose the correct option.

A place where you can buy medicines

- (A) Supermarket
- (B) Pharmacy
- (C) Hospital
- (D) Clinic





13. Choose the correct one word for the group of words.

A person who repairs and maintains electrical systems in buildings or machinery

- (A) Plumber (B) Electrician  
(C) Mechanic (D) Carpenter

14. Match the following.

Column I	Column II
(p) Calm down	(i) Begin
(q) Take off	(ii) Relax
(r) Turn up	(iii) Appear
(s) Set out	(iv) Leave

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

15. Choose the synonym of the given word.

Fragment

- (A) Whole (B) Piece  
(C) Growth (D) Expansion

16. Change to direct speech. Choose the correct answer.

He suggested to me that we should have some coffee.

- (A) He suggested to me, 'May we have some coffee?'  
(B) He proposed to me, 'Let us try to have some coffee.'  
(C) He said to me, 'Let us have some coffee.'  
(D) 'Let you and me have some coffee,' he said.

17. What will be the passive form of 'Do not neglect anyone'?

- (A) Let no one be neglected. (B) Not neglect anyone.  
(C) Neglect anyone. (D) None of the above.

18. Either my shoes or your coat \_\_\_\_\_ always on the floor.

- (A) is (B) are  
(C) am (D) none of these



19. Choose the option that is correctly punctuated.
- (A) Indira Gandhi, our first woman prime minister, was assassinated.
  - (B) Indira Gandhi, our first woman Prime Minister, was assassinated.
  - (C) indira gandhi our first woman prime minister was assassinated.
  - (D) Indira Gandhi - our first woman prime minister - was assassinated!
20. Change the sentence to simple future tense.
- It is very late. I don't know when they \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive).
- (A) will be arriving
  - (B) will arrive
  - (C) would be arriving
  - (D) none of these
21. Choose the correct option.
- A place for young offenders
- (A) Jail
  - (B) Prison
  - (C) Reformatory
  - (D) None of these
22. Choose the correct option.
- A cinema which is held in the afternoon
- (A) Matinee
  - (B) Comedy
  - (C) Tragedy
  - (D) None of these
23. Fill in the blank.
- I picked \_\_\_\_\_ three sweaters for you.
- (A) out
  - (B) over
  - (C) in
  - (D) up
24. Choose the antonym of the given word.
- Smile
- (A) Beam
  - (B) Frown
  - (C) Grin
  - (D) Smirk
25. Fill in the blank to make a compound word.
- Ear \_\_\_\_\_
- (A) person
  - (B) drum
  - (C) cut
  - (D) none of these





Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

There was a huge haystack near a village. Several small animals had made their homes in it.

Among them was a tortoise, a cobra, a mongoose and a jackal.

One day as these four were enjoying an afternoon chat, the other residents of the haystack came running to them in a state of panic. 'Our haystack is on fire!' they screamed. 'A fire, is it?' said the tortoise, 'Please stay calm. I know a hundred thousand ways of dealing with a fire.' 'And I know only a thousand ways,' said the cobra, modestly. 'As for me, I know only a hundred,' said the mongoose, 'but they're all tried and tested methods.' 'And you, Sir,' said the residents to the jackal, 'how many do you know?'

'Only one,' said the jackal, sniffing the smoke—laden air. 'When the fire is this close, there's only one thing to do. That is to run!' Moreover, with that, he jumped from the haystack and ran away.

'Stupid creature,' the tortoise sneered. 'He ran away because he has not studied fire like I or my friends here have. Listen to the first method of escaping a fire ... '

However, he never got beyond that. A tongue of flame leapt out from the centre of the haystack and consumed him and his two knowledgeable friends. The other animals leapt from the haystack as they had seen the stupid jackal do and ran for their lives.

26. Which 'all' of the following also lived in the haystack?
 

(A) Cobra, Python, Mongoose and Hyena	(B) Tortoise, Hen, Cow and Mongoose
(C) Tortoise, Cobra, Mongoose and Jackal	(D) None of the above
27. Who knew the most ways to deal with a fire?
 

(A) Cobra	(B) Tortoise
(C) Mongoose	(D) Jackal
28. When the fire is so close, what is the only thing to do?
 

(A) Study the fire and its causes	(B) Wait and strategize
(C) Run	(D) Preach
29. What is the meaning of the word 'sneer'?
 

(A) Scoff	(B) Laugh at
(C) Mock	(D) All the above
30. According to the story, whose method of escaping the fire was the best?
 

(A) Cobra	(B) Tortoise
(C) Mongoose	(D) Jackal



(This section contains 10 multiple choice questions. Each question has four choices (A), (B), (C) and (D), out of which TWO are correct.)

### Section B (Competency Enhancement)

31. Combine these sentences using conjunctions.

Shut the door. The dogs will run out.

- (A) Yet (B) Or  
(C) Otherwise (D) And

32. Match the following.

#### Column I

- (p) Simple  
(q) Compound

#### Column II

- (i) He loves to fly kites.  
(ii) I packed my bag and went out.  
(iii) Rush otherwise you will miss the train.  
(iv) Lost time is lost forever.

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

33. Choose the correct option for direct or indirect speech.

Next week becomes \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) next week (B) the following week  
(C) previous week (D) the coming week

34. What will be the active form of 'take' in future tense?

- (A) Will take (B) Shall take  
(C) Shall be taken (D) None of these

35. We use a singular verb when two nouns \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) have different ideas  
(B) suggest the same idea  
(C) both (A) and (B)  
(D) refer to the same person





36. Which of the following sentences is in Future Continuous Tense?

- (A) James will be going to Paris tomorrow.
- (B) They will celebrate festival in the next month.
- (C) Indian PM will be arriving in Paris tomorrow.
- (D) None of these

37. Choose the correct option.

A place associated with aircrafts

- (A) Beach
- (B) Hangar
- (C) Port
- (D) Airport

38. Choose the correct option.

A disease that spreads by contact

- (A) Disease
- (B) Communicable
- (C) Fatal
- (D) Contagious

39. Choose the correct meanings.

Go ahead

- (A) Stop
- (B) Finish
- (C) Start
- (D) Proceed

40. Choose the synonyms.

Fantastic

- (A) Poor
- (B) Great
- (C) Brilliant
- (D) None of these