



**SOF INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH
OLYMPIAD 2024-25**

Total Questions : 50 | Time : 1 hr.

Guidelines for the Candidate

- You will get additional ten minutes to fill up information about yourself on the OMR Sheet, before the start of the exam.
- Write your **Name, School Code, Class, Section, Roll No.** and **Mobile Number** clearly on the **OMR Sheet** and do not forget to sign it. We will share your marks / result and other information related to SOF exams on your mobile number.
- The Question Paper comprises four sections:
Word and Structure Knowledge (30 Questions), **Reading** (10 Questions), **Spoken and Written Expression** (5 Questions) and **Achievers Section** (5 Questions).
Each question in Achievers Section carries 3 marks, whereas all other questions carry one mark each.
- All questions are compulsory. There is no negative marking.
- There is only ONE correct answer. Choose only ONE option for an answer.
- To mark your choice of answers by darkening the circles on the OMR Sheet, use **HB Pencil** or **Blue / Black ball point pen** only. E.g.

Q.10: Fill in the blank.

Please teach my dog _____ a ball.

- A.** to fetch **B.** learn **C.** show **D.** to learn

10. ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

As the correct answer is option A, you must darken the circle corresponding to option A on the OMR Sheet.

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WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

For questions 1 to 18, choose the correct option to fill in the blank.

1. The _____ students methodically solved complex equations with _____ concentration.
A. brilliant, dream
B. cheerful, calmly
C. decisive, gentle
D. diligent, deep
2. The eagle soared _____ over the mountains, its wings outstretched as a symbol of freedom and strength.
A. majestically
B. reverently
C. rankly
D. fortunately
3. The _____ explorer bravely ventured into the jungle, armed with only a sturdy machete and determination.
A. timorous
B. craven
C. intrepid
D. appalled
4. The glorious sun set _____ the serene horizon, casting a golden glow _____ the tranquil landscape.
A. through, behind
B. on, in
C. from, for
D. behind, over
5. If you want to be a firefighter, you'll always have to _____ and rise to the occasion.
A. make up
B. man up
C. made up
D. meet up
6. The energetic children _____ chased the colorful butterflies through the lush meadow.
A. indolently
B. vividly
C. gleefully
D. cowardly
7. Mrs. Pumphery, _____ most famous lady the UK, has been _____ detective for thirty years.
A. the, the
B. the, a
C. a, the
D. the, no article
8. By this time next winter, your house _____ and you all _____ there.
A. will be building, shifted
B. will have built, have shifted
C. will have been built, will have shifted
D. will build, will be shift
9. The clock steadily marked the passage of time in the quiet room _____ the cars honked outside.
A. while
B. unless
C. since
D. hence
10. The collection of rare artifacts _____ a glimpse into the rich cultural heritage and history of ancient civilisations.
A. is provided
B. provide
C. was provided
D. provides
11. The beggar _____.
A. exclaimed with joy that he lost all his alms that he had received
B. exclaimed with anger that he loses all his alms that he received
C. exclaimed with sorrow that he had lost all his alms that he had received
D. exclaimed with disgust that he loses all his alms that he receives

12. It _____ through the forensic reports that the driver was guilty.

- A. is prove
- B. has been proven
- C. was proving
- D. were proved

13. The decision _____ by the committee after lengthy discussions and careful consideration.

- A. making
- B. is make
- C. was made
- D. has made

14. The award-winning film _____ by a visionary filmmaker, _____ creativity brought the script to life.

- A. is directed, who
- B. has been directed, whom
- C. was directed, whose
- D. had directed, that

15. He _____ in his studies after missing school for a week due to an illness.

- A. fell upon
- B. fell at
- C. fell behind
- D. fell off

16. She's as _____, always boasting and flaunting her achievements.

- A. quiet as a mouse
- B. proud as a peacock
- C. talkative as a parrot
- D. grunt as a horse

17. She _____ have been able to finish her project on time, but unexpected complications arose, causing delays in completing it.

- A. had
- B. can
- C. shall
- D. should

18. They _____ to send out the invitations for the party because I haven't received mine yet.

- A. may have forgetting
- B. should have forgot
- C. might have forgotten
- D. could be forgot

For questions 19 and 20, choose the correct option for the underlined word.

19. The power cut caused chaos in the entire locality.

- A. Noun
- B. Infinitive
- C. Verb
- D. Adjective

20. The students worked tirelessly, each with their own unique talents and aspirations.

- A. Adverb of degree
- B. Adverb of reason
- C. Adverb of place
- D. Adverb of manner

For questions 21 and 22, choose the appropriate meaning of the following idioms.

21. 'Monkey on one's back' means _____.

- A. to enjoy something less
- B. silly or funny behaviour
- C. long standing worry or anxiety
- D. something easy to deal with

22. 'No spring chicken' means _____.

- A. no longer young
- B. a situation without restrictions
- C. an ordinary or mediocre person
- D. unforeseeable end or conclusion

For questions 23 and 24, choose the part of the sentence that has an error.

23. She recalled the words of wisdom imparted to her by her grandmother, reflecting in the lessons she learned.

- A. She recalled the words of
- B. wisdom imparted to her by
- C. her grandmother, reflecting
- D. in the lessons she learned.

24. He summarised the key points raised by each speaker and highlight the most pressing issues the industry faces today.

- A. He summarised the key points
- B. raised by each speaker
- C. and highlight the most pressing
- D. issues the industry faces today.

For questions 25 and 26, choose the correct synonym of the given word.

25. Abstruse

- A. Exoteric
- B. Esoteric
- C. Facile
- D. Rife

26. Reconnaissance

- A. Surveillance
- B. Jettisoning
- C. Amnesia
- D. Contravention

For questions 27 and 28, choose the correct antonym of the given word.

27. Gauntlet

- A. Baptism
- B. Tribulation
- C. Vicissitude
- D. Serendipity

28. Pizzazzy

- A. Vivacious
- B. Chichi
- C. Kinetic
- D. Knackered

For questions 29 and 30, choose the correct spelling.

29. How do you spell the word that means

- A. Pulchritudinous
- B. Palchritudiuos
- C. Pulchreetudinous
- D. Palchreetudinous

30. How do you spell the word that means "that is hard to classify"?

- A. Whatchamecalit
- B. Watchmacallit
- C. Whatchamacallit
- D. Watchaamacalit

READING

For questions 31 to 35, read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

India's education system is like a big puzzle with many pieces! It's been around for a long time, starting from ancient schools called gurukuls to the schools and colleges we have today. But not everyone gets the same chances. Some places have better schools and resources than others, which isn't fair. Back when India was under British rule, they brought in English as the main language for teaching. This helped us connect with the world, but it also made us forget about our own languages and ways of learning. Even though we've made progress, there are still big problems. Some schools don't have enough books or good teachers. Plus, we're too focused on memorising things for exams instead of really understanding them. People

are saying we need to change this: learning more interesting and practical

Thankfully, technology is here to help. With the internet, we can learn from anywhere anytime. There are cool apps and websites where we can study for free. But not everyone has access to these, so we need to make sure everyone can benefit.

In the end, we all want the same thing: a good education that helps us reach our goals. We need to work together to make sure every kid in India gets that chance, no matter where they come from or what their background is. It will be when they grow up. Nowadays, there are lots of debates about how to make education better. Some people say we should focus more on practical skills like cooking or fixing things. Others think we need to teach things like coding and robotics to keep up with the future.

the modern world. It's important to listen to different ideas and find the best way forward.

Another big challenge is making sure girls get the same opportunities as boys. In many places, girls are still expected to stay at home and help with chores instead of going to school. But girls are just as smart and capable as boys! We need to break down these old-fashioned ideas and make sure every child, no matter their gender, can go to school and learn. Teachers play a huge role in our education. A good teacher can inspire us to learn and help us understand difficult concepts. But being a teacher is also hard work, and they don't always get the support they need. We should appreciate our teachers more and give them the resources and training they deserve.

Lastly, education isn't just about books and exams. It's also about learning important values like kindness, honesty, and respect. We need to teach children to be good citizens and care for others. After all, education isn't just about getting a job; it's about making the world a better place for everyone.

31. According to the passage, what was one negative impact of English being introduced as the main language for teaching during British rule?

- A. An improved connection with the world
- B. Neglect of our native languages
- C. Better resources in schools
- D. A decreased number of schools

32. Read statements I and II and select the correct option.

Statement I : Everyone has access to all apps and websites to learn anywhere, anytime.

Statement II : One of the challenges for girls' education is the expectations of family members to help with household chores.

- A. Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect.
- B. Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct.

- C. Both the Statements I and II are correct.
- D. Both the Statements I and II are incorrect.

33. Choose the incorrect statement.

- A. A good teacher can inspire students to learn and help them understand difficult concepts.
- B. Some people opine that we need to teach students new things like coding and robotics to keep up with the modern world.
- C. Education is also about inculcating important values like kindness, honesty, etc., rather than just books and exams.
- D. The English language helped us to connect with others and also made us remember our own ways of learning.

34. What is stressed as an important aspect of education besides academics in the passage?

- A. Gender inequality
- B. Learning values
- C. Job prospects
- D. Teachers' appreciation

35. Which word in the passage means the same as 'magnanimity'?

- A. Opportunity
- B. Practical
- C. Kindness
- D. Old-fashioned

For questions 36 to 40, read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Maria Sharapova, born on April 19, 1987, in Nyagan, Russia, emerged as one of the most iconic figures in the world of tennis. At the tender age of four, she began playing tennis under the guidance of her father, Yuri Sharapova, in Sochi, Russia. Recognising her prodigious talent, Sharapova moved with her father to the United States at the age of seven to pursue her tennis dreams. Despite facing challenges due to language barriers and financial constraints, she quickly rose through the ranks of junior tennis, capturing the attention of coaches and scouts with her powerful serve and fierce determination.

Off the tennis court, Maria Sharapova's influence extended beyond sports. She cultivated a strong presence in the fashion and business world, becoming a role model for young women aspiring to

Despite facing setbacks and challenges throughout her career, Maria Sharapova remained resilient and determined, embodying the qualities of perseverance and tenacity that endeared her to fans worldwide. Her journey from a young girl with a dream to a global superstar serves as an inspiration to millions, reminding us of the power of passion, hard work, and self-belief in overcoming obstacles and achieving greatness.

Statement 1 : At the age of seven, she moved to the United States with her mother to pursue her dream.

Statement II : With her personality, looks, and work ethics, she became a global icon and brand ambassador for many brands and endorsements.

- A. Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect.
- B. Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct.
- C. Both the Statements I and II are correct.
- D. Both the Statements I and II are incorrect.

39. Besides tennis, Maria Sharapova has been involved in _____.

- A. film and fashion
- B. music and film
- C. fashion and business
- D. automobiles and fashion

40. Choose the correct pair of synonyms.

- A. Catapulted-Reprieve
- B. Resilience-Infirmity
- C. Acumen-Vacuity
- D. Tenacity-Persistence

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

For questions 41 to 45, choose the correct option to complete each conversation.

41. Jack: You are doing well. But I think you need to _____ on your efforts to win this award.

Sandy: Yes, you are right.

- A. multiply out
- B. add over
- C. double down
- D. triple upon

42. Kim: Amit is known for being a _____, dabbling in various interests without ever specialising in one.

- A. sure-fire
- B. quick on the draw
- C. jack of all trades, master of none
- D. perfect storm

43. Tom: What is the situation in your area after a week of incessant rains?

Rachel: As of now, the floodwater has started _____ from residential areas.

- A. edging out
- B. ebbing away
- C. eking out
- D. embarking on

44. Mark: Why did you spit the truth to the teacher?

Jerry: Because I am taught by my parents to always _____.

- A. speak of the devil
- B. speak volumes
- C. shame the devil
- D. sow the wind

45. Robin: Don't you have anything to do except _____ the town?

- A. horse around
- B. mill against
- C. float away
- D. fish off

ACHIEVERS SECTION

For questions 46 and 47, choose the correct option to fill in the blank.

46. The _____ sergeant demanded unwavering discipline from the recruits and pushed them to their limits during intense training sessions.

- A. unsullied
- B. martinet

- C. interlocutor
- D. ambivert

47. Why do you think these cheap residential plots have been _____ right before the government's order to close them down?

- A. fizzled at
- B. flogged off

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