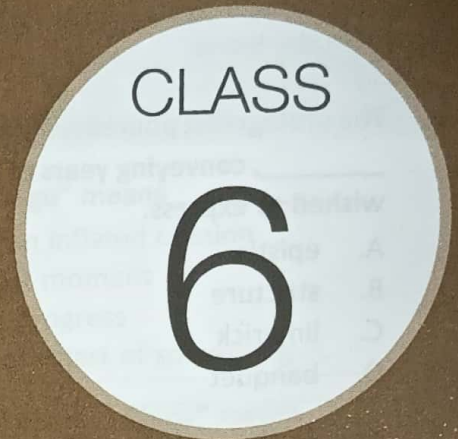
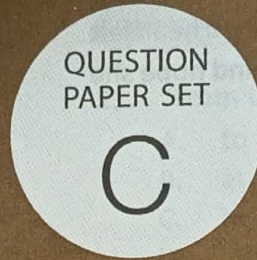




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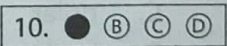
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Q.10: Fill in the blank.

Please teach my dog \_\_\_\_\_ a ball.

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

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



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For questions 1 to 20, choose the correct option to fill in the blank.

1. The protagonist poured her heart into a heartfelt \_\_\_\_\_, conveying years of love and hope she wished to express.
  - A. epistle
  - B. stricture
  - C. limerick
  - D. banquet

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2. People these days challenge moral \_\_\_\_\_ and care only about having fun.
  - A. principals
  - B. principate
  - C. principles
  - D. propagates

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3. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ revelation that the murderer was a close relative of the victim.
  - A. horrifying
  - B. horrify
  - C. horrified
  - D. horror

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4. The \_\_\_\_\_ sun blazed over the desert, making the sand too hot to walk on without shoes.
  - A. impulsive
  - B. volatile
  - C. polar
  - D. broiling

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5. My elder brother fixed the broken chair so \_\_\_\_\_ that it fell apart again when I sat on it.
  - A. generously
  - B. punctually
  - C. abysmally
  - D. attentively

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6. The baby bird was so weak that it could \_\_\_\_\_ lift its head or move from its nest.
  - A. highly
  - B. surely
  - C. hardly
  - D. utterly

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7. He practised every day \_\_\_\_\_ he perfected his performance.
  - A. neither
  - B. whether
  - C. until
  - D. either

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8. \_\_\_\_\_ of the books here are rare first editions, while \_\_\_\_\_ are modern novels.
  - A. Many, every
  - B. Some, others
  - C. Several, much
  - D. All, little

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9. He missed the meeting, \_\_\_\_\_ he forgot about it, \_\_\_\_\_ he was stuck in traffic for hours.
  - A. not only, but because
  - B. seeing that, in that
  - C. which, and that
  - D. not because, but because

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10. \_\_\_\_\_ the book was so interesting, she stayed up all night reading it, \_\_\_\_\_ she had an important meeting the next morning.
  - A. Though, even
  - B. Although, even if
  - C. Because, yet
  - D. Since, even though

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11. He wrote \_\_\_\_\_ emotional letter to his teacher, expressing gratitude for being \_\_\_\_\_ inspiration especially during \_\_\_\_\_ difficult times of his life.
  - A. an, the, no article
  - B. an, an, the
  - C. a, an, the
  - D. a, an, no article

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12. I adopted \_\_\_\_\_ puppy from \_\_\_\_\_ shelter, and named it Jerry with \_\_\_\_\_ love.
  - A. a, a, a
  - B. a, the, no article
  - C. the, a, a
  - D. the, no article, a

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13. In the \_\_\_\_\_ of the festivities, she took refuge for a peaceful moment \_\_\_\_\_ the old oak tree.
  - A. between, above

- B. among, over
- C. midst, beneath
- D. amongst, under

14. She walked slowly \_\_\_\_\_ the gallery wall, pausing at each painting.

- A. amid
- B. between
- C. along
- D. besides

15. You \_\_\_\_\_ have seen the notice on the bulletin board; it was pasted yesterday.

- A. must
- B. needn't
- C. maybe
- D. will

16. You \_\_\_\_\_ to start obeying your elders to avoid getting scolded for trivial matters.

- A. should
- B. must
- C. ought
- D. can have

17. She had only baked \_\_\_\_\_ the cookies but it was still \_\_\_\_\_ for everyone.

- A. enough, much
- B. a few, few
- C. half, enough
- D. many, more

18. The textbooks \_\_\_\_\_ among all students before the first day of school by the school staff.

- A. has distributed
- B. will be distribute
- C. had been distributed
- D. is distributed

19. As it was raining continuously, we cancelled our dinner plans and \_\_\_\_\_ inside the house.

- A. shored up
- B. holed up
- C. hushed out
- D. let down

20. They spent the rainy afternoon \_\_\_\_\_ the house, moving from the kitchen to the couch without any real goal.

- A. mulling over

- B. mooching about
- C. rambling along
- D. muddling through

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

21. "From the get-go" means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. to have an inflated opinion
- B. at the last moment
- C. to make progress
- D. at the very start of something

22. "Not for all the tea in China" means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. nothing similar exists
- B. not at any price or reward
- C. not the worst possible thing
- D. to refuse to do something to help

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

23. The quality for the food served at this hotel is so poor that no sensible person will be wanting to eat here.

- A. The quality for the food served
- B. at this hotel is so poor that no
- C. sensible person will
- D. be wanting to eat here.

24. I am banking at you to help me in this upcoming event.

- A. I am
- B. banking at you
- C. to help me in
- D. this upcoming event.

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

25. Delineate

- A. Subvert
- B. Garble
- C. Outline
- D. Falsify

26. Preclude

- A. Nurture
- B. Unclog
- C. Abet
- D. Avert

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

27. Refurbish

- A. Mutilate
- B. Revamp
- C. Meliorate
- D. Overhaul

28. Dissidence

- A. Miff
- B. Squabble
- C. Concurrence
- D. Fissure

For questions 29 and 30, choose the option with correct spelling.

29. How do you spell the word that means "carefree"?

- A. Encouciant
- B. Incousiant
- C. Insouciant
- D. Insousiant

30. How do you spell the word that means "having a very high opinion of oneself"?

- A. Wainglorious
- B. Vainglorious
- C. Weinglorious
- D. Veinglorious

## READING

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

The White Tiger is one of the most beautiful and rarest animals in the world. With its striking white fur, icy blue eyes, and powerful build, the white tiger looks like a creature from a fantasy story. However, it is real and belongs to the same family as the orange Bengal tiger. White tigers are not a separate species, but are actually Bengal tigers with a special colour variation caused by a rare genetic change.

White tigers are famous for their stunning appearance. Unlike regular tigers, which have orange fur with black stripes, white tigers have white or cream-colored fur with light gray or black stripes. Their eyes are usually blue instead of the usual yellow. This unusual colouring is caused by a gene passed from both parents. If two tigers with this special gene have babies, there is a chance the cubs will be white.

White tigers are usually larger than regular Bengal tigers. An adult male can weigh up to 250-300 kilograms and grow over 3 meters long, including the tail. They are very strong and fast, and they use their sharp teeth and

claws to hunt their prey. In the wild, they mostly hunt animals like deer, wild pig, and antelope.

In the past, white tigers were found in India, especially in the dense forests of Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, and Assam. But today, there are no known white tigers living in the wild. All the white tigers we see today are found in zoos, wildlife parks, and breeding centres. That's because the gene for white fur is extremely rare, and white tigers have not been seen in the wild for decades.

Because of their beauty, white tigers are very popular in zoos around the world. People love to visit and take photos of these majestic animals. However, there are problems too. Since white tigers are bred in captivity to keep their white colour, many of them are born with health issues. Breeding white tigers often means pairing close relatives, which can lead to weak bones, crossed eyes, and other physical problems. Animal experts believe that protecting all tigers, not just the white ones, is the best way to save the species.

The white tiger is an important symbol in Indian culture and has often appeared in

books, stories, and even movies. It represents strength, courage, and mystery. However, behind this beauty is a serious message: wild tigers, including the white ones, are in danger.

Many forests where tigers live are being cut down. Tigers are also hunted for their skin and body parts, which are illegally sold. Because of this, all types of tigers are now considered endangered. Efforts are being made by wildlife groups and governments to protect them by creating tiger reserves, passing laws, and spreading awareness.

Seeing a white tiger is a wonderful experience, but we must also remember that it is a reminder of nature's balance. It shows us how special and delicate life on Earth is. If we want to keep seeing these amazing creatures, we must learn to protect their homes and stop activities that harm wildlife.

**31. Choose the incorrect statement.**

- A. White tigers are usually larger than regular Bengal tigers.
- B. Tigers are also hunted for their skin and body parts, which are legally sold.
- C. Since white tigers are bred in captivity to keep their white colour, many of them are born with health issues.
- D. Efforts are being made by wildlife groups and governments to protect tigers by creating tiger reserves, passing laws, and spreading awareness.

**32. Read Statements I and II and choose the correct option.**

**Statement I:** People are attracted to white tigers because of their unusual colour and blue eyes which make them seem more special than regular tigers.

**Statement II:** The white tiger is a symbol of strength and it is also a reminder of nature's balance.

- 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. In which areas were the white tigers originally found in the wild?**

- (i) Zoo
  - (ii) Wildlife sanctuary
  - (iii) Breeding centre
  - (iv) Madhya Pradesh
  - (v) Bihar and Assam
- A. (i), (ii) and (iii) only
  - B. (iii), (iv) and (v) only
  - C. (iv) and (v) only
  - D. All of these

**34. Why are white tigers not found in the wild today?**

- A. They were hunted down and died out soon.
- B. They all migrated to colder regions.
- C. Their gene disappeared naturally.
- D. The white fur gene is very rare which hasn't been seen for decades.

**35. Choose the correct option that lists the synonyms of the word "endangered".**

- A. Preserved, doomed
- B. Vulnerable, imperilled
- C. Hazarded, palisaded
- D. Threatened, resumed

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

Long ago, in a quiet valley surrounded by tall, misty mountains, there was a sparkling lake known as Moonlight Waters. The lake got its name because each night, it glowed under the moonlight as if stars had fallen into it. Villagers from a nearby town believed the lake was magical. They told stories of a powerful spirit who lived beneath its surface—a guardian who watched over the valley and protected all who respected nature.

The legend began hundreds of years ago when the valley was dry and barren. The people had no water, and crops would not grow. One day, a kind-hearted girl named Lila climbed to the top of the tallest mountain to pray for help. She was known for her bravery and love for animals. When she reached the summit, she found a cave glowing with blue

light. Inside, there was a beautiful crystal in the shape of a drop of water.

As Lila touched the crystal, the mountain shook, and the spirit of the lake appeared. It looked like a dragon made of silver mist, with eyes like pools of light. The spirit spoke to her in a deep, calming voice.

"You have come with a pure heart," it said. "Your kindness has awakened me. I shall give this valley the gift of life."

With a swirl of wind and light, the spirit soared through the sky and vanished into the valley. That night, rain fell for the first time in many years. Rivers flowed, the ground turned green, and in the centre of the valley, the magical lake appeared. From that day on, the valley bloomed with flowers, trees, and wildlife. The people rejoiced and built their homes near the water, promising to protect the land forever.

However, as generations passed, the promise was forgotten. People began to pollute the lake and cut down the forests. One day, the lake suddenly stopped glowing, and the water levels began to drop. Fish disappeared, crops failed, and the valley started to dry again.

A young boy named Kiran, who had grown up hearing his grandmother's stories, decided to find the spirit and ask for forgiveness. He followed Lila's path and climbed the mountain, carrying nothing, but a handful of seeds and a heart full of hope. At the summit, he found the cave and the glowing crystal. Just like Lila, he touched it, and the spirit appeared.

"Young one," the spirit said, "Why have you disturbed my rest?"

Kiran knelt and replied, "We forgot the promise. But we want to change. I brought these seeds to plant new trees. Please give us another chance."

The spirit looked into his eyes and saw truth and courage. "Then, let this be a new beginning," it said.

The spirit flew back to the lake and touched it with its glowing mist. The waters rose again, and the glow returned brighter than ever. The people were overjoyed and learned to live in harmony with nature once more.

Since that day, the villagers celebrate the Festival of the Lake every year. They clean the shores, plant trees, and tell the story of Lila and Kiran to their children, reminding them that nature's gifts must be cherished and protected.

And on moonlit nights, if you stand quietly by the edge of Moonlight Waters, you might just see a flash of silver mist dancing on the surface—a sign that the spirit of the lake is still watching.

**36. Choose the incorrect statement.**

- A. The legend began hundreds of years ago when the valley was wet and fertile.
- B. With a whirl of wind and light, the spirit roared through the sky and disappeared into the valley.
- C. One day, the lake suddenly stopped glowing, and the water levels began to drop.
- D. The villagers of the valley celebrate the Festival of the Lake every year.

**37. Read Statements I and II and choose the correct option.**

**Statement I: There was a sparkling lake in the valley surrounded by tall mountains.**

**Statement II: The lake was known as Moonlight Waters because each night, it glowed under the moonlight as if stars had fallen into it.**

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

**38. Why did the lake begin to dry up later in the story?**

- A. Because the spirit forgot its promise
- B. Because Kiran disturbed the spirit
- C. Because the villagers polluted the lake and cut down the trees
- D. Because the spirit was angry

39. Why do you think the spirit responded to Lila and Kiran but not to others?

- A. Because the villagers worshipped the moon, not the spirit
- B. Because both of them had pure intentions and selfless hearts
- C. Because both of them could hear the spirit

D. Because the villagers had become careless and selfish towards Lila and Kiran

40. Choose the correct pair of synonym and antonym of the word "awakened".

- A. Bloomed – Fostered
- B. Summit – Mountain
- C. Mollified – Mitigated
- D. Roused – Reposed

## SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

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

41. Derek : Have you been to the botanical garden during spring before?

Tom : Yes, I have! I must say, their collection of tulips is truly \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a wonder lasts of nine days
- B. a thing of beauty
- C. a feast in the eyes
- D. a sheer perfection

42. Sara : I don't think I'll enjoy the exhibition; it sounds boring.

Cherry : Just keep \_\_\_\_\_; you might find something you really like.

- A. it under wraps
- B. it in the dark
- C. a straight nose
- D. an open mind

43. Alfred : I've always been \_\_\_\_\_ put off big tasks, even though I know it only adds more stress in the end.

- A. affiliated at
- B. inclined to
- C. instilled to
- D. invested from

44. Samaira : I usually spend my Saturdays \_\_\_\_\_ and enjoying the day off.

Akhila : Nice, but I have my extra classes on Saturdays.

- A. laid on
- B. loafing around
- C. lining up
- D. frittering into

45. Ting: You \_\_\_\_\_ a hurricane, haven't you?

Rebecca: No, I haven't.

- A. have enjoyed
- B. has experienced
- C. have witnessed
- D. has suffered

## ACHIEVERS SECTION

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

46. They've totally \_\_\_\_\_ the question paper; it's not as challenging as it used to be.

- A. wheedled
- B. attenuated
- C. maundered
- D. dissolved

47. Though the article made some bold claims, I questioned the \_\_\_\_\_ of its sources, since none of the facts were backed by evidence.

- A. fallacy
- B. veracity
- C. raucity
- D. ampacity

Choose the correct synonym of the given word.

48. Euphonious

- A. Staccato
- B. Dissonant
- C. Chordal
- D. Strident

Choose the correct antonym of the given word.

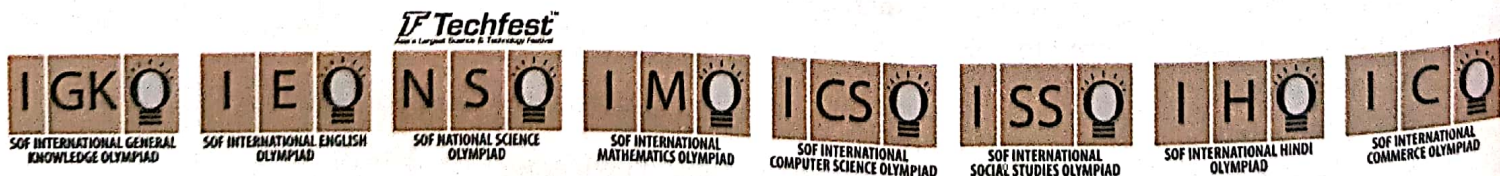
49. Dubitation


- A. Qualm
- B. Scruple
- C. Credence
- D. Paranoia

Choose the correct option to complete the conversation.

50. Father : Are you close friends with Alex?  
Evan: We're in the same class, but we're just \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. in a roll
- B. at the rocks
- C. off the ropes
- D. on nodding terms



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