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INDIAN TALENT Olympiad

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Class 8

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Total Question : 50 | **Time : 65 min.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS

1. Additional 10 minutes will be given to students to fill up the student's information before the start of the exam.
2. All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks. Use of calculator is not permitted.
3. Write and circle **Your Roll Number** and **Subject** clearly on the Answer sheet and do not forget to sign.
4. There is only one correct answer hence mark one choice only.
5. Darken your choice with **HB Pencil** or **Blue/ Black Ball Point Pen** only.
   For example
   Q.16: Which word below is a noun?
   (A) Hit
   (B) Frog
   (C) Pretty
   (D) Run

   16: Ⓐ ● Ⓒ Ⓓ

   As the correct answer is option no. (B), the student should darken the circle corresponding to option no. (B)
6. Rough work should be done in the blank space provided in the booklet.
7. Return the answer sheet to the in-charge teacher at the end of the exam.

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Direction(01-02): In the following section the sentences have been given in Direct or Indirect speech. From the given alternatives, choose the most appropriate sentence that best suits the given sentence in Indirect or Direct speech.

01. Kiran asked me, "Did you see the cricket match on television last night.
a. Kiran asked me whether I had seen the cricket match on television the earlier night
b. Kiran asked me whether I saw the cricket match on television the earlier night
c. Kiran asked me whether I had seen the cricket match on television last night
d. Kiran asked me did I see the cricket match on television last night

02. The tailor said to him, "Will you have the suit ready by tomorrow evening?"
a. The tailor asked him that he would had the suit ready by the next evening
b. The tailor asked him that he will have the suit ready by the next evening
c. The tailor asked him if he would have the suit ready by the next evening
d. The tailor asked him if he will like to have the suit ready by the next evening

03. **In the question below, passage consists of six sentences. The first and sixth sentence is given in the beginning. The middle four sentences in each have been removed and jumbled up. These are labelled as P, Q, R and S. Find out the proper order for the four sentences.**

S1: When a satellite is launched, the rocket begins by going slowly upwards through the air.
P : However, the higher it goes, the less air it meets.
Q : As the rocket goes higher, it travels faster.
R : For the atmosphere becomes thinner.
S : As a result there is less friction.
S6: Consequently, the rocket still does not become too hot.
The Proper sequence should be:
a. QPRS b. PQSR c. QSPR d. PQRS

Direction(04-05): In each question, an incomplete statement (Stem) followed by fillers is given. Pick out the best one which can complete incomplete stem correctly and meaningfully.

04. The weather outside was extremely pleasant and hence we decided to .....
a. refrain from going out for a morning walk
b. employ this rare opportunity for writing letters
c. utilise our time in watching the television
d. enjoy a morning ride in the open

05. "It is an uphill task but you will have to do it" means .....
a. This work is not reserved for you but you will have to do it
b. The work is above the hill and you will have to do it
c. It is very difficult task but you have to do it
d. It is a very easy task but you must do it

06. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is 'D'. (Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any).
a. than those in ours? b. more sweetly
c. No error. d. Do the roses in your garden smell

Direction(07-08): Fill in the blanks

07. The _____ utilization of human resources can not only help in economic development but can also help in reducing the rate of unemployment.
(A) drastic (B) effective (C) minimal
(D) optimal (E) nominal (F) voracious
a. A and F b. B and D c. D and F d. B and C

08. The natural beauty of the _____ location and its lush vegetation and wildlife has been a rich source opportune of inspiration for artists and naturalists.
(A) chaotic (B) scenic (C) picturesque
(D) rustic (E) opulent (F) terrestrial
a. A and D b. D and E c. B and C d. E and F

Direction(09-10): Which of phrases given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold type to make the grammatically correct?

09. Mobile phones are now-a-days used not just to make calls or send and receive text messages **but to also carry on** financial transactions.
a. but also to carry on b. but to carry out also
c. but also to carry out d. and to carry out

10. **In case of preserving** our sense of community and common citizenship, we have to keep things like police protection, freedom of education and basic education outside the realm of market, ensuring that they are provided equally to all.
a. In order to preserving b. In order to preserve
c. In case to preserve d. In the order of preserving

Direction(11-12): Combine the sentences into effective sentence from the options given below.

11. Daylight is the cheapest form of lighting. It is often very difficult to take advantage of it.
(A) Though daylight is the .....
(B) Daylight is the cheapest form of lighting yet .....
(C) Since daylight is the cheapest .....
a. A and B b. B and C c. Only A d. Only B

12. Germany and Japan have been successful in making superfast trains. They had been working on it for the past 20 years.
(A) Germany and Japan have been successful in making superfast trains for

they .....
(B) Since Germany and Japan had been working on .....
(C) While Germany and Japan have been successful in .....
a. Only A b. A and B c. B and C d. Only B

Direction(13-14): Choose the one which can be substituted for the given word/sentence.

13. A person who enters without any invitation.
a. thief b. burglar c. vandal d. intruder

14. Government by one man.
a. autocracy b. democracy c. monocracy d. anarchy

Direction(15-16):In the questions below the sentences have been given in Active/Passive voice. From the given alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the given sentence in Passive/Active voice.

15. Why do you waste time?
a. Why is time wasted by you? b. Why has time been wasted by you?
c. Why is time being wasted by you? d. Why is time been wasted by you?

16. People claim to have seen the suspect in several cities.
a. The suspect is claimed to have been seen in several cities.
b. The suspect was seen by people in several cities.
c. The suspect has been the people in several cities.
d. The suspect is being seen in several cities.

Direction(17-20): Comprehension
Harold a professional man who had worked in an office for many years had a fearful dream. In it, he found himself in a land where small slug-like animals with slimy tentacles lived on people's bodies. The people tolerated the loathsome creatures because after many years they grew into elephants which then became the nation's system of transport, carrying everyone wherever he wanted to go. Harold suddenly realised that he himself was covered with these things, and he woke up screaming. In a vivid sequence of pictures this dream dramatised for Harold what he had never been able to put in to words; he saw himself as letting society feed on his body in his early years so that it would carry him when he retired. He later threw off the "security bug" and took up freelance work.

17. In his dream Harold found the loathsome creatures
a. in his village b. in his own house
c. in a different land d. in his office

18. Which one of the following phrases best helps to bring out the precise meaning of 'loathsome creatures'?
a. Security bug and slimy tentacles b. Fearful dream and slug-like animals
c. Slimy tentacles and slug-like animals d. slug-like animals and security bug

19. The statement that 'he later threw off the security bug' means that
a. Harold succeeded in overcoming the need for security
b. Harold stopped giving much importance to dreams
c. Harold started tolerating social victimisation
d. Harold killed all the bugs troubled him

20. Harold's dream was fearful because
a. it brought him face to face with reality
b. it was full of vivid pictures of snakes
c. he saw huge elephant in it
d. in it he saw slimy creatures feeding on people's bodies

Direction(21-22):Choose the word which is the exact OPPOSITE of the given words.

21. ECCENTRIC
a. odd b. quaint c. unusual d. normal

22. VISIONARY
a. harbinger b. realist c. activist d. idealist

Direction(23-24): Choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

23. INCLINATION
a. penchant b. skill c. fame d. favour

24. Upright
a. Honorable b. Horizontal c. Humble d. Supine

25. Identify the sentence
Can you help me with a thousand rupees?
a. interrogative b. negative c. complex d. compound

26. Identify the tense of the sentence
Shakespeare has written dramas appealing to all people of all ages.
a. simple present b. present continuous
c. past perfect d. present perfect

Direction(27-30): Fill in the empty spaces that are numbered with one of the alternatives numbered below with the same number.

As a rule of thumb, a manned mission costs from fifty to a hundred times more than a comparable unmanned mission. Thus, for scientific exploration alone, ...(27)..... missions, employing machine intelligence, are .....(28)..... However, there may well be .....(29)..... other than scientific for exploring space, social, economic, political, cultural or .....(30).....

27. a. manned b. unmanned c. space d. lunar
28. a. liked b. wanted c. used d. preferred

29. a. reasons b. causes c. clues d. objects
30. a. casual b. historic c. historical d. histrionic

31. **Choose the pair that best represents a similar relationship to the one expressed in the original pair of words.**

BACTERIA : DECOMPOSITON ::
a. volcano : eruption b. antibiotic : injection
c. yeast: fermentation d. oxygen : treatment

32. **Choose the proper sequence.**

The government has assured the people that (P) in the Kargil operation (Q) who have sacrificed their lives (R) will be properly looked after (S) the families of all those soldiers:
a. P S R Q b. S Q P R c. S R Q P d. S P R Q

33. **Choose the one which can be substituted for the given word/sentence.**

A person who insists on something
a. Disciplinarian b. Stickler c. Instantaneous d. Boaster

34. **Spotting errors in English**
a. Now-a-days he b. along with his friends go
c. for a ride d. every evening

35. **Choose the correct meaning of proverb/idiom**

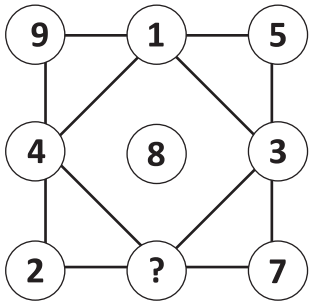
As fit as a fiddle
a. Very weak
b. Recovering from illness
c. Looks fit but not fit actaully
d. None of above

36. In an examination Raj got more marks than Moti but not as many as Meena. Meena got more marks than Ganesh and Rupali. Ganesh got less marks than Moti but his marks are not the lowest in the group. Who is second in the descending order of marks?
a. Meena b. Rupali c. Raj d. None of these

37. In a certain code, TOGETHER is written a RQEGRJCT. In the same code, PAROLE will be written as,
a. RYPQJG b. RCPQJC c. NCPQJG d. NCPQJC

38. Sheela walks from A to B which is 2 km. away, turns right at 90^o and walks for 3 km. to point C, turns right at 90^o and walks to D which is 8 km. away, turns 90^o right and goes 3 km. to point K. Then, once again she turns right, 90^o and walks 4 km. to point F. How far is it from A to F
a. 2 km. b. 4 km. c. 6 km. d. 8 km.

39. Which number replaces the question mark?



a. 1 b. 7 c. 9 d. 6

40. Siva Reddy walked 2 km west of his house and then turned south covering 4 km. Finally, He moved 3 km towards east and then again 1 km west. How far is he from his initial position?
a. 10 km b. 9 km c. 2 km d. 4 km

41. How many pairs of letters are there in the word 'CASTRAPHONE' which have as many letters between them in the word as in the alphabet?
a. One b. Two c. Three d. Four

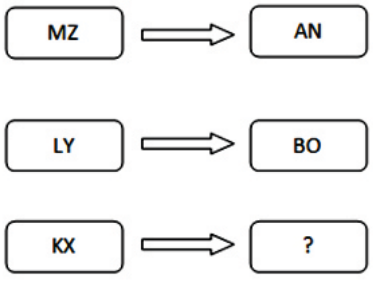
42. There is some relationship between the two terms to left of:: and the Same relationship continues between the two terms to its right. Find out the missing term.

XTOK : SPLI : : OKLP : .....
a. JGMN b. JGIN c. JNGL d. IJNM

43. If X is the brother of the son of Y`s son, how is X related to Y ?
a. Son b. Brother c. Grandson d. Cousin

44. If JOSEPH is coded as FKOALD, then GEORGE will be coded as :
a. HAKNCA b. CBKNCA c. CALNCA d. CAKNCA

45. Which letters will replace the question mark?



a. PC b. CP c. DQ d. QD

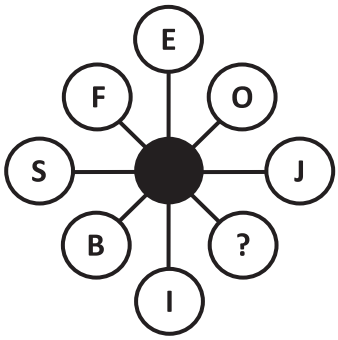
46. Here are some words translated from an artificial language.
morpirquat means birdhouse
beelmorpir means bluebird
beelclak means bluebell
Which word could mean “houseguest”?
a. morpirhunde b. beelmoki c. quathunde d. clakquat

47. Which of the following groups of letters should come in the place of the question-mark (?) in the series formed by letter-groups of English alphabet given below?
AZB CYD EXF ? IVJ
a. GUH b. GHU c. GWH d. GHW

48. Which number replaces the question mark?

a. 4 b. 7 c. 11 d. 5

49. Which letter replaces the question mark?



a. K b. M c. L d. G

50. Which number replaces the question mark?

3	GNQ	8
3	RBS	9
4	TUA	2
2	FPC	5
3	OLH	?

a. 9 b. 5
c. 7 d. 2