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AIECE All India ENGLISH Challenge Exam

CLASS VIII 2023-24

Name of the Student :_____ Roll No.:

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Class : VIII Subject: English Time: 60 Mins.

Instructions to the Candidate

1. Each question carries 1 mark. There is no negative marking.
2. Separate Optical Mark Reader (OMR) Answer Sheet is supplied to you along with question paper booklet.
3. Read the questions carefully and fill in the circle corresponding to your answer. Fill in the circle Completely.
4. Rough work should be done only in the space provided in the Question Paper Booklet.
5. Return the OMR Answer sheet to the invigilator before leaving the examination hall.
6. You can carry the question paper with you after completing the examination.
7. Once you enter the examination hall, you are not permitted to leave till the end of the examination.

1. Select the word closest in meaning to the given word:
"Conscientious"

A. Careless **B.** Prudent **C.** Diligent **D.** None of these

2. Select the word closest in meaning to the given word:
"Trauma"

A. Refurbish **B.** Repair **C.** Ordeal **D.** Reparation

3. Select the opposite of the given word:
"Plentiful"
A. Scarce B. Profuse C. Abundant D. None of these

4. Select the opposite of the given word:
"Lazy"

A. Languid **B.** Lethargic **C.** Industrious **D.** Indolent

5. Mark the option with the correct spelling of the word:

A. Nusaince **B.** Nuisance **C.** Nuisense **D.** Nusense

6. Mark the option with the correct spelling of the word:

A. Changeable B. Changable **C.** Changabel **D.** Changeble

7. Match the given proverb with the most appropriate meaning:
Ignorance is bliss.

A. You are happy only when you do not have any knowledge.
B. What you do not know causes no worry or sadness.
C. You can have knowledge and still be ignorant.
D. None of the above.

8. Mark the most appropriate substitute for the given description:
One who carves on stone

A. Sculptor **B.** Author **C.** Lexicographer **D.** Upholster

9. Reorder the given phrases to form meaningful sentence:
P. I'll
Q. the taxi arrives,
R. as soon as
S. let you know

A. P-S-Q-R **B.** P-Q-R-S **C.** Q-S-P-R **D.** R-Q-P-S

10. Fill in the blank with the appropriate alternative to form correct sentence:
This car is not mine. It is_____.

A. Them **B.** Their **C.** They **D.** Theirs

11. Change the verb given in bracket to suitable noun:
Garba is the _____(tradition) folk dance of Gujarat.

A. Traditional **B.** Tradition **C.** Extradition **D.** None of these

12. Fill in the blank with the appropriate pronoun:
Radha and Rajni had an accident while cycling and hurt _____.

A. Each other **B.** Herself **C.** Themselves **D.** None of these

13. Fill in the blank with the most suitable form of the given verb:
If you _____ (shall) ever see him, please hand him this gift from me.

A. Shall **B.** Will shall **C.** Should **D.** None of these

14. Fill in the blank with the most suitable form of the given verb:
If only Jughead _____ (be) a little more responsible in his choice of courses!

A. Were **B.** Has been **C.** Was **D.** None of these

15. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition:
We deal _____ textiles.

A. With **B.** In **C.** On **D.** At

16. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate determiner:
There are _____ books in the college library.

A. Many **B.** Several **C.** Some **D.** None of these

17. Change the following sentence to form passive voice:
My grandfather built this house in 1925.

A. In 1925, my grandfather built this house.
B. This house was built by my grandfather in 1925.
C. In 1925, the house is being built by my grandfather.
D. None of the above.

18. Fill the blank with appropriate answer. With Present Tense - Present simple, Present Perfect and Present Continuous:

I couldn't sleep as my neighbours _____ (sing) all night long.

A. Will be singing **B.** Have been singing
C. Are going to sing **D.** None of these

19. Fill the blank with appropriate answer. With Past Tense - Past Perfect Continuous:

He told me that I _____ (be) late so many times.

A. Had been **B.** Was late
C. Have been getting **D.** None of these

20. Punctuate the given sentence as necessary:
that tall man amay s granddad is this month's winner

A. That tall man, Amay's granddad is this month's winner.
B. That tall man, Amay's granddad, is this month's winner.
C. That tall man, Amay's granddad is this month's winner
D. That tall man, amay's granddad is this month's winner.

21. Fill in the blank with the correct word/phrase:
There were a few small villages _____, but no major city for miles around.

A. Up and down **B.** Back and forth **C.** On and off **D.** Here and there

22. Fill in the Blank with the Correct word:
He walked all the way to town running _____ last few kilometers. an unusual sight met his eyes and a tear rolled slowly down his cheeks.

A. A **B.** An **C.** The **D.** None of these

23. Choose The Correct Word/Phrase To Complete The Sentence:
I like to have a _____ diet. I make sure I eat something from all the major food groups in each meal.

A. Devoured **B.** Deviate **C.** Determine **D.** Diverse

24. Choose The Best Word To Complete The Sentence:
The curdling contents of the pan were then poured through a _____.

A. Ladle **B.** Sieve **C.** Grater **D.** Bowl

25. Choose The Correct Word/Phrase To Complete The Sentence:
You are not allowed to dump rubbish _____ my house.

A. Along B. On Top **C.** Outside **D.** After

26. Choose The Best Word To Complete The Sentence:
The illusion gave the appearance of _____ to all those present in the auditorium.

A. Reasonability **B.** Reality **C.** Readability **D.** Rationality

27. Choose The Correct Word/Phrase To Complete The Sentence:
I need a new, more _____ bag. My last one is torn.

A. Chaotic **B.** Durable **C.** Laborious **D.** Ingenious

28. Fill in the blank with the correct word/phrase:
Prehistoric mammoths, from which modern elephants are believed to be descended, _____ during the Ice Age.

A. Died out **B.** Died down **C.** Died off **D.** Died away

29. Choose The Best Word To Complete The Sentence:
The hard seed was _____ in the fleshy juicy layer of edible fruit.

A. Edged **B.** Encased **C.** Endorsed **D.** Enforced

30. Read The Passage Below And Answer The Question That follows:

Most major cities in developing countries are under enormous pressure to expand and grow. There are several reasons for this trend. First, having a house of one's own has become a top priority with the salaried class. Second, with an increase in disposable income, people are willing to buy properties not only for living but for investment as well. Third, there has been a significant growth in young professionals buying houses of their own, adding to the demand. This in turn has spurred developers to keep coming up with newer and more attractive projects all year round.
However, while buying and selling gathers momentum, there are several emerging problems that need attention. Planning should have been a top priority, but this is seldom the case. Private developers buy whatever land they can manage outside city limits to build high rise flats.

What results is a haphazard pattern of growth around cities, completely out of sync with the city itself. The lack of provisions for waste management is another concern, and this is often the cause of epidemics brought on by lack of sanitation. There is also a tendency to overbuild on a plot of land, possibly, to maximize profit, but this is sadly at the cost of aesthetics and 'green areas', so necessary for healthy living. Isn't this the reason why serious town planners refer to vacant swathes of green belts as a city's 'lungs'?

It may be inferred from the passage that _____.

A. Developers have little knowledge of town planning
B. The government is not interested in development outside city limits
C. Town planners are not developers
D. Green belts are necessary within cities

31. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

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.

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

32. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

Tigers eat the flesh of other animals in the forest. They do not kill other tigers, but only other animals. A tiger has to be very quick in catching its prey. However, an old or a wounded tiger cannot run fast. At such times, people become easy prey to tigers. After eating human flesh once, a tiger does not eat any other flesh. Such a tiger is called a man-eater.

This is the story of a tiger in the jungles of Uttar Pradesh, in India. A tiger had turned a man-eater. It had killed several men and women in the forest. These people had gone into the forest to collect firewood, fruits, roots and other things. After such incidents, people stopped entering the forest.

When the man-eater did not get any prey in the jungle, it started visiting the nearby villages. It killed people and their domestic animals. The villages became panicky. They reported the matter to the concerned government officials, who wanted to do something. They then requested Jim Corbett to help the villagers and he immediately agreed to track down the man-eater.

Jim Corbett was an expert hunter. He had developed a lot of experience with tigers and other wild animals. He was a lover of wildlife. He did not like to kill wild animals for pleasure or sport. However, to help people in trouble, he never hesitated killing such man-eaters.

Jim Corbett arrived in the village with his powerful rifle. The rifle could kill big and strong animals like the lion, tiger and the elephant. He had collected all the information regarding the man-eater. He selected a place. The tiger used to come there often. Jim Corbett built a platform. This platform was fixed on a high branch. A young buffalo was tied to the nearby tree. Jim Corbett waited all night. The tiger did not come. Perhaps it had scented the hiding man and his powerful gun.

Jim Corbett then changed his plan. He went to the village. On that day, the tiger came. It killed the buffalo. It dragged the dead buffalo in the jungle. The villagers told Jim Corbett this news. Jim Corbett then went into the forest in search of the tiger. At last, he reached the place. He climbed a tree to find the tiger. The tiger had eaten a portion of the dead body of the buffalo. It was lying at a distance. Slowly and cautiously, Jim followed the track. He found the tiger resting after a good meal. At first, he hesitated to shoot the sleeping tiger. This one, however, was not a good tiger. It was a man-eater. With this thought in mind, he fired two bullets into the sleeping tiger's head. The tiger died at once. The villagers were happy. They thanked Jim.

Jim Corbett was later rewarded for his bravery.

What is a man-eater?

A. A tiger, which does not eat other tigers, is a man-eater.
B. A tiger, which eats other animals, is called a man-eater.
C. A tiger, which after eating human flesh does not eat other flesh, is a man-eater.
D. None of the above.

33. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

Everyone has his own way of reading the newspaper, especially on weekends. Some like to read the comics first. For them it is the funniest part. It makes them laugh. It makes them happy. Then some people look at the newspaper's editorial. They may or may not agree with the opinions stated on the editorial page, but it's always good to know how other people feel about items in the news. Then, there are some who always like to be up on the latest news events and what others think about them.

Say for example, in a particular editorial, there is a thoughtful article by the editor of the paper. He writes that he is opposed to a proposed law, stating many reasons why he is against it. He is objective about the subject, stating both sides of the argument and he justifies that there are more disadvantages than advantages. He may end up putting across excellent ideas and stir a healthy debate, because his article will be clear and easy to follow.

Some newspapers have their own specific columns, which readers like to read the most. Writers of some such columns may see the humorous side of everyday things and that's what they may be writing about. These writers may usually draw funny cartoons to go along with their articles. Some such cartoons can really make you laugh.

Some readers may like to view the sports news or the stock update. Then, some may be interested in local happenings. In addition, there are the obituaries and advertisements. Some readers are particular to take note of them. People looking for jobs certainly focus on the advertisement section.

Finally, there is the amusement section to see what movies and plays are in town and what special events are going on. That's how people come up with ideas on what to do each weekend.

For just a couple of rupees, everybody can be entertained and made to laugh, be informed on the latest news items and have their weekend planned. Moreover, all at the same time.

What is this passage about?

A. This passage is about how should one read newspapers.
B. This passage is about how people like reading newspapers.
C. This passage is about how the author likes reading the newspaper.
D. None of the above.

34. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

Helicopters are very different from airplanes. They can do three things that airplanes cannot do. First, when airplanes move upward, they must also move forward, but helicopters can move straight up without moving ahead. Second, helicopters can fly backward, which airplanes cannot do. Third, helicopters can use their rotors to hover in the air, which is impossible for planes.

Because helicopters can perform actions that airplanes cannot, they are used for different tasks. Since helicopters can take off without moving forward, they do not need a runway for take off. They are used in congested areas where there is no room for airplanes or in isolated areas, which do not have airports. Be-cause they can hover, they are used on fire fighting missions to drop water on fires. They are used in logging operations to lift trees out of forests. Helicopters are used as air ambulances to airlift patients out of situations, which are difficult to reach, by conventional ambulances. The police use helicopters to follow suspects on the ground or to search for cars on the ground. Of course, helicopters have military uses because of their design and capabilities.

'Hover' means_____.

A. Stay at one place in the air **B.** Move straight up in the air
C. Go backwards in the air **D.** Fly sideways

35. Read the following and answer the question that follows:

Woodcraft, metal and clay products, textiles and jewellery are all displayed at the National Artisan Export exhibition. Here you can see the artisans at work and also buy products directly from them. Most of the artists have come from different parts of the country. However, the artists working on traditional pieces of jewellery are from South India.

Gold is the metal that is used most of all but you will also see silver, copper and platinum as well. The artists not only use expensive stones like diamonds but they also use shells and glass.

When an artist makes a piece of jewellery, they usually begin with the shape that they work from drawings. Then they have to select the colour and a material. Most of the artists get their idea from sculptures they see

in temples and old monuments. Most of the artists make trial pieces before they get the design just right. Although the artists make rings, necklaces and earrings like all jewellers, at this Export exhibition you can mainly see bracelets and bangles in all colours and designs.

Where are the artists from?

A. South India **B.** North India **C.** Asia **D.** Various parts of India

36. Read the following sentences and answer the question that follows:

P. Alice opens up a curtain and finds a small door, which the key fits into and behind it is a beautiful garden, but she can't fit in.
Q. After landing safely on the ground, she goes into a long hallway with a glass table with a gold key on It.
R. She follows it down a rabbit hole, and falls into a very long chamber full of strange things on shelves.
S. Alice is sitting by her sister lazily and becomes a bit tired, and she sees a White Rabbit in a waistcoat carrying a watch.

Arrange the above sentences in a logical order to form a meaningful story;

A. P-Q-R-S **B.** P-S-R-Q **C.** S-R-Q-P **D.** S-Q-P-R

37. Choose the best answer from the options given below:
Tahir : It's been a wonderful time. Thank you for being with us.
Rishi _____.

A. I always oblige my friends **B.** Oh, but the pleasure is mine
C. So you like my company **D.** None of the above

38. Choose The Best Option To Fill In The Blank:

An ape-like creature with human features, whose _____ was discovered in a South African cave, is being greeted by anthropologists as a likely watershed in the understanding of human evolution from our primate ancestors. If accepted, this find would radically redraw the human family tree, with the newfound species dislodging Homo habilis, the famous tool-making fossil, as the most plausible bridge between biped apes who lived in trees and humans.

A. residue **B.** bones **C.** pieces **D.** fossil

39. Read The Passage And Answer The Question That Follows:

There he goes again. "You don't read enough. Your generation has forgotten the art of reading. You are the remote and joy stick crowd. How will your knowledge improve?" And on and on... Yeah, you guessed it right. My dad's at it again-exhorting me to read books. But I do; only I read e-books. He doesn't quite get it that they are way better than the old-fashioned paper backs.

Why are e-books better? For one thing, they save space. You don't need that antiquated revolving book case occupying half your house. For another they are environment-friendly. You are not going to be destroying forests, because e-books don't use any paper at all. But the best reason to use an e-book is because it comes with tips and tools that printed books do not. What do you do when you don't understand a word in a paper book? Reach for a dictionary, right? But with an e-book, it's just right-click and click on meaning. Ha-ha, easy, isn't it? So reading behemoths like War and Peace or Anna Karenina is actually a breeze.

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Why does the author think e-books are good for our environment?

A. They are easier to read so we save time.
B. They keep us away from the remote and joy stick.
C. They do not result in cutting trees.
D. They encourage using dictionaries.

40. Choose The Best Option To Fill In The Blank:

Deepa : I love shopping because it is a very _____ experience.
Santa : I prefer to go shopping only when I know I have plenty of time.
Deepa It's a leisure activity and an enjoyable experience but eventually very tiring.
Santa I like strolling through the stores and looking at what they have, at my own pace. Deepa : It is a great opportunity to get out, enjoy some fresh air and see the new things in the shops.
Santa I end up seeing and meeting people I have not seen for a long time.
Deepa : Same here. We catch up and talk about our jobs, lives, health, and, of course, family.
Santa : I agree. We also talk about politics and other relevant issues. Yesterday I happened to meet, one of my classmates from university who I had not seen for 10 years. We were happy to see each other and it was great to catch up.

A. Unsociable **B.** Relaxing **C.** Uncommon **D.** Neighbourly