

SOF INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH OLYMPIAD 2019-20

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Total Questions: 50 | Time: 1 hr.

Guidelines for the Candidate

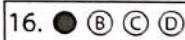
- 1. You will get additional ten minutes to fill up information about yourself on the OMR Sheet, before the start of the exam.
2. Write your Name, School Code, Class, Section, Roll No. and Mobile Number clearly on the OMR Sheet and do not forget to sign it.
3. The Question Paper comprises four sections: Word and Structure Knowledge, Reading, Spoken and Written Expression & Achievers Section.
4. All questions are compulsory. There is no negative marking.
5. There is only ONE correct answer. Choose only ONE option for an answer.
6. To mark your choice of answers by darkening the circles on the OMR Sheet, use HB Pencil or Blue / Black ball point pen only.

Q.16: Fill in the blanks.

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.



- 7. Return the OMR Sheet to the invigilator at the end of the exam.
8. Please fill in your personal details in the space provided on this page before attempting the paper.



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WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

FOR QUESTIONS 1 TO 24, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

Example

I am so _____ as I went running today! Tomorrow I will need a rest.

- A. exhausted
- B. happy
- C. disgusted
- D. drain

1. I _____ decide what to do after I finished school last year.
 - A. won't
 - B. mustn't
 - C. couldn't
 - D. shouldn't

2. I haven't met _____ guide for the tour of the caves yet.
 - A. theirs
 - B. your
 - C. hers
 - D. mine

3. I _____ there could be a problem with my dad's car.
 - A. think
 - B. thinking
 - C. had been thought
 - D. have to thought

4. Before coming to this school, I _____ football before.
 - A. play
 - B. have been played
 - C. have already playing
 - D. had never played

5. My sister is _____ more intelligent than I am.
 - A. considering
 - B. considerably
 - C. consider
 - D. considerable

6. I've decided to find an _____ activity to do over the winter.
 - A. interested
 - B. interestingly
 - C. interesting
 - D. interests

7. The monkey jumped _____ the fence and ran down the street.
 - A. in
 - B. over
 - C. away
 - D. above

8. Our school is _____ best in _____ region.
 - A. the, the
 - B. an, a
 - C. no article, the
 - D. a, the

9. I haven't seen anyone recently _____ there are people around.
 - A. also
 - B. because
 - C. rather
 - D. although

10. We're going to the cinema later, _____ we?
 - A. will
 - B. don't
 - C. haven't
 - D. aren't

11. My mother _____ me we were going to the beach for our holiday this year.
 - A. exclaimed
 - B. told
 - C. asked
 - D. said

12. Before the phone rang, I had _____ on the computer.
 - A. be played
 - B. was playing
 - C. been playing
 - D. plays

13. I have not seen my brother _____ he went to the university.
A. while
B. since
C. how
D. when
-
14. We only have _____ rupees left for lunch.
A. a lot
B. fewer
C. less
D. a few
-
15. The fete _____ because of the bad weather.
A. cancelled
B. was cancelled
C. being cancelled
D. cancels
-
16. My brother moved _____ when he was 18.
A. off
B. at
C. around
D. out
-
17. My sister just sits _____ all day when it's raining.
A. above
B. around
C. over
D. on
-
18. We have always _____ hard to ensure we are on time.
A. trying
B. tries
C. tried
D. tryingly
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19. Is there _____ you know who can fix bicycles?
A. anyhow
B. anyway
C. anything
D. anyone
-
20. My friend ran _____ when we had finished playing because we were late.
A. up
B. off
C. on
D. in
-
21. It's a _____ that we won so easily yesterday.
A. shockers
B. shocking
C. shockingly
D. shock
-
22. We _____ won yesterday, but weren't quite good enough.
A. going to
B. to
C. must
D. nearly
-
23. We are going to go to the park, but I'm happy staying _____ too.
A. how
B. there
C. here
D. where
-
24. It will take a lot of time to get all this equipment _____.
A. set up
B. run off
C. moved at
D. get upon
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- FOR QUESTIONS 25 AND 26, CHOOSE THE OPTION WITH CORRECT SPELLING.
25. How do you spell the word that means something you can eat?
A. Rumbhutan
B. Rambutan
C. Rembatan
D. Ramboton
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26. How do you spell the word that means tired?
A. Revolting
B. Exhausted
C. Relieved
D. Satisfied

FOR QUESTIONS 27 AND 28, CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

27. Discipline
A. Blame
B. Relax
C. Remove
D. Control
28. Fierce
A. Angry
B. Epic
C. Tame
D. Little

FOR QUESTIONS 29 AND 30, CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

29. Lean
A. Bewildered
B. Difficult
C. Stout
D. Merry
30. Precede
A. Belittle
B. Revolve
C. Sate
D. Finish

READING

FOR QUESTIONS 31 TO 35, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

Cruise ship disasters in Venice and protests against the vessel-based tourism in Barcelona and Bruges have sparked a huge investigation, which is tipped to shape further travel. The 'negative impacts' of the significant vessels on the tourist hotspots has come under the spotlight.

Cruise ship passengers - and the vast amount of liners mooring up in tourist hotspots - have been accused of sparking 'over-tourism' in new claims centred on the "negative impacts" of sea travel. The industry could face huge changes in the coming months, in a crackdown, which has come following a cruise ship incident in Venice, which saw passers-by injured when a ship collided with a mooring. This was followed up with protests over cruises in Barcelona, and a confirmed cull of cruise ship numbers in pretty canal city, Bruges. Now, the UK Government is taking action over what it terms the over tourism of cruise ships, and what it claims can harm local communities and the visitor experience.

This could mean cruise ship routes and calling points could be hugely impacted in the future, in a significant shake up for the industry. The Environmental Audit Committee has launched an inquiry into sustainable tourism, and told how the recent incidents had highlighted the need for something to be done.

The Chair of the Environmental Audit Committee (EAC) said: "Now that summer is here, families are looking forward to a well-earned holiday. But when we book a cruise, flights or visit a popular tourist destination, it's easy to forget about the environmental impact our holidays are having."

The recent cruise ship collision in Venice, as well as protests both there and in Barcelona, are a sharp reminder of the effects of 'over-tourism' and the damage that can be done to the environment and local quality of life.

The industry adds five percent to global greenhouse emissions, putting our net zero by 2050 target at risk. While there are some **sustainable** practices, we want to look closely at the Government's actions to ensure the economic, social

and environmental impacts of tourism are minimised. The tourism industry accounts for an estimated five per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions.

31. Choose the best title or heading for the passage.
- A. Big Boats
 - B. Friends Come Visiting
 - C. Tourism Contained
 - D. Travelling to the Country
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32. What type of transport is condemned in the passage?
- A. Buses
 - B. Cars
 - C. Trucks
 - D. Boats
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33. They are _____ the number of vessels coming into Bruges.
- A. increasing
 - B. reducing
 - C. maintaining
 - D. removing
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34. What is the Chair of the EAC concerned about?
- A. Tourist costs
 - B. Police in the areas
 - C. Facilities
 - D. The environment
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35. What does the word 'sustainable' mean in the final paragraph?
- A. Impractical
 - B. Industrial
 - C. Poisonous
 - D. Sensible

FOR QUESTIONS 36 TO 40, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

Local flower and produce shows are in the decline in favour of more international displays and competitions.

Nowadays, most are on the brink of folding due to a lack of support. So, if you live in a village or town that still has one, make a note of the date in your diary and pop along to see this British tradition in action before it vanishes. Better still, why not take part? The new-found fashion for kitchen gardening could be just what it takes to get village shows back on their feet, and if you grow your own you already have the makings of a few entries.

OK, so natural modesty may make you feel your flowers, fruits and vegetables couldn't possibly be good enough; that you'll feel foolish when they're lined up alongside all the giant cabbages, massive runner beans and perfect sweet peas entered by the old boys in flat hats who win everything each year. But winning isn't everything. By taking part you'll show solidarity with your community. You'll be supporting the efforts of those who devote hours each year to organise the show. It's a great way to get to know people, and it's fun. Seeing how your produce stacks up against other people's is fascinating.

It's true that a serious exhibitor grows crops for showing. They choose the right varieties and give them treatment that to anyone outside the show fraternity may seem to verge on the ludicrous. Growing carrots in drainpipes isn't for 'everyday' gardeners. But without going to any special effort you should have something worth entering. Find out who **runs** the local show and get a copy of the schedule to see where you stand a chance.

If you're a total beginner, I'd suggest entering those classes that serious exhibitors don't usually bother with. Avoid open classes, which are for everyone, including experts from outside the area, in favour of members' classes where you're competing with other locals or beginners' classes.

36. Choose the best title or heading for the passage.

- A. Local Roads are Being Closed
- B. Local Food is Disappearing
- C. Local People are Moving Out
- D. Local Fetes at Risk

37. What is the new trend in the UK?

- A. Kitchen gardens
- B. Travelling on motorbikes
- C. Standing on your feet
- D. Writing diaries

38. What should people do?

- A. Watch men in hats
- B. Be scared

- C. Join in
- D. Run away from beans

39. Growing vegetables in your garden should be _____.

- A. technical
- B. easy
- C. difficult
- D. relaxing

40. What is the meaning of the word 'runs' in the second last paragraph?

- A. Removes
- B. Organises
- C. Closes
- D. Opens

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

FOR QUESTIONS 41 TO 45, CHOOSE THE MOST SUITABLE OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH CONVERSATION.

41. Sam: I'm surprised you stayed so late.

Ed: Yeah, I had _____ up before leaving.

- A. been finished
- B. finishing
- C. to finish
- D. finish

42. Bella: I really sailed _____ the early stages of the competition.

- A. on
- B. with
- C. away
- D. through

43. Mother: Do you know where your brother is?

Daughter: I think he's out and _____ somewhere in town.

- A. on
- B. over
- C. within
- D. about

44. Chris: Not a _____ of winning!

Baillie: Are you sure? I think we can win.

- A. ability
- B. chance
- C. help
- D. sound

45. Sally: Quick, get _____ of the way.

Ed: Wait for your turn. I was here first.

- A. away
- B. in
- C. out
- D. off

ACHIEVERS SECTION

FOR QUESTIONS 46 AND 47, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

46. _____ come you are staying here at the moment?

- A. What
- B. When
- C. Why
- D. How

47. We _____ shouted at by the groundsman for walking on the grass.
- A. often
 - B. was often
 - C. are often
 - D. have often
-

48. CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Resemble

- A. Mirror
 - B. Contrast
 - C. Revise
 - D. Observe
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49. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Succumb

- A. Relieve
 - B. Conquer
 - C. Quit
 - D. Define
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50. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION.

Father: Can we get a _____ ?

Son: Sure, I'm ready. Is Danny?

- A. whip round
 - B. go to
 - C. move on
 - D. sure up
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