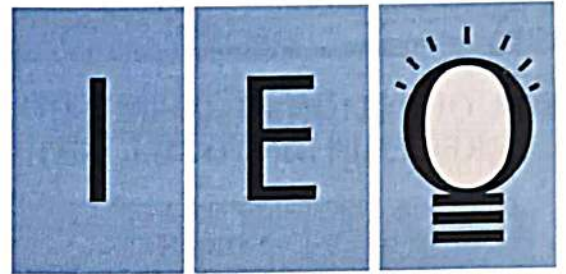


CLASS

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QUESTION  
PAPER SET

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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. We will share your marks / result and other information related to SOF exams on your mobile number.
3. The Question Paper comprises four sections:  
**Word and Structure Knowledge, Reading, Spoken and Written Expression & Achievers Section.**  
Each question in Achievers Section carries 3 marks, whereas all other questions carry one mark each.
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. E.g.

**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.

16. ● (B) (C) (D)

7. Return the OMR Sheet to the invigilator at the end of the exam.
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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. No one was allowed to use any written materials \_\_\_\_\_ the exam.
  - A. over
  - B. while
  - C. on
  - D. during
2. The team that won all their matches this year \_\_\_\_\_ awarded a special prize at the end of term.
  - A. are being
  - B. is being
  - C. have been
  - D. were being
3. The only \_\_\_\_\_ I see are the ones that we already know about.
  - A. problematic
  - B. problems
  - C. problem
  - D. problematical
4. After the construction of the new cinema \_\_\_\_\_ there was no space to park.
  - A. was being finished
  - B. had been finished
  - C. was finishing
  - D. is finished
5. There has been a lot said about how some parents \_\_\_\_\_ young children nowadays.
  - A. treat
  - B. treating
  - C. treats
  - D. are treated
6. I think this cold weather must be \_\_\_\_\_ global warming, which is ironic.
  - A. all for
  - B. while
  - C. due to
  - D. so
7. I think our new class teacher will \_\_\_\_\_ a tight ship this summer.
  - A. stay
  - B. walk
  - C. run
  - D. abscond
8. We'll probably regret it; \_\_\_\_\_, we really have no choice.
  - A. still
  - B. unless
  - C. consequently
  - D. so
9. I can never understand our new teacher, \_\_\_\_\_ you?
  - A. could
  - B. are
  - C. have
  - D. can
10. My friends all \_\_\_\_\_ at me that they liked my new haircut even if it is very short.
  - A. responded
  - B. spoke
  - C. exclaimed
  - D. whispered
11. I have always wanted to go across Russia on the Trans-Siberian Express \_\_\_\_\_ it takes two weeks.
  - A. and
  - B. although
  - C. so
  - D. conditionally

12. The donkeys on the beach \_\_\_\_\_ a hard but good long life until they retired last month.
- A. was having
  - B. are having
  - C. will have had
  - D. had had
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13. I wonder why people \_\_\_\_\_ nothing in the face of global warming?
- A. will doing
  - B. would do
  - C. has been doing
  - D. doing
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14. When my brother left for \_\_\_\_\_ college we all threw \_\_\_\_\_ enormous party.
- A. no article, an
  - B. the, the
  - C. no article, no article
  - D. no article, the
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15. The British are struggling to keep up with the \_\_\_\_\_ challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- A. educated
  - B. educating
  - C. educational
  - D. educate
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16. I got in trouble last week and the principal told me I was \_\_\_\_\_ on thin ice.
- A. running
  - B. skating
  - C. walked
  - D. sitting
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17. After disagreeing with my brother about the test match, I really \_\_\_\_\_ my words when we lost.
- A. had been eaten
  - B. was eaten
  - C. had ate
  - D. had to eat
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18. I think the headmaster acted \_\_\_\_\_ after our stunt in the playground.
- A. unreasonably
  - B. unreasoned
  - C. unreasonable
  - D. unreasoning
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19. Given half the \_\_\_\_\_ my grandfather would talk about his childhood for hours.
- A. time
  - B. chance
  - C. ways
  - D. grade
- 
20. I felt I needed to talk to you about \_\_\_\_\_ we are staying or not.
- A. that
  - B. how
  - C. whether
  - D. what
- 
21. I like to buy CDs \_\_\_\_\_ downloading my music online.
- A. comparison to
  - B. as opposed to
  - C. in contrast
  - D. rather than
- 
22. We regret \_\_\_\_\_ that all buses to London will experience delays due to bad weather conditions.
- A. to have announcing
  - B. to announce
  - C. announcing to
  - D. to be announced
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23. All proposals for the summer school fete deserve \_\_\_\_\_ in detail.
- A. being consider
  - B. considered
  - C. to be considering
  - D. to be considered
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24. A lot of modern music has its \_\_\_\_\_ in classical and religious music of the past.
- A. stems
  - B. roots
  - C. branches
  - D. leaves

FOR QUESTIONS 25 AND 26, CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

25. Whim
- A. Strop
  - B. Impulse
  - C. Range
  - D. Plan

26. Waylay
- A. Employ
  - B. Avoid
  - C. Accost
  - D. Deride

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

27. Tinge
- A. Whiten
  - B. Break
  - C. Define
  - D. Soil

28. Sneer
- A. Flout
  - B. Revoke
  - C. Applaud
  - D. Sadden

FOR QUESTIONS 29 AND 30, CHOOSE THE OPTION WITH CORRECT SPELLING.

29. What is the spelling of the word that means 'to reject'?
- A. Rapoirdate
  - B. Rapturdiate
  - C. Raptordiate
  - D. Repudiate
30. What is the spelling of the word that means 'necessities for living'?
- A. Sustenance
  - B. Sustainence
  - C. Sustinance
  - D. Sustonaince

## READING

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

A new Super crop to be farmed near Scarborough can be used in food, cosmetics and biotech. Wave Crookes's job is dictated by the vagaries of the ocean, which makes his name particularly fitting. He is a sea farmer.

The former fisherman, deep-sea diver and RNLI lifeboat man, and his partner, Laura Robinson, a marine scientist, are in the process of establishing England's first commercial-scale seaweed farm. Occupying 25 hectares of open water, a few miles from Scarborough, their SeaGrown farm will harvest seaweed native to the region for use in food, cosmetics and biotechnology. In June, it received

the backing of Scarborough Council: the cabinet committee said the authority would be a guarantor for £472,150 to SeaGrown Ltd from the Coastal Communities Fund.

"We don't need land, we don't need power, we don't need freshwater and we don't need chemicals," said Crookes. "All we need is sun and the sea." Though small-scale seaweed farms operate in Devon and Cornwall, Crookes and Robinson believe SeaGrown will be the first commercial-scale facility in England. The farm is on course to cultivate its first harvest in spring 2020.

The timing bodes well, because seaweed is increasingly being seen as a potent weapon in the fight against two pressing problems: the climate crisis and plastic waste. According to a 2016 study, published

in the scientific journal Nature, seaweed sequesters approximately 634m tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year – roughly twice as much as the UK's annual carbon emissions.

Seaweed is also being trialled as an alternative to single-use plastic. Instead of plastic bottles, runners at this year's London Marathon were given water-filled seaweed pouches, which they could eat or discard on the pavement guilt-free. Meanwhile, the biofuel industry is exploring the use of seaweed in energy production.

"The applications of this stuff are quite exciting," said Crookes. There's gastronomy too. Seaweed has been eaten in Asia in particular for centuries, but, as the health benefits of this so-called 'super food' become more widely known, there is a growing appetite for it in the west.

There is one major obstacle: rough weather could wreak havoc on the farm. Crookes is philosophical about that: "Nature will do what it wants to do."

31. Choose the best title or heading for the passage.
- A. Seaweed Saviour
  - B. Help for Failed Farmers
  - C. The End of Land Farms
  - D. Nature Knows Best
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32. What is seaweed used for?
- A. Feeding cows
  - B. Catching toxins
  - C. Food, make up and tech
  - D. Fertilising farms
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33. Where did the money come from for the project?
- A. A loan from the bank
  - B. The owner
  - C. Crowd funding
  - D. The local council

34. How long have Asians been eating seaweed?
- A. Millennia
  - B. Centuries
  - C. Weeks
  - D. Years
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35. What does the word 'havoc' mean in the final paragraph?
- A. Catastrophe
  - B. Deliverables
  - C. Emotions
  - D. Philosophy

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

Some expect the technological revolution to be as disruptive as the Industrial Revolution. With research showing that jobs in the north are most at risk, what can be done?

1. Support to shift from old jobs  
Politicians, trade unions and business leaders, if they act quickly, could help ensure that technological change leads to plentiful, good-quality jobs for all. For example, unions and businesses could create re-skilling courses for those displaced by machines. And, as the climate crisis deepens, could automation be a chance to help usher in a new, green industrial revolution?

2. View automation as opportunity  
Automating routine data or calculation tasks could free people up to use their strategic and emotional intelligence instead. In a pilot scheme in Bremen, Germany, the postal service has teamed up with local government, healthcare and welfare groups to allow post workers to call in on older citizens as part of their daily rounds. It opens up new roles while reducing the burden on care providers.

### 3. Invest in education and skills

Higher levels of education have been shown to help protect workers from automation. The Office for National Statistics said that, of the jobs at risk in the UK, 39 per cent are held by people whose educational attainment level is GCSE or below, while 1.2 per cent are held by those who have been through higher education or university.

### 4. Tax robot-driven firms more

Some, including the UK Labour party, have suggested a robot tax: taxing profits that have been generated by automation, with the money used to retrain those affected, or to forcibly spread out the proceeds of this new type of growth. It might surprise you to hear that self-described techno-optimist Bill Gates has also backed the idea.

36. Choose the best title or heading for the passage.
- Poor Northerners
  - Education and Development
  - What to Do?
  - A Worrying Future

37. What could be done for people losing their jobs?
- Government sponsorship
  - Retraining and teaching new skills
  - Charity
  - Nothing until they move south

38. What is different in Germany?
- Technology has taken over.
  - Machines sort the mail.
  - Care providers have gone on strike.
  - Postmen chat with senior residents.

39. Robots should be taxed \_\_\_\_\_.
- on what they sell
  - on the money they earn
  - to help poor people
  - to reduce the number of them

40. What is the meaning of the word 'optimist' in the last paragraph?
- Idealist
  - Generator
  - Developer
  - Creator

## SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

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

41. Josh: I have been asked the \_\_\_\_\_ request by my mum.

- peculiarly
- more peculiar
- most peculiar
- peculiarity

- Said it
- Saying what

43. Fran: I don't know if I am \_\_\_\_\_?

Derek: Yeah, this new campus is really confusing.

- coming or going
- up or off
- left or down
- here or here

42. Bambi: I'm going out tonight to the cinema.

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_! You're grounded, so you'll stay in tonight.

- Saying it
- Say what

44. Sam: When did we last go out to the theatre?

Dave: Wow, I don't know, it \_\_\_\_\_ have been ages ago.

- must
- can't

- C. won't
- D. has

45. Ali: From my point of view, \_\_\_\_\_ to the pool was the best thing we could have done.

- A. going
- B. gone
- C. go
- D. having go

### ACHIEVERS SECTION

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

46. \_\_\_\_\_ I could like to help you, I'm afraid I'm simply too busy at the moment.

- A. However
- B. While
- C. Inasmuch in
- D. Even if

47. Students should know how many stages insect eggs \_\_\_\_\_ before they become butterflies.

- A. become of
- B. made up of
- C. turn down
- D. go through

48. CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Morass

- A. Reliable
- B. Chaos
- C. Liked
- D. Satisfaction

49. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Impertinent

- A. Creepy
- B. Infamous
- C. Delinquent
- D. Amiable

50. CHOOSE THE MOST SUITABLE OPTION TO COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION.

Ravinder: I know you are sad about your average, but you really need to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. let it own
- B. relish in things
- C. leave it to
- D. get over yourself

