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QUESTION
PAPER SET

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Total Questions: 50 | Time: 1 hr.

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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)

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FOR QUESTIONS 1 TO 24, CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD/PHRASE TO COMPLETE EACH SENTENCE.

Example

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

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

1. You need to _____ and relax before you go to school.
 - A. be sat back
 - B. sit back
 - C. have sat back
 - D. do sitting

2. There is _____ of soup in the bowl, so please help yourself.
 - A. much
 - B. more
 - C. some
 - D. plenty

3. _____ of us managed to do it separately, but fortunately we did it together.
 - A. All
 - B. Both
 - C. Neither
 - D. Each

4. It's a long way off before we have such a promising system _____ here in India.
 - A. to be ran
 - B. running
 - C. run
 - D. to have been run

5. _____ happiness, we need both history and science.
 - A. In order to understand
 - B. Having understanding

- C. To have understood
 - D. Being understood
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6. He had such a bad flu that he _____ breathe through his nose.
 - A. wouldn't
 - B. shouldn't
 - C. didn't have to
 - D. couldn't

 7. Technology isn't always _____ to humans. It may also destroy the nature.
 - A. beneficiary
 - B. beneficial
 - C. benevolence
 - D. benefit

 8. He was _____ as he walked into the wall.
 - A. distracted
 - B. distractedly
 - C. distraction
 - D. detractingly

 9. I have been _____ by the amount of plastic in the oceans.
 - A. sadly
 - B. sadness
 - C. saddened
 - D. sad

 10. There is no way _____ the underlying tension between these two teams.
 - A. are ending
 - B. to be ending
 - C. were ended
 - D. to end

 11. There is a _____ difference in knowing when to stop and when to start.
 - A. significance
 - B. significantly
 - C. significant
 - D. signify

12. The cat ran away and _____ under the cabinet in the living room.
- A. hiding
 - B. was hid
 - C. to hide
 - D. hid
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13. When my sister gets mad it's time to _____ and run for cover.
- A. shred
 - B. duck
 - C. back
 - D. grip
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14. Her drawing was definitely a _____ above the rest as it showed her expertise in brush strokes.
- A. cut
 - B. nub
 - C. chunk
 - D. move
-
15. My tenure as Head Boy is nearly over, but before I leave, I have to hand on the _____ to the next one.
- A. wand
 - B. torch
 - C. cap
 - D. cloak
-
16. We need to _____ through our old notebooks to get as much as we can from what we've been taught.
- A. comb
 - B. send
 - C. do
 - D. make
-
17. I noticed the _____ of my sister's face and ran to get my mother.
- A. soot
 - B. pallor
 - C. run
 - D. blanche
-
18. There seems to be quite a bit of _____ in this team that you can see by the mediocre results.
- A. recession
 - B. aggrandisement
 - C. ineptitude
 - D. belligerence
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19. I struggle with school when it gets to the end of term and everything feels _____, and I can't be bothered.
- A. lavish
 - B. irreverent
 - C. mundane
 - D. elementary
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20. Most of the time when I'm playing football I act _____ rather than thinking it through.
- A. accountably
 - B. reciprocally
 - C. willingly
 - D. intuitively
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21. I mostly agree with what we are planning, but I do have a _____ that I'd like to add.
- A. renditions
 - B. caveat
 - C. symposium
 - D. telescope
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22. It _____ me to tell you that you've not qualified for the final race next week.
- A. ramparts
 - B. disqualifies
 - C. behooves
 - D. anoints
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23. Trying to be original is _____ impossible these days because there is so much that has already been created before.
- A. virtually
 - B. embarrassingly
 - C. destructively
 - D. emptyingly
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24. I am sure there is a/an _____ that indicates what to do in this situation.
- A. adage
 - B. balladic
 - C. alcove
 - D. convener

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

25. Relegate
- A. Elegant
 - B. Majestic
 - C. Ellipse
 - D. Consign

26. Daub
- A. Evoke
 - B. Smear
 - C. Entice
 - D. Revoke

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

27. Commune
- A. Commitment
 - B. Confer
 - C. Disregard
 - D. Enthral

28. Desolate
- A. Belittle
 - B. Remove
 - C. Construct
 - D. Depress

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

29. How do you spell the word that means 'obvious'?
- A. Conspokulus
 - B. Conspeceus
 - C. Conspaculus
 - D. Conspicuous
30. How do you spell the word that means 'city'?
- A. Conorbation
 - B. Conbation
 - C. Conrebaton
 - D. Conurbation

READING

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

Three sisters have celebrated their 80th birthday and are Britain's oldest surviving triplets. Mary Bloxham, Margaret Coleman and Georgina Leech, 80, were born on 20 May, 1937 and grew up together in the Hall Green area of Birmingham. Their mother, Mabel Bloxham, only expected one child and the chances of triplets surviving in the 1930s were very slim. But the three sisters, born to the family name Bloxham, celebrated their 80th birthday together with their family recently.

After being born in their mother's bedroom, a piece of coloured wool was wrapped around each of their wrists, pink for Mary, green for Margaret and yellow for Georgina. Since then, their mother made them clothes, which included each

of those colours. Mary said: "We always had company and friends, and if one of us was playing with a toy, the others wanted it. When we were born, only one baby was expected and then obviously three arrived. When my mum asked the doctor, he said he thought there was two of us, possibly three. My mum asked him why he wouldn't tell her that and he said there was no point because it would have only made her scared. I was born first at four and a quarter pounds, Margaret was next at four- and three-quarter pounds and Georgina was last at four pounds. The nurse didn't have any paper to write this on, so she found a matchbox and wrote it on that."

She continued: "My mum put a piece of wool around each of our wrists, I had a pink one, Margaret had a green one and Georgina had a yellow one. Our mum

made most of our clothes growing up and whatever she made, she always used a bit of pink in mine, green in Margaret's and yellow in Georgina's. I worked at Solihull council for 44 years, mainly doing type setting, but when I retired, I was the longest serving member of the council. All three of us retired at the age of 60. Margaret worked at Boots, the chemist for 44 years."

Georgina, a mother-of-two and grandmother-of-four, said: "Margaret got married first in 1962 and she stayed in the Hall Green area of Birmingham with her husband, Michael. I got married in 1965 to my husband, John, and I moved to Coventry where I still live 52 years later. Mary lived in the family home until 2010 and she now lives next door to Margaret and Michael. "There will be 19 of us at our 80th birthday, it will just be a family thing. We have people coming up from Plymouth, Ipswich and Worcester. My two children are coming over from Coventry." She added that they were all in the Brownies and Guides and have been involved in the Guides Movement for 73 years.

Margaret said: "It's absolutely fantastic and we are having the most fantastic time. "When we were born we had the King's **bounty**, which ended up being three pounds between us. It was started by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert and my mum applied for it when we were born. We received a letter from Buckingham Palace along with a cheque for three pounds."

31. Choose the best title or heading for the passage.
- A. Three Sisters Meet the Queen
 - B. Triple Octogenarians
 - C. Old Ladies Now Live Longer
 - D. A Happy Birthday to All

32. How long have the triplets been alive?
- A. 20 years
 - B. 30 years
 - C. 44 years
 - D. 80 years
-
33. How did their mother tell them apart as babies?
- A. Different hats
 - B. Coloured wool
 - C. Their faces
 - D. Their sizes
-
34. Who worked as a pharmacist for 44 years?
- A. Georgina
 - B. Michael
 - C. Margaret
 - D. Mary
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35. What does the word 'bounty' mean in the final paragraph?
- A. Penalty
 - B. Chocolate bar
 - C. A ship
 - D. Gift

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

An office worker has been dubbed "Britain's most generous colleague" because he buys Christmas gifts for all 1,000 people at his workplace. Newman, 57, from Merseyside, started the gift-giving more than seven years ago. Back then, he worked in a much smaller office with just 12 people – spending around a £1 on each of them.

When he presented his colleagues with the little treats, they were so thankful that he decided to make it an annual tradition. "They were so happy, and I thought I would like to do that again. The looks on their faces was just priceless," he continued. "It reminded me of that feeling of queuing

up for a Santa's grotto. I think everybody went back to their childhoods when they were given out their presents, so for the next few years, I decided to keep trying to find daft and unusual presents."

When he became a para-technical officer, which means he assesses emergency plans, with the Office of Nuclear Regulation, in 2011, he even set up a makeshift grotto in one of meeting rooms as he gave more than 50 presents to people, in his team. Last year, he expanded it to the whole of the Office of Nuclear Regulation, which has more than 500 people, and this year, he gave festive treats to almost 1,000 people across the whole building.

He said: "Gradually it's got bigger and bigger and when I moved to the Office of Nuclear Regulation, I expanded it and I had to be more **ingenious** about finding enough presents for everyone without spending lots of money. I suppose I did get a bit carried away, but I managed to get lots of really inexpensive things. My reasons for doing it are entirely selfish. I get to see everybody being happy. It started on a small scale, but it has worked its way into something much bigger."

Although he made sure everyone had a little something, his bargain hunting skills meant he estimates he spent just £200 to £300. He explained: "Whenever I find some kind of sale or reduction, I am thinking ahead. For example, when they are selling off packets of Christmas cards for 10p, I will buy a stack of those. I've also bought chocolate in bulk to keep the price down.

Newman has even had to turn the basement of his house into a Christmas room to store all the treats throughout the year. Without an army of elves on hand, he gets help from his family including wife Gina, 57, daughter Amy, 28, and granddaughter

Aleesa, eight. Together, they individually hand-wrap each gift.

Dave Caton, director of human resources at the Office for Nuclear Regulation said: "Nuclear regulation is rightly a serious business, but we are all human beings and it is heart-warming that Steve takes the time out to say 'thank you' to his colleagues in this special way.

36. Choose the best title or heading for the passage.
- A. Never Enough Time or Money
 - B. Too Many Gifts to Wrap
 - C. Where are All the Gifts?
 - D. Christmas for Everybody
-
37. How old is Newman?
- A. 12
 - B. 57
 - C. 28
 - D. 50
-
38. Newman gives gifts because _____.
- A. his daughter helps him
 - B. it makes him feel proud
 - C. people enjoy it so much
 - D. they give him a special room in the office
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39. Every gift is handwrapped by _____.
- A. people in the shop
 - B. Newman himself
 - C. colleagues in the office
 - D. Newman's family
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40. What is the meaning of the word 'ingenious' in the fourth paragraph?
- A. Stupid
 - B. Clever
 - C. Vague
 - D. Clear

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

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

41. Rati : Don't let your seniors bully you, _____.

Rahul : You are right, sister.

- A. stand yourself up
- B. stand yourself
- C. stand up for yourself
- D. stand yourself for

42. Priya : Do you have shoes of size five?

Shopkeeper: _____.

- A. You are late
- B. This is too early
- C. Indeed
- D. This is a shoe store

43. Trainee: Is everything OK?

Team lead: I am afraid, I will have to _____

the contract with immediate effect.

- A. terminate
- B. frustrate
- C. gyrate
- D. isolate

44. Ray: How's your mum doing?

Tim: She's great, she just got a job at the bank as an _____.

- A. advisable
- B. advisor
- C. advisory
- D. advised

45. Chetan : I wasn't expecting any kind of _____ from the audience during my talk.

- A. come back
- B. go forward
- C. move away
- D. stay there

ACHIEVERS SECTION

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

46. Why _____ the inevitable, you really need to just leave.

- A. annihilate
- B. prolong
- C. abbreviate
- D. prance

47. I'm really looking forward to our _____ to the country.

- A. jade
- B. jitters
- C. jaunt
- D. jetpack

48. CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Condole

- A. Commemorate
- B. Commiserate
- C. Consecrate
- D. Commence

49. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Exalt

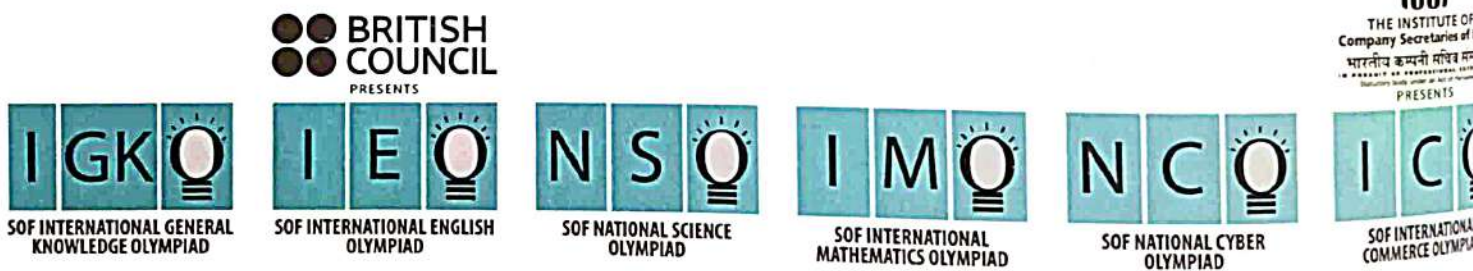
- A. Vilify
- B. Dignify
- C. Extol
- D. Eulogise

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

Manager: We need a break after that contentious meeting. All that bickering is beginning to _____.

Team lead: I completely agree.

- A. call our names
- B. cloud our judgement
- C. clog our levels
- D. go dead broke



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