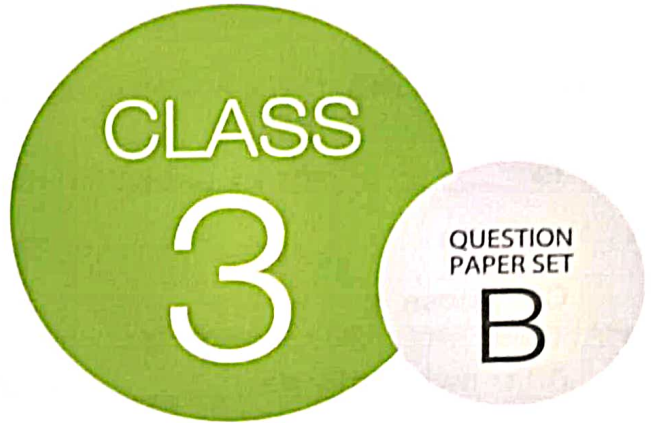




**SOF INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH OLYMPIAD 2023-24**



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Total Questions: 35 | Time: 1 hr.

### Guidelines for the Candidate

- You will get additional ten minutes to fill up information about yourself on the OMR Sheet, before the start of the exam.
- 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.
- The Question Paper comprises four sections:  
**Word and Structure Knowledge** (15 Questions), **Reading** (10 Questions), **Spoken and Written Expression** (5 Questions) and **Achievers Section** (5 Questions).  
 Each question in Achievers Section carries 2 marks, whereas all other questions carry one mark each.
- All questions are compulsory. There is no negative marking.
- There is only ONE correct answer. Choose only ONE option for an answer.
- 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 blank.**  
**My father went \_\_\_\_\_ to buy some milk.**  
**A. there    B. their    C. they're    D. these**  
 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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- A. Noun
- C. Adjective

- B. Verb
  - D. Adverb
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9. Our instructor explained in detail.

- A. Noun
- C. Conjunction

- B. Adjective
  - D. Verb
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FOR QUESTIONS 10 AND 11, CHOOSE THE PART OF THE SENTENCE THAT HAS AN ERROR.

10. Serena had be looking forward to the vacation.

- A. Serena had
- C. forward to

- B. be looking
  - D. the vacation.
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11. Siya looked on the menu and decided to eat pizza.

- A. Siya looked on
- C. and decided

- B. the menu
  - D. to eat pizza.
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FOR QUESTIONS 12 AND 13, CHOOSE THE OPTION WITH CORRECT SPELLING.

12. Choose the correct spelling of the word which means a soft covering of chairs or seats.

- A. Appholstrey
- C. Upholestory

- B. Upholstery
  - D. Upphollstery
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13. Choose the correct spelling of the word which means strange.

- A. Peculiar
- C. Pecuelier

- B. Picooliar
  - D. Peculiar
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14. CHOOSE THE SYNONYM OF RIDICULOUS.

- A. Sensible
- C. Silly

- B. Logical
  - D. Possible
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15. CHOOSE THE ANTONYM OF BRIEF.

- A. Sharp
- C. Short

- B. Little
- D. Lengthy

## READING

FOR QUESTIONS 16 TO 20, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

Long ago, a hawk lived on the top of a hill. At the foot of the hill, there was a banyan tree on which a crow used to perch every day. The crow was very foolish. He would imitate everyone.

The hawk atop the hill would fly down every day in search of food. The crow watched the hawk circling in the air for long hours and swooping down when he saw his prey. The hawk, gifted with eyes that could see long distances, would spot his prey from the hilltop and then fly down to pounce upon it.

The crow watched the hawk, thinking, "Hunh! If the hawk can do that, I too can. What does he think? One day, I will show the hawk that I can do the same thing."

A few days later, as the hawk was circling in the air, the crow decided to do the same. Suddenly, a baby rabbit came out of the bushes. The hawk saw it, and the crow also saw the rabbit.

Before the crow could move, the hawk swooped down, caught hold of the rabbit in his strong, sharp talons, and flew away. "Swoosh!" was all the crow heard as the hawk disappeared in the sky with his prey. "Hmmp! That is no great skill," thought the crow angrily.

The next moment, he spotted a big, fat mouse coming out of a hole. Without wasting time, the crow swooped down. Like the hawk, he tried to catch the mouse in his claws.

But the mouse saw the crow and moved away; the crow crashed against the hill. "Eeeaaa!" cried the crow in pain.

Just then, the hawk came flying down. "I hope now you know it is not easy to hunt and it is not easy to imitate, either," said the hawk, and flew away.

Thereafter, the crow never imitated anyone in his life. He lived happily with the God-given abilities.

16. How does the hawk catch his prey?

- A. The hawk blends in with the surrounding and then attacks his prey.
- B. The hawk spots his prey from the hilltop and then flies down to pounce upon it.
- C. The hawk catches the prey in his beak and then flies upwards in the sky.
- D. The hawk watches his prey from the tree and then suddenly catches upon it.

17. What happened to the crow when he tried to imitate the hawk?

- A. He succeeded in catching the prey.
- B. He fell from the tree and hurt his head.
- C. He was beaten up by the hawk.
- D. He crashed himself against the hill.

18. Who said the given statement to whom?

“It is not easy to hunt and it is not easy to imitate, either.”

- A. The hawk to the crow
- B. The crow to the mouse
- C. The rabbit to the hawk
- D. The crow to the hawk

19. What lesson did the crow learn at the end of the story?

- A. One should be jealous of others.
- B. One should treat others with disrespect.
- C. One should appreciate the God-given abilities.
- D. One should be proud of oneself.

20. In the passage, the word ‘perch’ means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. to eat on
- B. to move on
- C. to hunt on
- D. to sit on

FOR QUESTIONS 21 TO 25, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

**- KIDS BRITANNICA**

Whales are large animals that live in water. Whales may look like fishes, but they are mammals. They breathe air and produce milk for their young ones. Whales make up an order, or large group of animals, called Cetacea. The order includes dolphins and porpoises.

There are two basic kinds of whale: toothed and baleen. Toothed whales have sharp teeth and eat mainly fishes and squid. There are about 70 species, or types, of toothed whale. These include the sperm whale, the beluga, the killer whale, the narwhal, beaked whales, and pilot whales. There are about 10 species of baleen whale. These include the blue whale, the grey whale, the fin whale, the humpback whale, the sei whale, and right whales. Baleen whales do not have teeth. Instead, they have blade-shaped plates hanging from the roof of the mouth. These plates are called baleen, or whalebone.

Whales live in oceans and seas all over the world. Some species can be found in rivers. Large species often migrate, or travel from one place to another, at certain times of the year. Some types travel thousands of miles.

Whales are generally more than 10 feet (3 meters) long. Several species, mainly baleens, may be 60 feet (18 meters) long or more. The Blue Whale is the largest animal that has ever lived. It may be more than 100 feet (30 meters) long.

Whales are usually black, grey, black and white, or white. Some types are bluish grey. A whale's skin is smooth. A thick layer of fat, called blubber, beneath the skin protects the animal from cold water.

Whales go to the surface of the water to breathe. A whale takes in air through one or two openings, called blowholes, on the top of the head.

Whales make many sounds—including whistles, barks, and screams—to **transmit** with other whales. Some types of whales may live for 100 years or longer.

21. Which of the following whale species is a type of baleen whale?

- A. The beluga whale
- B. The humpback whale
- C. The pilot whale
- D. The sperm whale

22. According to the passage, the Blue Whale is the largest animal that has ever lived. It is about \_\_\_\_\_ long.

- A. 100 meters
- B. 18 meters
- C. 60 meters
- D. 30 meters

23. Why do whales go to the surface of the ocean?

- A. To search for its food
- B. To play with other whales
- C. To breathe
- D. To escape from sharks

24. Which body part of the whale helps it take in air?

- A. Smooth skin
- B. Blubber
- C. Blowholes
- D. Whalebone

25. In the passage, the word 'transmit' means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. communicate
- B. translate
- C. meditate
- D. hesitate

## SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

FOR QUESTIONS 26 TO 30, CHOOSE THE MOST SUITABLE OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH CONVERSATION.

26. Rati : Did you watch this latest movie?

Jatin : No, \_\_\_\_\_ go together.

- A. let                      B. lets                      C. let's                      D. letting

27. Teacher : \_\_\_\_\_ do you want to be when you grow up?

Student : I want to be a doctor.

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

28. Mother : \_\_\_\_\_ you finish your homework, you can't watch TV.

- A. Despite                      B. Yet                      C. Unless                      D. Because

29. Jayati : Hi! How are you?

Suman : Great! Thanks for \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. ask                      B. asked                      C. asking                      D. asks

30. Shreya : Mom, I need to \_\_\_\_\_ some water.

Mother : Ok, let me help you.

- A. boils                      B. boil                      C. boiling                      D. boiled

## ACHIEVERS SECTION

FOR QUESTIONS 31 AND 32, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

31. Rachit gulped down his food hurriedly as he was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. replenished                      B. implied                      C. famished                      D. brandished

32. There was total darkness as the train went \_\_\_\_\_ the tunnel.

- A. at                      B. with                      C. through                      D. under

33. CHOOSE THE PART OF THE SENTENCE THAT HAS AN ERROR.

We were exhausted after playing football since two hours.

- A. We were                      B. exhausted after                      C. playing football                      D. since two hours

34. CHOOSE THE SYNONYM OF MAGNIFICENT.

- A. Ordinary                      B. Glorious                      C. Sufficient                      D. Gloomy


35. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION.

Teacher : Rama puts her \_\_\_\_\_ in every task.

Mother : I am so proud of her.

- A. tooth and nail                      B. heart and soul                      C. hand and mouth                      D. brain and soul



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