

Bloom English Olympiad Sample Paper 1

Maximum Time : 60 Minutes

Maximum Marks : 60

INSTRUCTIONS

1. There are 50 Multiple Choice Questions in this paper divided into two sections :
Section A 40 MCQs; 1 Mark each
Section B 10 MCQs; 2 Mark each
2. Each question has Four Options out of which **ONLY ONE** is correct.
3. All questions are compulsory.
4. There is no negative marking.
5. No electronic device capable of storing and displaying visual information such as calculator and mobile is allowed during the course of the exam.

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Section A (1 Mark Questions)

Directions (Q. Nos. 1 and 2) Fill in the blanks by using the suitable adjectives.

1. I own a _____ collection of luxury cars.
(a) dazzling (b) distressing (c) ugly (d) solemn
2. The President condemned the _____ terrorist attack on civilians.
(a) novel (b) discriminate (c) indiscriminate (d) live

Directions (Q. Nos. 3 and 4) Select the nouns from the following sentences.

3. "You must understand the gravity of the situation.", the teacher said to the students.
(a) gravity, situation, teacher, students (b) gravity, situation, understand, teacher, students
(c) gravity, situation, understand (d) situation, students, teachers
4. A flock of sheep were straying all over the road causing confusion in the traffic.
(a) Flock, sheep, road (b) Flock of sheep, road, confusion, traffic
(c) Flock of sheep, road causing, traffic (d) Flock, sheep, road, traffic

Directions (Q. Nos. 5 and 6) Which of the following sentences is properly punctuated?

5. (a) Mihir gave his old pair of shoes to the Gardener.
(b) Mihir gave, his old pair of shoes to the gardener.
(c) Mihir gave his old pair of shoes to the gardener?
(d) Mihir gave his old pair of shoes to the gardener.
6. (a) Congratulations. I hear you got a raise. Did you tell your sister.
(b) Congratulations! I hear you got a raise. Did you tell your Sister?
(c) Congratulations! I hear you got a raise. Did you tell your sister?
(d) Congratulations. I hear you got a raise. Did you tell your sister?

Directions (Q. Nos. 7 and 8) Choose the odd one out from the following.

7. (a) Spinster (b) Nun (c) Countess (d) Baron
8. (a) Halloween (b) Odometer (c) Rebuff (d) Spouse

Directions (Q. Nos. 9 and 10) Identify the type of the sentences.

9. Phew, what a terrible year!
(a) Assertive sentence (b) Interrogative sentence
(c) Exclamatory sentence (d) Optative sentence
10. I want you to sit down now.
(a) Imperative sentence (b) Optative sentence
(c) Declarative sentence (d) Interrogative sentence

11. Change the voice of the given sentence.

The French surrendered Quebec to the English in 1759.

- (a) Quebec was surrendered by the French to the English in 1759.
- (b) Quebec was surrendered to the English in 1759 by the French.
- (c) The English were surrendered Quebec in 1759 by the French.
- (d) Quebec was surrendered in 1759 by the French to the English.

12. Change the narration of the given sentence.

Kiran asked me, "Did you see the Cricket match on television last night?"

- (a) Kiran asked me whether I saw the Cricket match on television the earlier night.
- (b) Kiran asked me whether I had seen the Cricket match on television the earlier night.
- (c) Kiran asked me did I see the Cricket match on television the last night.
- (d) Kiran asked me whether I had seen the Cricket match on television the last night.

Directions (Q. Nos. 13 and 14) Complete the following word pairs by choosing the correct option.

13. Pure and

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| (a) Impure | (b) Sour |
| (c) Purest | (d) Simple |

14. Trial and

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| (a) Error | (b) Honour |
| (c) Strike | (d) Trouble |

Directions (Q. Nos. 15 and 16) Identify the type of the underlined adverbs in the following sentences.

15. It's simply not enough.

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| (a) Frequency | (b) Degree |
| (c) Manner | (d) Time |

16. Does he normally wear spectacles?

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| (a) Degree | (b) Manner |
| (c) Place | (d) Frequency |

Directions (Q. Nos. 17 and 18) Select the sentence with the correct usage of articles.

17. (a) I need to go to a post office and buy the stamp and a envelope.

(b) I need to go to the post office and buy a stamp and an envelope.

(c) I need to go to post office and buy the stamp and an envelope.

(d) I need to go to a post office and buy stamp and a envelope.

18. (a) I really hate mosquitoes. They always bite me.

(b) I really hate the mosquitoes. They always bite me.

(c) I really hate a mosquitoes. They always bite me.

(d) I really hate an mosquitoes. They always bite me.

Directions (Q. Nos. 19-23) Read the following passage and fill in the blanks.

According to 19 report in yesterday's newspaper, a police dog was 20 to Raj Bhawan on Sunday. 21 was to trace 22 killers of a horse who went missing on Saturday. The dog picked 23 the scent on some traces of blood.

19. (a) the (b) a (c) an (d) No article
20. (a) given (b) send (c) sent (d) sending
21. (a) That (b) Those (c) These (d) This
22. (a) a (b) an (c) few (d) the
23. (a) up (b) on (c) at (d) over

Directions (Q. Nos. 24 and 25) Choose the correct conjunction to fill the blanks.

24. _____ they were older, they could go to the party.
(a) So (b) If (c) However (d) But
25. Look at the map, _____ you'll get lost.
(a) and (b) but (c) however (d) otherwise

Directions (Q. Nos. 26 and 27) Replace the underlined preposition in the sentence with the correct one. If the preposition needs no replacement, choose option (d).

26. When will you hand in your assignment?
(a) back (b) into (c) at (d) No change
27. He knows Tamil and Telgu beside Hindi.
(a) besides (b) since (c) aside (d) No change

Directions (Q. Nos. 28 and 29) Choose the wrongly spelt word from the following.

28. (a) Euphemism (b) Solstice (c) Dappre (d) Projectile
29. (a) Controversy (b) Diehard (c) Cynocure (d) Blatant
30. Choose the correct tense to fill the blank.

I wish Nimisha _____ here! She _____ know what to do.

- (a) was, would (b) were, could (c) were, would (d) was, could

Directions (Q. Nos. 31-35) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Lorde : I keep a journal and write in it fairly regularly. I get a lot of my poems out of it. It's like the raw material for my poems. Sometimes I'm blessed with a poem that comes in the form of a poem, but other times I've worked for two years on a poem.

For me, there are two very basic and different processes for revising my poetry. One is recognising that a poem has not yet become itself. In other words, I mean that the feeling, the truth that the poem is anchored in is somehow not clearly clarified inside of me and as a result it lacks something.

Then, it has to be re-felt. Then, there's the other process which is easier. The poem is itself, but it has rough edges that need to be refined. That kind of revision involves picking the image that is more potent or tailoring it so that it carries the feeling. That's an easier kind of re-writing and re-feeling.

- 31.** From where could this account have been taken?
(a) A journal (b) A newspaper
(c) An interview (d) An eassay
- 32.** The person named Lorde in the passage writes in a journal
(a) very regularly (b) rarely (c) all the time (d) fairly regularly
- 33.** Lorde is probably a
(a) poet (b) novelist (c) dramatist (d) painter
- 34.** Another word in the second paragraph that means 'reconsidering' is
(a) re-feeling (b) recognising (c) picking (d) revising
- 35.** According to the writer, how many processes are involved in revising her work?
(a) One (b) Two (c) Three (d) Four
- 36.** Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.
I am sure they will fight tooth and nail for their rights.
(a) with all their might (b) without any other weapon
(c) resorting to violence (d) very cowardly
- 37.** Choose the correct idiom from the following.
(a) Cut out a corner (b) A near cry (c) A far cry (d) Short order
- 38.** Choose the correct one word substitution for the following.
A person who draws or produces maps.
(a) Caricaturist (b) Florist (c) Pacifist (d) Cartographer
- 39.** Choose the correct Indirect Speech of the following.
Raman said, "I've been studying a lot."
(a) Raman said that he has been studying a lot.
(b) Raman said that he had been studying a lot.
(c) Raman said that he had studied a lot.
(d) Raman said that he has studied a lot.
- 40.** Choose the correct Passive Voice of the following.
They say that women live longer than men.
(a) It is said that women lived longer than men.
(b) It is said that women live longer than men.
(c) It is said that women living longer than men.
(d) It is said that women lived longer than men.

Section B (2 Mark Questions)

41. Match the following words given in List – I with their antonyms given in List – II.

List I	List II
A. Permit	1. Weaken
B. Consolidate	2. Modern
C. Trivial	3. Forbid
D. Ancient	4. Serious

Codes

A B C D
 (a) 2 1 3 4
 (c) 4 3 1 2

A B C D
 (b) 1 3 2 4
 (d) 3 1 4 2

42. Match the words given in List I with their synonyms in List II.

List I	List II
A. Notorious	1. Motivation
B. Encouragement	2. Infamous
C. Lethargic	3. Huge
D. Enormous	4. Inactive

Codes

A B C D
 (a) 1 4 3 2
 (c) 2 1 4 3

A B C D
 (b) 1 2 3 4
 (d) 4 3 2 1

Directions (Q. Nos. 43 and 44) Replace the bold parts of the sentences with the phrases given in the options.

43. Although India is still (1) **by far** a poor country, it can become rich if its natural and human resources (2) **can be fully utilised**.

- (a) (1) few and far between (2) are utilised
- (b) (1) by and large (2) are fully utilised
- (c) (1) by and by (2) should be fully utilised
- (d) (1) by and large (2) were fully utilised

44. She says (1) **she is already** paid me back, but I can't remember so I'll have (2) **to take her word**.

- (a) (1) She had already (2) to take her word true
- (b) (1) She was already (2) to take her word for it
- (c) (1) She's already (2) to take her at her word
- (d) No improvement

45. Read the following statements and choose the correct option.

- (i) 'Pronouns' cannot be used in an interrogative sentence.
- (ii) 'Some' is an example of indefinite pronoun.
- (a) Only (i) is true
- (b) Only (ii) is true
- (c) Both (i) and (ii) are false
- (d) Both (i) and (ii) are true

46. Read the following statements and choose the correct option.

- (i) Simple Present Tense is used to express general truths.
- (ii) The past tense of 'wring' is 'wring'.
- (a) Only (i) is true
- (b) Both (i) and (ii) are false
- (c) Both (i) and (ii) are true
- (d) Only (ii) is true

Directions (Q. Nos. 47 and 48) Choose the correct option based on True (T) or False (F). (True for correct statement and false for incorrect statement). On the basis of rules of grammar and writing skills.

- 47.** (i) 'Hardly' is an adjective. (ii) 'Earl' is a masculine gender.
 (iii) The superlative degree of 'little' is 'least'. (iv) 'Sericulture' is an adjective.
 (a) FTTF (b) TTTT (c) FFFF (d) FTFT
- 48.** (i) Subject is part of an informal letter. (ii) A notice is enclosed in a box.
 (iii) An essay is the same as a paragraph. (iv) A story is written in passive voice.
 (a) FTFF (b) TTFF (c) FTFT (d) TTTT

49. Read the following statements and choose the correct option based on True (T) or False (F). (True for correct statement and false for incorrect statement) on the basis of writing skills.

- (i) A letter is always supposed to be polite and considerate.
- (ii) The title of an article should be catchy that draws the attention of the reader.
- (iii) The heading should make abundantly clear the purpose of the notices.
- (iv) A descriptive essay is when the writer is narrating an incident or story through the essay.
- (a) TTTF (b) TFTF (c) TTTF (d) FTTF

50. Complete the following dialogues.

Sahil: Sorry I'm late for office. (i) _____.

Office Asst.: That's because they started the work on the new Metro yesterday.

Sahil: Yes, and by tomorrow things are going to get much worse. You know they are sealing off a portion of the road?

Office Asst.: In that case _____.

- (i)
- (a) The traffic was great today. (b) The traffic was chaotic today.
- (c) I woke up late today. (d) I am doing great today.
- (ii)
- (a) I will be more late tomorrow (b) I will not come tomorrow
- (c) they will to divert the traffic (d) they will have to divert the traffic

Answers with Hints

1. (a) 'Dazzling' means extremely attractive or exciting. Hence, it is suitable to fill the blank.
2. (c) 'Indiscriminate' means an action without thinking what harm it might cause. Hence, it is suitable to fill the blank.
3. (a) Gravity, situation, teachers and students are the nouns in the given sentence.
4. (b) Flock of sheep, road, confusion, traffic are the nouns in the given sentence.
5. (d) Option (d) gives the correct punctuation of the sentence.
6. (c) Option (c) gives the correctly punctuated sentence.
7. (d) 'Baron' is the odd one out as it is masculine gender.
8. (c) 'Rebuff' is a verb while the other words are nouns. 'Rebuff' means an unkind or unfriendly answer to a friendly suggestion or offer of help.
9. (c) The given sentence is an exclamatory sentence.
10. (a) The given sentence is an imperative sentence as it expresses a command.
11. (a) Option (a) gives the correct passive voice.
12. (b) Option (b) gives the correct indirect narration of the given sentence.
13. (d) 'Pure and Simple' is the correct word pair.
14. (a) 'Trial and error' is the correct word pair.
15. (b) 'Enough' is an adverb of degree.
16. (d) 'Normally' is an adverb of frequency.
17. (b) 'I need to go to the post office and buy a stamp and envelope' is the correct option.
18. (a) "I really hate mosquitoes. They always bite me." is the correct answer.
19. (b) 'A' will be used to fill the blank.
20. (c) 'Sent' is appropriate to fill the blank as per the context of the sentence.
21. (d) 'This' is suitable to fill the blank as per the context of the sentence.
22. (d) 'The' will be used to fill the blank as the sentence talks about a particular horse.
23. (a) 'Up' is suitable to fill the given blank.
24. (b) The sentence is a conditional sentence. So, 'if' is suitable to fill the blank.
25. (d) 'Otherwise' is suitable to fill the blank.
26. (d) No change is required.
27. (a) 'Besides' means in addition to. So, it should replace 'beside' to correct the sentence.
28. (c) The correct spelling is 'Dapper'. 'Dapper' is used to describe a man who is dressed in a fashionable and tidy way.
29. (c) The correct spelling is 'Cynosure'. 'Cynosure' is a person or thing that is so good or beautiful that it attracts a lot of attention.
30. (c) 'Were' and 'would' are appropriate words to fill the respective blanks.
31. (a) The account has been taken from a journal.
32. (d) From the passage we come to know that Lorde writes in a journal fairly regularly.
33. (a) We come to know after reading the passage that Lorde is a poet.
34. (d) 'Revising' is another word for 'reconsidering'.
35. (b) According to the author, two very basic processes are involved in revising her work.

- 36.** (a) The idiom 'tooth and nail' means 'with all their might'.
- 37.** (c) 'A far cry' is the correct idiom which means 'a long distance'.
- 38.** (d) A person who draws/produces maps is called a cartographer.
- 39.** (b) Option (b) gives the correct indirect speech of the given sentence.
- 40.** (b) Option (b) gives the correct passive voice of the given sentence.
- 41.** (d) 3142 is the correct answer. Permit-Forbid, Consolidate-Weaken, Trivial-Serious, Ancient-Modern are the correct antonym pairs.
- 42.** (c) 2143 is the correct answer. Notorious-Infamous, Encouragement-Motivation, Lethargic-Inactive and Enormous-Huge are the correct synonym pairs.
- 43.** (b) '(1) by and large' and '(2) are fully utilized' should replace the bold parts.
- 44.** (c) '(1) She's already' and '(2) to take her at her word' should replace the bold parts.
- 45.** (b) Pronouns can be used in any type of sentence.
- 46.** (c) Both statements are true.
- 47.** (a) 'Hardly' is an Adverb. 'Sericulture' is a noun.
- 48.** (a) Subject is part of a formal letter. An essay is different from a paragraph and consists of many paragraphs. A story can be written in both active and passive voice.
- 49.** (c) A narrative essay is when the writer is narrating an incident or story through the essay.
- 50.** (i) (b) 'The traffic was chaotic today', is the correct answer.
(ii) (d) 'They will have to divert the traffic' is the correct answer.