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# BLOOM English Olympiad (BEO)

## Question Paper 2023-24

Class  
**10**

Total Questions: **50+5** (Tie-Breaking Section)


**Total Time Allotted** : 60 minutes

**Total Marks** : 60

### Instructions

1. There are **50 Multiple Choice Questions** in this booklet having 4 options out of which **ONLY ONE** is correct.
2. There are two sections in the Question Paper; Section 1 having 40 Questions carrying 1 Mark each & Section 2 having 10 Higher Difficulty Order Questions carrying 2 Marks each.
3. All questions are compulsory. There is **NO negative** marking for incorrect answers.
4. Total time allotted to complete the paper is 60 minutes.
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# Bloom English Olympiad Class 10

## Section 1 (1 Mark)

**Directions** (1-12) Fill in the blanks by choosing the appropriate option.

1. The coach was full and the weather very hot, but the air conditioning wasn't working. \_\_\_\_\_, the passengers were uncomfortable and many of them complained.  
(a) On the contrary (b) Nevertheless  
(c) Consequently (d) Otherwise
2. More than a million people \_\_\_\_\_ the new superstore since it \_\_\_\_\_ last month.  
(a) are visiting, has been opening  
(b) have visited, opened  
(c) were visiting, opens  
(d) have been visiting, is opening
3. Professional athletes usually have short careers due to injuries suffered by trying to perform at the limits of their capacity and \_\_\_\_\_ chronic pains and injuries.  
(a) step up (b) look for  
(c) fall back (d) end up with
4. Many a girl \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) has seen this movie  
(b) have seen this movie  
(c) see this movie  
(d) are going to see this movie
5. The magnificent \_\_\_\_\_ temple was constructed by the Chinese.  
(a) eight-centuries-old (b) eight-century's-old  
(c) old-eight centuries (d) eight-century-old
6. The archaeological evidence \_\_\_\_\_ clearly that people in ancient Crete \_\_\_\_\_ flush toilets 4000 years ago.  
(a) has shown, use  
(b) is showing, have used  
(c) showed, have been using  
(d) shows, were using
7. Laws are made \_\_\_\_\_ secure the personal safety \_\_\_\_\_ its subjects and \_\_\_\_\_ prevent murder and crimes \_\_\_\_\_ violence.  
(a) off, to, to, of (b) to, of, to, of  
(c) for, to, of, in (d) to, in, at, with
8. There were \_\_\_\_\_ adventurers who were willing to fight in \_\_\_\_\_ cause if the pay were good.  
(a) several, some (b) many, none  
(c) some, any (d) a good deal of, few
9. Mahendra broke his leg yesterday. His leg is in a cast and he \_\_\_\_\_ use crutches for a month.  
(a) will be able to (b) will have to  
(c) had better (d) should
10. The stewardess showed the passenger \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) when to start travelling  
(b) where to land the plane  
(c) how to fasten the seat belt  
(d) how to judge the altitude of the plan
11. The child was so spoiled by her indulgent parents that she became \_\_\_\_\_ when she did not receive all of their attention.  
(a) sullen (b) elated  
(c) discreet (d) suspicious
12. Perhaps she ought to go away, and \_\_\_\_\_ a new start somewhere else.  
(a) make (b) originate  
(c) of (d) begin
13. Choose the sentence that correctly follows the subject verb agreement.  
(a) Village after village were destroyed.  
(b) Two thousand rupees were charged by him.  
(c) Not much of her work are appreciated by the team.  
(d) The father with his son were missing from his home.

14. Select the meaning of the given idiom.

He could not get money from his master because he rubbed him up the wrong way.

- (a) asked him to speed up
- (b) suggested a wrong method
- (c) advised him to be strict
- (d) irked or irritated him

15. Choose the antonym of the word underlined in the given sentence.

This tonic serves to vitalise your skin.

- (a) shorten
- (b) enfeeble
- (c) repress
- (d) clamour

16. Change the given sentence into active voice.

It was decided by the court that the contract was invalid.

- (a) The contract was invalid is decided.
- (b) The court decides that the contract was invalid.
- (c) The court said that the contract was invalid.
- (d) The court decided that the contract was invalid.

17. Change the sentence into indirect speech.

He said to his father, "Please increase my pocket money."

- (a) He told his father, "Please increase the pocket money."
- (b) He pleaded his father to please increase my pocket money.
- (c) He requested his father to increase his pocket money.
- (d) He asked his father to increase his money.

18. In the following question, the first and the last part of the sentence is S1 and S6 respectively. The rest of the sentence is split into four parts (PQRS). These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentence and find out which of the four combination is correct.

S1. Youths are the assets and hope of a nation.

- P. in making India a great
- Q. steeped in old cultural values
- R. They can play a vital role

S. democratic, progressive and prosperous country

S6. but equipped with modern scientific look.

**Codes**

- (a) RPSQ
- (b) QPRS
- (c) SPRQ
- (d) PRSQ

19. Complete the given dialogue appropriately.

B. Is your school a boarding school?

A. Yes, It is.

B. Great! Do you like it there?

A. \_\_\_\_\_

**Codes**

- (a) I cannot really answer that.
- (b) Yes, its really awesome there.
- (c) Do you like chocolates? It's that obvious.
- (d) No. I am forced to live there.

20. Which phrase can replace the underlined phrase to make the sentence correct.

The watchman did not hear the thieves to enter the building.

- (a) to be allowed to enter the building
- (b) to be entering the building
- (c) to entering the building
- (d) entering the building

**Directions (21-25)** Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.

As the rulers of the planet, humans like to think that it is the large creatures who will emerge victorious from the struggle for survival. However, nature teaches us the opposite: it is often the smallest species which are the toughest and most adaptable. A perfect example is the hummingbird, which is found in the Americas. One species of hummingbird known as the bee hummingbird ranks as the world's smallest and lightest bird and it is barely visible when it is in flight.

Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly backwards. They feed mainly on the nectar of flowers, a liquid that is rich in energy. Nectar is an ideal food source, for hummingbirds need an incredible amount of energy to sustain their body

metabolism. A hummingbird's wings flap at a rate of about 80 times per second and its tiny heart beats more than 1000 times per minute. This is why they must consume relatively large quantities of food. In the course of a day, a hummingbird consumes about half its body weight in nectar.

- 21.** Nature has made man realise the fact that
- (a) the large creatures emerge victorious from the struggle for survival.
  - (b) the smallest creatures are the toughest and most adaptable.
  - (c) humans who rule the planet are the most powerful beings on Earth.
  - (d) the largest and the smallest species are equally tough and strong.
- 22.** Which of the following statements about the bee hummingbird is true?
- (a) It escapes our sight when it is in flight
  - (b) It is obviously visible when it flies
  - (c) It could fly high beyond the clouds
  - (d) It cannot be seen when it is in flight
- 23.** Hummingbirds need a lot of energy in order to
- (a) maintain their body metabolism
  - (b) flap their wings and fly backward's
  - (c) sustain a steady rhythm of heart-beat
  - (d) win in the struggle for survival
- 24.** The hummingbirds are exclusive in the sense that
- (a) they subsist only on nectar
  - (b) their pulse rate is more than 1000 per minute
  - (c) they consume half their body weight everyday
  - (d) they can fly backwards
- 25.** The word, 'incredible' in the passage mean
- (a) tremendous                      (b) inexhaustible
  - (c) unbelievable                      (d) phenomenal
- 26.** Find the error in the following sentence.
- (a) I would request to you
  - (b) to consider my application
  - (c) and grant me a job as early as possible.
  - (d) No error
- 27.** Identify the clause underlined in the given sentence.
- I will help her as far as I can do.
- (a) Principal clause
  - (b) Adjective clause
  - (c) Adverb clause
  - (d) Noun clause
- 28.** Replace the underlined part to make the sentence meaningful.
- One cannot be indifferent to one's health, can't one?
- (a) can't be?                      (b) can one?
  - (c) isn't it?                      (d) is it?
- 29.** Identify the options with correct spellings.
- (a) Liberate, cutlery, pharmaceutical
  - (b) Accelerate, flattered, conscientious
  - (c) Parpetrate, pictorial, insomnia
  - (d) Exaggerate, memorabilia, permanent
- 30.** Complete the given sentence appropriately.
- You'll need all the energy you can muster \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) you must proceed with caution
  - (b) to keep pace with what's happening
  - (c) because there was a note of urgency
  - (d) whether there's been lots of action throughout the year
- 31.** Which of the following is a synonym of the word underlined in the given sentence.
- His irresolute behaviour led to miscommunication and strain in his friendship.
- (a) ignorant                      (b) firm
  - (c) undecided                      (d) angry
- 32.** Replace the underlined phrase to make the sentence grammatically correct.
- Hoping not to be disturbed, I sat down on my easy chair to read the book I won as a prize.
- (a) I had won as a prize
  - (b) I have won as prize
  - (c) I had to win as a prize
  - (d) No change

**Directions** (33 and 34) You are the cultural head of your school. You have to write a notice inviting the names of students who would like to participate in the variety of programmes that you are planning in aid of an old age home in your city.

**33.** Select the appropriate title for the notice.

- (a) Fest for the Old People
- (b) Attention Everyone
- (c) Sandhya Tara- Helping the Elderly
- (d) Participation Invites

**34.** Select the option that lists the most accurate opening for this notice.

- (a) Greetings and attention please, to one and all
- (b) This notice is written to share some news with you all about
- (c) This is to inform all about
- (d) I wish to share with all

**35.** Choose the one word for the given group of words

One who believes everything he or she hears

- (a) Credulous (b) Credible
- (c) Creditable (d) Credential

**Directions** (36-40) The passage given below has some parts missing in it. The missing parts are numbered 36-40. Choose the correct option to complete the passage.

One of the oldest cities of Asia, Srinagar is known for its unique wooden architecture. Its \_\_\_\_ (36) \_\_\_\_ network of narrow streets amid multi-storey wooden houses \_\_\_\_ (37) \_\_\_\_ out its waterways, make it look like medieval Islamic \_\_\_\_ (38) \_\_\_\_ centers. The large-scale demolition of traditional buildings and bazaars \_\_\_\_ (39) \_\_\_\_ the quest for modernity have, however, \_\_\_\_ (40) \_\_\_\_ to their disappearance.

- 36.** (a) expansive (b) extensive  
(c) extended (d) expended
- 37.** (a) open (b) opened  
(c) opening (d) opined
- 38.** (a) urban (b) village  
(c) rural (d) country

- 39.** (a) in (b) inside  
(c) on (d) into

- 40.** (a) lead (b) led  
(c) conformed (d) caused

## Section 2 (2 Marks)

**41.** In the question, the 1st and the last sentences of the passage are numbered as S1 and S6. The rest of the passage is split into four parts and named P, Q, R and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentence and find out, which of the four combinations is correct. Then find the correct answer.

S1. Palaeobotany is the study of fossil plants preserved in rocks dating back in millions of years.

S6. The fossil plants indicate the age of the rock, and also point to facts regarding climate, temperature and topography.

P. Records of the history of the world are contained in fossils.

Q. Through the ages, plants have evolved from simple to more complex forms.

R. First there were water plants then land plants appeared during the Paleozoic era.

S. But since the fossil remains appear locked in rock layers, they are closely related to the geologist area of investigation.

### Codes

- (a) RQSP (b) SQRP
- (c) PSQR (d) QRPS

**42.** Choose the option that lists the grammatically correct sentences.

- A. Even less intelligent students can be succeeded through hard work and perseverance.
- B. The traveller commanded of the peasant if he would tell him the way to the nearest village.
- C. Many developed countries have been attempting to buy agricultural land in other countries to meet their own demand.

D. Modern ideas of governance started back to the time when people began to question kings.

**Codes**

- (a) Only A (b) Only B  
(c) Only C (d) Only D

43. Select the word that can fill the blanks given in the three sentences.

- A. A casual observer would have taken them to be three men out for an evening \_\_\_\_\_.  
B. A \_\_\_\_\_ round the garden hardly qualifies as exercise!  
C. They went for a \_\_\_\_\_ in the cool of the evening .

**Codes**

- (a) stride (b) stroll (c) grin (d) struck

44. Match the following antonyms.

List I (Word)	List II (Antonym)
A. Merge	1. Rejoice
B. Mourn	2. Despair
C. Ecstasy	3. Separate
D. Feeble	4. Strong

**Codes**

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|-------|---|---|---|-------|---|---|---|
| A     | B | C | D | A     | B | C | D |
| (a) 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | (b) 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| (c) 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | (d) 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 |

45. In the question given below, a sentence is given with 4 blanks. It is followed by four words which are number from A to D. Find the correct order of words to fill in the blanks and make the sentence appropriate.

Amid the \_\_\_\_\_ of COVID-19-induced \_\_\_\_\_, the considerable improvement in the city's air quality gave some \_\_\_\_\_ to Delhiites fighting the \_\_\_\_\_ from the confines of their homes.

- A. solace B. lockdown  
C. challenges D. contagion

**Codes**

- (a) CBAD (b) BCDA  
(c) BADC (d) ACBD

46. Choose the option that lists the synonym of the three words underlined in the sentence.

By defiling the name of the institutions, he had soiled the reputation of the family and tarnished the respect they had garnered.

**Codes**

- (a) Pure (b) Reckon  
(c) Assert (d) Sully

47. Match the following phrases with their meaning.

List I (Phrase)	List II (Meaning)
A. Break through	1. Major achievement
B. Come off	2. Accept happily
C. Jump at	3. Separate
D. Put up	4. Stay

**Codes**

- |       |   |   |   |       |   |   |   |
|-------|---|---|---|-------|---|---|---|
| A     | B | C | D | A     | B | C | D |
| (a) 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | (b) 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| (c) 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | (d) 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |

48. In the given lines, four words are highlighted. One of these words may be incorrectly spelt. Choose the word that is incorrectly spelt.

Their critical findings are **provocative**: there was **strickingly** little change in the ownership of such houses throughout the period. Instead, even in the face of a **demographic** crisis , the old elite was able to maintain itself, and its estates, intact for centuries through recourse to various marriage and **inheritance** strategies.

- (a) provocative  
(b) strickingly  
(c) demographic  
(d) inheritance

49. You have a new classmate. How would you introduce yourself to him/her?

- (a) Let me to introduce myself.  
(b) Allow me to introduce myself.  
(c) Can I introduce myself?  
(d) Hii, I am ...?



50. Match the following one word with their meaning.

List I (One Word)	List II (Meaning)
A. Conceited	1. Building in which dead bodies are kept for a time.
B. Physiotherapy	2. General view of a person's character

C. Profile	3. Treatment by means of exercise and massage
D. Mortuary	4. To have a very high opinion of oneself

**Codes**

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

## Tie-Breaking Section

**Instructions**

- This section consists of 5 questions.
- The score achieved in this section will not be included in the total marks.
- If overall marks of two or more students are same, winner will be decided based on the score in this section.
- Participation in this section is optional, and students may choose to attempt it.

1. Change the following sentence into simple sentence.

He is very poor, but he does not complain.

- He is very poor though he does not complain.
- Despite of being poor, he does not complain.
- In spite of being poor, he does not complain.
- In spite being poor, he does not complain.

2. Choose the grammatically incorrect sentences.

- Over fifty per cent of people in the country not have any access to banking services.
- The majority of our clients prefer our new office timings, which are convenience for them.
- Americans do not object my calling them by their first names.
- Too little is known presently about possible side effects of the drug.

**Codes**

- |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| (a) A and B | (b) B and C |
| (c) C and D | (d) A and D |

3. In the given questions, three sentences are divided in three parts and placed in the three columns. Out of the given options, choose which option gives the grammatically correct and contextually meaningful sentence.

Column I	Column II	Column III
A. Adam loves to play golf;	I. nevertheless,	D. the thief started his work.
B. The dogs stopped barking;	II. moreover,	E. he was very good at it.
C. The stuntman jumps his bike very high;	III. otherwise	F. he landed too smoothly on land.

**Codes**

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|------------|-------------|
| (a) A-I-E  | (b) A-III-E |
| (c) B-II-D | (d) C-II-F  |

4. Which of the following options lists the sentences that contain possessive pronouns?

- A. My computer is not working as fast as it worked in the beginning.
- B. The students of class seven submitted their assignment.
- C. Will you mind opening my drawer and look into it?
- D. We shall finally have what is rightfully ours.
- E. The money was really theirs for the taking.
- F. The children make their beds without my asking them to.

**Codes**

- (a) A,B,C
- (b) B,C,D
- (c) D and E
- (d) A and D

5. In the question given below, a word is followed by three sentences in which the word is used. Choose the sentence in which the word is not used correctly.

**Cooperative**

- A. One way to find it is to study cooperative relationships between genes within species.
- B. But it reopened after a state judge ruled this month that the cooperative could do business under the tenets of Proposition 215.
- C. Car companies have started several cooperative offers.

**Codes**

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|------------|----------------------|
| (a) Only A | (b) Only B           |
| (c) Only C | (d) Both (a) and (b) |