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BLOOM English Olympiad (BEO)

Question Paper 2023-24

Class
8

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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Section 1 (1 Mark)

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

1. Indian Airlines had no positive response _____ the incident occurred _____ the failure _____ an aeroplane engine.
(a) to, in, of (b) of, in, to
(c) in, to, of (d) to, into from
2. If we don't move faster, we will miss our train to Munich. There isn't _____ time to waste.
(a) little (b) any (c) many (d) few
3. He said I _____ use his car when ever I wanted.
(a) could (b) can
(c) will (d) would
4. I asked him for some paper, but he _____.
(a) had not (b) has not
(c) had none (d) has none
5. He failed in the examination; _____, he didn't lose heart.
(a) moreover (b) than
(c) while (d) nevertheless
6. Peggy's family _____ pedigree dogs for three generations and they regularly _____ their dogs in shows.
(a) have been breeding, enter
(b) are breeding, are entering
(c) were breeding, are entering
(d) breed, have entered
7. She heard the _____ of the things.
(a) rattling (b) rustling
(c) crashing (d) creaking
8. _____ resigned, we would have been forced to sack him.
(a) He not had (b) Had he not
(c) Had not he (d) He had not
9. Corruption should be _____ out with the utmost vigour.
(a) talked (b) left
(c) rooted (d) brought
10. She is _____ girls I know.
(a) from the best
(b) the most best
(c) the best
(d) one of the best
11. I am exhausted, let's _____ a day.
(a) call it (b) call at
(c) call off (d) call in
12. While I _____ some money from a cash machine, a man _____ it all out of my hand.
(a) was withdrawing, snatched
(b) withdrew, snatches
(c) am withdrawing, has snatched
(d) have withdraw, was snatching
13. Choose the sentence that is correctly punctuated.
(a) Brazil which is nearly as large as the whole of europe is covered with a vegetation of incredible profusion.
(b) Brazil, which is nearly as large, as the whole of Europe, is covered with a vegetation of incredible profusion.
(c) Brazil, which is nearly as large as the whole of Europe, is covered with a vegetation of incredible profusion.
(d) Brazil which is nearly as large as the whole of Europe: is covered with, a vegetation of incredible profusion.
14. Select the meaning of the given idiom.
A hard nut to crack
(a) A foolish search
(b) A difficult problem
(c) An easy question
(d) Expensive thing

15. Choose the synonym of the given word.

Ridiculous

- (a) Anticipate (b) Absurd
(c) Satisfaction (d) Moderate

16. Change the given sentence into active voice.

Had work been resumed by the labourers before the manager arrived?

- (a) Have the labourers resumed work before the arrival of the manager?
(b) Had the labourers resumed work before the manager arrived?
(c) Had the resumed the work before the manager came?
(d) Had the labourers not resumed work before the manager arrived?

17. Change the sentence into indirect speech.

The Principal said to the peon, "You are promoted as a clerk".

- (a) The Principal told the peon that he had been promoted as a clerk.
(b) The Principal told the peon that he was promoted as a clerk.
(c) The Principal told the peon that he was promoting as a clerk.
(d) The Principal told the peon that I was promoting him as a clerk.

18. Rearrange the following into a meaningful sentence.

- A. choice of goals that are not
B. wisdom is equally needed
C. only beneficent but also attainable
D. in private life in the

Codes

- (a) ABCD (b) BDAC
(c) CBDA (d) ADCB

19. The adjective form of 'man' is

- (a) mankind (b) manly
(c) manful (d) man-ish

20. Choose the correct alternative to correct the underlined part in the given sentence.

I gave up drinks many years ago.

- (a) to drink
(b) drink
(c) drinking
(d) to be drink

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

It takes courage
To refrain from gossip
When others delight in it,
To stand up for the absent person
Who is being abused.

It takes courage
To hold fast to your ideals
When it causes you
To be looked upon
As strange and peculiar.

It takes courage,
To be talked about
And remain silent
When a word would justify you
In the eyes of others.

But which you dare not speak
Because it would injure another.
It takes courage
To refuse to do something
That is wrong.

Although everyone else
May be doing it with attitude as carefree
As a summer song
It takes courage

To live according.
To your own convictions
To deny yourself
What you cannot afford.

21. It is _____ to keep away from gossip.
 (a) difficult (b) chaotic
 (c) dynamic (d) desirable
22. The poet wants us to support people even in their absence because it is _____.
 (a) not right to harm them
 (b) not right to talk about anyone behind their back
 (c) not right to abuse them
 (d) not right to misuse them
23. Only a courageous person can _____.
 (a) sing a summer song
 (b) listen to a summer song
 (c) stay true to his/her convictions
 (d) do something wrong
24. The courageous people remain silent because they do not want to _____.
 (a) speak all the time
 (b) hurt other people
 (c) show their smartness
 (d) justify themselves
25. The poem is encouraging readers to be
 (a) full of honesty and thoughtfulness
 (b) full of strength and conviction
 (c) full of gossips and courage
 (d) full of ideas and beliefs
26. Find the error in the following sentence.
 (a) In a very harsh tone
 (b) he shouted at his servants
 (c) and told them that
 (d) he does not need his services
27. Change the given sentence in direct speech.
 The father warned his son that he should be beware of him.
 (a) "Beware of him, son", warned his father.
 (b) The father warned his son, "Be careful about him."
 (c) "Beware of him, son," warned the father.
 (d) The father said to his son, "stay aware of him."
28. Replace the underlined part to make the sentence meaningful.
Unless you do not disclose the secret, I shall not let you go.
 (a) Unless you do not disclose the secret, yet I shall not let you go.
 (b) Unless you disclose the secret, I shall not let you go.
 (c) Unless you disclose the secret yet I shall not let you go.
 (d) None of the above
29. Choose the option that defines the given sentence.
 Can you please close the door for me?
 (a) Suggestion (b) Request
 (c) Promise (d) Warning
30. Identify the part of speech underlined in the given sentence.
 Meena doubts if/whether she may qualify the physical fitness test.
 (a) Preposition (b) Adverb
 (c) Adjective (d) Conjunction
31. Which of the following is an antonym of the word underlined in the given sentence.
 A character without a blemish is a virtue of a leader.
 (a) stigma (b) adornment
 (c) strength (d) blot
32. Which of the following has the three degrees of the adjectives in their correct form?
 (a) Early, earlier, earliest
 (b) Hot, more hot, hottest
 (c) Far, more far, furthest
 (d) Good, better, bestest
33. At the Airport, security asks you to remove your shoes, belt etc. You will
 (a) do it as per instructions.
 (b) refuse, as they are your personal property.
 (c) you will call the Police for help.
 (d) first you will fight with security. After that you will remove it.

34. Select the correct meaning of the given proverb.

Actions speak louder than words.

- (a) Achievers are better than those who talk big
- (b) No action can compensate for saying bad words
- (c) A pen is mightier than a sword
- (d) What someone does means more than what they say they will do

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

A conservative and reserved person

- (a) Extrovert
- (b) Introvert
- (c) Ambivert
- (d) Retrograde

36. Complete the given analogy.

Menu : Food

- (a) Catalogue : Newspaper
- (b) Catalogue : Books
- (c) Catalogue : Library
- (d) Catalogue : Rack

Directions (37-40) Complete the given passage appropriately.

When I go into stranger's library I ____ (37) ____ round the bookshelves. This is to know the type of person he is and I feel that I know the ____ (38) ____ to his mind. A house without books is a ____ (39) ____ house, no matter how rich the carpets are. These only tell you whether he ____ (40) ____ a lot of money, but the books tell you whether he has a mind as well.

- 37. (a) wonder (b) run
(c) look (d) wander
- 38. (a) secret (b) mystery
(c) key (d) solution
- 39. (a) characterless (b) bleak
(c) unlucky (d) poor
- 40. (a) had (b) has
(c) have (d) has had

Section 2 (2 Marks)

41. In the following question, the first and the last sentences of the passage are numbered S1 to 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.

S1. Lata was caught in a traffic jam.

P. Would she really have to miss the interview?

Q. But the vehicles on either side looked as though they would be there forever.

R. The reason was that she was due 'to appear for an interview in less than half-an-hour.

S. She was fretting : she could not afford to be late.

S6. Or worse—would she arrive late and create a bad first impression?

Codes

- (a) SRQP (b) SRPQ (c) RSQP (d) RSPQ

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

- A. The focus of the interview was to test the nine purposively selected participants.
- B. Lost cities describes the discoveries with many ancient civilisations.
- C. Delmonico Brothers specialise on organic produce or additive-free meats.
- D. There are surprisingly few children in our neighbourhood.

Codes

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

43. Identify the sentences in Present Perfect Continuous form and choose the correct option.

- A. He has been travelling around the world for a month.
- B. Martha had been walking three Kms a day before she broke her leg.
- C. Have you been listening to realistic songs since morning?
- D. When I turn thirty, I will have been playing piano for twenty-one years.

Codes

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

44. Match the following antonyms.

List I (Word)	List II (Antonym)
A. Lighten	1. Attractive
B. Unsupportive	2. Encourage
C. Grisly	3. Intensify
D. Knotty	4. Manageable

Codes

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

45. Fill in the given blanks with the most appropriate option.

In these bleak and depressing times of _____ prices, non-performing governments and _____ crime rates, Sourav Ganguly has given us, Indians, a lot to cheer about.

- (a) escalating, increasing
(b) spiralling, booming
(c) spiralling, soaring
(d) ascending, debilitating

46. Which of the following words are the synonyms of HARSH?

1. Selfish 2. Active
3. Unfavourable 4. Inactive
5. Adverse 6. Vicious

Codes

- (a) 1,3,5 (b) 2,4,6 (c) 3,5,6 (d) 1,2,4

47. Match the following idioms with their meaning.

List I (Idiom)	List II (Meaning)
A. Break a leg	1. To show disapproval
B. Pull a long face	2. Good luck
C. Hit the sack	3. Go to sleep
D. Miss the boat	4. Lose out opportunities

Codes

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

48. Fill in the given blanks with the most appropriate option.

I brought along _____ loaf of bread for my lunch. I also had _____ apple, _____ orange and _____ tomato. But I forgot to bring along _____ knife. So I ate only _____ fruits for lunch.

- (a) a, an, an, a, a, the
(b) an, a, an, a, the, the
(c) a, a, a, a, a, the
(d) an, a, a, an, an, the

49. When you attend a friend's wedding with your father and you want to introduce him to your friend's father. Which will the appropriate phrase?

- (a) Do you know _____?
(b) This is my father.
(c) I would like to introduce you to my father.
(d) Hello, he is my father.

50. Match the following one words with their meaning.

List I (Word)	List II (Meaning)
A. Cartographer	1. A statement accepted as truth without proof
B. Misanthrope	2. A place where bees are kept
C. Apiary	3. One who hates human beings
D. Axiom	4. One who draws maps

Codes

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

Tie-Breaking Section

Instructions

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

1. Change into a Simple Sentence.

Although he is needy, he never begs.

- (a) He is needy but does not beg.
- (b) In spite of being needy, he never begs.
- (c) He is needy yet does not begs.
- (d) He is needy indeed but does not beg.

2. Given below is a set of instructions for a recipe. Complete the following paragraph using these instructions appropriately.

- A. Take six bananas.
- B. Crush them into pulp.
- C. Boil half a kg of milk.
- D. Add banana pulp and sugar.
- E. Stir for two minutes and then remove it from the heat.

Six bananas are taken and crushed into a pulp. Half a kg of milk is boiled and banana pulp and sugar are added to the mixture.

_____ from the heat.

- (a) then remove it
- (b) then remove
- (c) it has to be removed
- (d) it is then removed

3. Read the short passage given below and choose the option with pronouns that complete the paragraph appropriately.

James and Mary were siblings. One day _____ returned from school and were very hungry so, they went straight into the kitchen. In the kitchen, _____ saw a cat. _____ was drinking the milk mother had

kept for _____. James ran out screaming as _____ was scared. Mary was a brave girl who shooed the cat away.

- (a) they, they, It, them, he
- (b) they, she, He, them, he
- (c) they , they, She, them, it
- (d) it, them, It, theirs, him

4. Choose the option that lists the sentences containing linking verbs.

- A. My friends are at Stella's tonight for practice.
- B. The girls are happy because they're eating all together.
- C. I am going to play Tennis with Sheena in the club we have joined.
- D. Technology has made our life simpler and efficient.

Codes

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

5. Which of the following adverb will fill the three sentences?

- 1. Dad and uncle _____ go shopping whenever uncle and aunt come to visit.
- 2. Perfectionists _____ picture themselves accomplishing their goals.
- 3. A person's character is not _____ written on his/her forehead.

- (a) hardly
- (b) seldom
- (c) always
- (d) never

