

# SMETA ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

## SAMPLE PAPER

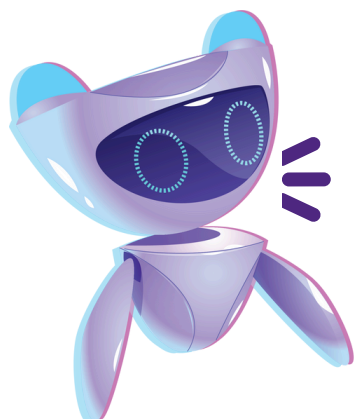
GRADE 7-8



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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER

- 1.Total Questions: 25
- 2.Marks Distribution: Each question carries 2 marks.
- 3.Total Marks: 50
- 4.Time Allowed: 60 minutes
- 5.Marking Scheme:
- 6.Correct Answer: +2 marks
- 7.Wrong Answer: -1 mark (negative marking applies)
- 8.Unattempted Questions: No marks deducted
- 9.General Guidelines:
- 10.All questions are MCQs-based, with four options provided for each.
- 11.Read each question carefully and select the correct option (a, b, c, or d).
- 12.Do not mark two options for a single question; only one answer will be considered.
- 13.Ensure all answers are marked clearly.
- 14.Submission Instructions:
- 15.Attempt all questions within the given time.
- 16.Recheck your answers before submission to ensure accuracy.
- 17.Note: Negative marking is applied for incorrect answers, so choose wisely!



**BEST OF LUCK!**

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

### 1. What is the synonym of “enormous”?

- a) Huge
- b) Tiny
- c) Weak
- d) Quiet

### 2. What is the antonym of “optimistic”?

- a) Positive
- b) Negative
- c) Cheerful
- d) Confident

### 3. Which pair represents homophones?

- a) See and sea
- b) Here and hair
- c) Flower and flow
- d) Bear and bare

### 4. Which word contains a suffix?

- a) Beautiful
- b) Beauty
- c) Kind
- d) See

### 5. Which of the following sentences is in the present perfect tense?

- a) She has completed her homework.
- b) She is completing her homework.
- c) She will complete her homework.
- d) She completes her homework.

**(Questions 6–10):**

**Passage:**

"Liam's teacher told the class about the importance of apologizing sincerely when someone is hurt. Liam shared an example of how he apologized to his friend for accidentally breaking his toy. His friend forgave him and appreciated his honesty. Liam learned that saying sorry is not a sign of weakness but a step toward mending relationships."

**6. What is the synonym of “apologize”?**

- a) Forgive
- b) Regret
- c) Say sorry
- d) Ignore

**7. What would be an appropriate response when apologizing?**

- a) “It wasn’t my fault.”
- b) “I’m truly sorry for what happened.”
- c) “I don’t care.”
- d) “You deserved it.”

**8. What lesson does the passage teach?**

- a) Never break a toy.
- b) Apologizing sincerely helps mend relationships.
- c) Forgiving someone is wrong.
- d) Toys are important.

**9. What tone does Liam’s conclusion convey?**

- a) Regretful
- b) Honest and positive
- c) Angry and defensive
- d) Sarcastic

**10. Which literary device is used in “apologizing sincerely is a step toward mending relationships”?**

- a) Simile
- b) Personification
- c) Metaphor
- d) Alliteration

**11. Which of the following sentences is in the passive voice?**

- a) She is writing a letter.
- b) A letter is being written by her.
- c) She will write a letter.
- d) She wrote a letter.

**12. Which sentence is in direct speech?**

- a) She said, "I am happy."
- b) She said that she was happy.
- c) She told me she was happy.
- d) She has been happy.

**13. Choose the correct question tag for the sentence: "He is coming to the party, \_\_\_?"**

- a) Isn't he
- b) Is he
- c) Wasn't he
- d) Doesn't he

**14. Identify the sentence with correct punctuation.**

- a) "She asked, can I borrow your book"
- b) She asked, "Can I borrow your book?"
- c) She asked "can I borrow your book?"
- d) "She asked can I borrow your book?"

**15. What is the plural form of "foot"?**

- a) Foots
- b) Feet
- c) Foot
- d) Footies

**(Questions 16–20):**

**Passage:**

"Books are often referred to as windows to the world. They allow readers to explore different cultures, ideas, and perspectives. Reading not only enhances vocabulary but also improves critical thinking. Avid readers tend to be better problem solvers because they are exposed to diverse ways of thinking. Whether it's fiction or non-fiction, every book has something valuable to offer. Through reading, we can travel to places we've never been and learn lessons we might not encounter otherwise."

**16. Which of the following is a critical thinking skill implied in the passage?**

- a) Memorizing vocabulary words
- b) Evaluating different ideas and perspectives
- c) Skipping difficult parts of a book
- d) Avoiding non-fiction books

**17. What is the tone of the passage?**

- a) Persuasive
- b) Informative
- c) Humorous
- d) Critical

**18. Which of the following statements supports the main idea of the passage?**

- a) Reading fiction is better than non-fiction.
- b) Books allow readers to experience new perspectives.
- c) Vocabulary is the only benefit of reading.
- d) Critical thinking is not influenced by reading.

**19. What is the meaning of the phrase "windows to the world"?**

- a) Books are made of glass.
- b) Books help us understand the world better.
- c) Windows in a library are important.
- d) Books need windows to be read.

**20. What is the part of speech of the word “diverse” in the sentence: “They are exposed to diverse ways of thinking”?**

- a) Noun
- b) Verb
- c) Adjective
- d) Adverb

**21. What type of sentence is this: “If you study hard, you will succeed”?**

- a) Simple sentence
- b) Compound sentence
- c) Complex sentence
- d) Interrogative sentence

**22. What is the passive voice of “They completed the project”?**

- a) The project is completed by them.
- b) The project was completed by them.
- c) They have completed the project.
- d) The project completes them.

**23. Identify the sentence with a metaphor.**

- a) The wind whispered through the trees.
- b) The stars were shining brightly.
- c) The cat jumped over the wall.
- d) She sang beautifully.

**24, Which word is correctly spelled?**

- a) Acheivement
- b) Achivement
- c) Achivement
- d) Achievement

**25. Which phrase uses personification?**

- a) The clock ticked loudly.
- b) The flowers danced in the breeze.
- c) The sun is hot today.
- d) The river flows downhill.

# ANSWER KEY

- 1.A) HUGE
- 2.B) NEGATIVE
- 3.A) SEE AND SEA
- 4.A) BEAUTIFUL
- 5.A) SHE HAS COMPLETED HER HOMEWORK.
- 6.C) SAY SORRY
- 7.B) "I'M TRULY SORRY FOR WHAT HAPPENED."
- 8.B) APOLOGIZING SINCERELY HELPS MEND RELATIONSHIPS.
- 9.B) HONEST AND POSITIVE
- 10.C) METAPHOR
- 11.B) A LETTER IS BEING WRITTEN BY HER.
- 12.A) SHE SAID, "I AM HAPPY."
- 13.A) ISN'T HE
- 14.B) SHE ASKED, "CAN I BORROW YOUR BOOK?"
- 15.B) FEET
- 16.B) EVALUATING DIFFERENT IDEAS AND PERSPECTIVES
- 17.B) INFORMATIVE
- 18.B) BOOKS ALLOW READERS TO EXPERIENCE NEW PERSPECTIVES.
- 19.B) BOOKS HELP US UNDERSTAND THE WORLD BETTER.
- 20.C) ADJECTIVE
- 21.C) COMPLEX SENTENCE
- 22.B) THE PROJECT WAS COMPLETED BY THEM.
- 23.A) THE WIND WHISPERED THROUGH THE TREES.
- 24.D) ACHIEVEMENT
- 25.B) THE FLOWERS DANCED IN THE BREEZE