

SMETA ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

SAMPLE PAPER

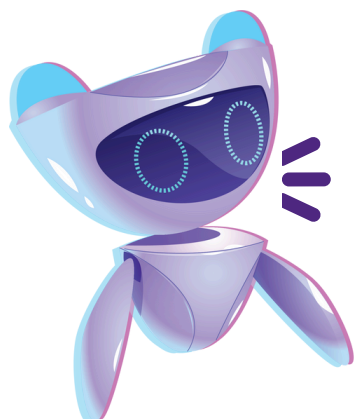
GRADE 9-10



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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 “ambiguous”?**

- a) Clear
- b) Vague
- c) Specific
- d) Definite

2. **Identify the antonym of “profound.”**

- a) Deep
- b) Superficial
- c) Intense
- d) Significant

3. **Which pair represents a correct analogy?**

- a) Hot: Warm:: Big: Small
- b) Day: Night:: Happy: Sad
- c) Light: Heavy:: Fast: Slow
- d) Pen: Pencil:: Cat: Dog

4. **Choose the correct one-word substitution for: “A person who writes plays.”**

- a) Dramatist
- b) Novelist
- c) Editor
- d) Lyricist

5. **Which of the following sentences contains a homonym?**

- a) The wind blew through the trees, and the boat set sail.
- b) She couldn't bear the thought of leaving, and she didn't have enough bare feet.
- c) The patient is doing better after the treatment.
- d) He went to the store to buy a new pair of shoes.

(QUESTIONS 6-10)

"Thomas Edison was a prolific inventor. His most notable invention was the electric bulb, which revolutionized the way people lived. Edison held over 1,000 patents, but his success didn't come easily. He faced countless failures but believed that each setback was a step toward success. His perseverance inspires us to never give up on our dreams."

6. What is the synonym of "perseverance"?

- a) Determination
- b) Failure
- c) Negligence
- d) Hesitation

7. What is the tone of the passage?

- a) Sarcastic
- b) Inspirational
- c) Critical
- d) Humorous

8. How many patents did Thomas Edison hold?

- a) Less than 100
- b) Exactly 500
- c) Over 1,000
- d) Around 900

9. What lesson can be learned from Edison's life?

- a) Success requires hard work and persistence.
- b) Inventions happen by chance.
- c) Failures are permanent setbacks.
- d) Only intelligent people succeed.

10. Identify the part of speech for the word "revolutionized" in the passage.

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

11. Convert the sentence to passive voice: "They completed the project yesterday."

- a) The project was completed by them yesterday.
- b) The project is completed yesterday.
- c) The project was being completed yesterday.
- d) They were completing the project yesterday.

Question:

12. What is the main idea of the poem?

*"The sun is setting in the sky,
The birds are flying, passing by.
The trees are swaying in the breeze,
The world is calm and at ease."*

- a) The sun setting
- b) Birds flying in the sky
- c) The peaceful and calm scene in nature
- d) The trees swaying in the wind

13. Which of these sentences contains a subject-verb agreement error?

- a) She and I are going to the park.
- b) The dog barks loudly every night.
- c) The boys is playing football.
- d) They are studying hard for the exam.

14. Choose the correct sentence in direct speech:

- a) He said he was hungry.
- b) He said, "I am hungry."
- c) He says he was hungry.
- d) He told he is hungry.

15. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- a) The team, played well but lost the game.
- b) The team played well, but lost the game.
- c) The team played well but, lost the game.
- d) The team played well but lost, the game.

COMPREHENSION

(Question 16-20)

"Climate change is a pressing global issue caused by increased levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. It leads to rising temperatures, melting ice caps, and erratic weather patterns. While governments worldwide are working on reducing emissions, individuals also play a significant role. Simple actions like conserving energy, reducing waste, and planting trees can contribute to combating climate change. Addressing this issue requires both collective efforts and individual responsibility."

16. What is the main idea of the passage?

- a) Climate change is not a serious issue.
- b) Everyone must act to combat climate change.
- c) Only governments can solve climate change.
- d) Greenhouse gases are harmless.

17. What is the antonym of “pressing” in the context of the passage?

- a) Urgent
- b) Trivial
- c) Important
- d) Essential

18. Which of the following is an example of an individual’s role in combating climate change?

- a) Building factories
- b) Planting trees
- c) Increasing emissions
- d) Ignoring the problem

19. What figure of speech is used in “erratic weather patterns”?

- a) Metaphor
- b) Personification
- c) Hyperbole
- d) None

20. What is the tone of the passage?

- a) Indifferent
- b) Alarmist
- c) Persuasive
- d) Humorous

21. Which sentence contains a noun clause?

- a) I know where she lives.
- b) She walks quickly.
- c) He plays cricket.
- d) We are going tomorrow.

22. Spot the grammatical error:

“He don’t know the answer to the question.”

- a) Error in subject-verb agreement
- b) Incorrect tense
- c) Missing article
- d) No error

23. Choose the correct spelling:

- a) Accomodation
- b) Accommodation
- c) Acommodation
- d) Accomadation

24. Choose the pair of words that has the same relationship as the given pair:

Knife : Cutting

- a) Pen : Writing
- b) Hammer : Driving
- c) Brush : Cleaning
- d) Book : Reading

25. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my interest in the summer internship position available at your company. As a student of environmental sciences, I have developed a keen interest in sustainability practices and believe I can contribute to your team's ongoing efforts. My academic background and hands-on experience in related projects have prepared me well for this role. I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss how my skills and experiences can contribute to your organization's goals.

Sincerely,

Ali

What is the purpose of the letter?

- a) To request an internship application.
- b) To inquire about a job opening.
- c) To express interest in an internship position.
- d) To submit a report to the company.

ANSWER KEY

1. VAGUE
- 2.B) SUPERFICIAL
- 3.B) DAY: NIGHT:: HAPPY: SAD
- 4.A) DRAMATIST
- 5.B) SHE COULDN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT OF LEAVING, AND SHE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH BARE FEET.
- 6.A) DETERMINATION
- 7.B) INSPIRATIONAL
- 8.C) OVER 1,000
- 9.A) SUCCESS REQUIRES HARD WORK AND PERSISTENCE.
- 10.B) VERB
- 11.A) THE PROJECT WAS COMPLETED BY THEM YESTERDAY.
- 12.C) THE PEACEFUL AND CALM SCENE IN NATURE
- 13.C) THE BOYS IS PLAYING FOOTBALL.
- 14.B) HE SAID, "I AM HUNGRY."
- 15.B) THE TEAM PLAYED WELL, BUT LOST THE GAME.
- 16.B) EVERYONE MUST ACT TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE.
- 17.B) TRIVIAL
- 18.B) PLANTING TREES
- 19.D) NONE
- 20.C) PERSUASIVE
- 21.A) I KNOW WHERE SHE LIVES.
- 22.A) ERROR IN SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT
- 23.B) ACCOMMODATION
- 24.A) PEN : WRITING
- 25.C) TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN AN INTERNSHIP POSITION.