



PRACTICE TEST · CLASSES 3 TO 5

English Olympiad Practice Test for Classes 3 to 5

Twenty-five questions in the style of the SOF International English Olympiad: word and structure knowledge, a reading passage, spoken and written expression, and the achievers section.

English Olympiad

English

Primary

01 Before you start

Time – 30 minutes, with a clock in view

Marks – 1 mark for each question in Sections 1 to 3 and 2 marks in the Achievers section: 29 marks in all

Wrong answers – no marks are taken off, so answer every question

The real paper – the SOF IEO has 35 questions for 40 marks for Classes 3 and 4, and 50 questions for 60 marks from Class 5, in 60 minutes

02 Word and structure knowledge

1 mark each

- 1 Choose the correct plural of child.
(A) childs (B) children
(C) childrens (D) chides
- 2 Which word means the same as huge?
(A) enormous (B) tiny
(C) quick (D) empty
- 3 Which word is the opposite of ancient?
(A) old (B) broken (C) modern (D) famous
- 4 She ___ to school every day.
(A) go (B) going (C) gone (D) goes
- 5 Which word is spelt correctly?
(A) beautifull (B) beutiful
(C) beautiful (D) beaufitel
- 6 He ate ___ apple.
(A) an (B) a (C) many (D) few
- 7 Yesterday we ___ a kite.
(A) fly (B) flown (C) flew (D) flied
- 8 Which word in this sentence is a noun? 'The happy dog ran quickly.'
(A) happy (B) dog (C) ran (D) quickly

- 9 The cat is hiding ___ the bed.
(A) under (B) of (C) for (D) at
- 10 Which word rhymes with light?
(A) lit (B) lot (C) late (D) night
- 11 This is the ___ cake I have ever eaten.
(A) good (B) best (C) better (D) goodest
- 12 Which sentence is correct?
(A) Her and me are friends. (B) Me and her is friends.
(C) She and me is friends. (D) She and I are friends.

03 Reading

1 mark each

Mira's grandfather grows tomatoes on the roof of their house in Chandigarh. Every morning, before school, Mira helps him water the plants. Last summer the weather was very hot, so they covered the plants with a green net to protect them from the sun. In July, the first red tomatoes appeared. Mira picked the biggest one and gave it to her teacher, who said it was the sweetest tomato she had ever tasted.

- 13 Where does Mira's grandfather grow tomatoes?
(A) In the school garden
(B) On the roof of their house
(C) On a farm outside the city
(D) On the balcony
- 14 When does Mira water the plants?
(A) Every morning, before school
(B) Every evening
(C) Only on Sundays
(D) After lunch

15 Why did they cover the plants with a green net?

- (A) To keep birds away
- (B) To keep the rain off
- (C) To protect them from the sun
- (D) To make them taller

16 When did the first red tomatoes appear?

- (A) In May
- (B) In June
- (C) In August
- (D) In July

17 In the passage, the word protect means:

- (A) water
- (B) keep safe
- (C) cut
- (D) sell

04 Spoken and written expression

1 mark each

18 You bump into someone by mistake. What do you say?

- (A) Sorry, I didn't see you.
- (B) Thank you!
- (C) Congratulations!
- (D) Good night.

19 Put the words in order to make a sentence: (a) every (b) I (c) read (d) day

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

20 A friend says, 'I won the drawing competition!' What is the best reply?

- (A) Excuse me.
- (B) You're welcome.
- (C) Get well soon.
- (D) Well done! I'm so happy for you.

21 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- (A) where are you going said Riya.
- (B) "Where are you going?" said Riya.
- (C) "where are you going." said riya
- (D) Where are you going! said Riya

05 Achievers section

2 marks each

22 Which word can go before all three: ___ball, ___print, ___path?

- (A) hand
- (B) sun
- (C) foot
- (D) play

23 Which of these is a compound word?

- (A) toothbrush
- (B) quickly
- (C) unhappy
- (D) children

24 Which sentence is about the future?

- (A) We visited Shimla last week.
- (B) We visit Shimla every year.
- (C) We are in Shimla now.
- (D) We will visit Shimla next week.

25 Find the odd one out.

- (A) brave
- (B) quickly
- (C) kind
- (D) tall

Answers and explanations

- 1 **B** Child has an irregular plural: children.
- 2 **A** Huge and enormous both mean very big.
- 3 **C** Ancient means very old; modern means new or of today.
- 4 **D** With she, he or it, a present-tense verb takes -s or -es: she goes.
- 5 **C** Beautiful: b-e-a-u-t-i-f-u-l, with one l at the end.
- 6 **A** Use an before a vowel sound: an apple.
- 7 **C** The past tense of fly is flew.
- 8 **B** Dog names a thing. Happy is an adjective, ran a verb and quickly an adverb.
- 9 **A** Under tells us where the cat is.
- 10 **D** Light and night end with the same sound.
- 11 **B** Comparing with all the cakes ever eaten needs the superlative: best.
- 12 **D** She and I are the subject of the sentence, and two people take are.
- 13 **B** The first sentence says he grows them on the roof of their house.
- 14 **A** The passage says: every morning, before school.
- 15 **C** The weather was very hot, so the net protected the plants from the sun.
- 16 **D** The passage says: in July, the first red tomatoes appeared.
- 17 **B** To protect something is to keep it safe from harm.
- 18 **A** We apologise when we bump into someone.
- 19 **C** I read every day: b, c, a, d.
- 20 **D** We congratulate a friend on good news.
- 21 **B** The question goes inside speech marks, starts with a capital letter and ends with a question mark.
- 22 **C** Football, footprint and footpath. (There is no word handpath.)
- 23 **A** Toothbrush is made of two words: tooth and brush.
- 24 **D** Will visit and next week point to the future.
- 25 **B** Quickly is an adverb; brave, kind and tall are adjectives.

How to use this test

- 1 Read for 20 minutes every day and note new words with their meanings.
- 2 Learn irregular plurals and past tenses: they come up in every IEO paper.
- 3 In the reading section, find the line in the passage that gives the answer.

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