

Markhor Junior Contest 2018

ASPIRANT LEVEL (Class IX, X & O/A Level's) ENGLISH LANGUAGE

There are 25 questions, each question carries 2 marks.

Time allowed: 60 minutes Maximum Marks: 50

- 1. Choose the correct option that matches the underlined word: We will discuss the results after the meeting.**
 - a) Conjunction
 - b) Preposition**
 - c) Adverb
 - d) Interjection
- 2. What is the object in the following sentence?
The committee elected Sarah the new chairperson.**
 - a) Sarah**
 - b) Chairperson
 - c) Committee
 - d) The new chairperson
- 3. What is the primary function of an imperative sentence?**
 - a) To express a command or request**
 - b) To express surprise or strong emotion
 - c) To provide information or make a statement
 - d) To ask a question
- 4. Which sentence demonstrates correct usage of an indefinite pronoun?**
 - a) Each of the players have done their best.
 - b) Everyone is entitled to their opinion.**

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- c) Somebody left their belongings in the classroom.
 - d) None of these sentences are grammatically correct.
5. **Which sentence demonstrates the correct use of an action verb?**
- a) She feels tired after a long day.
 - b) The train arrived at the station an hour late.**
 - c) The soup tasted bland before adding spices.
 - d) The book is on the table.
6. **In the sentence "I will be traveling to New York this time tomorrow," which tense is used?**
- a) Future simple
 - b) Future continuous**
 - c) Future perfect
 - d) Present continuous
7. **In which of the following sentences is "should" used incorrectly in terms of modality?**
- a) You should have finished the report by now.
 - b) You should call her if you want to meet.
 - c) You should to help them with their homework.**
 - d) You should not ignore the instructions.
8. **Which of the following is the correct passive voice transformation of "She is reading a novel"?**
- a) A novel is being read by she.
 - b) A novel is read by her.
 - c) A novel is being read by her.**
 - d) A novel has been read by her.

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9. Which of the following sentences is grammatically correct?

- a) The team have won the championship.
- b) The team has won the championship.**
- c) The team has won championships.
- d) The team were winning the championship.

10. Which of the following sentences contains the correct use of an adverb?

- a) She ran quick to catch the bus.
- b) He drove careful on the icy road.
- c) She sings beautifully in the choir.**
- d) He walked slow to the store.

11. Identify the type of clause in the following sentence:

"The man who lives next door is an architect."

- a) Adverbial Clause
- b) Noun Clause
- c) Relative Clause**
- d) Independent Clause

12. Which of the following sentences uses a prepositional phrase correctly?

- a) "The book is in the table."
- b) "We should arrive at the station by time."
- c) "He is very skilled at cooking Italian food."**
- d) "She walked under the forest quickly."

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13. Which of the following is a synonym of "vindicate"?
- a) Accuse
 - b) Justify**
 - c) Condemn
 - d) Blame
14. What does the idiom "burn the midnight oil" mean?
- a) Waste time on unproductive tasks
 - b) Work late into the night**
 - c) Avoid responsibilities
 - d) Celebrate all night
15. Which of the following words contains a negative prefix?
- a) Illegal**
 - b) Friendly
 - c) Lovely
 - d) Natural
16. Identify the correct indirect speech of the following:
Direct: The teacher said, "You must submit the assignment by Monday."
- a) The teacher said we have to submit the assignment by Monday.
 - b) The teacher said that we must submit the assignment by Monday.
 - c) The teacher said that we had to submit the assignment by Monday.**
 - d) The teacher said we will submit the assignment by Monday.

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17. Complete the sentence with the correct third conditional form: "If she _____ (study) harder, she _____ (pass) the exam."
- a) studied; will pass
 - b) had studied; would have passed**
 - c) studies; passes
 - d) would study; passed
18. What does active reading primarily involve?
- a) Reading as quickly as possible
 - b) Memorizing every detail in a text
 - c) Engaging with the text by asking questions and summarizing**
 - d) Reading without taking any notes
19. How can an author's tone be identified?
- a) By analyzing the sentence length
 - b) By examining the vocabulary and writing style**
 - c) By focusing only on the conclusion
 - d) By counting the number of paragraphs
20. Identify the context clue type in the following sentence: "The arduous hike was exhausting and challenging for even the most experienced climbers."
- a) Example clue
 - b) Definition clue
 - c) Synonym clue**
 - d) Antonym clue

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21. Which sentence contains an error in pronoun usage?

- a) Each of the players gave his best during the match.
- b) Between you and I, this project seems doomed.**
- c) Whoever wins the election will be the next president.
- d) The manager told us that she herself would handle the situation.

Read the passage and answer the given MCQs (23, 24, 25) below.

The nature of reality has long been a subject of philosophical inquiry, but with the advent of quantum mechanics, our conventional understanding of existence has been profoundly destabilized. Classical physics operates on the assumption that objects have definite properties, independent of observation, yet quantum mechanics introduces a radical departure from this notion. The principle of superposition asserts that a quantum system can exist in multiple states simultaneously until measured, implying that observation itself plays an active role in determining reality. This concept is further complicated by quantum entanglement, wherein two particles, regardless of distance, exhibit correlated behaviors that defy classical explanations. Einstein famously dismissed this as "spooky action at a distance," yet experimental evidence continues to support the phenomenon. The implications of quantum mechanics

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extend beyond the microscopic realm, challenging the very foundation of determinism and causality. If reality at its most fundamental level is governed by probability rather than certainty, does this undermine the concept of objective truth? Furthermore, the integration of quantum mechanics with theories of consciousness has sparked contentious debates, with some theorists suggesting that human cognition may itself exhibit quantum properties. This hypothesis raises profound questions: Could consciousness be an emergent phenomenon arising from quantum processes? If so, does this suggest that free will is not an illusion but an intrinsic feature of a reality governed by probabilistic rather than deterministic laws? As science progresses, the boundary between physics and philosophy continues to blur, compelling us to reconsider the very nature of existence, perception, and human agency.

22. Which fundamental principle of quantum mechanics challenges the classical assumption that objects have definite properties independent of observation?

- a) The Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle
- b) The Principle of Superposition**
- c) The Second Law of Thermodynamics
- d) The Theory of Relativity

23. How does quantum entanglement challenge classical notions of physics?

- a) It suggests that particles cannot be observed simultaneously.

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- b) **It demonstrates that particles can instantaneously influence each other** regardless of distance.
- c) It proves that the speed of light is variable.
- d) It confirms that all quantum states collapse at the same moment in time.

24. What philosophical question arises from the probabilistic nature of quantum mechanics?

- a) Does the universe operate under strict determinism?
- b) Can quantum mechanics replace Newtonian physics in everyday applications?
- c) **Does the probabilistic nature of reality undermine objective truth?**
- d) Is classical physics completely obsolete?

25. According to the passage, what controversial hypothesis links quantum mechanics and human consciousness?

- a) **Human cognition may exhibit quantum properties, implying that free will is probabilistic rather than deterministic.**
- b) Consciousness is a purely biological process unrelated to quantum mechanics.
- c) Quantum mechanics suggests that human thoughts are dictated by classical physics.
- d) The brain's neural activity does not follow any physical laws.