

# Markhor Junior Contest 2019

## 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. Identify the error in part of speech usage:**
  - a) The brightly shining stars looked amazing.
  - b) She sings beautiful every evening.**
  - c) They ran quickly to catch the bus.
  - d) He bought a new pair of shoes yesterday
- 2. Which of the following sentences contains a direct and indirect object?**
  - a) She handed the librarian her library card.**
  - b) He studied the lesson carefully before the exam.
  - c) The dog barked loudly at the mailman.
  - d) They planted a variety of flowers in the garden.
- 3. What is the function of "which" in the sentence below? This is the book which I borrowed from the library.**
  - a) Relative pronoun**
  - b) Interrogative pronoun
  - c) Reflexive pronoun
  - d) Demonstrative pronoun
- 4. What type of verb is "appears" in the sentence below? The solution appears to be correct.**
  - a) Action verb
  - b) Linking verb**
  - c) Helping verb

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- d) Modal verb
5. **Choose the sentence that uses the present simple tense correctly:**
- a) She is going to the library every weekend.
  - b) **He studies French every morning.**
  - c) They have been visiting their grandparents.
  - d) We are planning a trip to Europe.
6. **Which sentence contains the correct use of "shall" for a first-person future intention?**
- a) **I shall go to the concert tonight.**
  - b) He shall be traveling to Paris next week.
  - c) They shall not accept the offer.
  - d) We shall finished the project by tomorrow.
7. **In the following sentence, which form of the verb would be used in the passive voice: "By the end of the year, they will have completed the building"?**
- a) **The building will have been completed by the end of the year.**
  - b) The building will have completed by the end of the year.
  - c) The building will be completed by the end of the year.
  - d) The building will be being completed by the end of the year.

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8. **Select the sentence with correct subject-verb agreement:**
- a) The number of applicants are increasing.
  - b) **The number of applicants is increasing.**
  - c) A number of applicants is increasing.
  - d) A number of applicants are increasing.
9. **Select the sentence where the adjective and adverb are used correctly:**
- a) **The incredibly beautiful flowers bloomed in the spring.**
  - b) The incredibly beautiful flowers bloomed beautifully in the spring.
  - c) The flowers bloomed incredibly beautiful in the spring.
  - d) The flowers incredibly bloomed beautiful in the spring.
10. **Determine the function of the phrase in the following sentence: "Running late for the meeting, she forgot her phone at home."**
- a) Adjective Phrase
  - b) **Adverbial Phrase**
  - c) Noun Phrase
  - d) Gerund Phrase
11. **Identify the error in preposition usage in the sentence below: "The professor was angry on the students for being late."**
- a) **on**
  - b) angry

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- c) students
- d) for

**12. Select the antonym of "succinct":**

- a) Verbose**
- b) Concise
- c) Terse
- d) Laconic

**13. What does the phrasal verb "take off" mean in the context of business?**

- a) To delay something
- b) To improve rapidly**
- c) To abandon a project
- d) To deceive someone

**14. Choose the word that is correctly formed by adding the suffix "-ly" to the base word: "The teacher spoke \_\_\_\_\_ about the situation."**

- a) kind
- b) kindly**
- c) kindness
- d) kindful

**15. Choose the correct indirect speech for this exclamation:**

**Direct: He said, "What a beautiful painting!"**

- a) He said that it was a very beautiful painting.
- b) He exclaimed that it was a beautiful painting.**
- c) He exclaimed how beautiful a painting it was.
- d) He exclaimed what a beautiful painting it was.

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- 16. Which of the following sentences is a zero conditional?**
- a) **If you mix red and blue, you get purple.**
  - b) If I were you, I would apologize.
  - c) If you had called earlier, I would have come.
  - d) If you study hard, you will pass the test.
- 17. What is the SQ3R method in reading?**
- a) Skim, Question, Read, Record, Revise
  - b) **Survey, Question, Read, Recite, Review**
  - c) Scan, Question, Read, Recall, Revise
  - d) Survey, Query, Read, Recap, Reflect
- 18. Chunking is a reading strategy that involves:**
- a) Memorizing individual words in isolation
  - b) **Breaking text into smaller, meaningful groups of words**
  - c) Reading one sentence at a time
  - d) Highlighting unfamiliar vocabulary
- 19. In the sentence below, which word acts as a context clue for "placate"? "To placate the angry crowd, the mayor promised to address their concerns immediately."**
- a) Angry
  - b) Address
  - c) **Promised**
  - d) Concerns

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**20. Identify the misplaced modifier in the following sentence: Walking through the park, the flowers looked stunning.**

- a) The modifier is correctly placed.
- b) "Walking through the park" modifies "the flowers" incorrectly.**
- c) "Looked stunning" should be replaced with "were stunningly beautiful."
- d) The sentence is grammatically correct but awkwardly structured.

**21. Convert the following to indirect speech: Direct: She said, "Do you want to join us for dinner?"**

- a) She asked if I wanted to join them for dinner.**
- b) She asked if I want to join them for dinner.
- c) She asked do I want to join them for dinner.
- d) She asked if I joined them for dinner.

**Read the passage and answer the given MCQs (22, 23, 24, 25) below.**

Throughout history, the nature of time has perplexed philosophers and physicists alike, leading to competing theories that challenge our perception of reality. Classical mechanics, rooted in Newtonian principles, views time as a linear, absolute continuum, flowing uniformly and independent of external forces. However, Einstein's theory of relativity shattered this notion, demonstrating that time is not an invariant backdrop but a malleable dimension

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intertwined with space. According to relativity, time dilates under extreme gravitational forces or at velocities approaching the speed of light, fundamentally altering the experience of temporal progression. This revelation introduces paradoxes that defy human intuition—if time is relative, can the past, present, and future coexist in a four-dimensional block universe, rendering free will an illusion? Furthermore, advancements in quantum mechanics have complicated the discussion, as certain interpretations, such as the many-worlds hypothesis, suggest that every quantum event spawns parallel timelines, each unfolding independently. This raises profound philosophical and existential dilemmas: If infinite versions of reality exist, does individual choice hold any significance, or are all possibilities predetermined across an infinite multiverse? Additionally, emerging theories in theoretical physics, such as loop quantum gravity, propose that time itself may be an emergent phenomenon rather than a fundamental property of the universe. If time is not an inherent construct but rather a byproduct of quantum interactions, then our entire understanding of causality and existence must be redefined. As scientific inquiry delves deeper into these enigmas, the distinction between empirical physics and metaphysical speculation becomes increasingly blurred, forcing humanity to confront the ultimate question: Is time an objective reality or merely an illusion of human consciousness?

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**22. Which fundamental shift did Einstein's theory of relativity introduce regarding the nature of time?**

- a) Time is an absolute, independent entity that flows at a constant rate.
- b) Time is a subjective phenomenon created by human perception.
- c) Time is a flexible dimension that interacts with space and can dilate under certain conditions.**
- d) Time exists only at the quantum level and has no relevance to macroscopic reality.

**23. What philosophical paradox arises from the concept of the block universe?**

- a) If all points in time coexist, the distinction between past, present, and future becomes meaningless.**
- b) If time is absolute, human free will becomes an illusion.
- c) The existence of multiple timelines suggests that time moves in a circular pattern.
- d) The block universe theory contradicts Einstein's relativity.

**24. What implication does the many-worlds interpretation of quantum mechanics have on the concept of choice?**

- a) Individual choices create new timelines, rendering every possibility real in some universe.**

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- b) All choices are illusions because only one timeline can exist.
- c) The many-worlds interpretation proves that time travel is theoretically possible.
- d) Quantum mechanics denies the existence of any form of time.

**25. What is a radical proposition made by loop quantum gravity regarding time?**

- a) Time is an illusion and does not exist as a fundamental property of the universe.**
- b) Time is infinite and unchanging, unaffected by quantum interactions.
- c) Time can move backward in specific quantum states.
- d) Time accelerates as entropy decreases.

Answer: a) Time is an illusion and does not exist as a fundamental property of the universe.