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1. 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. Which of the following sentences uses a pronoun incorrectly?**
 - a) Everyone should bring their own lunch.
 - b) Neither of the boys did their homework.**
 - c) Each student must submit his or her project by Friday.
 - d) Somebody left his jacket on the chair.
- 2. In the sentence below, what is the function of "a delicious meal"? The chef prepared a delicious meal for the guests.**
 - a) Subject
 - b) Predicate
 - c) Direct Object**
 - d) Indirect Object
- 3. Which sentence correctly demonstrates an imperative sentence?**
 - a) Open the window to let in some fresh air.**
 - b) The results were announced late last night.
 - c) Wow, that was an incredible performance!
 - d) Is this your final decision?

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4. In the following sentence, what type of noun is "kindness"? Kindness is a virtue that is often overlooked.
- a) Proper noun
 - b) Abstract noun**
 - c) Common noun
 - d) Concrete noun
5. Which of the following contains an incorrect use of a helping verb?
- a) She does not enjoy swimming in cold water.
 - b) He has went to the market already.**
 - c) They are planning a surprise party for their friend.
 - d) I should have studied harder for the exam.
6. What tense is used in the following sentence, and why? By the time the show started, we had already left the venue.
- a) Present perfect, to describe a completed action.
 - b) Past perfect, to indicate an action completed before another past action.**
 - c) Past continuous, to show an ongoing action in the past.
 - d) Future perfect, to describe an action completed before a future point.
7. In which context would "must" be used to imply obligation or strong necessity?
- a) I must see the doctor soon; my health is deteriorating.**
 - b) You must be joking with me!

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- c) She must have left her keys at home.
 - d) You must be mistaken about his intentions.
- 8. Which of the following sentences cannot be converted into the passive voice?**
- a) She gives lectures every Friday.
 - b) They ate the pizza in five minutes.
 - c) The cat chased the mouse.
 - d) He arrived early.**
- 9. Identify the sentence with correct subject-verb agreement:**
- a) The data from the experiment proves his theory.
 - b) The data from the experiment prove his theory.**
 - c) The data from the experiment has proven his theory.
 - d) The data from the experiment had proven his theory.
- 10. Which of the following sentences uses both an adjective and an adverb correctly?**
- a) The student answered the question quicky and with a smart response.
 - b) The student quickly answered the question smartly.
 - c) The student answered the question smartly and quickly.
 - d) The student quickly and smartly answered the question.**
- 11. Which of the following sentences contains a noun clause?**
- a) "I don't know where she is."**

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- b) "The boy sitting in the corner is my brother."
- c) "Running through the park is his favorite hobby."
- d) "If you need help, just call me."

12. Select the appropriate preposition: "The child hid _____ the bed when the thunderstorm started."

- a) under**
- b) below
- c) over
- d) beside

13. Choose the word that is closest in meaning to "ameliorate":

- a) Worsen
- b) Improve**
- c) Degrade
- d) Weaken

14. What is the meaning of the idiom "kick the bucket"?

- a) Start a new task
- b) Die or pass away**
- c) Face a difficult situation
- d) Overcome a challenge

15. Which of the following prefixes can be used to create the opposite of "visible"?

- a) in-**
- b) dis-
- c) un-
- d) il-

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

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- 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.
- 17. What is the correct first conditional for the sentence below? "If they _____ (not leave) soon, they _____ (miss) the train."**
- a) **don't leave; will miss**
 - b) didn't leave; missed
 - c) hadn't left; would have missed
 - d) don't leave; would miss
- 18. What is the primary goal of critical reading?**
- a) To read faster without losing comprehension
 - b) **To evaluate the text's arguments, biases, and assumptions**
 - c) To memorize facts and figures
 - d) To summarize the content in simple terms
- 19. In critical analysis, the term "inference" refers to:**
- a) A direct statement made by the author
 - b) **A logical conclusion drawn from the text**
 - c) A summary of the passage
 - d) The main idea stated in the first paragraph
- 20. What type of context clue is used in the following sentence? "Unlike her gregarious sister, Mia is shy and reserved."**
- a) Synonym clue
 - b) **Antonym clue**
 - c) Example clue

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d) Inference clue

21. Which sentence contains an error in parallel structure?

- a) She enjoys reading, cooking, and painting.
- b) **He likes to jog, swimming, and lifting weights.**
- c) The lawyer argued that the evidence was insufficient, irrelevant, and inadmissible.
- d) The company is committed to innovation, efficiency, and customer satisfaction.

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 intertwined with space. According to relativity, time dilates

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under extreme gravitational forces or at velocities approaching the speed of light,

The concept of consciousness remains one of the most elusive and hotly debated topics in philosophy, neuroscience, and artificial intelligence. While classical materialists argue that consciousness is merely an emergent property of neural activity, others propose that it is a fundamental aspect of reality, perhaps even more intrinsic than matter itself. Theories such as integrated information theory (IIT) attempt to quantify consciousness by measuring the complexity of a system's informational processing, suggesting that consciousness is not an all-or-nothing phenomenon but exists on a spectrum. Meanwhile, pan psychism—a controversial yet increasingly discussed perspective—argues that consciousness is a fundamental property of the universe, present even at the level of elementary particles. If this is true, it raises profound implications: Could a sufficiently complex artificial intelligence achieve true self-awareness, or is there an ineffable quality to human consciousness that transcends computation? The "hard problem" of consciousness, coined by philosopher David Chalmers, highlights the difficulty in explaining why and how subjective experience arises from physical processes. Despite advancements in brain imaging and cognitive science, no empirical framework fully accounts for the phenomenon of qualia—the raw, first-person experience of sensations such as pain, color, or

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emotion. Some suggest that quantum mechanics may hold the key, with theories like Orchestrated Objective Reduction (Orch-OR) proposing that consciousness arises from quantum processes in microtubules within brain cells. If consciousness is indeed linked to quantum mechanics, this would challenge the classical view of the mind as merely a biological machine, raising questions about free will, the nature of selfhood, and even the possibility of non-biological consciousness. As technology advances, the boundaries between human cognition, artificial intelligence, and the fundamental nature of existence continue to blur, leaving us with more questions than answers.

22. What is the fundamental claim of integrated information theory (IIT)?

- a) Consciousness is binary and only exists in biological organisms.
- b) **Consciousness can be measured as a system's ability to integrate information.**
- c) Consciousness is purely a byproduct of quantum mechanics.
- d) Only humans possess true self-awareness due to the complexity of their language.

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23. Why does the "hard problem" of consciousness remain unresolved?

- a) It is difficult to explain how subjective experience arises from purely physical processes.**
- b) Neuroscience has conclusively proven that consciousness is an illusion.
- c) Theories like panpsychism have eliminated the need to study consciousness scientifically.
- d) There is no distinction between subjective and objective experience.

24. What is a key implication of panpsychism?

- a) Consciousness is limited to organisms with complex neural structures.
- b) Artificial intelligence will never achieve self-awareness.
- c) Consciousness is a fundamental property of the universe and may exist at all levels of matter.**
- d) The brain functions independently of the physical world.

25. What controversial hypothesis connects quantum mechanics and consciousness?

- a) The Many-Worlds Interpretation suggests that consciousness exists in parallel universes.

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- b) **The Orch-OR theory proposes that consciousness arises from quantum processes in brain microtubules.**
- c) Quantum entanglement explains the subjective experience of emotions.
- d) Quantum mechanics disproves the existence of free will.