

Markhor Junior Contest 2021

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 correct classification of the underlined word:**

The flock of birds flew majestically across the sky.

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

- 2. Which option best describes the sentence structure of the following sentence?**

The students who studied hard passed the challenging exam.

- a) Simple Sentence
- b) Compound Sentence
- c) Complex Sentence**
- d) Compound-Complex Sentence

- 3. Identify the type of sentence in the following:**

"If you study hard, you will pass the exam."

- a) Interrogative
- b) Conditional Declarative**
- c) Exclamatory
- d) Imperative

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4. **Identify the type of pronoun used in the sentence below: The dog hurt itself while playing in the yard.**
- a) **Reflexive pronoun**
 - b) Intensive pronoun
 - c) Reciprocal pronoun
 - d) Possessive pronoun
5. **In the sentence "She is dancing gracefully," what type of verb is "is"?**
- a) Action verb
 - b) Linking verb
 - c) **Helping verb**
 - d) Modal verb
6. **Identify the error in the sentence below and correct it: They was playing football when it started to rain.**
- a) **Replace "was" with "were" to match the plural subject.**
 - b) Replace "playing" with "played" for proper tense agreement.
 - c) Replace "started" with "had started" for sequence accuracy.
 - d) No error.
7. **Which of the following sentences illustrates the correct use of "would" to express a hypothetical situation in the past?**
- a) If I would have known, I would have helped you.
 - b) If I would have known, I would help you.

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- c) **If I had known, I would have helped you.**
 - d) If I have known, I would help you.
8. **Select the correct passive form of the sentence: "The students will present their findings tomorrow."**
- a) **The findings will be presented by the students tomorrow.**
 - b) The findings will present by the students tomorrow.
 - c) The findings are presented by the students tomorrow.
 - d) The findings will have been presented by the students tomorrow.
9. **Which of the following sentences contains correct subject-verb agreement?**
- a) Neither the teacher nor the students is attending the meeting.
 - b) **Neither the teacher nor the students are attending the meeting.**
 - c) Neither the teacher or the students is attending the meeting.
 - d) Neither the teacher or the students are attending the meeting.
10. **Which sentence contains a misplaced modifier?**
- a) **He almost drove the car into the tree.**
 - b) He drove almost into the tree.
 - c) Almost, he drove the car into the tree.
 - d) He drove the car almost into the tree.

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- 11. What is the head word of the noun phrase in the following sentence? "The beautifully painted vase on the shelf was expensive."**
- a) Vase
 - b) Painted
 - c) Beautifully
 - d) Shelf
- 12. Which of the following sentences contains a misplaced preposition?**
- a) "The cat jumped onto the chair."
 - b) "He is going to the park after lunch."
 - c) **"She is looking forward for the trip."**
 - d) "They are discussing the matter with the manager."
- 13. What is the antonym of "effervescent"?**
- a) Bubbly
 - b) Lively
 - c) **Dull**
 - d) Spirited
- 14. Identify the correct meaning of the phrasal verb "put up with":**
- a) **Tolerate something unpleasant**
 - b) Construct a building
 - c) Postpone an event
 - d) Support someone financially

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15. Identify the correct word formed by adding a prefix to "efficient":

- a) Unefficient
- b) Inefficient**
- c) Disefficient
- d) Mis-efficient

16. What is the correct direct speech of the following sentence? Indirect: John said he would attend the meeting the next day.

- a) John said, "I will attend the meeting tomorrow."**
- b) John said, "I would attend the meeting the next day."
- c) John said, "I attend the meeting tomorrow."
- d) John said, "I will attend the meeting the next day."

17. Identify the type of conditional: "If I were a millionaire, I would buy a yacht."

- a) Zero Conditional
- b) First Conditional
- c) Second Conditional**
- d) Third Conditional

18. Which of the following techniques enhances reading comprehension the most?

- a) Reading the entire text in one go
- b) Highlighting and annotating key ideas**
- c) Skipping unfamiliar vocabulary
- d) Focusing only on the introduction and conclusion

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- 19. What does analyzing the evidence in a passage involve?**
- a) Determining whether the facts support the argument**
 - b) Listing all the data presented
 - c) Ignoring examples and anecdotes
 - d) Focusing only on the writer's opinion
- 20. Identify the best strategy to use when encountering an unfamiliar word with no clear context clues:**
- a) Skip the word and continue reading
 - b) Guess its meaning based on its length
 - c) Analyze the prefix, root, and suffix of the word**
 - d) Replace the word with another one that fits
- 21. Which of the following contains a dangling participle?**
- a) While driving to work, the traffic jam frustrated me.**
 - b) He wore a jacket that was too small for him.
 - c) Having studied all night, she felt confident about the exam.
 - d) The book, which was on the shelf, fell to the floor.

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

The ethical implications of artificial intelligence (AI) have ignited profound debates across multiple disciplines, from philosophy to law and computer science. As AI systems grow increasingly sophisticated, their integration into decision-making processes raises pressing concerns about accountability, bias, and moral agency. One of the most contentious issues is the "black box" problem—AI models, particularly deep learning networks, operate through complex layers of computation that are often inscrutable, even to their creators. This opacity poses significant risks in high-stakes environments such as criminal justice, medical diagnostics, and autonomous warfare, where AI-driven decisions can have life-altering consequences. Furthermore, the problem of algorithmic bias exacerbates existing social inequalities, as AI systems trained on historical data may inadvertently reinforce discriminatory patterns. The question of moral responsibility further complicates matters: if an AI system makes an ethically questionable decision, who is to blame—the programmer, the user, or the machine itself? Some scholars argue that AI should be imbued with ethical reasoning capabilities, yet this raises another dilemma: can morality be reduced to computational logic, or is ethical judgment inherently a human trait? The emergence of artificial general intelligence (AGI), capable of autonomous reasoning and

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self-improvement, intensifies these debates, forcing humanity to confront unprecedented ethical and philosophical challenges. As AI continues to evolve, society must grapple with the balance between innovation and ethical safeguards, lest we create intelligent systems whose actions escape human comprehension and control.

22. What is the "black box" problem in artificial intelligence?

- a) AI models fail to generate reliable outputs in real-world scenarios.
- b) The decision-making processes of AI systems are often opaque and difficult to interpret.**
- c) AI systems are incapable of learning from historical data.
- d) AI cannot process ethical considerations in its computations.

23. Why is algorithmic bias considered a major ethical concern in AI?

- a) AI systems operate entirely without human intervention.
- b) Bias in training data can lead to AI reinforcing and perpetuating social inequalities.**
- c) AI has no ability to distinguish between right and wrong.
- d) Algorithmic bias ensures that AI systems favor the most efficient solutions.

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24. What ethical dilemma arises from the possibility of AI being programmed with moral reasoning?

- a) AI systems may become entirely autonomous and self-aware.
- b) AI ethics could conflict with human moral values, leading to unpredictable outcomes.**
- c) AI would be unable to learn and adapt to new ethical challenges.
- d) Ethical programming in AI would eliminate human ethical responsibility.

25. What is a key challenge in determining accountability for AI-driven decisions?

- a) AI systems cannot legally be held responsible for their actions.**
- b) AI systems make decisions with absolute accuracy.
- c) AI systems only operate based on logical frameworks without ethical considerations.
- d) Programmers always retain full control over AI decision-making.