

Markhor Junior Contest 2022

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 word functions as a preposition in the sentence below? He walked through the narrow corridor silently.**
 - a) Walked
 - b) Through**
 - c) Narrow
 - d) Silently
2. **Identify the predicate in the following sentence: The team celebrated their victory enthusiastically on the field.**
 - a) The team
 - b) Celebrated their victory enthusiastically on the field**
 - c) Celebrated
 - d) Their victory enthusiastically on the field
3. **What type of sentence is "Stop talking immediately!"?**
 - a) Declarative
 - b) Imperative
 - c) Exclamatory Imperative**
 - d) Interrogative

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4. **Which sentence below contains a concrete noun?**
- a) Her happiness was evident in her smile.
 - b) They built a bridge over the river.**
 - c) Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.
 - d) The idea seemed brilliant at the time.
5. **Which sentence contains both an action verb and a linking verb?**
- a) He looked tired after running five miles.**
 - b) She was singing beautifully on stage.
 - c) They are playing soccer at the park.
 - d) The food tasted delicious and was cooked perfectly.
6. **Which sentence demonstrates the correct use of the future perfect continuous tense?**
- a) I will be waiting for you at the station tomorrow.
 - b) She will have been working at this company for five years by next month.**
 - c) They had been discussing the issue for hours before reaching a decision.
 - d) He will write a book about his travels.
7. **Select the sentence that demonstrates the proper use of "can" in a permission context:**
- a) Can I borrow your notes for the exam?**
 - b) I can borrow your notes for the exam?
 - c) Can you borrowing your notes for the exam?
 - d) I can to borrow your notes for the exam?

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8. Which of the following sentences is the correct passive voice transformation of: "They have been cleaning the house all day"?
- a) The house has been cleaned by them all day.
 - b) The house have been cleaned by them all day.
 - c) **The house has been being cleaned by them all day.**
 - d) The house is cleaned by them all day.
9. Choose the correct sentence:
- a) Neither of the boys were present at the meeting.
 - b) **Neither of the boys was present at the meeting.**
 - c) Neither of the boys are present at the meeting.
 - d) Neither of the boys is present at the meeting.
10. Choose the sentence where the adverb is used incorrectly:
- a) She danced gracefully across the stage.
 - b) **He spoke loud at the meeting.**
 - c) He ran fast during the race.
 - d) The cat crept silently into the room.
11. Identify the type of dependent clause in this sentence: "He stayed home because he was feeling unwell."
- a) **Adverbial Clause**
 - b) Noun Clause
 - c) Adjective Clause
 - d) Elliptical Clause

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- 12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition: "The train will arrive _____ noon tomorrow."**
- a) at**
 - b) on
 - c) in
 - d) by
- 13. Identify the synonym of "perspicacious":**
- a) Foolish
 - b) Insightful**
 - c) Impulsive
 - d) Naive
- 14. What does the idiom "spill the beans" mean?**
- a) To reveal a secret**
 - b) To make a mess
 - c) To exaggerate the truth
 - d) To cause confusion
- 15. Which suffix can turn the adjective "happy" into a noun?**
- a) -ness**
 - b) -ly
 - c) -ment
 - d) -ion
- 16. Which of the following is the correct indirect speech? Direct: She said, "I can't believe you did this!"**
- a) She said she can't believe I did this.
 - b) She said she couldn't believe I had done that.**

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- c) She said she could believe I had done this.
 - d) She said she can't believe I had done that.
- 17. Complete the sentence with the correct third conditional form: "If the weather _____ (be) better, we _____ (go) hiking yesterday."**
- a) is; will go
 - b) was; would go
 - c) had been; would have gone**
 - d) were; would go
- 18. Which reading strategy is most useful for handling difficult vocabulary?**
- a) Ignoring the words and continuing to read
 - b) Looking up every word in a dictionary immediately
 - c) Using context clues to infer meaning**
 - d) Writing down all unknown words for future study
- 19. If an author's argument is based on assumptions, the reader should:**
- a) Accept the argument as valid
 - b) Evaluate whether the assumptions are logical and supported**
 - c) Ignore the assumptions and focus on the conclusion
 - d) Disregard the entire passage

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20. In the following sentence, what is the meaning of "ephemeral," based on context clues? "The joy from her unexpected success was ephemeral, lasting only a moment before anxiety returned."

- a) Permanent
- b) Temporary**
- c) Intense
- d) Superficial

21. Which of the following sentences contains an incorrect use of an idiom?

- a) She took the news with a grain of salt.
- b) He has been working here since five years.**
- c) The new policy will take effect next month.
- d) She was caught red-handed stealing from the store.

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

The concept of infinity has perplexed mathematicians, philosophers, and physicists for centuries, challenging the very foundations of human understanding. In mathematics, infinity is not a number but a concept, manifesting in various paradoxes and counterintuitive results. Georg Cantor's set theory revolutionized our perception of infinity, demonstrating that infinities are not all equal—some are larger than others. His distinction between countable and uncountable infinities revealed that while the set of natural numbers is infinite, the set of real numbers is

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a strictly larger infinity, defying conventional logic. However, the nature of infinity extends beyond pure mathematics into the realm of physics and cosmology. The debate over whether the universe is infinite remains unresolved, with theories such as eternal inflation suggesting that our observable universe is merely a minuscule fragment of an infinite multiverse. Paradoxes like Zeno's challenge our perception of motion and continuity, questioning whether infinite divisions of time and space can truly be traversed. Even in quantum mechanics, the concept of infinity emerges in singularities—regions where spacetime curvature becomes infinite, defying the known laws of physics. If physical infinities do exist, does this imply an infinite number of possible realities? More profoundly, does the existence of mathematical infinities suggest that our physical universe is, at its core, a mathematical structure? The study of infinity continues to blur the boundaries between mathematics, physics, and metaphysics, forcing us to reconsider the very nature of existence and the limits of human cognition.

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- 22. What was one of Georg Cantor's most groundbreaking discoveries about infinity?**
- a) All infinities are equal in magnitude.
 - b) There are different sizes of infinity, with some infinities being larger than others.**
 - c) Infinity can be treated as a standard numerical value in arithmetic.
 - d) The set of natural numbers is larger than the set of real numbers.
- 23. Which paradox challenges the notion that motion can occur in a space that is infinitely divisible?**
- a) The Grandfather Paradox
 - b) Schrödinger's Cat Paradox
 - c) Zeno's Paradox**
 - d) The Twin Paradox
- 24. What is one implication of singularities in physics?**
- a) They indicate that infinity is purely a mathematical construct with no physical meaning.
 - b) They suggest that the laws of physics break down at extreme conditions of gravity.**
 - c) They confirm that space and time have absolute, unchanging properties.
 - d) They prove that the universe must be finite in size.

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25. How does the concept of infinity challenge our understanding of the universe?

- a) It suggests that an infinite number of possible realities may exist.**
- b) It proves that the universe must have a definite beginning and end.
- c) It limits the applicability of mathematics in describing physical reality.
- d) It contradicts the existence of uncountable sets.