

Markhor Junior Contest 2017

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 sentence contains an interjection?**
 - a) She asked if he could join the team.
 - b) Alas, the opportunity slipped away!**
 - c) They went to the store early in the morning.
 - d) The student submitted the assignment on time.
- 2. Which sentence contains a compound predicate?**
 - a) The artist painted a masterpiece and sold it for a fortune.**
 - b) The children and their friends played in the garden.
 - c) The professor explained the theory in detail to his students.
 - d) The storm destroyed the crops in the field.
- 3. Which of the following is an accurate exclamatory sentence?**
 - a) The sun sets in the west!.
 - b) What a magnificent view this is!**
 - c) Please! close the door quietly.
 - d) Are you! coming to the meeting?

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4. **Identify the proper noun in the sentence below:**
The Louvre Museum in Paris houses the famous painting "Mona Lisa."
- a) Louvre Museum
 - b) Paris
 - c) Mona Lisa
 - d) All of the above**
5. **Identify the helping verb in the sentence below: The team has been practicing for the upcoming tournament.**
- a) Has
 - b) Been
 - c) Practicing
 - d) Both a and b**
6. **Which of the following sentences is in the past perfect tense?**
- a) He walked to the store yesterday.
 - b) She had finished her homework before dinner.**
 - c) They will have completed their training by next week.
 - d) The children were playing in the garden.
7. **Which of the following sentences illustrates the correct use of "might" to express a suggestion with a past possibility?**
- a) He might have taken the wrong turn.**
 - b) He might taken the wrong turn.
 - c) He might takes the wrong turn.
 - d) He might had taken the wrong turn.

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- 8. Choose the correct passive voice form of the following sentence:**

"They had completed the project by last week."

- a) The project had been completed by them by last week.**
 - b) The project had completed by them by last week.
 - c) The project had been completed by last week.
 - d) The project was completed by them by last week.
- 9. Choose the correct sentence:**
- a) Each of the girls are responsible for cleaning the room.
 - b) Each of the girls is responsible for cleaning the room.**
 - c) Both of the girls is responsible for cleaning the room.
 - d) Both of the girls are responsible for cleaning the room.
- 10. Choose the sentence in which the adverb is used incorrectly:**
- a) She performed surprisingly well on the exam.
 - b) He sings beautifully on stage.
 - c) She answered the question quiet.**
 - d) They arrived late at the party.

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11. Which part of the sentence below is an independent clause? **"Although she was tired, she finished her assignment before going to bed."**
- a) Although she was tired
 - b) **She finished her assignment**
 - c) Before going to bed
 - d) The entire sentence
12. Identify the incorrect preposition in the following sentence: **"She was accused with stealing the documents."**
- a) accused
 - b) **with**
 - c) stealing
 - d) documents
13. Identify the antonym of **"conspicuous"**:
- a) Obvious
 - b) Transparent
 - c) **Hidden**
 - d) Evident
14. What is the meaning of the phrasal verb **"bring up"**?
- a) **To raise a topic for discussion**
 - b) To elevate something physically
 - c) To cancel an event
 - d) To support someone financially

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15. What is the correct suffix to form a noun from the verb "inform"?

- a) -able
- b) -ment
- c) **-ation**
- d) -ance

16. What is the correct direct speech of the sentence below?

Indirect: She asked me if I could help her with her assignment.

- a) **She said, "Could you help me with my assignment?"**
- b) She said, "Can you help me with your assignment?"
- c) She said, "Could you help me with her assignment?"
- d) She said, "Can I help you with your assignment?"

17. What is the correct form of the second conditional for the sentence below? "If I _____ (know) the answer, I _____ (tell) you."

- a) knew; will tell
- b) know; would tell
- c) **knew; would tell**
- d) had known; would tell

18. Scanning as a reading technique is most useful for:

- a) Identifying the main argument of a text
- b) Reading every detail of the content
- c) **Finding specific pieces of information quickly**
- d) Improving overall comprehension

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19. What does identifying the main idea of a passage help with?

- a) Understanding the entire text word for word
- b) Summarizing supporting details
- c) Grasping the overarching message of the text**
- d) Locating specific examples in the passage

20. Which type of context clue involves providing a synonym near the unfamiliar word?

- a) Definition clue
- b) Antonym clue
- c) Example clue
- d) Restatement clue**

21. Which sentence contains an error in subject-verb agreement?

- a) A number of students are missing from class today.
- b) The committee disagree on the proposed resolution.**
- c) The professor, along with his students, is presenting at the conference.
- d) None of the information is relevant to the discussion.

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

In the intricate tapestry of human cognition, language serves as both the vessel of thought and the architect of perception, shaping not only our capacity for communication but also the very framework through which we conceptualize reality. Linguistic determinism, a theory postulated by Sapir and Whorf, posits that the structure of a language fundamentally influences the way its speakers perceive and interpret the world around them. While proponents argue that linguistic structures impose cognitive constraints, critics assert that thought can transcend the linguistic boundaries imposed by grammar and vocabulary. This ongoing debate has profound implications for artificial intelligence, cognitive psychology, and cross-cultural communication, as it interrogates whether language merely reflects thought or actively constructs it. The implications extend to bilingualism, where individuals who navigate multiple linguistic frameworks may exhibit cognitive flexibility, enabling them to approach problems from diverse perspectives. However, this raises a paradox: does multilingualism offer an expanded cognitive toolkit, or does it merely reinforce the idea that thought is inherently bound by the language in which it is expressed? Furthermore, the advent of machine learning and natural language processing has introduced a new dimension to this discourse, as AI systems trained on linguistic datasets

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mirror both the limitations and biases of human cognition. If language shapes reality, then the ethical considerations surrounding AI-generated content and algorithmic biases become not only technological concerns but philosophical quandaries, forcing us to confront the intersection of language, consciousness, and free will.

22. What is the primary argument of linguistic determinism?

- a) Language is an evolutionary byproduct with no impact on cognition.
- b) The structure of a language fundamentally influences perception and thought.**
- c) Language is solely a tool for communication, independent of cognitive processes.
- d) Artificial intelligence is capable of independent linguistic innovation.

23. Which of the following best describes the paradox presented in the passage regarding bilingualism?

- a) Bilingual individuals struggle to think independently due to cognitive overload.
- b) Multilingualism may enhance cognitive flexibility or reinforce linguistic constraints.**
- c) People who speak multiple languages cannot effectively interpret reality.
- d) Language learning has no measurable impact on cognitive function..

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24. What concern does the passage raise regarding artificial intelligence and language?

a) AI-generated content and algorithmic biases may reflect and reinforce human cognitive limitations.

b) Machine learning models will soon surpass human intelligence in all aspects.

c) AI is incapable of processing language in a way that influences human cognition.

d) The development of AI has no ethical or philosophical implications.

25. What does the passage suggest about the relationship between language and free will?

a) Language entirely dictates human decisions and eliminates free will.

b) Language plays a role in shaping perception, raising questions about autonomy in thought.

c) Free will is an illusion created by linguistic structures.

d) The passage argues that language has no connection to human consciousness or decision-making.