

Markhor Junior Contest

Aspirant LEVEL (CLASS IX & X, O/A Level's) ENGLISH LANGUAGE

There are 25 questions, each question carry 2 marks.

Time allowed: 60 minutes

Maximum Marks: 50

Total Questions: 25

Note: All Questions carry equal marks

(2×25=50)

Q-1 Which of the following sentences contains a misplaced modifier?

- a) The cat sat on the windowsill, purring contentedly.
- b) After finishing the book, the TV was turned on.
- c) I saw the woman with the telescope walking down the street.
- d) The cake that I made for the party was delicious.

Q-2 Which one is an imperative sentence?

- a) Where are you going after school?
- b) Use a number two pencil.
- c) I love taking tests!
- d) This is easy.

Q-3 Which of the following sentences contains a verb in the subjunctive mood?

- a) If I were you, I would take the job.
- b) She acts as if she owns the place.
- c) The students studied hard for the test.
- d) I wish I could go with you.

Q-4 Which of the following sentences contains a misplaced modifier?

- a) Walking down the street, the trees were beautiful.
- b) He only eats vegetables that he grows himself.
- c) She drank a cup of tea made with fresh mint leaves.
- d) Driving to work, the traffic was very heavy.

Q-5 "What did the boy look like?" "He wore a wedding dress _____ he was a groom."

- a) like
- b) so
- c) so that
- d) as if

Q-6 What word is a synonym of "whirl"?

- a) Reel
- b) Fish
- c) Hit
- d) Mistake

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Q-7 Your friend left my house a week ago but he has _____ written _____ phoned.

- a) either/or
- b) neither/nor
- c) neither/or
- d) either/nor

Q-8 This _____ looks very nice.

- a) woolen's scarf
- b) scarf woollen
- c) wool scarf
- d) wool's scarf

Q-9 choose the correct answer.

- a) Scenery of Hunza is beautiful
- b) Sceneries of Hunza are beautiful
- c) Sceneries of Hunza is beautiful
- d) Scenery of Hunza are beautiful

Q-10 Which proverb match best to the text

People who make the most threats and noise are often not the ones who carry out their threats or take action. It suggests that those who make a lot of noise are usually trying to scare others and may not necessarily follow through on their threats. So, it is usually the quiet ones who pose the most danger or who are most likely to take action. The proverb teaches us to not be intimidated by loud noises or threats and to remain calm and cautious in our dealings with others.

- a) Dog eat dog.
- b) Every dog has its day
- c) Dogs of war
- d) Barking dogs seldom bite

Read the story and answer the questions (11-20)

Once upon a time, in a small village nestled in the mountains, there lived a young boy named Jack. Jack had always been fascinated by the stories of pirates and their hidden treasures. He would spend hours listening to his grandfather's tales about the great pirate, Blackbeard, and the treasure he had buried somewhere in the mountains.

One day, while exploring the woods, Jack stumbled upon an old map with mysterious markings. The map appeared to be a treasure map, and Jack was convinced that it would lead him to Blackbeard's treasure. He decided to follow the map and find the treasure.

Jack trekked through the dense forests and crossed several streams until he finally arrived at a clearing. In the middle of the clearing stood an old, decrepit tree with a hollow trunk. Jack remembered his grandfather's stories of Blackbeard burying his treasure in the hollow trunk of a tree. Jack dug deep inside the trunk and found a small chest.

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As he opened the chest, Jack's heart leapt with joy. Inside the chest, he found a pile of glittering gold coins and a note. The note read, "Congratulations, young adventurer! You have found the forgotten treasure of Blackbeard. But remember, the true treasure lies not in the gold, but in the journey that led you here. Use this treasure wisely."

Jack smiled, realizing the true meaning of the note. He had learned the value of hard work, determination, and perseverance in the quest for treasure. As he headed back to his village, Jack knew that he had gained a treasure far greater than the gold coins in the chest.

Q-11 What was the name of the protagonist in the story?

- a) Blackbeard
- b) Jack
- c) Grandfather
- d) None of the above

**Q-12 Which of the following literary devices is used in the following sentence:
"The waves danced playfully along the shore"?**

- a) metaphor
- b) simile
- c) personification
- d) hyperbole

Q-13 Which of the following is an example of a spondee?

- a) "catnip"
- b) "butcher"
- c) "bookmark"
- d) "raindrop"

Q-14 Which of the following is NOT an example of a rhetorical device?

- a) alliteration
- b) hyperbole
- c) imagery
- d) palindrome

Q-15 What did Jack learn from his adventure?

- a) The value of hard work, determination, and perseverance
- b) The value of gold coins
- c) The value of easy money
- d) The value of shortcuts

Q-16 What did Jack find inside the chest?

- a) A pile of glittering gold coins and a note
- b) A pile of glittering diamonds and a map
- c) A pile of old coins and a book
- d) A pile of glittering silver coins and a compass

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Q-17 Which of the following is an example of polysyndeton?

- a) "She ate the sandwich, chips, and pickles."
- b) "He laughed, cried, and danced with joy."
- c) "The sun was shining, the birds were singing, the flowers were blooming."
- d) "I love you and you love me and we're a happy family."

Q-18 What did the note in the chest say?

- a) "Congratulations on finding the treasure!"
- b) "The true treasure lies not in the gold, but in the journey that led you here."
- c) "You are now a pirate!"
- d) "You have failed the test!"

Q-19 Which of the following is an example of anaphora?

- a) "To be or not to be, that is the question."
- b) "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."
- c) "We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and the streets..."
- d) "I wandered lonely as a cloud that floats on high o'er vales and hills."

Q-20 Which of the following literary terms refers to a literary work that ridicules or criticizes human vices and follies?

- a) satire
- b) allusion
- c) allegory
- d) ode

Read the poem and answer the following questions. (21-25)

Words, oh words, how they hold such power,
A simple phrase can make one cower,
Or lift someone to a higher place,
Bringing a smile to their weary face.

With words, we can make or break,
Tearing down walls or building a stake,
In the hearts of those we encounter,
Words can be a gift or a torturous monster.

With words, we can mend a broken heart,
Or tear it apart and break it apart,
A soothing balm, a healing salve,
Or a weapon we use to harm and carve.

So let us choose our words with care,
And spread love and kindness everywhere,

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For with the power we hold in our tongue,
We can change the world,
one word at a time young.

Q-21 What is the poem about?

- a) The power of words
- b) The beauty of nature
- c) The importance of friendship
- d) The wonders of space

Q-22 According to the poem, how do words affect people?

- a) They can make them happy or sad
- b) They can make them angry or calm
- c) They can lift them or bring them down
- d) All of the above

Q-23 How does the poem suggest we should choose our words?

- a) With haste and impulsiveness
- b) With anger and frustration
- c) With care and thoughtfulness
- d) With indifference and apathy

Q-24 What can words be compared to in the poem?

- a) A powerful tool
- b) A force of nature
- c) A soothing balm
- d) All of the above

Q-25 What is the overall message of the poem?

- a) Words can hurt or heal
- b) Words can be used for good or evil
- c) We should choose our words carefully
- d) All of the above