

Markhor Junior Contest 2024

ELEMENTARY LEVEL (CLASS V & VI) ENGLISH LANGUAGE

There are 25 questions, each question carry 2 marks.

Time allowed: 60 minutes Maximum Marks: 50

The old clock tower loomed over the town square, its hands frozen at midnight. Maya, a curious 13-year-old, always felt a shiver down her spine when she passed it. One blustery afternoon, as she hurried home from school, a crumpled piece of paper caught her eye, fluttering beneath the tower. Intrigued, she picked it up. It was a faded parchment, its edges singed, with strange symbols scrawled across it.

Back home, Maya spread the parchment on her desk. The symbols resembled ancient writing she had seen in a history book. She spent hours trying to decipher them, even consulting her grandfather's dusty encyclopedia. Finally, with a jolt, she recognized a pattern – the symbols formed a constellation! Racing to the attic, she found her old star chart and matched the symbols to the stars in Ursa Major, the Great Bear.

Suddenly, a gust of wind swept through the room, extinguishing the lights and swirling the parchment.

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When Maya opened her eyes, the room was bathed in an ethereal glow, and a wispy figure materialized before her. It was a young woman, dressed in clothes from another era, her eyes filled with urgency.

"Help me, Maya," the figure pleaded, her voice echoing in the room. "The darkness threatens to consume our world. You hold the key. Find the hidden chamber beneath the clock tower, guided by the stars."

With a blink, the figure and the glow vanished, leaving Maya speechless. Was it a dream? The parchment felt real in her hand, the message etched into her mind. Filled with a mix of fear and excitement, Maya knew she had to act. But could she, a girl, face such an unknown challenge?

1. What is the main conflict in the story?

- a) Maya is afraid of the old clock tower.
- b) The town square is haunted by a ghost.
- c) Maya must decipher a mysterious message and save the world.
- d) Maya is lost in a dream.

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- 2. How does Maya feel when she finds the parchment?**
 - a) Bored
 - b) Angry
 - c) Curious
 - d) Scared
- 3. What is the significance of the constellation Ursa Major?**
 - a) It is Maya's lucky constellation.
 - b) It holds the key to the hidden chamber.
 - c) It is a symbol of the darkness threatening the world.
 - d) It is a message from the past.
- 4. What does the wispy figure ask Maya to do?**
 - a) Solve a riddle.
 - b) Travel to another world.
 - c) Find a hidden treasure.
 - d) Help defeat the darkness.
- 5. What is the likely theme of the story?**
 - a) The importance of following your curiosity.
 - b) The power of friendship.
 - c) The dangers of meddling in the unknown.
 - d) The fight between good and evil.

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- 6. Select the abstract noun in the following sentence: "The team celebrated their victory with immense jubilation."**
- a) Team
 - b) Celebrated
 - c) Victory
 - d) Jubilation
- 7. Identify the abstract noun in the following sentence: "Her generosity touched everyone at the charity event."**
- a) Touch
 - b) Generosity
 - c) Charity
 - d) None
- 8. Select the abstract noun: "The concept of justice is essential in any society."**
- a) Concept
 - b) Justice
 - c) Essential
 - d) None
- 9. Choose the option with the incorrect usage of a reflexive noun:**
- a) She talked to herself in the mirror.
 - b) She talked to themselves in the mirror.
 - c) She listen to herself in the mirror.
 - d) She talked to hers in the mirror.

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10. Choose the option with the incorrect usage of a reflexive noun:

- a) He took care of himself when he got sick.
- b) He took care of his-self when he got sick.
- c) He took care of him when he got sick.
- d) He took care of his friend when he got sick

11. Which figure of speech is used in the sentence:

"The stars danced in the night sky"?

- a) Simile
- b) Metaphor
- c) Personification
- d) Hyperbole

12. Identify the figure of speech in the phrase:

"Time is a thief."

- a) Metaphor
- b) Simile
- c) Personification
- d) Alliteration

13. Which sentence contains a hyperbole?

- a) The flowers in the garden are beautiful.
- b) I'm so hungry, I could eat a horse.
- c) The sky is blue.
- d) He ran as fast as lightning.

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14. Choose the sentence that uses hyperbole:

- a) She had a few books to read.
- b) I've told you a million times to clean your room!
- c) The dog barked loudly.
- d) He felt a little disappointed.

15. Which sentence correctly uses the unreal past tense?

- a) If I was taller, I would have reached the top shelf easily.
- b) If he were here, he would help us with the project.
- c) If she did her homework, she would have passed the exam.
- d) If they had more time, they could finish the job.

16. What sentence correctly employs the unreal past tense?

- a) If he was rich, he would buy a mansion.
- b) If she wasn't afraid, she would have tried skydiving.
- c) If they came to the game, they will support their team.
- d) If I had the recipe, I will bake a cake.

17. Which sentence employs the unreal past tense correctly?

- a) If she didn't have a fear of heights, she would have climbed the mountain.
- b) If he wasn't so clumsy, he would drop the glass.

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- c) If they finished their chores, they can go to the movies.
- d) If I had a bike, I will ride it to work every day.

18. Choose the sentence that correctly uses the unreal past tense:

- a) If it wasn't so late, we would go for a walk.
- b) If she wasn't so tired, she could have finished the project.
- c) If he had more money, he will buy a new car.
- d) If they come early, they will have a better chance of getting tickets.

19. What sentence contains a transitive verb?

- a) The waves crashed against the shore.
- b) She brought her umbrella in case of rain.
- c) He took off his shoes before entering the house.
- d) They danced under the stars all night.

20. Which sentence employs a transitive verb?

- a) The wind whispered through the trees.
- b) She took care of her sick grandmother.
- c) He ran quickly to catch the train.
- d) They talked about their plans for the weekend.

21. Which option contains a quantifier?

- a) She bought apples at the store.
- b) He went to the park yesterday.
- c) The cat sat on the chair.
- d) They walked through the forest.

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22. Which option contains a phrasal verb?

- a) She walked quickly to the store.
- b) He turned off the lights before leaving.
- c) The cat sat on the windowsill.
- d) They talked about the weather.

23. Which of the following sentences uses a relative noun correctly?

- a) "The person who won the race was exhausted.
- b) "She gave me advices on how to study better."
- c) "I met the girl whom her brother is a doctor."
- d) "The house where I grew up is now abandoned."

24. Choose the sentence that uses a relative noun incorrectly:

- a) "The man whose car broke down called for help."
- b) "I like the music that you're playing."
- c) "She is the one whom I met at the party."
- d) "The student which scored the highest mark received an award."

25. Select the sentence containing a phrasal verb:

- a) The cat climbed onto the roof.
- b) She read a book by the fireplace.
- c) He looked for his keys everywhere.
- d) They swam in the pool all afternoon.