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PIONEER LEVEL (Class VII & VIII) ENGLISH LANGUAGE

There are 25 questions, each question carries 2 marks.

Time allowed: 60 minutes Maximum Marks: 50

- 1. Which of the following is an example of a collective noun?**
 - a) Freedom
 - b) **Team**
 - c) Happiness
 - d) Mountain
- 2. Which of the following is a simple sentence?**
 - a) She enjoys reading, but she doesn't like writing.
 - b) Although it was raining, they went for a walk.
 - c) **He sings in the choir.**
 - d) She can sing and play the piano.
- 3. Choose the correct sentence in the Present Simple tense:**
 - a) She is playing tennis every weekend.
 - b) **She plays tennis every weekend.**
 - c) She has played tennis every weekend.
 - d) She has been playing tennis every weekend.
- 4. Which of the following sentences is in the passive voice?**
 - a) The dog chased the cat.
 - b) **The cat was chased by the dog.**
 - c) The dog is chasing the cat.
 - d) The dog has chased the cat.

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5. Which of the following is the correct conversion of direct speech into indirect speech?

Direct: She said, "I am going to the store."

- a) **She said that she was going to the store.**
 - b) She said that I am going to the store.
 - c) She said that I was going to the store.
 - d) She said that I am going to the store now.
6. Which of the following sentences expresses ability?
- a) **She can solve this puzzle easily.**
 - b) She must solve this puzzle easily.
 - c) She might solve this puzzle easily.
 - d) She should solve this puzzle easily.
7. Which sentence uses the definite article (the) correctly?
- a) **The sun rises in the east.**
 - b) The apple is on the table.
 - c) The dogs are barking.
 - d) The water is cold.
8. Which sentence uses the Zero Conditional correctly?
- a) **If you mix red and blue, you get purple.**
 - b) If it rained, the streets get wet.
 - c) If you eat too much, you would feel sick.
 - d) If she has a headache, she will take medicine.

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- 9. Which sentence correctly uses the period?**
- a) I love reading books.**
 - b) I love reading books;
 - c) I love reading books,
 - d) I love reading books!
- 10. Choose the correct passive voice for the sentence: "She writes a letter."**
- a) A letter is written by her.**
 - b) A letter was written by her.
 - c) A letter is being written by her.
 - d) A letter is written by she.
- 11. What is the synonym for "exquisite"?**
- a) Beautiful**
 - b) Ugly
 - c) Ordinary
 - d) Rough
- 12. Which of the following is the best paraphrase of the sentence: "The children were excited because they were going to the zoo"?**
- a) The children were unhappy about going to the zoo.
 - b) The children were thrilled because they would visit the zoo.**
 - c) The zoo made the children sad.
 - d) The children felt nothing about the zoo.

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13. Identify the error in the sentence:

"She don't like to go to the party."

- a) "don't" should be "doesn't"**
- b) "to go" should be "goes"
- c) "like" should be "likes"
- d) There is no error.

14. Which of the following sentences demonstrates correct subject-verb agreement?

- a) The team are playing well.
- b) The team is playing well.**
- c) The team play well.
- d) The teams is playing well.

15. Which of the following is the correct format for a formal report?

- a) Title, Introduction, Methodology, Results, Conclusion, Recommendations**
- b) Title, Introduction, Body, Conclusion
- c) Title, Abstract, Body, Conclusion
- d) Title, Introduction, Discussion, Summary, Conclusion

16. Which of the following is the correct format for a formal letter?

- a) Date, Salutation, Body, Closing, Signature**
- b) Salutation, Date, Body, Closing, Signature
- c) Date, Salutation, Body, Signature, Closing
- d) Date, Body, Salutation, Closing, Signature

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17. In a short story, which of the following is essential for creating a compelling plot?

- a) A detailed description of the setting
- b) A well-developed main character facing a conflict**
- c) A series of unrelated events
- d) A conclusion that leaves the reader confused

18. What is the main idea of a passage?

- a) The detailed facts and examples that support the topic
- b) The overall message or point the author is trying to convey**
- c) The conclusion or final thought of the author
- d) The specific details about a particular event or character

19. Choose the correct word to fill in the blank: The scientist was determined to _____ a cure for the disease despite the challenges.

- a) invent
- b) discover**
- c) abandon
- d) overlook

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20. What is the primary function of a topic sentence in a paragraph?

- a) To summarize the entire paragraph
- b) To introduce the main idea or argument of the paragraph**
- c) To provide supporting details for the main idea
- d) To conclude the paragraph with a final thought

21. Identify the error in the following sentence: She don't like to eat vegetables.

- a) don't**
- b) like
- c) to
- d) eat

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

The rise of digital technology has profoundly transformed how people interact, work, and access information. In recent years, the widespread use of smartphones, social media, and cloud computing has revolutionized communication, making it instantaneous and more accessible than ever before. While this technological advancement has brought about many benefits, such as increased convenience and the ability to stay connected with people globally, it has also

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introduced significant challenges. The over-reliance on digital devices has led to a decrease in face-to-face interactions, fostering a sense of isolation among individuals. Moreover, the constant influx of information can be overwhelming, often leading to a phenomenon known as "information overload." Consequently, it is essential for individuals to strike a balance between embracing digital innovation and maintaining meaningful, offline relationships. Although the digital age offers convenience, the importance of personal connections and mindful consumption of information cannot be overstated.

22. What is the primary theme of the paragraph?

- a) The benefits of digital technology and its impact on face-to-face communication
- b) The challenges posed by digital technology and the need for balance in its use**
- c) The convenience of smartphones and social media
- d) The rise of cloud computing and its effect on businesses

23. According to the paragraph, what is one of the negative effects of the widespread use of digital technology?

- a) Decreased access to information
- b) Increased face-to-face communication

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- c) **Increased isolation due to reduced in-person interactions**
 - d) Lack of convenience in staying connected
- 24. What is meant by the term "information overload" as used in the paragraph?**
- a) The inability to process new technological advancements
 - b) **The overwhelming amount of information that can lead to confusion or stress**
 - c) The overload of physical books and newspapers
 - d) The gradual loss of information in the digital age
- 25. What does the paragraph suggest about balancing digital technology with personal relationships?**
- a) People should completely avoid using digital technology to preserve personal relationships.
 - b) People need to embrace digital technology without any concern for its impact on relationships.
 - c) **There should be a balance between embracing digital innovations and maintaining offline connections.**
 - d) Personal relationships are more important than any form of digital technology.

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