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PIONEER LEVEL (Class VII & VIII) ENGLISH LANGUAGE

There are 25 questions, each question carry 2 marks.

Time allowed: 60 minutes Maximum Marks: 50

1. Choose the correct sentence with the proper use of a linking verb:

- a) He was happy to see his friends.**
- b) He run to the store quickly.
- c) They eat lunch at noon every day.
- d) The kids plays soccer in the afternoon.

2. Which sentence is an example of a complex sentence?

- a) She likes to play the piano, but she doesn't have time.
- b) Because it was late, they decided to leave.**
- c) He was tired, so he took a nap.
- d) They went to the park and then went for ice cream.

3. Identify the sentence that uses the Present Perfect tense correctly:

- a) He had visited London three times.
- b) He has visited London three times.**
- c) He is visiting London three times.
- d) He visits London three times.

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4. Which of the following is the correct passive form of the sentence: "The teacher explains the lesson"?
- a) **The lesson is explained by the teacher.**
 - b) The lesson explained by the teacher.
 - c) The lesson is being explained by the teacher.
 - d) The lesson has been explained by the teacher.
5. Which of the following is the correct conversion of direct speech into indirect speech?

Direct: "I will call you when I arrive," she said.

- a) She said that she will call me when she arrived.
 - b) **She said that she would call me when she arrived.**
 - c) She said that I will call you when I arrive.
 - d) She says that she will call me when she arrives.
6. Which sentence uses "must" to express obligation?
- a) **You must complete the assignment by Friday.**
 - b) You could complete the assignment by Friday.
 - c) You might complete the assignment by Friday.
 - d) You should complete the assignment by Friday.

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- 7. Select the correct usage of "an":**
- a) I saw a elephant in the zoo.
 - b) I saw an elephant in the zoo.**
 - c) I saw the elephant in the zoo.
 - d) I saw a large elephant in the zoo.
- 8. Which sentence uses the Second Conditional correctly?**
- a) If I had more money, I would travel the world.**
 - b) If I have more money, I will travel the world.
 - c) If I had studied, I would have passed the test.
 - d) If she study more, she will pass the exam.
- 9. Which sentence uses the semicolon correctly?**
- a) I love to read; it's my favorite hobby.**
 - b) I love to read, it's my favorite hobby.
 - c) I love to read; and it's my favorite hobby.
 - d) I love to read. it's my favorite hobby.
- 10. Choose the correct transformation for the sentence: "John is smarter than Mark."**
- a) John is the smartest of all.**
 - b) John is more smarter than Mark.
 - c) John is the most smartest of all.
 - d) John is smarter than the most people.
- 11. Choose the correct pair of homophones:**
- a) Stationary and Stationery
 - b) Pair and Pear

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- c) Brake and Break
- d) **All of the above**

12. Which of the following is the best paraphrase of the sentence: "The team played well, but they lost the game"?

- a) **Although the team played well, they lost the game.**
- b) The team played poorly, and they won the game.
- c) The team played badly, and they lost the game.
- d) The team lost the game because they played well.

13. Identify the error in the sentence: "The books on the table needs to be organized."

- a) "on the table" should be "on the tables"
- b) **"needs" should be "need"**
- c) "to be organized" should be "to organize"
- d) There is no error.

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

- a) The committee have made their decision.
- b) **The committee makes its decision.**
- c) The committee make its decision.
- d) The committee are making its decision.

15. Which of the following should NOT be included in the body of a formal report?

- a) Data analysis

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- b) Recommendations
 - c) **Title**
 - d) Discussion of findings
- 16. In a business letter, which of the following is the correct salutation?**
- a) **Dear Sir/Madam**
 - b) Dear Mr. John,
 - c) Hello,
 - d) To Whom It May Concern,
- 17. Which type of essay aims to explain or inform the reader about a specific topic using facts and evidence?**
- a) Descriptive Essay
 - b) Narrative Essay
 - c) **Expository Essay**
 - d) Persuasive Essay
- 18. Which of the following details best supports the main idea of a passage about climate change?**
- a) A description of a recent weather pattern in a specific region
 - b) A historical overview of the Earth's temperature fluctuations over time
 - c) A personal story of someone experiencing the effects of climate change
 - d) **Statistics showing the global rise in temperatures over the past century**

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19. Choose the word that best fits the blank: Her explanation was so _____ that everyone in the room understood her point clearly.

- a) confusing
- b) concise**
- c) tedious
- d) ambiguous

20. Which sentence best concludes a paragraph about the benefits of reading?

- a) "Reading helps expand your vocabulary and improve comprehension."
- b) "In conclusion, reading offers countless benefits, including mental stimulation and vocabulary enhancement."**
- c) "Reading books is a great way to relax and learn new things."
- d) "The benefits of reading are clear, as it improves both the mind and the soul."

21. Find the error in the sentence: He was very tired, so he decided to went to bed early.

- a) was
- b) tired
- c) decided
- d) went**

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

In recent years, the debate over the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in everyday life has sparked widespread discussion. AI, once limited to science fiction, is now being integrated into various industries, from healthcare to finance, and even transportation. While AI offers significant advantages, such as increased efficiency, accuracy, and the ability to perform tasks beyond human capacity, it also raises concerns about privacy, ethics, and job displacement. Critics argue that over-reliance on AI could lead to a loss of personal privacy as sensitive data is collected and analyzed. Furthermore, the ethical implications of AI decision-making, particularly in areas like criminal justice and hiring practices, remain a topic of intense debate. Another pressing concern is the impact of AI on the job market, as automation replaces certain human roles, leading to fears of unemployment. As AI continues to evolve, it is essential for policymakers, businesses, and society to balance innovation with responsibility, ensuring that the benefits of AI are maximized while minimizing potential harms.

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22. What is the main focus of the paragraph?

- a) The technical aspects of artificial intelligence
- b) The impact of AI on job creation in the technology sector
- c) The advantages and concerns associated with the use of artificial intelligence**
- d) The evolution of artificial intelligence from fiction to reality

23. According to the paragraph, which of the following is a potential ethical concern related to AI?

- a) The lack of efficiency in AI systems
- b) The potential for AI to invade personal privacy**
- c) The rise in the demand for human labor
- d) The ability of AI to make decisions based on human emotions

24. What is one of the concerns regarding AI's impact on the job market?

- a) AI is leading to job creation in all industries.
- b) AI may replace human jobs, leading to unemployment.**
- c) AI reduces the efficiency of workers.
- d) AI is not yet capable of performing many tasks that humans do.

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25. According to the paragraph, what is needed as AI continues to evolve?

- a) An increase in the use of AI in everyday life
- b) A reduction in AI innovation to avoid its harmful effects
- c) **A balance between innovation and responsibility to maximize benefits while minimizing harms**
- d) An end to the development of AI technologies