

Markhor Junior Contest 2019

PIONEER LEVEL (Class VII & VIII) ENGLISH LANGUAGE

There are 25 questions, each question carries 2 marks.

Time allowed: 60 minutes Maximum Marks: 50

- 1. What is the function of the word "only" in the sentence: "He only works on weekends"?**
 - a) Adverb of place
 - b) Adverb of frequency
 - c) Adverb of manner
 - d) Adverb of time**
- 2. Which of the following is an example of a compound-complex sentence?**
 - a) I went to the store, and I bought some apples.
 - b) She was tired because she had worked all day, but she still went to the gym.**
 - c) He loves reading, but his brother enjoys sports more.
 - d) After he finished his homework, he went to bed.
- 3. Which sentence is in the Present Perfect Continuous tense?**
 - a) I have been working on this project for two hours.**
 - b) I have worked on this project for two hours.
 - c) I am working on this project for two hours.
 - d) I work on this project for two hours.

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4. **Convert the following active sentence into passive: "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 has been written by her.
5. **How would you report the following statement in indirect speech?**
- Direct: "I am watching TV," John said.**
- a) John said that he is watching TV.
 - b) **John said that he was watching TV.**
 - c) John says that he is watching TV.
 - d) John said that he watches TV.
6. **Select the sentence that expresses prohibition:**
- a) **You must not park in this area.**
 - b) You could park in this area.
 - c) You should not park in this area.
 - d) You may not park in this area.
7. **Which sentence uses the definite article (the) correctly?**
- a) The Mount Everest is the tallest mountain in the world.
 - b) The cars are parked outside.
 - c) **The Nile is the longest river in Africa.**
 - d) The Christmas is a time of joy.

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- 8. Choose the correct Third Conditional sentence:**
- a) **If he had known about the meeting, he would have come.**
 - b) If he knows about the meeting, he would come.
 - c) If he knew about the meeting, he would come.
 - d) If he knows about the meeting, he will come.
- 9. Choose the correct use of the colon:**
- a) **She bought the following items: apples, bananas, and grapes.**
 - b) She bought: the following items apples, bananas, and grapes.
 - c) She: bought the following items apples, bananas, and grapes.
 - d) She bought the following items apples: bananas, and grapes.
- 10. Transform the sentence into negative: "She always helps her mother."**
- a) **She never helps her mother.**
 - b) She helps her mother never.
 - c) She doesn't help her mother always.
 - d) She does not help her mother.
- 11. Which of the following words is a homonym for the word "bark"?**
- a) The outer covering of a tree
 - b) The sound a dog makes
 - c) **Both A and B**

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d) Neither A nor B

12. How would you paraphrase: "The company's profits have been steadily rising for the past two years"?

- a) The company's profits have remained constant over the past two years.
- b) The company's profits have been increasing consistently for two years.**
- c) The company's profits dropped over the past two years.
- d) The company's profits are expected to rise next year.

13. Which sentence correctly uses punctuation?

- a) The movie was amazing, I loved it!
- b) The movie was amazing I loved it.
- c) The movie was amazing; I loved it!**
- d) The movie was amazing I loved it.

14. Choose the correct form of the verb: "Neither of the girls _____ finished their homework."

- a) have
- b) has**
- c) are
- d) were

15. Which of the following is an essential feature of an informal report?

- a) Use of technical jargon

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- b) Structured sections like "Abstract" and "Methodology"
 - c) Informal language and tone**
 - d) Detailed statistical data
- 16. Which of the following is the most appropriate closing for a formal letter?**
- a) Yours Truly
 - b) Best Wishes
 - c) Yours Sincerely**
 - d) Love
- 17. Which of the following is a characteristic of a persuasive essay?**
- a) It presents both sides of an argument fairly
 - b) It provides a personal story to illustrate the main idea
 - c) It aims to convince the reader to adopt a particular point of view**
 - d) It explains a topic using factual information
- 18. When reading a passage, why is it important to consider the context of a word or phrase?**
- a) To understand the meaning of the word in that particular situation**
 - b) To make the text longer
 - c) To find synonyms for the word
 - d) To know which dictionary to use
- 19. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence: The movie was so _____ that I**

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couldn't stop laughing throughout the entire show.

- a) boring
- b) hilarious**
- c) scary
- d) depressing

20. Which of the following best describes coherence in a paragraph?

- a) The sentence that connects the paragraph to the next one
- b) The logical flow and connection between sentences within the paragraph**
- c) The transition between paragraphs and sections of a text
- d) The correct grammar and spelling of the sentences

21. Identify the incorrect use of an article in the following sentence: I want to buy a apple from the store.

- a) want
- b) buy
- c) a**
- d) apple

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

The global shift towards renewable energy sources is one of the most significant environmental movements of the 21st century. With the increasing awareness of climate change and the depletion of fossil fuels, governments and businesses are seeking sustainable alternatives to traditional energy sources. Solar, wind, and hydroelectric power have emerged as viable options, offering cleaner, more sustainable ways to generate electricity. These renewable sources reduce greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on finite resources, thus contributing to the mitigation of global warming. However, despite their advantages, there are still challenges to overcome. The high initial costs of installing renewable energy infrastructure, the intermittency of solar and wind power, and the need for efficient energy storage systems are significant obstacles that need to be addressed. Nevertheless, with ongoing advancements in technology and growing political and public support, renewable energy has the potential to reshape the global energy landscape and promote a more sustainable future.

22. What is the main topic of the paragraph?

- a) The challenges of implementing renewable energy

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b) The benefits and challenges of renewable energy sources

c) The history of fossil fuel use

d) The political support for renewable energy

23. According to the paragraph, what is one of the primary advantages of renewable energy?

a) It requires minimal technological advancements to be effective.

b) It helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reliance on fossil fuels.

c) It can be used to create new fossil fuel reserves.

d) It generates energy at a lower cost than fossil fuels.

24. What challenge is associated with solar and wind energy as mentioned in the paragraph?

a) The need for constant maintenance

b) The difficulty in transporting energy across long distances

c) The intermittency of power generation due to weather conditions

d) The inability to generate enough energy for large-scale use

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25. What does the paragraph suggest is necessary for renewable energy to reach its full potential?

- a) The complete abandonment of fossil fuels
- b) Continued technological advancements and public support**
- c) A reduction in the use of solar and wind energy
- d) The creation of new fossil fuel infrastructure