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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 sentences contains an example of a possessive adjective?**
 - a) **This is my book.**
 - b) This is **him** book.
 - c) This is **I** book.
 - d) This is **them** book.
- 2. Which of the following is a sentence fragment?**
 - a) She ran quickly to catch the bus.
 - b) Despite the rain, we decided to go outside.
 - c) After the meeting ended, we had lunch.
 - d) **Because I wanted to.**
- 3. Choose the sentence that is in the Past Simple tense:**
 - a) She was reading when I called.
 - b) She has read the book.
 - c) **She read the book yesterday.**
 - d) She is reading the book right now.
- 4. Which sentence is in the active voice?**
 - a) The cake was eaten by the children.
 - b) **The children ate the cake.**
 - c) The cake is eaten by the children.
 - d) The cake had been eaten by the children.

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5. Which of the following is the correct indirect speech form for the question: "Where are you going?" she asked.
- a) She asked where I am going.
 - b) She asked where I was going.**
 - c) She asked where you are going.
 - d) She asked where you were going.
6. Which of the following best describes the tone of an informal report?
- a) Formal and academic
 - b) Persuasive and emotional
 - c) Casual and conversational**
 - d) Technical and scientific
7. Choose the sentence that uses the indefinite article correctly:
- a) I need a apple.
 - b) I need an apple.**
 - c) I need the apple.
 - d) I need a orange.
8. Which sentence uses a Mixed Conditional?
- a) If I had studied, I would have passed the exam.
 - b) If I study harder, I will pass the exam.
 - c) If I had studied, I would pass the exam.**
 - d) If I knew about the party, I would go.

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- 9. Which sentence uses quotation marks correctly?**
- a) **He said, "I will meet you at 3 p.m."**
 - b) He said I will meet you at "3 p.m."
 - c) He "said", I will meet you at 3 p.m.
 - d) He said "I will meet you" at 3 p.m.
- 10. Convert the sentence to the affirmative: "He doesn't like playing football."**
- a) **He likes playing football.**
 - b) He doesn't like to play football.
 - c) He likes playing football too.
 - d) He doesn't like play football.
- 11. What does the prefix "dis-" mean in the word "dislike"?**
- a) **Not or opposite of**
 - b) Before or in front of
 - c) Across or through
 - d) Repeating or again
- 12. Which of the following sentences is a clearer paraphrase of: "His proposal failed to address the main issue"?**
- a) **His proposal ignored the most important issue.**
 - b) His proposal discussed the main issue in detail.
 - c) His proposal was very detailed but irrelevant.
 - d) His proposal was well-received despite its flaws.

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13. Identify the error in the sentence: "He will have finished the report by next Monday."

- a) "will have finished" is correct
- b) "finished" should be "finish"
- c) "by next Monday" should be "next Monday"
- d) There is no error.**

14. Choose the sentence with correct subject-verb agreement:

- a) The police is investigating the case.
- b) The police are investigating the case.**
- c) The police was investigating the case.
- d) The police investigating the case.

15. What is the purpose of the "Methodology" section in a formal report?

- a) To introduce the topic of the report
- b) To present the findings in detail
- c) To explain the research process or approach used**
- d) To offer recommendations

16. Which part of a formal letter contains the sender's contact information?

- a) Closing
- b) Salutation
- c) Address block**
- d) Body

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17. In a descriptive essay, which of the following should be emphasized to engage the reader?

- a) **Detailed descriptions of people, places, or events**
- b) A step-by-step process explaining an idea
- c) Strong emotional appeals to influence the reader's opinion
- d) A clear argument to support a thesis

18. Which of the following questions would require the reader to use inference skills?

- a) What is the title of the article?
- b) What does the author say about the issue in the first paragraph?
- c) **How does the author feel about the topic based on their choice of words and tone?**
- d) What happened at the end of the story?

19. Choose the correct word to fill in the blank:

The new policy has been implemented to _____ employee productivity in the workplace.

- a) decrease
- b) hinder
- c) **improve**
- d) limit

20. Which of the following is an example of cohesion in a paragraph?

- a) "First, I like coffee. Secondly, I prefer tea."
- b) "The rain was heavy. The sky was gray."

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- c) **"In addition, I enjoy tea with my breakfast."**
- d) "In conclusion, coffee is better than tea."

21. Which of the following sentences has an error in preposition use?

- a) He is interested in learning new languages.
- b) She is good in playing the piano.**
- c) We were waiting for the bus when it started raining.
- d) They are excited about their vacation next month.

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

In the digital age, the influence of social media on youth cannot be underestimated. While platforms like Instagram, Twitter, and TikTok offer young people opportunities to express themselves, connect with peers, and stay informed, they also come with notable drawbacks. One significant concern is the impact of social media on mental health. Research has shown that prolonged use of these platforms can lead to feelings of anxiety, depression, and low self-esteem, particularly among adolescents who are constantly comparing themselves to others. Additionally, the pressure to present a curated, idealized version of life can distort reality and lead to unrealistic expectations. Despite these challenges, social media also has its positive

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aspects, such as fostering creativity, providing educational content, and helping to raise awareness about important social issues. Ultimately, the key lies in finding a balance—leveraging the benefits of social media while mitigating its negative effects through mindful usage and self-awareness.

22. What is the primary concern discussed in the paragraph regarding social media?

- a) The potential for social media to enhance academic learning
- b) The effect of social media on youth's mental health and self-esteem**
- c) The rise of social media as a tool for political campaigns
- d) The impact of social media on global communication networks

23. According to the paragraph, what is one of the negative effects of prolonged social media use?

- a) Increased creativity and productivity
- b) Decreased feelings of anxiety and depression
- c) Distorted self-image due to comparison with others**
- d) More realistic expectations of life

24. What positive aspect of social media is mentioned in the paragraph?

- a) It only causes negative effects on mental health.

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b) It raises awareness about important social issues.

c) It isolates young people from society.

d) It prevents young people from engaging with peers.

25. What does the paragraph suggest is the key to using social media responsibly?

a) Using social media only for entertainment purposes

b) Completely avoiding social media to protect mental health

c) Finding a balance and using social media mindfully

d) Relying on social media to shape one's self-image