

Markhor Junior Contest 2022

PIONEER LEVEL (Class VII & VIII) ENGLISH LANGUAGE

There are 25 questions, each question carry 2 marks.

Time allowed: 60 minutes Maximum Marks: 50

- 1. In the sentence "I have been reading for two hours," which of the following words is an auxiliary verb?**
 - a) Reading
 - b) Have**
 - c) Been
 - d) Two
- 2. Which of the following sentences contains an independent clause?**
 - a) Because it was raining.
 - b) While she was reading.
 - c) He was happy to help.**
 - d) If you need help.
- 3. Identify the sentence with the correct use of the Past Perfect tense:**
 - a) I have finished my homework before dinner.
 - b) I will finish my homework before dinner.
 - c) I had finished my homework before dinner.**
 - d) I finish my homework before dinner.

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4. **Convert this active sentence into passive:**
"The committee will announce the results."
- a) The results are announced by the committee.
 - b) The results will be announced by the committee.**
 - c) The results were announced by the committee.
 - d) The results had been announced by the committee.
5. **Which sentence correctly reports this request in indirect speech? Direct: "Don't touch my book," she said.**
- a) She told not to touch her book.
 - b) She told me not to touch her book.**
 - c) She said to me don't touch her book.
 - d) She said that I should not touch her book.
6. **Which sentence uses "can" to express ability in the past?**
- a) He could play the piano when he was young.**
 - b) He can play the piano when he was young.
 - c) He might can play the piano when he was young.
 - d) He should can play the piano when he was young.
7. **Choose the correct sentence using .**
- a) I bought an umbrella yesterday.**
 - b) I bought a umbrella yesterday.
 - c) I bought an uniform yesterday.
 - d) I bought the uniform yesterday.

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- 8. Choose the correct Zero Conditional sentence:**
- a) If she is tired, she goes to bed early.**
 - b) If she was tired, she would go to bed early.
 - c) If she was tired, she would go to bed early.
 - d) If she had been tired, she would have gone to bed early.
- 9. Which of the following uses apostrophes correctly for contractions?**
- a) I can't believe it's already Friday.
 - b) I cant believe its already Friday.
 - c) I can't believe it's already Friday.**
 - d) I can't believe its already Friday.
- 10. Change the comparative sentence into the superlative: "This movie is better than all others."**
- a) This movie is best of all.
 - b) This movie is the best of all.**
 - c) This movie is more best of all.
 - d) This movie is most better than all others.
- 11. What is the meaning of the root word "bene" in "beneficial"?**
- a) Good**
 - b) Strong
 - c) Large
 - d) Slow

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12. How would you paraphrase the complex sentence: "While she enjoys swimming, she dislikes running"?
- a) She enjoys swimming but running is not something she likes.
 - b) **She dislikes running but enjoys swimming.**
 - c) She enjoys both swimming and running.
 - d) She dislikes swimming and running equally.
13. Which sentence has the correct subject-verb agreement?
- a) The dogs runs fast.
 - b) The dog run fast.
 - c) The dogs run fast.
 - d) **The dog runs fast.**
14. Choose the correct subject-verb agreement:
"One of the children _____ missing."
- a) are
 - b) were
 - c) **is**
 - d) have
15. Which of the following is the best way to format a report title?
- a) It should be in lowercase and underlined
 - b) **It should be capitalized and in bold**
 - c) It should be italicized and in a smaller font
 - d) It should be in quotation marks and in italics

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16. Which of the following is NOT typically included in a formal complaint letter?

- a) A polite tone
- b) A clear description of the issue
- c) **An emotional outburst**
- d) A request for action or resolution

17. What is the primary purpose of a conclusion in an essay?

- a) **To summarize the main points without introducing new ideas**
- b) To introduce a new argument or piece of information
- c) To confuse the reader
- d) To restate the title of the essay

18. In a passage about a historical event, which type of detail would most likely help the reader understand the significance of the event?

- a) The opinions of people who lived through the event
- b) A list of dates related to the event
- c) Quotes from historical figures involved in the event
- d) **A detailed timeline of events before, during, and after the historical event**

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- 19. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence: I tried to _____ my fear of speaking in public by practicing in front of a mirror.**
- a) enhance
 - b) overcome**
 - c) encourage
 - d) provoke
- 20. Which of the following is an example of a topic sentence?**
- a) "There are many types of birds that live in the forest."
 - b) "Many birds migrate from cold areas to warmer climates during the winter."
 - c) "The forest is home to a variety of birds, each with different habits and needs."**
 - d) "Some birds can fly for thousands of miles without stopping."
- 21. Find the error in this sentence: Neither the teacher nor the students was ready for the test.**
- a) Neither
 - b) the
 - c) was**
 - d) ready

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

The concept of urbanization, the increasing migration of people from rural to urban areas, has dramatically reshaped societies across the world. As cities grow, they often become hubs of economic activity, offering better job opportunities, advanced infrastructure, and access to healthcare and education. However, this rapid urban growth also brings numerous challenges. One of the most significant issues is overcrowding, which leads to strained resources such as water, electricity, and public services. Furthermore, the expansion of urban areas often results in the destruction of natural habitats and increased pollution. Traffic congestion, rising living costs, and inadequate housing are additional problems faced by many urban areas. Despite these challenges, urbanization continues to be a driving force behind economic development and innovation, and with proper planning and sustainable practices, cities can overcome these obstacles and improve the quality of life for their residents.

22. What is one of the main benefits of urbanization mentioned in the paragraph?

- a) The destruction of natural habitats to build more cities

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- b) Increased economic activity and access to essential services**
- c) Decreased access to healthcare and education
- d) A decline in job opportunities due to overcrowding

23. What is a major challenge associated with rapid urban growth?

- a) Cities are experiencing a decrease in pollution.
- b) Overcrowding leads to the strain on resources such as water and electricity.**
- c) Urbanization always improves environmental conditions.
- d) Job opportunities in urban areas are limited due to insufficient population.

24. According to the paragraph, what is a consequence of the expansion of urban areas?

- a) Reduced access to job opportunities
- b) The destruction of natural habitats and increased pollution**
- c) Decreased economic development and innovation
- d) The growth of rural areas and reduction in urban population

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25. How can cities address the challenges brought by urbanization, according to the paragraph?

- a) By continuing urbanization without any consideration for the environment
- b) By focusing solely on economic growth and ignoring environmental concerns
- c) By implementing proper planning and sustainable practices**
- d) By reversing the process of urbanization and promoting rural development