

Markhor Junior Contest 2023

PIONEER LEVEL (Class VII & VIII) ENGLISH LANGUAGE

There are 25 questions, each question carries 2 marks.

Time allowed: 60 minutes Maximum Marks: 50

- 1. Choose the sentence where "under" is used as a preposition of place:**
 - a) **She found the keys under the table.**
 - b) The story is **under** review.
 - c) The car moved **under** the speed limit.
 - d) He sat **under** pressure.
- 2. Choose the sentence that contains a dependent clause:**
 - a) I will go to the store.
 - b) **We left early because we had an appointment.**
 - c) He went to the park.
 - d) She studied for the test.
- 3. Which sentence uses the Past Perfect Continuous tense correctly?**
 - a) **She had been waiting for an hour when I arrived.**
 - b) She was waiting for an hour when I arrived.
 - c) She waits for an hour when I arrived.
 - d) She has waited for an hour when I arrived.

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4. **Which sentence correctly follows the rule for passive voice when the subject is not specified?**
 - a) The car is driven by someone.
 - b) The car is being driven.**
 - c) The car is driving by someone.
 - d) Someone drives the car.
5. **What is the correct conversion of this question into indirect speech? Direct: "Have you finished your homework?" she asked me.**
 - a) She asked me if I have finished my homework.
 - b) She asked me if I had finished my homework.**
 - c) She asked if I finished my homework.
 - d) She asked me if I finish my homework.
6. **Which of the following sentences expresses advice with the modal "ought to"?**
 - a) You ought to see a doctor if you're feeling unwell.
 - b) You ought to finish your homework before going out.
 - c) You ought to exercise regularly.
 - d) All of the above.**
7. **Which sentence correctly uses "the"?**
 - a) I enjoyed the movie we watched last night.**
 - b) I enjoyed a movie we watched the last night.
 - c) I enjoyed the movie we watched a last night.
 - d) I enjoyed the movies we watched the last night.

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8. Which of the following sentences is Second Conditional?
- a) **If I was rich, I would travel the world.**
 - b) If I am rich, I will travel the world.
 - c) If I had been rich, I would travel the world.
 - d) If I had rich, I would travel the world.
9. Choose the sentence that uses parentheses correctly:
- a) **I need to buy groceries (apples, bananas, and grapes) later.**
 - b) I need to buy groceries apples, bananas, and grapes (later).
 - c) I need (to buy groceries) apples, bananas, and grapes later.
 - d) I need to buy groceries (apples bananas, and grapes) later.
10. Transform the sentence into an interrogative:
"She will go to the market tomorrow."
- a) Will she goes to the market tomorrow?
 - b) She will go to the market tomorrow?
 - c) **Will she go to the market tomorrow?**
 - d) She will be going to the market tomorrow?
11. Which of the following idiomatic expressions means "to be very happy"?
- a) **Over the moon**
 - b) Barking up the wrong tree
 - c) A blessing in disguise
 - d) Under the weather

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12. Paraphrase: "He worked hard, yet he didn't achieve his goal."

- a) **He worked hard, but he was still unsuccessful in achieving his goal.**
- b) He worked hard and succeeded in his goal.
- c) He didn't work hard, yet achieved his goal.
- d) He worked lazily, but his goal was achieved.

13. Identify the error in the sentence: "Neither the teacher nor the students was happy with the result."

- a) **"was" should be "were"**
- b) "Neither" should be "Neither of"
- c) "with" should be "on"
- d) There is no error.

14. Which of the following sentences is correct?

- a) Each of the students have a book.
- b) **Each of the students has a book.**
- c) Each of the students have books.
- d) Each of the students are having books.

15. When writing a formal report, which of the following is NOT necessary?

- a) A clear, concise abstract
- b) **A personal opinion about the topic**
- c) A conclusion based on the findings
- d) Data, charts, and tables as evidence

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- 16. When writing an inquiry letter, which of the following should be avoided?**
- a) Clearly stating the purpose of the inquiry
 - b) Asking for unnecessary personal information**
 - c) Being specific about the information you require
 - d) Including a courteous opening and closing
- 17. In a persuasive essay, what should be the primary focus in supporting your argument?**
- a) Personal stories that illustrate the point of view
 - b) Emotional appeals that aim to sway the reader's feelings
 - c) Strong, well-researched evidence that supports your claim**
 - d) Descriptive language that draws the reader into the topic
- 18. What does "critical thinking" in reading imply?**
- a) Agreeing with everything the author states
 - b) Making decisions without considering the evidence
 - c) Evaluating and analyzing the information presented to form an opinion**
 - d) Memorizing facts and repeating them in your own words

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19. Choose the correct word to fill in the blank: The student was _____ when he received the award for his outstanding academic performance.

- a) disappointed
- b) frustrated
- c) elated**
- d) nervous

20. What does it mean for a paragraph to be cohesive?

- a) The sentences must be grammatically correct
- b) The sentences must have a clear topic sentence
- c) The sentences must be logically and grammatically connected using transitional words**
- d) The sentences must be brief and to the point

21. Identify the error in the following sentence: She doesn't like coffee, neither she likes tea.

- a) doesn't
- b) like
- c) neither**
- d) likes

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

The rise of social entrepreneurship has sparked a revolution in how businesses operate, blending profit-making with the goal of solving social, environmental, and cultural problems. Social entrepreneurs are individuals who seek to create solutions for issues such as poverty, access to education, and environmental sustainability. Unlike traditional business models that prioritize financial profit above all, social enterprises focus on generating positive social change while maintaining financial sustainability. These enterprises may reinvest profits into their initiatives or support marginalized communities directly. While social entrepreneurship offers significant benefits, including addressing critical global challenges, it also faces obstacles such as limited funding, the challenge of measuring social impact, and the tension between social goals and financial performance. Despite these hurdles, social entrepreneurs continue to inspire others to think creatively about how business can be a force for good.

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22. What distinguishes social entrepreneurship from traditional business models?

- a) Social entrepreneurship focuses only on making profits, while traditional business models focus on social good.
- b) Social entrepreneurship blends profit-making with solving social, environmental, and cultural issues.**
- c) Traditional businesses have a primary goal of addressing global challenges, while social enterprises do not.
- d) Social entrepreneurship is mainly concerned with financial sustainability and not with social change.

23. What is one of the primary challenges faced by social entrepreneurs?

- a) The inability to generate financial profit
- b) The difficulty in measuring social impact**
- c) The lack of interest in solving social problems
- d) The absence of global challenges to address

24. According to the paragraph, how do social enterprises typically use their profits?

- a) They focus entirely on increasing their profit margins.
- b) They reinvest profits into their initiatives or support marginalized communities.**
- c) They use profits to expand their reach to larger corporate markets.

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- d) They donate all profits to charity without considering their own sustainability.

25. What does the paragraph suggest about the impact of social entrepreneurship?

- a) Social entrepreneurship has no effect on global challenges.
- b) Social entrepreneurs are mainly focused on achieving financial success.
- c) **Social entrepreneurship has the potential to address critical global challenges and inspire others.**
- d) Social enterprises are not successful in creating positive change.