

Markhor Junior Contest 2017

PIONEER LEVEL (Class VII & VIII) ENGLISH LANGUAGE

There are 25 questions, each question carries 2 marks.

Time allowed: 60 minutes Maximum Marks: 50

- 1. In the sentence "She gave herself a break after the long day," the word "herself" is an example of which type of pronoun?**
 - a) Personal
 - b) Possessive
 - c) Reflexive**
 - d) Interrogative
- 2. Identify the compound sentence:**
 - a) I went to the market because I needed groceries.
 - b) She studied hard, and she passed the exam.**
 - c) While she was reading, her brother was watching TV.
 - d) I enjoy reading books that challenge me.
- 3. Which sentence correctly uses the Present Continuous tense?**
 - a) They are working right now.**
 - b) They work right now.
 - c) They have worked right now.
 - d) They will work right now.

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4. **Choose the correct passive form of the sentence:**
"They are painting the house."
- a) The house was painted by them.
 - b) The house is being painted by them.**
 - c) The house is painted by them.
 - d) The house will be painted by them.
5. **Choose the correct indirect speech form for the following direct speech:**
"Can you help me with my homework?" he asked.
- a) He asked if I could help him with his homework.
 - b) He asked if I can help him with his homework.
 - c) He asked me if I can help him with his homework.
 - d) He asked me if I could help him with his homework.**
6. **Choose the sentence that expresses permission:**
- a) You may leave after the meeting.**
 - b) You must leave after the meeting.
 - c) You should leave after the meeting.
 - d) You could leave after the meeting.
7. **Choose the sentence with the correct use of the indefinite article:**
- a) She bought a car yesterday.**
 - b) She bought an car yesterday.
 - c) She bought the car yesterday.
 - d) She bought to a car yesterday.

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- 8. Choose the correct First Conditional sentence:**
- a) If it rains, I will stay at home.**
 - b) If he studied, he would pass the exam.
 - c) If I had a car, I would drive to work.
 - d) If you had eaten dinner, you would feel full now.
- 9. Choose the sentence that correctly uses commas:**
- a) He bought apples, oranges, bananas and grapes.
 - b) He bought apples oranges, bananas, and grapes.
 - c) He bought apples, oranges, bananas, and grapes.**
 - d) He bought apples oranges bananas, and grapes.
- 10. Transform the sentence into active voice: "The book was read by him."**
- a) He reads the book.
 - b) He read the book.**
 - c) He is reading the book.
 - d) He has read the book.
- 11. Which word is the antonym of "optimistic"?**
- a) Pessimistic**
 - b) Hopeful
 - c) Joyful
 - d) Grateful

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12. Paraphrase the sentence: "She cannot attend the meeting due to her prior commitments."

- a) **She is not able to attend the meeting because she has prior commitments.**
- b) She attends the meeting despite her commitments.
- c) She can attend the meeting but does not want to.
- d) She doesn't have any prior commitments, so she can attend the meeting.

13. Which of the following sentences is grammatically correct?

- a) The teacher are explaining the lesson.
- b) **The teacher is explaining the lesson.**
- c) The teacher explaining the lesson.
- d) The teacher explain the lesson.

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

- a) Neither the students nor the teacher are available for the meeting.
- b) Neither the student nor the teachers are available for the meeting.
- c) **Neither the student nor the teacher is available for the meeting.**
- d) Neither the students nor the teachers is available for the meeting.

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- 15. In a formal report, which section provides a brief overview of the entire report?**
- a) Abstract
 - b) Conclusion
 - c) Body
 - d) Introduction
- 16. Which of the following is the most important element in a narrative essay?**
- a) The use of dialogue
 - b) A logical sequence of events and a clear message
 - c) A deep analysis of scientific facts
 - d) Descriptive language about a particular topic
- 17. Which of the following is an example of an inference?**
- a) The main character is described as wearing a red jacket.
 - b) The author states that the main character felt sad.
 - c) The main character walked to the park and noticed the clouds.
 - d) Based on the character's actions, the reader can infer they are upset.
- 18. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence:**
- The storm caused extensive damage, and many houses were _____ by the floodwaters.

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- a) constructed
- b) submerged**
- c) enhanced
- d) ignored

19. Which of the following is an example of a supporting detail?

- a) "The main point of this paragraph is the importance of regular exercise."
- b) "Exercise can improve mental health and reduce stress."**
- c) "This is a conclusion of the paragraph."
- d) "In conclusion, exercise has numerous health benefits."

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

- a) The team are practicing for the competition.
- b) The team is practicing for the competition.**
- c) The teams is practicing for the competition.
- d) The team practicing for the competition.

21. What is the purpose of the "Subject" line in a formal letter?

- a) To introduce the sender's name
- b) To explain the reason for writing the letter
- c) To include personal information
- d) To close the letter

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

The concept of sustainability has gained significant attention in recent decades as the world grapples with environmental degradation and climate change. As natural resources become scarcer and ecosystems face increasing threats, the importance of sustainable practices has never been more apparent. Sustainability encompasses not only environmental concerns but also social and economic factors. It is a holistic approach that seeks to balance the needs of the present with the well-being of future generations. In practice, sustainability involves reducing waste, conserving energy, and adopting eco-friendly technologies. Furthermore, it emphasizes the need for social equity, ensuring that all communities, especially marginalized groups, have access to resources and opportunities. Although implementing sustainability practices may present challenges, particularly in economically developing regions, the long-term benefits, including a healthier planet and a more equitable society, make it a crucial endeavor.

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22. What does the term "sustainability" refer to in the context of the paragraph?

- a) The ability to develop new technologies to improve the environment
- b) The balance between meeting present needs and protecting future generations**
- c) The economic benefits of reducing waste
- d) The increased demand for natural resources

23. According to the paragraph, which of the following is a key aspect of sustainability?

- a) Focus only on environmental concerns
- b) Ensuring that future generations live without any challenges
- c) Balancing environmental, social, and economic needs**
- d) Only conserving energy in developed countries

24. What challenge is mentioned in the paragraph regarding sustainability practices?

- a) The difficulty in reducing waste due to technological limitations
- b) The scarcity of natural resources in economically developed regions
- c) The challenges in implementing sustainability in economically developing regions**
- d) The lack of interest from governments in adopting sustainability practices

25. What is the paragraph's perspective on the long-term benefits of sustainability?

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- a) Sustainability provides immediate benefits, but has no long-term advantages.
- b) Sustainability practices lead to a healthier planet and a more equitable society.**
- c) Sustainability is irrelevant in the context of economic development.
- d) Sustainability only benefits the environment, not society.