

Mindbenz Olympiad of English (MOE)

Sample Paper

Grade- 6

Maximum Marks: 60

Time Allowed – 55 Minutes

Section: A Grammar Basic (10 Questions × 1 mark = 10 marks)

1. Which of the following sentences is in the passive voice?

- a) The dog chased the cat.
- b) She will bake a cake.
- c) The book was read by Ria.
- d) I play cricket on weekends.

2. Choose the correct one-word substitution for:
A person who knows many languages.

- a) Translator
- b) Polyglot
- c) Speaker
- d) Linguist

3. Which of these is a demonstrative determiner?

- a) The
- b) Some
- c) That
- d) Much

4. Identify the adjective in the sentence: "She wore a beautiful dress to the party."



- a) wore

- b) beautiful
- c) dress
- d) party

5. Which sentence shows the present perfect tense?

- a) I ate my lunch.
- b) I have eaten my lunch.
- c) I eat my lunch.
- d) I will eat my lunch.

6. Which of these conjunctions correctly completes the sentence?

"I wanted to go to the park, ____ it started raining."

- a) but
- b) or
- c) because
- d) so

7. Choose the correct pronoun to complete the sentence:

"Both Ravi and ____ are going to the library."



- a) me
- b) they
- c) him
- d) I

8. Which of these is a preposition?

- a) quickly
- b) near
- c) excited
- d) shall

9. Identify the type of sentence: "What a lovely view this is!"

- a) Declarative
- b) Interrogative
- c) Exclamatory
- d) Imperative

10. Choose the correct modal verb to complete the sentence:

"____ I borrow your pen for a moment?"

- a) Can
 - b) Is
 - c) Has
 - d) Am
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Section: B Vocabulary & Usage (10 Questions × 1 mark = 10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

In a quaint village nestled between rolling hills and dense forests, lived a boy named Aarav. Unlike most children his age, Aarav had an insatiable curiosity about the world beyond his surroundings. While others played carefree games, Aarav spent his afternoons poring over dusty old books in the modest library his grandfather had built.

His grandfather, a retired botanist, had once traveled to remote corners of the globe, collecting rare plants and documenting their properties. These tales, brimming with adventure and discovery, fascinated Aarav. He admired his grandfather's diligence and wisdom, and aspired to become a naturalist himself.

Despite the village's limited resources, Aarav never let obstacles deter him. He believed that perseverance was more important than convenience. When the villagers mocked his peculiar interests, he remained unperturbed, knowing that true passion often invites misunderstanding.

One monsoon evening, while exploring the nearby forest, Aarav stumbled upon a plant with iridescent leaves that shimmered in the fading light. Recalling his grandfather's teachings, he carefully sketched it in his notebook. That discovery would later gain recognition from a scientific institute in the city, validating Aarav's efforts and proving that even the most unassuming dreams can blossom into reality when nurtured with dedication.

Questions:

11. What is the meaning of the word "insatiable" in the context of the passage?

- A) Easily satisfied
- B) Never-ending or impossible to satisfy
- C) Boring or dull
- D) Angry or irritated

12. Which of the following is the synonym of *diligence*?

- A) Laziness
- B) Carelessness

- C) Hard work
- D) Sadness

13. What is the antonym of *unperturbed*?

- A) Worried
- B) Calm
- C) Steady
- D) Patient

14. What does the word *iridescent* most likely mean in the sentence: "...a plant with iridescent leaves..."?

- A) Rough and dry
- B) Colorful and shining
- C) Transparent and invisible
- D) Faded and dull

15. What does the word *modest* in "modest library" mean?

- A) Huge and luxurious
- B) Average and common
- C) Simple and humble
- D) Expensive and rare

16. Which word in the passage means "not easily discouraged or stopped"?

- A) Nestled
- B) Deterrent
- C) Perseverance
- D) Remote

17. What is the antonym of *admired* as used in "He admired his grandfather's diligence"?

- A) Disrespected
- B) Respected
- C) Praised
- D) Followed

18. What is the author's main message in the passage?

- A) Books are more important than play
- B) Children should explore forests
- C) Determination and passion can lead to success
- D) Villages lack resources for education

19. Which of the following best describes Aarav's attitude toward challenges?

- A) He avoids them

- B) He complains about them
- C) He faces them with determination
- D) He waits for help

20. What does the phrase “true passion often invites misunderstanding” suggest?

- A) Passion is not useful
 - B) People always understand passion
 - C) Passionate people are always wrong
 - D) Passionate people may not be understood by others
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Section: C Language & Mastery (20 Questions × 2 mark = 40 marks)

21. Identify the correct transformation of the sentence in passive voice:

"People say that the Prime Minister will resign tomorrow."

- a) The Prime Minister says he will resign tomorrow.
- b) It is said that the Prime Minister will resign tomorrow.
- c) The Prime Minister was said to resign tomorrow.
- d) It was being said the Prime Minister will resign tomorrow.

22. Choose the correct option that completes the sentence with proper modal usage:

"You ____ have informed me earlier; now it's too late to act."

- a) could
- b) might
- c) should
- d) would

23. Which of the following has an error in subject-verb agreement?

- a) Neither the players nor the coach is present.
- b) The number of students are increasing every year.
- c) Mathematics is a difficult subject for some students.
- d) Each of the boys has submitted his notebook.

24. Choose the option that best maintains the meaning and is the most concise:

"Despite the fact that he was tired, he kept on working without resting."

- a) Even though he was tired, he kept working without rest.

- b) Though tired, he continued to work without a break.
- c) Tired, yet he did not rest and continued working.
- d) Being tired, he went on working without any rest.

25. Which of the following sentences uses the correct form of the past perfect tense?

- a) He has finished his meal before I arrived.
- b) He had finished his meal before I arrived.
- c) He finished his meal before I had arrived.
- d) He had finish his meal before I arrived.

26. Select the option where the underlined word is used as an adjective:

- a) He spoke fast during the debate.
- b) She gave a fast reply.
- c) He can fast during Ramadan.
- d) I had a fast for three days.

27. Which of the following sentences contains a preposition error?

- a) She is married to a doctor.
- b) He congratulated me for my success.
- c) They were accused of theft.
- d) He is good at mathematics.

28. Identify the sentence that is not a simple sentence:

- a) She danced and sang all night.
- b) Although he was tired, he finished the work.
- c) He jumped over the wall.
- d) The train arrived late.

29. Which of the following is the correct one-word substitution for:

"One who collects coins"

- a) Philatelist
- b) Numismatist
- c) Archaeologist
- d) Curator

30. Choose the most suitable conjunction to complete the sentence:

"I will attend the meeting, ____ I am feeling unwell."

- a) although

- b) because
- c) unless
- d) so

31. Which sentence has an error in article usage?

- a) She is an honest person.
- b) He is the most talented student in class.
- c) I saw a owl on the tree.
- d) She went to an MBA college.

32. Which sentence uses the correct form of a determiner?

- a) I have much books to carry.
- b) She has a few friends in the city.
- c) He has less problems than you.
- d) There isn't many sugar in the bowl.

33. Identify the grammatically correct sentence with the proper word order and structure:

- a) Rarely I have seen such a magnificent sight.
- b) Seldom she goes to the market on Sundays.
- c) Hardly had he entered when the phone rang.
- d) Never I will forget this day.

34. Which sentence shows the correct use of a phrasal verb?

- a) She looks up the dictionary every day.
- b) She looks after her little brother.
- c) She looks down the paper.
- d) She looks out the dog.

35. Pick the sentence with a spelling mistake:

- a) The environment was serene and peaceful.
- b) The student received an achivement award.
- c) His argument was entirely valid.
- d) She is a frequent visitor to this place.

36. Identify the sentence with an error in pronoun reference:

- a) Everyone should complete his work.
- b) Each of the girls submitted her homework.
- c) Neither of the boys brought their lunch.

d) All of the children showed their projects.

37. Choose the correct homonym for the blank:

"He could not ____ the heavy burden."

- a) bare
- b) bear
- c) beer
- d) bair

38. Which of the following is the most appropriate sentence improvement?

"She do not knows how to solve it."

- a) She does not know how to solve it.
- b) She doesn't knew how to solve it.
- c) She not knows how to solve it.
- d) She do not know how to solve it.

39. Identify the sentence with the incorrect use of tense:

- a) By the time we arrived, the movie had already started.
- b) She is knowing the answer but refuses to say it.
- c) They have been living here for five years.
- d) I will have finished the project before Monday.

40. From the same passage above, infer the tone of the author.

- a) Critical and angry
 - b) Optimistic and appreciative
 - c) Indifferent and neutral
 - d) Regretful and emotional
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Answer key:

Section A

- 1. c) The book was read by Ria.
- 2. b) Polyglot
- 3. c) That
- 4. b) beautiful
- 5. b) I have eaten my lunch.
- 6. a) but
- 7. d) I
- 8. b) near
- 9. c) Exclamatory

10. a) Can

Section B

- 11. B) Never-ending or impossible to satisfy
- 12. C) Hard work
- 13. A) Worried
- 14. B) Colorful and shining
- 15. C) Simple and humble
- 16. C) Perseverance
- 17. A) Disrespected
- 18. C) Determination and passion can lead to success
- 19. C) He faces them with determination
- 20. D) Passionate people may not be understood by others

Section C

- 21. b) It is said that the Prime Minister will resign tomorrow.
- 22. c) should
- 23. b) The number of students are increasing every year.
- 24. b) Though tired, he continued to work without a break.
- 25. b) He had finished his meal before I arrived.
- 26. b) She gave a fast reply.
- 27. b) He congratulated me for my success.
- 28. b) Although he was tired, he finished the work.
- 29. b) Numismatist
- 30. a) although
- 31. c) I saw a owl on the tree.
- 32. b) She has a few friends in the city.
- 33. c) Hardly had he entered when the phone rang.
- 34. b) She looks after her little brother.
- 35. b) The student received an achievement award.
- 36. c) Neither of the boys brought their lunch.
- 37. b) bear
- 38. a) She does not know how to solve it.
- 39. b) She is knowing the answer but refuses to say it.
- 40. b) Optimistic and appreciative