

Junior English Olympiad

Sample Papers

English Class 8

1. Select the correct type of pronoun for the highlighted word given in the sentence:

I hurt **myself** badly in an accident.

- a) Reflexive pronoun
- b) Emphatic pronoun
- c) Demonstrative pronoun
- d) Indefinite pronoun

Answer: a

2. Choose the right word/phrase that completes the sentence:

I _____ wait a little longer if I were you.

- a) will
- b) should
- c) ought to
- d) must

Answer: b

3. Choose the suitable phrase for each blank:

I am happy you are helping me with the assignment. This kind of work is not really my _____.

- a) cup and sauce
- b) cup of tea

- c) cup of coffee
- d) tea cup

Answer: b

4. Choose the suitable phrase for each blank:

The discussion was by no means _____. It went on for more than four hours!

- a) cut and dried
- b) chopped and dried
- c) cut and shredded
- d) dried and cut

Answer: a

5. Fill in the blank with the correct modal verb:

Genius does what it must, and talent does what it _____.

- a) Can
- b) Would
- c) May
- d) Should

Answer: a

6. Choose the right word/phrase that can complete the given sentence:

What are you laughing at? There is nothing _____ about it.

- a) true
- b) false
- c) lame
- d) funny

Answer: d

7. Choose the correct spelling of the word:

- a) Believe
- b) Beleive
- c) Believ
- d) Beleev

Answer: a

8. Fill in the blank with the correct word/phrase:

He will be back tomorrow; I'll give him the message as soon as I ____ him.

- a) watch
- b) see
- c) touch
- d) play with

Answer: b

9. Choose the correct phrase:

- a) Down and up
- b) Down and out
- c) Down and town
- d) Out and down

Answer: b

10. Fill in the blank with the correct word/phrase:

Maria _____, but Johnny felt her disappointment.

- a) would not have complained
- b) did not complain
- c) will not complain
- d) did not complain

Answer: b

11. Choose the correct option to complete the dialogue:

Teacher to Student : I thought you had been doing your homework regularly. Why are you still so irregular with your work?

- a) I will let your parents know that you have failed this year.
- b) I'm afraid, at this rate, I'll have to give you a 'D' grade.
- c) I'm expecting you to earn a 'D' grade.
- d) I think you will do well this year.

Answer: b

12. Given below are sets of two sentences. Both sentences may be right or both wrong or one of the two may be right. Select the correct option:

P: Tina and Karan are married and he has been married for 20 years

Q: Everyone forgot their notebook

- a) Both P and Q are right
- b) Both P and Q are wrong
- c) Only P is right
- d) Only Q is right

Answer: b

13. Choose the correct option to complete the dialogue:

Manasa : Vinu, it's the maths class now! I forgot to bring my book.

- a) Could you share your book with me today?
- b) Look here! Give me that book of yours!
- c) Can I buy a maths book?
- d) Could I borrow your maths notebook, please?

Answer: a

14. The small city they live in is enough _____, but I'd find it a bit boring after a while.

- a) satisfied
- b) contented
- c) winning
- d) pleasant

Answer: b

15. Fill in the blank with the correct modal:

Genius does what it must and talent does what it_____.

- a) Can
- b) Would
- c) May
- d) Should

Answer: a

16. When you were little, what time _____?

- a) did you have to go to bed
- b) have you to go to bed
- c) did you must go to bed
- d) must you go to bed

Answer: a

17. Choose the right word:

‘Please’ and ‘Thank you’ are the little courtesies by which we keep the _____ of life oiled and running smoothly.

- a) river
- b) garden
- c) path
- d) machine

Answer: d

18. Choose the most suitable option to complete the dialogue:

Principal: Mr Mathew, the Annual Day’s coming up. I’ve been wondering whom to invite as our chief guest this year. Do you have any suggestions?

Teacher:

- a) Who? Me? I haven’t a clue. How would I know anybody important enough?
- b) Well, I don’t really know anyone. But I can find out. I’ll ask Mrs Organza.
- c) Why are you making such a fuss, sir? You’ll find someone. You know so many important people.
- d) Oh, there must be lots of people simply dying to be asked. Should be no problem at all.

Answer: b

19. Choose the correct option:

Disaster management _____ that the areas are mapped beforehand.

- a) is requires
- b) requires
- c) required
- d) is required

Answer: b

20. Give the synonym of the word underlined in the sentence below:

Weird noises came from the haunted house.

- a) Beastly
- b) Unpleasant
- c) Unnatural
- d) Frightening

Answer: c

21. Choose the correct option:

“I am happy to inspire so many people,
_____ women and mothers,” said Mary Kom.

- a) and
- b) special
- c) especially
- d) also

Answer: c

22. Fill in the blank:

My grandfather was 95 when he _____.

- a) has died
- b) Had died
- c) Died
- d) Was dying

Answer: c

23. Choose a suitable phrase for the blank:

I am happy you are helping me with the assignment. This kind of work is not really my _____.

- a) cup and sauce
- b) cup of tea
- c) cup of coffee
- d) tea cup

Answer: b

24. Identify the qualitative adjective in the given sentence:

John takes great pleasure in reading novels.

- a) Novels
- b) Great
- c) Pleasure
- d) Reading

Answer: b

25. Choose suitable phrase for each blank:

The discussion was by no means _____. It went on for more than four hours!

- a) cut and dried
- b) chopped and dried
- c) cut and shredded
- d) dried and cut

Answer: a

26. In which one of the following sentences an article is wrongly inserted?

- a) She is one of the beautiful girls in the class.
- b) An umbrella is a useful thing.

- c) Police are wandering to get hold of the culprit.
- d) He was reputed as a honest person.

Answer: d

27. Fill in the blanks using the correct word.

A class full of very good students means _____ failures for the teachers to worry about.

- a) lesser
- b) less
- c) fewer
- d) less than

Answer: c

28. Select most 'suitable and correct' options to fill in the blank.

The _____ water left in the well, had also dried up.

- a) a little
- b) few
- c) a few
- d) little

Answer: d

29. Choose the correct option.

Shiva: I think it's really exciting to go to new places.

Teacher: What _____ keep in mind if you are going to a new place?

- a) do you have to
- b) should you
- c) have you to
- d) must you have to

Answer: b

30. Fill in the blank with the correct word:

Can you find the ____ book in the world?

- a) elder
- b) oldest
- c) eldest
- d) older

Answer: b

31. Change the given direct sentence to indirect.

“Drive carefully!” Ram said to me.

- a) Ram said to me drive carefully.
- b) Ram ordered me drive carefully.
- c) Ram told me to drive carefully.
- d) None of the above.

Answer: c

32. Below given is a sentence in four parts. Find the part which contains a grammatical error:

- 1) Mona thought that
- 2) she would pass in the examination
- 3) although she didn't answer
- 4) most of the questions correctly.

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4

Answer: b

33. Choose the correct option to complete the dialogue:

Teacher to student: I thought you had been doing your homework regularly. Why are you still so irregular with your work?

- a) I will let your parents know that you have failed this year.
- b) I'm afraid, at this rate, I'll have to give you a 'D' grade.
- c) I'm expecting you to earn a 'D' grade.
- d) I think you will do well this year.

Answer: b

34. Fill in the blank:

My father went abroad when he ____ forty.

- a) could
- b) were
- c) was
- d) had

Answer: c

35. Choose the best word:

Disaster management _____ that the areas are mapped beforehand.

- a) is requires
- b) requires
- c) required
- d) is required

Answer: b

36. The correct question tag of the following sentence will be:

Will you do this?

- a) Will you?
- b) Willn't you?
- c) Won't you?
- d) Shouldn't you?

Answer: c

37. A _____ is a name given in common to every person or thing of the same class or kind.

- a) collective noun
- b) common noun
- c) proper noun
- d) abstract noun

Answer: b

38. Choose the verb from the sentence:

It has been raining all night

- a) it has
- b) has been raining
- c) raining
- d) none of these

Answer: b

39. Select most 'suitable and correct' options to fill the blank.

How _____ do you eat chocolate ?

- a) rarely
- b) frequently

- c) often
- d) easily

Answer: c

40. Find out the correctly spelt word:

- a) Veteninary
- b) Veterinary
- c) Vetinary
- d) Vetarinary

Answer: b

41. Select the correct article to fill in the blank:

_____ Cholera has broken out in the village.

- a) The
- b) An
- c) A
- d) No article

Answer: d

42. Fill in the blank with correct word:

The only way we can get ____ this obstacle is to jump over it.

- a) about
- b) round
- c) over
- d) this

Answer: c

43. Select the most suitable phrasal verb to fill in the blank:

Never _____. Try and try until you succeed.

- a) give away
- b) give up
- c) give to
- d) give for

Answer: b

44. Spot the error in the sentence:

- a) Becoming a monitor
- b) often means
- c) to lose friend
- d) No error

Answer: c

45. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank:

Stacy : Since her last blunder, Leela doesn't look me in the _____.

Helen: I know. You make her pay _____ for it.

- a) shop, very much
- b) park, very well
- c) eye, through nose
- d) bus, to boss

Answer: c

46. Select most 'suitable and correct' options to fill the blank:

The lady was _____ angry _____ irritated.

- a) both, and
- b) both, for
- c) both, at
- d) both, or

Answer: a

47. Select the options with correct transition from 'Direct' to 'Indirect' speech:

He will say to me, "He is my best friend."

- a) He will tell me that he is my best friend.
- b) He will tell to me that I am his best friend.
- c) He will tell me that he will be my best friend.
- d) He will tell me that he has been my best friend.

Answer: a

48. Choose the correct phrase:

- a) Down and up
- b) Down and out
- c) Down and town
- d) Out and down

Answer: b

49. Antonym of instant is _____.

- a) immediate
- b) later
- c) never
- d) for ever

Answer: b

