

NATIONAL ENGLISH LINGUISTICS CONTEST JUVENILES (GRADE 7 & 8)



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TIME ALLOWED : 90 MINUTES

MAXIMUM MARKS : 90

TOTAL QUESTIONS : 30 MCQS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. DON'T START ATTEMPTING THE PAPER UNTIL INSTRUCTED BY THE INVIGILATORS.
2. INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE EXAMINATION INVIGILATORS MUST BE CARRIED OUT PROMPTLY.
3. WRITE YOUR NAME, FATHER NAME, SCHOOL NAME, ADDRESS ETC AT THE BUBBLE SHEET ONLY.
4. RECORD ALL ANSWERS ON THE BUBBLE SHEET ONLY. SELECT BEST ANSWER FROM THE FOUR GIVEN OPTIONS AND MARK ONLY ONE OPTION IN EACH QUESTION.
5. USE BLUE / BLACK INK TO FILL UP THE CIRCLES FOR YOUR ANSWERS ON THE BUBBLE SHEET. USE OF LEAD PENCIL IS NOT ALLOWED.
6. USE OF ANY HELPING MATERIAL INCLUDING CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
7. EVERY CORRECT ANSWER EARNS THREE POINTS. THERE WOULD BE NEGATIVE MARKING. ONE POINT WOULD BE DEDUCTED FOR EVERY INCORRECT ANSWER.
8. CANDIDATES MAY NOT LEAVE THE EXAMINATION ROOM UNESCORTED FOR ANY REASON, AND THIS INCLUDES USING THE WASHROOM.
9. THERE ARE SIX CATEGORIES OF THE CONTEST AS UNDER:
 - A. TODDLERS (GRADE 1 & 2)
 - B. KIDS (GRADE 3 & 4)
 - C. JUNIORS (GRADE 5 & 6)
 - D. JUVENILES (GRADE 7 & 8)
 - E. ADOLESCENTS (GRADE 9 & 10 / O-LEVELS)
 - F. SENIORS (GRADE 11 & 12 / A-LEVELS)
10. ONLY REGISTERED STUDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEST.
11. NO CANDIDATE SHALL TAKE OUT OF THE HALL ANY ANSWER BOOK(S) OR PART OF AN ANSWER BOOK, WHETHER USED OR UNUSED, OR OTHER SUPPLIED MATERIAL.
12. IF A PARTICIPANT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND A WORD OR PHRASE ON THE EXAM PAPER, NEITHER EXAMINER NOR INVIGILATOR IS PERMITTED TO ANSWER.
13. FOR INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING CONTESTS OR PROVIDING VALUABLE FEEDBACK, PLEASE VISIT WWW.CATSCONTESTS.ORG
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READ THE POEM AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS 1-4.

STORM

By Kathryn Winograd

As if the earth
Stopped,
The air hushes.
You feel the heat
Rising
Out of fields,
Out of asphalt.
And then a
Single leaf
Turns
Its silver back.
Air claps air
And all the grasses
Lie down.
Do not stand
Beneath this tree.
If you must be brave,
Then for one second
Only
Lift your face
To the darkest of
Blues
And feel the Sea,
The cool,
Far away Sea,
Surging
Wind-whirled
Through the
Trees.

1. What is the poet describing at the beginning of the poem?

- A) the way Earth rotates
- B) the dangers of a storm
- C) the wind in a meadow
- D) the calm before a storm

2. What happens when "Air claps air"?

- A) It rains.
- B) It thunders.
- C) It is hot.
- D) It becomes dry.

3. When "all the grasses lie down," the weather is

- A) humid.
- B) sunny.
- C) calm.
- D) windy.

4. The narrator compares the sky to

- A) trees
- B) the wind
- C) the sea
- D) grass

READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS 5 – 8

Mathematics in India inevitably makes one think of one extra ordinary figure of ret times. This was Srinivasa Ramanujam, born in a poor Brahmin family in South India, having no opportunities for a proper education, he became a clerk in the Madras Port Trust. But he was bubbling over with some irrepressible quality of instinctive genius and played about with numbers and equations in his spare time. By a luck chance, he sent some of his amateur works to Cambridge University in England which attracted the attention of a mathematician there. The scholars were impressed and a scholarship was arranged for him there. So he went to Cambridge and during a very brief period of time there, he did works of profound value and amazing originality. The Royal society of England honoured him by making a Fellow, but he died two years later at the age of 33. Prof. Julian Huxley had referred to him somewhere as the greatest mathematician of the century.

Ramanujam's brief life and death are symbolic of conditions in India. If life opened gates to millions of illiterate and starving people and offered them healthy conditions of living, education and opportunities of growth, how many of them would be eminent scientists, educationists, industrialists, writers and artists, helping to build a new India and a new world?

5. With the help of _____, he was able to go to England to study.

- A) a scholarship
- B) his parents
- C) his people
- D) his teachers

6. His professor referred to Ramanujam as _____.

- A) the greatest personality of the century
- B) the greatest human being of the century
- C) the greatest mathematician of the century
- D) the greatest professional of the century

7. Which of the following were denied to Ramanujam in India ?

- A) opportunities of growth and healthy conditions of living.
- B) Food and work
- C) Healthy living and food
- D) Food and opportunities for growth

8. Which word from the passage means “that cannot be held back or controlled”?

- A) inevitably
- B) symbolic
- C) irrepressible
- D) profound

Q9. Choose the correct sentence out of four sentences given below.

- A) He has not opening shop for many days.
- B) He had not opening his shop for many days.
- C) He have not been opening his shop for many days.
- D) He had not been opening his shop for many days.

Q10. Select the correct Preposition.

She provoked him _____ anger.

- A) After
- B) On
- C) For
- D) To

Q11. Select the correct Preposition.

I took strong objection _____ the proposal.

- A) With
- B) To
- C) Against
- D) On

Q12. Arrange the words given below in a meaningful sequence.

1. Poverty 2. Population 3. Death
4. Unemployment 5. Disease

- A) 2, 3, 4, 5, 1
- B) 3, 4, 2, 5, 1
- C) 2, 4, 1, 5, 3
- D) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Q13. If you smuggle goods into the country, they may be _____ by the customs authority.

- A) possessed
- B) punished
- C) confiscated
- D) fined

Q14. Man does not live by_____alone.

- A) food
- B) bread
- C) meals
- D) diet

Q.15 The two words have a certain relationship to each other followed by four pairs of related words, Select the pair which has the same relationship.

DIVA:OPERA

- A) producer:theatre
- B) director:drama
- C) conductor:bus
- D) thespian:play

Q.16 The two words have a certain relationship to each other followed by four pairs of related words, Select the pair which has the same relationship.

GRAIN:SALT

- A) shard:pottery
- B) shred:wood
- C) blades:grass
- D) chip:glass

Q17. In the questions below the sentences have been given in Direct/indirect speech.

From the given alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the given sentence in Indirect/Direct speech.

“If you don’t keep quiet I shall shoot you”, he said to her in a calm voice.

- A) He warned her to shoot if she didn’t keep quiet calmly.
- B) He said calmly that I shall shoot you if you don’t be quiet.
- C) He warned her calmly that he would shoot her if she didn’t keep quiet.
- D) Calmly he warned her that be quiet or else he will have to shoot her.

Q18. What kind of sentence is this?

I can’t believe this is Veera’s first time seeing the Pacific Ocean!

- A) declarative
- B) exclamatory
- C) interrogative
- D) imperative

Q19. What kind of sentence is this?

In ancient Greece and Rome, dice were usually made from bone and ivory.

- A) exclamatory
- B) declarative
- C) interrogative
- D) imperative

Q20. Which type of sentence is this?

During last night's thunderstorm, a flurry of tiny hailstones danced across the roof of our house.

- A) simple
- B) compound
- C) complex
- D) compound-complex

Q21. Complete the sentence:

Sophia tried both holding the lid of the jar under hot water and _____, but the vacuum-sealed jar simply wouldn't open.

- A) to hit the lid with a spoon handle
- B) hitting the lid with a spoon handle
- C) was hitting the lid with a spoon handle
- D) will hit the lid with a spoon handle

Q22. Complete the sentence with the best verb:

In the summer, either the apple tree by the back wall or the one next to the garage _____ the most fruit.

- A) produce
- B) produces
- C) produced
- D) producing

Q23. What is the word in bold?

The **performers'** song-and-dance routine included acrobatic tricks that thrilled the audience.

- A) a singular possessive noun
- B) a plural possessive noun
- C) singular noun
- D) plural noun

Q24. Choose the correct synonym of the underlined word.

He was widely reckoned to be the best actor of his generation.

- A) considered
- B) reflected
- C) intended
- D) pondered

Q25. Choose the correct synonym of the underlined word.

The makers of the new film hoped to emulate the success of their earlier one.

- A) ape
- B) pretend
- C) impersonate
- D) duplicate

Q26. What is antonym of “Notorious” ?

- A) Ill-famed
- B) Illustrated
- C) Nurse
- D) Grand

Q27. What is antonym of “Adore” ?

- A) Gentle
- B) Despise
- C) Hate
- D) Love

Q28. Find the word with correct Spellings:

- A) melignant
- B) malegnant
- C) mallignant
- D) malignant

Q29. Select correct passive voice.

No one will ever know the truth.

- A) The truths will never be known
- B) The truth will nevers be known.
- C) The truth will never be known.
- D) The truth will never be knowing.

Q30. Which sentence is correct?

- A) Sadie invited her friend to go see the movie “Life Of Pi.”
- B) Sadie invited her friend to go see the movie *Life of Pi*.
- C) Sadie invited her friend to go see the movie *Life Of Pi*.
- D) Sadie invited her friend to go see the movie *Life Of Pi*.