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## SAMPLE PAPER



## SOF International English Olympiad

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The actual test paper consists of 50 questions. Time allowed : 60 minutes. There are 3 sections: 25 questions in section I, 15 questions in section II and 10 questions in section III.

### SYLLABUS

#### **Section-I: Word and Structure Knowledge**

Concord, Question forms, Tenses, Conditionals, Modals, Collocations, Phrasal verbs, Idioms, Homonyms and homophones, Words related to weather, Countries, Language and people, Global problems, etc.

#### **Section-II: Reading**

Search for and retrieve information from various text types like Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, etc. Understand information presented in instruction manual format, Message format and others Acquire broad understanding of and look for specific information in longer texts like editorials, Essays, etc.  
Make inferences from advanced texts

#### **Section-III: Spoken and Written Expression**

Ability to understand situation-based variations in functions like Giving/accepting compliments, Agreeing, Disagreeing, Requesting, Seeking information, etc.



## WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

**Direction (Q. No. 1 and 2) : Choose the most suitable word/phrase for each blank.**

- We have to let the law \_\_\_\_\_ and wait for the court verdict in this matter.  
(A) Take it course (B) Make its course (C) Take a course (D) Take its course
- This colour has gone \_\_\_\_\_ fashion.  
(A) Out from (B) From (C) Out of (D) Off
- Choose the correct spelling.  
(A) Pseudonym (B) Pseudonym (C) Pseudoname (D) Seudonum
- Select the correct phrase.  
(A) Take it and leave it (B) Take it or give it  
(C) Take it or leave it (D) Leave it or take it

**Complete each word using the letters from the choices given below.**

- I managed to reach school without any further \_\_\_\_\_ hap.  
(A) Un (B) Dis (C) Mis (D) Ex

**Direction (Q. No. 6 and 7) : Fill in the blanks in the following sentences by choosing one of the four options given below the sentence.**

- Mr. Prasanna is \_\_\_\_\_ and he works for a well-known computer firm.  
(A) Dark tall man with an MBA from a Gujarat (B) A tall dark man from Gujarat with an MBA  
(C) An tall dark man from Gujarat with a MBA (D) With an MBA from Gujarat a tall dark man
- The Director was so \_\_\_\_\_ his team that he was at a loss for words.  
(A) Angry with (B) Angry by (C) Angry about (D) Angry on
- Read the sentences given below; decide if there is an error in one of the underlined parts, marked as A, B and C. If yes, mark that letter. If no error, mark D.  
He said that he would not be able /to come with all of us /because of his uncle's visit /No error.  
(A) (B) (C) (D)

**Direction (Q. No. 9 and 10) : Given below are 2 pairs of sentences, marked 'P' and 'Q'. In each case, one or both sentences could be right or wrong. Use the following code to indicate your answer.**

If both P and Q are right, tick A (+ +)      If P is right and Q is wrong, tick B (+ -)  
If P is wrong and Q is right, tick C (- +)      If both P and Q are wrong, tick D (- -)

- P : It will take me a long time to learn this song perfectly.  
Q : I was able to learn to drive a car very easily.  
(A) (+ +) (B) (+ -) (C) (- +) (D) (- -)
- P : My father wished it for me to go to Delhi to study.  
Q : It was my father's wish that I studied in Delhi.  
(A) (+ +) (B) (+ -) (C) (- +) (D) (- -)

## READING

**Direction (Q. No. 11 and 12) : Read the passage given below and then answer the questions that follow.**

Just suppose for a moment, however impossible it may sound: the state just disappears one day. There is nobody to supply you with piped water. What will you do? Learn to bathe in cold water? Fetch or purchase water for drinking?

Even the idea seems unimaginable at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. But less than 150 years ago it was the norm. No state in the world supplied water to anybody. And it remains the norm to date in areas such as Nagaland or remote Himalayan villages, where the modern state has failed to reach.

Water is not something that anybody can live without. Therefore, people will do everything to ensure their own water supply. And, as technology was once limited, people then depended less on large river systems and underground water sources. They depended mainly on the rain that fell in their towns and villages or on the flood waters of nearby streams. And people did everything possible to collect this water through household or community efforts.

- The idea that is 'seen as unimaginable' in the text refers to  
(A) The disappearance of the state government  
(B) The non-availability of government supplied water  
(C) Buying drinking water (D) Having cold water baths

12. The norm 150 years ago was to  
 (A) Live without water (B) Ensure water supply  
 (C) Save rain or flood water (D) Depend on underground water

**Direction (Q. No. 13 to 15) : Read the passage given below and then answer the questions that follow.**

Once upon a time, everybody “did” science, for their own amusement and excitement. All of us, as children, are scientists too—testing substances on our tongues, discovering gravity, peering under rocks, seeing patterns in the stars, wondering what makes the night scary and the sky blue.

Partly because the educational system has taught science only in a reductionist, left-brain style and partly because of society’s demands for practical applications of technology, the romance of science fades quickly for most youngsters. Those who love nature but dislike dissecting small animals soon learn to avoid high-school biology. Students who enroll in psychology courses, hoping to learn something about how people think and feel, find themselves learning more about rats and statistics than they ever wanted to know.

13. According to the author, all children are scientists because  
 (A) They are amused and excited by science. (B) They are curious about some things.  
 (C) They are taught science in school. (D) Enjoy peeping into things, tasting and wondering.
14. Children do not enjoy science in school because  
 (A) They are made to study technology. (B) They are forced to dissect animals.  
 (C) It is taught in a boring manner. (D) It is not taught in a romantic style.
15. According to the author a psychology course should focus on  
 (A) The study of rats. (B) Problems in statistics.  
 (C) An analysis of nature. (D) Understanding human beings.

### Spoken and Written Expression

**Direction (Q. No. 16 and 17) : Find one sentence to complete the paragraph.**

16. Namrata: Hey, come on, let’s go and have some ice-cream before the test.  
 Sujana: Sorry, I can’t. I have a bad cold.  
 Namrata: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (A) Have a biscuit. (B) Come on, ice cream is good for a cold.  
 (C) What’s wrong with you? (D) Come on, you can study later.
17. Kartik: We’re going trekking to the Narmada valley. Please come.  
 Nisha: I wish I could come. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (A) The trip sounds fantastic and I am sure will be great fun.  
 (B) The Narmada is a river that must be seen.  
 (C) But my grandparents will be visiting us and I have to be home.  
 (D) It will be lovely to be with all of you for so many days.

**Direction (Q. No. 18 to 20) : You need to select the two sentences that will complete the paragraph. Look at the choices given below and select the best option.**

18. Sentence 1 : What is meat for the body at one age is poison at another.  
 Sentence 2 : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sentence 3 : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sentence 4 : After 50, the toxicity of these metals comes into play and can damage cells, leading to diseases.  
 P. For example, iron and copper are nutritionally essential minerals.  
 Q. Iron deficiency can lead to anaemia and copper maintains hair colour and is a part of several hormones.  
 R. But larger amounts of their intake are good only for younger people.  
 (A) QR (B) PR (C) PQ (D) QP
19. Sentence 1 : If there is a neem or jamun tree in your backyard, check it regularly and just note down when they flower and fruit.  
 Sentence 2 : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sentence 3 : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sentence 4 : The data base is important as India has several climatic zones and biodiversity.  
 P. The National Centre for Biological Sciences plans to rope in people for creating an online database on the life cycle of plant species across the country.  
 Q. You may soon realize that you are not just whiling time, but collecting data for scientific research.  
 R. There is no information, however, that shows when a species flowers and fruits in a particular location.  
 (A) PR (B) QP (C) PQ (D) QR
20. Sentence 1 : Satnam Singh detests wheat chapattis.  
 Sentence 2 : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sentence 3 : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sentence 4 : He actually suffers from a disease known as celiac or wheat allergy.  
 P. The four year old hails from a small village in Punjab, from Ambala.  
 Q. If force fed, he shouts and cries loudly.  
 R. The boy is not throwing a temper tantrum, or suffering from anorexia.  
 (A) PR (B) QP (C) PQ (D) QR

