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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

Prepositional phrases, Participle phrases, Tenses, Question tags, Conditionals, Reported speech. Spellings, Collocations, Phrasal verbs, Idioms, Homonyms and homophones, Words related to leisure, Household items/issues, Social causes, Outdoor locations and activities, etc.

#### Section-II: Reading

Search for and retrieve information from various text types like News reports, Blurb, 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.

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

Ability to understand situation-based variations in functions like requesting, Giving information, Expressing surprise, etc.



## WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

- Choose the odd pair.  
(A) Annoy : Irritate (B) Comprehend : Understand  
(C) Spectator : Onlooker (D) Reserve : Supply

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- The thief walked away with the diamond crown on display. No one stopped him because he was ..... the director of the museum.  
(A) Contacting (B) Impersonating (C) Implanting (D) Contradicting

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- The transmission of the President's speech remained \_\_\_\_ interrupted.  
(A) Mis (B) Dis (C) Un (D) Non

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- Choose the correct spelling.  
(A) Endeavor (B) Endeavour (C) Indeavor (D) Endeavor

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- Find the correct phrase.  
(A) Wear and tear (B) Wear and scar  
(C) Wear down and tear (D) Wearing and tearing

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- Given below are 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 : The old abandoned building was being burnt to the ground last night.  
 Q : The police suspect that the fire was caused due to short circuit.  
 (A) (+ +) (B) (+ -) (C) (- +) (D) (- -)

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- The papers are increasing/ full of stories /of mindless violence./No error.  
(A) (B) (C) (D)

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- The Taj Residency/ is not as expensive than/ the Four Seasons Hotel./ No error.  
(A) (B) (C) (D)

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- The old lady/ had to walk the narrow path/ very carefully./ No error.  
(A) (B) (C) (D)

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- Maya and Anand ..... for five years.  
(A) Has been married (B) Have been married  
(C) Are married (D) Is married

## READING

- Direction (Q. No. 11 to 13) : Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**
- The greatest threat to life on Earth today comes from global warming. This is caused due to multiple factors including human activity. It happens when greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide, water vapour, nitrous oxide, and methane) trap heat and light from the sun in the earth's atmosphere, which increases the overall temperature on Earth. This impacts people, animals, and plants. Many who cannot take the change, die. Global warming is affecting many parts of the world, particularly sea coasts. People living on islands and in coastal areas are therefore at risk as the polar ice caps and sea levels rise.
- Select the statement that is false, according to the passage.  
(A) Life on Earth is threatened only by global warming.  
(B) Global warming threatens human beings who live on islands.  
(C) When the overall temperature on Earth rises the sea level will also increase.  
(D) Creatures which cannot adapt to higher temperatures will become extinct.

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  - "Many cannot take the change." Here "change" refers to changes in  
(A) Lifestyle (B) Food habits (C) Temperature (D) Health issues

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  - People living in coastal areas are affected by  
(A) Green house gases (B) Human actions  
(C) Rise in sea levels (D) Rise in temperature

- Direction (Q. No. 14 and 15) : Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**  
 Heat stroke is a form of hyperthermia, an abnormally elevated body temperature with accompanying

physical and neurological symptoms. Unlike heat cramps and heat exhaustion, two other forms of hypothermia that are less severe, heat stroke is a true medical emergency that can be fatal if not properly and promptly treated.

The body normally generates heat as a result of metabolism, and is usually able to dissipate the heat by either radiation of heat through the skin or by evaporation of sweat. However, in extreme heat, high humidity or vigorous physical exertion under the sun, the body may not be able to dissipate the heat and the body temperature rises, sometimes up to 106°F (41.1°C) or higher. Another cause of heat stroke is dehydration.

14. Select the incorrect sentence.

- (A) A person suffering from heat stroke has an abnormally high body temperature.
- (B) Heat stroke needs to be treated because it can even result in death.
- (C) Heat stroke can be caused due to a variety of reasons including dehydration.
- (D) Heat stroke is caused because the body dissipates heat too quickly.

15. According to the passage, the most severe form of hypothermia is.....

- (A) Heat stroke
- (B) Heat cramps
- (C) Heat exhaustion
- (D) Heat dissipation

### SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

**Direction (Q. No. 16 to 18) : Sentences 1 and 3 are given. Sentence 2 is missing. Find the right sentence for sentence 2.**

16. Sona : Hema, I notice your tennis serve is much better these days.

Hema : .....

Sona: Your efforts have not been wasted. There is a remarkable improvement in your game.

- (A) Yes, I think I've finally mastered the technique, though it took months of practice.
- (B) Serving well is an art that can be mastered.
- (C) I saw a doctor because I was suffering from tennis elbow.
- (D) In tennis one has to focus on one's serving action.

17. Mala : I was looking for a birthday present for my nephew but I didn't have much luck. Do you have any bright ideas?

Jhansi : .....

Mala : I did think about it, but I felt I should take some trouble and choose something useful.

- (A) Some music, maybe?
- (B) One need not buy a present for everyone.
- (C) You could just give him some money.
- (D) Buying a present is something that only the young enjoy.

18. Sentence 1 : A trained memory is an immense asset, particularly in public life.

Sentence 2 : .....

Sentence 3 : Many of these systems, still used today were perfected by the Greeks.

- (A) The basic principle is to concentrate the mind on whatever you want to memorize.
- (B) Ancient Greeks encouraged students to cultivate their memory.
- (C) Memory training systems are not very difficult to master.
- (D) A good memory is an advantage.

**Direction (Q.No. 19 and 20) : Sentences 1 and 4 are given. Sentence 2 and 3 are missing. Select two sentences that will complete the paragraph.**

19. Sentence 1 : Today's world is full of gizmos and gadgets unimaginable to people thirty years ago.

Sentence 2 : .....

Sentence 3 : .....

Sentence 4 : However, keeping abreast of technology seems a difficult job by itself considering the pace at which new gadgets appear on the market.

- (A) The markets cater to this section and keep bringing out products that cater to their taste.
  - (B) Students and the youth like to keep abreast of technology.
  - (C) Who would have imagined a world of cell phones and ipods?
- (A) AC                      (B) BA                      (C) BC                      (D) CA

20. Sentence 1 : Disposal of household waste is a daunting task for local authorities.

Sentence 2 : .....

Sentence 3 : .....

Sentence 4 : One way to reduce waste therefore is to segregate degradable and non biodegradable waste at its source.

- (A) Efforts should be made to recycle household waste.
  - (B) They cannot just dump waste in landfills.
  - (C) This is because household waste contains many materials and substances which are extremely harmful to the environment.
- (A) BC                      (B) AB                      (C) CB                      (D) AC

**SAMPLE ANSWER SHEET**

1. **NAME** : If your name is SACHIT AIYER, then you should write as follows :

S	A	C	H	I	T	A													
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2. **Father's Name** : If your father's name is SATISH KUMAR SHARMA, then you should write as follows :

S	A	T	I	S	H	K	U	M	A	R	S	H	A	R	M	A				
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SCHOOL CODE					
M	H	0	5	4	7
A	A	●	0	0	0
B	B	1	1	1	1
C	C	2	2	2	2
D	D	3	3	3	3
E	E	4	4	●	4
F	F	5	●	5	5
G	G	6	6	6	6
H	●	7	7	7	●
I	I	8	8	8	8
J	J	9	9	9	9
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R	R				
S	S				
T	T				
U	U				
V	V				
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X	X				
Y	Y				
Z	Z				

3. **SCHOOL CODE**  
Write your school code  
i.e. if your school code  
is MH0547 darken as  
follows :

Darken  
the circle

6. **GENDER**  
If you are a boy,  
then darken  
Male circle

GENDER	
MALE ●	FEMALE ○

4. **CLASS**  
If you are in Class  
10, then you should  
darken as follows :

5. **ROLL NO.**  
If your roll no. is 587,  
then you should write  
and darken the circles  
as follows :

CLASS			ROLL NO.		
1	0		5	8	7
●	●		0	0	0
1	1		1	1	1
2	2		2	2	2
3	3		3	3	3
4	4		4	4	4
5	5		●	5	5
6	6		6	6	6
7	7		7	7	●
8	8		8	●	8
9	9		9	9	9

Darken  
the circle



7. If your choice for Answer 1 is C, then you should darken the circle as follows : 1. (A) (B) ● (D)

**MARK YOUR ANSWERS WITH HB PENCIL/BALL POINT PEN (BLUE/BLACK)**

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**ANSWERS**

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| 11. (A) | 12. (C) | 13. (C) | 14. (D) | 15. (A) | 16. (A) | 17. (C) | 18. (B) | 19. (B) | 20. (A) |