



# SCO INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

## CLASS 3 QUESTION PAPER

### SET E

A clean, official paper with question blocks, answer key, and explanations

Formatted from the source paper with corrected punctuation, standardized branding, corrected set labeling, and polished segment structure.

Grammar	Articles	Prepositions
Expression	Reading	Reasoning

Questions	Level	Format	Document Use
35	Class 3	MCQ with explanations	Website / School / Print

## Guidelines for the Candidate

Rebuilt in SCO's official website-ready format

### Exam information

- Total questions: 35
- Time: 1 hour
- One correct option for each question
- Four sections: language skills, expression, passage-based meaning, and reason/assertion

### Editing checks applied

- set code standardized to Set E
- instruction punctuation and wording cleaned
- answer keys and explanations added for all questions
- segments restructured for easier website and teacher use



## Section 1 — Grammar, Usage, Articles & Prepositions

### Question 1

Choose the correct form of the verb to complete the sentence: “She \_\_\_\_\_ to the park every morning.”

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| 1. go    | 2. goes |
| 3. going | 4. gone |

**Answer Key: Option 2**

**Explanation:** The subject 'She' is third-person singular, so the present simple verb takes -es: 'She goes to the park every morning.'

### Question 2

Choose the correct pronoun to fill in the blank: “James and \_\_\_\_\_ are going to the library together.”

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| 1. me   | 2. I      |
| 3. mine | 4. myself |

**Answer Key: Option 2**

**Explanation:** When the pronoun is part of the subject, we use 'I', not 'me'. So the correct sentence is 'James and I are going to the library together.'

### Question 3

Choose the sentence with correct punctuation:

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| 1. We're going to the movies tomorrow! | 2. Were going to the movies tomorrow!  |
| 3. Were going to the movies, tomorrow  | 4. We're going, to the movies tomorrow |

**Answer Key: Option 1**

**Explanation:** Option 1 is correct because it uses the apostrophe in 'We're' and ends with suitable punctuation. The other options have punctuation or contraction errors.



### Question 4

Select the correct preposition to complete the sentence: "The cat is hiding \_\_\_\_\_ the couch."

1. in

2. on

3. under

4. between

**Answer Key: Option 3**

**Explanation:** A cat hiding beneath a couch is 'under' the couch. Prepositions show position clearly in a sentence.

### Question 5

Identify the correct adjective in this sentence: "The cake tasted \_\_\_\_\_ than the cookies."

1. good

2. better

3. best

4. well

**Answer Key: Option 2**

**Explanation:** Because the sentence compares two things, we need the comparative form 'better'.

### Question 6

Choose the correct article to complete the sentence: "She plans to become \_\_\_\_\_ engineer after she graduates."

1. an

2. a

3. the

4. none of the above

**Answer Key: Option 1**

**Explanation:** We use 'an' before words that begin with a vowel sound. 'Engineer' begins with a vowel sound, so 'an engineer' is correct.

### Question 7

Select the correct article for the blank: "\_\_\_\_\_ Himalayas are the highest mountains in the world."

1. A

2. An

3. The

4. No article is needed

**Answer Key: Option 3**

**Explanation:** Mountain ranges take the definite article. So we say 'The Himalayas'.



### Question 8

Choose the correct option to complete the sentence: "Do you have \_\_\_\_\_ interest in learning \_\_\_\_\_ violin?"

1. an / the

2. a / the

3. the / a

4. no article / a

**Answer Key: Option 1**

**Explanation:** We say 'an interest' because 'interest' begins with a vowel sound, and we say 'the violin' when referring to learning the musical instrument.

### Question 9

Select the option that best completes the sentence: "She went to \_\_\_\_\_ university after taking \_\_\_\_\_ year off to travel."

1. a / a

2. the / a

3. a / the

4. no article / a

**Answer Key: Option 1**

**Explanation:** We say 'a university' because 'university' begins with the consonant sound /yu/. We also say 'a year' for the same reason.

### Question 10

Identify the correct article usage: "I have read \_\_\_\_\_ amazing book about \_\_\_\_\_ history of Rome."

1. an / the

2. the / a

3. a / the

4. an / a

**Answer Key: Option 1**

**Explanation:** We say 'an amazing book' because 'amazing' begins with a vowel sound, and 'the history of Rome' because it refers to a specific history.



### Question 11

Choose the correct preposition to complete the sentence: "He has been interested \_\_\_\_\_ ancient history since childhood."

1. for

2. of

3. in

4. to

**Answer Key: Option 3**

**Explanation:** The correct collocation is 'interested in'.

### Question 12

Select the best preposition to fill in the blank: "She has been working here \_\_\_\_\_ ten years."

1. in

2. on

3. since

4. for

**Answer Key: Option 4**

**Explanation:** We use 'for' with a period of time such as ten years. 'Since' is used with a starting point.

### Question 13

Identify the correct preposition in the sentence below: "They were standing \_\_\_\_\_ the corner, waiting for the parade."

1. at

2. on

3. in

4. over

**Answer Key: Option 1**

**Explanation:** We commonly say 'at the corner' to describe a fixed place or meeting point.

### Question 14

Choose the correct preposition to complete the sentence: "She insisted \_\_\_\_\_ going to the concert despite the rain."

1. in

2. on

3. to

4. at



**Answer Key: Option 2**

**Explanation:** The correct phrase is 'insisted on'. Some verbs are naturally followed by specific prepositions.

### Question 15

Select the best preposition to fill in the blank: "They were surprised \_\_\_\_\_ the results of the experiment."

1. in

2. by

3. on

4. over

**Answer Key: Option 2**

**Explanation:** The most suitable option here is 'surprised by', which shows what caused the surprise.

## Section 2 — Spoken and Written Expression

### Question 16

Choose the most appropriate sentence to complete the conversation: Person A: "I think we should visit the museum this weekend." Person B: " \_\_\_\_\_ "

1. Yes, museums are very costly these days.

2. Sure, I've been wanting to explore it for a while!

3. Why do you think so?

4. I'd rather not talk about that.

**Answer Key: Option 2**

**Explanation:** Option 2 is the most natural and cooperative reply because it responds positively and continues the conversation in a meaningful way.

### Question 17

Choose the sentence that is grammatically correct and suitable for formal writing:

1. I'm gonna need the report by tomorrow afternoon.

2. Please send me the report tomorrow afternoon.

3. Can you get the report to me by tomorrow?

4. I would appreciate it if you could send the report by tomorrow afternoon.

**Answer Key: Option 4**

**Explanation:** Option 4 is the most polite and formal. Formal writing usually avoids very casual expressions such as 'gonna'.



### Question 18

Select the sentence with appropriate subject-verb agreement and tone for a business letter:

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| 1. Everyone in the company are looking forward to the event. | 2. Each of the employees look forward to the event. |
| 3. Everyone in the company looks forward to the event.       | 4. Each of the employee look forward to the event.  |

**Answer Key: Option 3**

**Explanation:** The subject 'Everyone' is singular, so it takes the singular verb 'looks'.

### Question 19

Which sentence uses the correct parallel structure?

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| 1. She likes reading, to write, and jogging. | 2. She likes reading, writing, and jogging. |
| 3. She likes to read, writing, and to jog.   | 4. She likes reading, to write, and to jog. |

**Answer Key: Option 2**

**Explanation:** Parallel structure means keeping the same grammatical form in a list. 'Reading, writing, and jogging' are all in the same form.

### Question 20

Choose the sentence that avoids redundancy:

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| 1. He returned back to his hometown last summer. | 2. He went back to his hometown last summer.                   |
| 3. He returned to his hometown last summer.      | 4. He went back to his hometown last summer after he returned. |

**Answer Key: Option 3**

**Explanation:** The word 'returned' already includes the idea of 'back', so 'returned back' is redundant. Option 3 is the cleanest sentence.

## Section 3 — Vocabulary, Sentence Logic & Passage-Based

### Question 21

Max: I'm trying to \_\_\_\_ the project before the deadline, but I'm falling behind. Lily: Don't stress! You're capable of finishing it on time.

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| 1. complete | 2. neglect |
| 3. delay    | 4. ignore  |

**Answer Key: Option 1**

**Explanation:** The context is about finishing a project before the deadline, so 'complete' is the only word that fits the meaning.

### Question 22

Max: I need to \_\_\_\_ my speech before the presentation tomorrow. Lily: You've rehearsed it many times, so you'll do great!

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| 1. rehearse | 2. cancel |
| 3. simplify | 4. forget |

**Answer Key: Option 1**

**Explanation:** The sentence talks about preparing for a speech, so 'rehearse' is the best fit.

### Question 23

Sentence 1: -----

Sentence 2: Climate change is one of the biggest global challenges we face today, affecting ecosystems and human life alike.

Sentence 3: -----

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| <p>1. 1 - Governments should invest in renewable energy sources.</p> <p>3 - This will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and slow climate change.</p>  | <p>2. 1 - Fossil fuels are the most reliable source of energy.</p> <p>3 - Continuing to use fossil fuels will help mitigate climate change.</p>                   |
| <p>3. 1 - Climate change is not a pressing issue in developed countries.</p> <p>3 - Developing nations are the only ones affected by global warming.</p> | <p>4. 1 - We should ignore climate change in favor of economic growth.</p> <p>3 - Economic growth will be hindered if we take steps to combat climate change.</p> |

**Answer Key: Option 1**

**Explanation:** Option 1 is the only pair that logically supports the central sentence about climate change and offers a sensible response.

### Question 24

Sentence 1: -----

Sentence 2: Social media has revolutionized the way we communicate, connecting people around the globe in real time.

Sentence 3: -----

**1.** 1 - People should be cautious about the impact of social media on mental health.

3 - Excessive use of social media can contribute to anxiety and depression.

**3.** 1 - Social media should be used only for entertainment purposes.

3 - It should never be used to share news or personal updates.

**2.** 1 - Social media is only beneficial for networking in professional settings.

3 - It has no impact on personal relationships or mental health.

**4.** 1 - The impact of social media on communication is minimal.

3 - Social media does not affect how people relate to each other.

**Answer Key: Option 1**

**Explanation:** Option 1 connects clearly with the topic and provides a realistic caution linked to the main idea.

### Question 25

Sentence 1: -----

Sentence 2: The global economy has become increasingly interconnected, with countries relying on each other for trade and resources.

Sentence 3: -----

**1.** 1 - International trade agreements should be strengthened to promote economic growth.

3 - These agreements encourage cooperation and stability among nations.

**3.** 1 - Global trade causes instability and economic inequality.

3 - Restricting trade will lead to more equal economic development worldwide.

**2.** 1 - Countries should isolate themselves from global trade to boost their own economies.

3 - Isolationist policies will strengthen global ties and promote economic stability.

**4.** 1 - Trade agreements should be eliminated in favor of self-sufficiency.

3 - Countries that adopt self-sufficiency will experience rapid economic growth.

**Answer Key: Option 1**

**Explanation:** Option 1 matches the idea of global interdependence and logically explains how cooperation can support growth and stability.

### Question 26

Sentence 1: -----

Sentence 2: Education plays a critical role in empowering individuals and improving societies.

Sentence 3: -----

**1.** 1 - Governments should invest in accessible and inclusive education for all.

3 - This will ensure that everyone, regardless of background, can contribute to society.

**3.** 1 - The government should reduce spending on education to cut costs.

3 - A reduction in education spending will improve overall educational outcomes.

**2.** 1 - Education should be limited to wealthy families to ensure quality.

3 - Quality education for all is unnecessary for social progress.

**4.** 1 - Traditional education methods are outdated and irrelevant.

3 - We should eliminate schools and focus solely on online learning platforms.

**Answer Key: Option 1**

**Explanation:** Option 1 supports the main sentence by connecting education with inclusion, access, and social contribution.

### Question 27

Sentence 1: -----

Sentence 2: The rise of automation and artificial intelligence is transforming industries, changing the nature of work.

Sentence 3: -----

**1.** 1 - Workers should be trained in new technologies to adapt to this shift.

3 - This will ensure that employees can stay relevant in an evolving job market.

**3.** 1 - AI and automation have no real impact on the workforce.

3 - There is no need to prepare workers for the changes brought by automation.

**2.** 1 - Automation will eliminate all jobs, leading to widespread unemployment.

3 - A complete elimination of jobs will not affect the economy in the long run.

**4.** 1 - Companies should resist adopting automation and stick to traditional methods.

3 - Sticking to outdated methods will lead to greater economic prosperity.

**Answer Key: Option 1**

**Explanation:** Option 1 is the most sensible continuation because it recognizes change and proposes preparation as the practical solution.

## Question 28

Read the passage on social media and answer: **Q NO 28 to Q NO 30**

### Social Media and Its Impact on Kids

Social media has become an integral part of children's lives, influencing how they interact with others, consume information, and even shape their self-image. While it offers opportunities for learning and creativity, the constant exposure to social platforms can also have significant effects on kids' mental health and behavior.

One of the major concerns is the potential for cyberbullying. Many children face harassment online, which can lead to anxiety, depression, and low self-esteem. Social media can also foster unrealistic beauty standards and materialistic ideals, influencing children to compare themselves with others. The pressure to maintain a perfect online persona can result in feelings of inadequacy.

On the positive side, social media can help children stay connected with friends and family, especially in situations where physical meetings are not possible. Educational content on various platforms can also provide valuable learning resources. However, it is essential for parents and guardians to monitor the time children spend online and guide them in using social media responsibly.

In conclusion, while social media offers both benefits and challenges, it is crucial for children to engage with it in a balanced and supervised way to minimize the risks and maximize its advantages.

What is one of the major concerns related to kids using social media?

1. Positive influences on creativity

2. Cyberbullying

3. Improved academic performance

4. Enhanced physical health

**Answer Key: Option 2**

**Explanation:** The passage clearly states that cyberbullying is one of the major concerns because it can lead to anxiety, depression, and low self-esteem.

## Question 29

According to the passage, how does social media affect kids' self-image?

1. It helps children develop better self-esteem.

2. It fosters unrealistic beauty standards and materialism.

3. It has no effect on kids' self-image.

4. It improves kids' mental health.

**Answer Key: Option 2**

**Explanation:** The passage explains that unrealistic beauty standards and materialistic ideals can make children compare themselves with others.

### Question 30

According to the passage, what positive impact can social media have on children?

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| 1. It helps children avoid schoolwork.                         | 2. It allows children to stay connected with friends and family. |
| 3. It reduces the amount of time spent on physical activities. | 4. It encourages children to focus only on themselves.           |

**Answer Key: Option 2**

**Explanation:** The passage says that one positive impact is helping children stay connected with friends and family, especially when physical meetings are not possible.

## Section 4 — Reason and Assertion

### Question 31

Assertion (A): “The play was canceled due to insufficient audience attendance.” Reason (R): The play required a large number of people to make a profit, and without that, it couldn’t proceed.

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| 1. Both (A) and (R) are correct, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A). | 2. Both (A) and (R) are correct, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A). |
| 3. (A) is correct, but (R) is incorrect.                                    | 4. Both (A) and (R) are incorrect.  |

**Answer Key: Option 1**

**Explanation:** The reason directly explains the assertion: because the audience was too small, the play could not continue in a financially workable way.

### Question 32

Assertion (A): “Since Tom missed the bus, he was late for the meeting.” Reason (R): Missing a bus always results in tardiness for scheduled events.

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| 1. Both (A) and (R) are correct, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A). | 2. Both (A) and (R) are correct, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A). |
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3. (A) is correct, but (R) is incorrect.

4. Both (A) and (R) are incorrect.

**Answer Key: Option 3**

**Explanation:** The assertion can be true in this situation, but the reason is too absolute because missing a bus does not always make someone late in every situation.

### Question 33

Assertion (A): "He decided to avoid sugary drinks to improve his health." Reason (R): Sugary drinks are often high in calories and contribute to various health issues, including obesity.

1. Both (A) and (R) are correct, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

2. Both (A) and (R) are correct, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

3. (A) is correct, but (R) is incorrect.

4. Both (A) and (R) are incorrect.

**Answer Key: Option 1**

**Explanation:** The reason explains why avoiding sugary drinks could improve health, so both are correct and connected.

### Question 34

Assertion (A): "She refrained from using her phone during the meeting." Reason (R): Using a phone in a formal setting like a meeting is often considered disrespectful and disruptive.

1. Both (A) and (R) are correct, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

2. Both (A) and (R) are correct, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

3. (A) is correct, but (R) is incorrect.

4. Both (A) and (R) are incorrect.

**Answer Key: Option 1**

**Explanation:** The reason logically explains the assertion because avoiding phone use helps maintain respect and attention in formal settings.

### Question 35

Assertion (A): "Despite the long hours, she felt energized after completing the project." Reason (R): Completing a challenging task can provide a sense of accomplishment and mental energy, even if physically tiring.

1. Both (A) and (R) are correct, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

2. Both (A) and (R) are correct, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

3. (A) is correct, but (R) is incorrect.

4. Both (A) and (R) are incorrect.



**Answer Key: Option 1**

**Explanation:** The reason correctly explains the feeling described in the assertion: accomplishment can create emotional or mental energy even after hard work.

## Answer Key Summary

Quick-check grid for teachers and reviewers

Q1-Q7	Q8-Q14	Q15-Q21	Q22-Q28	Q29-Q35
1. 2	8. 1	15. 2	22. 1	29. 2
2. 2	9. 1	16. 2	23. 1	30. 2
3. 1	10. 1	17. 4	24. 1	31. 1
4. 3	11. 3	18. 3	25. 1	32. 3
5. 2	12. 4	19. 2	26. 1	33. 1
6. 1	13. 1	20. 3	27. 1	34. 1
7. 3	14. 2	21. 1	28. 2	35. 1