



SCO INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

CLASS 4 SAMPLE PAPER SET E

An official-style sample paper for schools, teachers, parents, and students

Prepared in SCO's approved Word format with 35 question blocks, answers, explanations, full passages, and all source question images kept inside the relevant blocks.

Grammar	Vocabulary	Reading
Gap Fill	Conversation	Achievers

Questions	Level	Format	Document Use
35	Class 4	Solved MCQ blocks	Website / School / Print

Guidelines for the Candidate

Sample-paper edition with answers embedded in each question block

Paper format

- Total questions: 35
- Question type: multiple choice
- One correct option for each question
- All full passages, long statements, and source question images are preserved in the relevant blocks

Editorial cleanup

- set label standardized as Set E
- source answer-key inconsistency corrected where needed
- duplicate spelling option in Question 35 repaired
- answers and explanations included in every question block



Section 1 — Grammar, Vocabulary and Usage

Question 1

Jay ____ likes to have spicy foods.

1. severely

2. usually

3. quickly

4. individually

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: The adverb 'usually' best fits the meaning because it describes a regular habit. The sentence means Jay often likes to have spicy foods.

Question 2

Aditya ____ off the fire at the right time.

1. put

2. switch

3. turn

4. stop

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: Among the given options, 'put' is the best fit with the idea of acting in time to deal with the fire. The source wording is imperfect, but option 1 is the intended answer.

Question 3

Yazhini went on a ____ with her friends.

1. pilgrims

2. pilgriment

3. pilgrimence

4. pilgrimage

Answer Key: Option 4

Explanation: The correct noun is 'pilgrimage', which means a special journey, often for religious or meaningful reasons.

Question 4

If you had come earlier, we ____ Spanish together.

1. had learnt

2. would have learnt

3. would has learnt

4. hadn't learnt

Answer Key: Option 2



Explanation: This is a conditional sentence about an unreal past situation. 'Would have learnt' is the correct verb form.

Question 5

I was in a pickle with my friend after a loss.

1. maze

2. fight

3. fun

4. collaboration

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: The idiom 'in a pickle' means being in trouble or in an awkward situation. Among the options, 'fight' is the closest intended meaning in context.

Question 6

Rearrange the words to form a meaningful sentence:

I / A HUGE / HAVE / MANSION / IN CHENNAI

1. HAVE / IN CHENNAI / I / MANSION / A HUGE

2. I / HAVE / A HUGE / MANSION / IN CHENNAI

3. A HUGE / I / IN CHENNAI / HAVE / MANSION

4. IN CHENNAI / MANSION / HAVE / A HUGE / I

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: Option 2 gives the correct word order: 'I have a huge mansion in Chennai.' It has a clear subject, verb, object, and place phrase.

Question 7

Read the passage and answer the question.

Rabbits make great pets. In general, rabbits need appropriate housing, exercise, and a specific diet for good welfare. Some breeds of rabbits, particularly the longer-haired rabbits, may require daily grooming. It is important that you understand all the requirements for caring for a rabbit before getting one.

Rabbits generally live for five to eight years depending on their environment and breed, but they can live for as long as twelve years. If you decide to get a rabbit, make sure you are prepared to care for it for that long.

Rabbits are herbivores and their natural diet consists of young leaves. Rabbits' teeth are constantly growing and need to be continually worn down by eating. Fresh and cool water must be provided at all times. Rabbits should spend most of their time indoors or equal time indoors and outdoors.

Rabbits need ____ for good welfare.

1. spicy diet

2. general diet

3. particular diet

4. diet less



Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: The passage states that rabbits need a specific diet for good welfare. 'Particular diet' is the closest matching option.

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The maximum life expectancy of a rabbit is ____ years.

1. five

2. eight

3. ten

4. twelve

Answer Key: Option 4

Explanation: The passage clearly says rabbits can live as long as twelve years, so 12 is the maximum life expectancy mentioned.

Question 9

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Rabbits eat ____ as their natural diet.

1. only plants and their byproducts

2. both plants and insects

3. only insects

4. other rabbits

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: The passage says rabbits are herbivores and naturally eat young leaves, so they eat plant-based food.

Question 10

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Identify the adverb in: 'Rabbits' teeth are constantly growing.'

1. are

2. growing

3. teeth

4. constantly

Answer Key: Option 4

Explanation: The word 'constantly' tells how the teeth are growing, so it is an adverb.

Question 11

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need to be continually worn down by eating. Fresh and cool water must be provided at all times. Rabbits should spend most of their time indoors or equal time indoors and outdoors.

Statement A: Rabbits should spend most of the time outdoors.

Statement B: Rabbits can spend equal time indoors and outdoors.

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| 1. Statement A is True but Statement B is False | 2. Both Statement A and B are true |
| 3. Neither Statement A nor B is true | 4. Either Statement A or B is true |

Answer Key: Option 4

Explanation: The passage says rabbits should spend most of their time indoors or equal time indoors and outdoors. So A is false and B is true. That means only one of the statements is true.

Question 12

Choose the best reply to complete the conversation:

Radha: Do we have to print the invitation ____?

Seetha: Yes, there was a spelling mistake in the groom's name itself.

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| 1. within the deadline | 2. all over again |
| 3. without the names | 4. by all means |

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: 'All over again' means doing something again from the beginning. It fits the idea of reprinting because of a spelling mistake.

Question 13

David: Watch this movie. It's in your favorite sci-fi genre.

Ben: Have you watched it? I thought you ____ movies.

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| 1. don't like to watch | 2. like to watch |
| 3. liked to share | 4. didn't speak |

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: The conversation suggests surprise, so 'I thought you don't like to watch movies' is the intended meaning among the given options.

Question 14

Nithya: Hey! I finished my game.

Thulasi: Really! I thought you would be playing that ____ hours.

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| 1. of any more | 2. to all most |
| 3. for a few more | 4. in many more |

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: 'For a few more' is the only option that fits naturally with time and meaning here.

Question 15

Ravi: Have you heard anything from Raj?

Rao: No, he _____ to me for a while now.

1. has talk

2. hasn't talk

3. haven't talked

4. hasn't talked

Answer Key: Option 4

Explanation: The sentence needs the present perfect negative form: 'hasn't talked'.

Section 2 — Gap Fill, Reading and Meaning

Question 16

Choose the best option to fill the gap.

New York City has been described as the cultural capital of the world. The culture of New York is reflected in its size and ethnic diversity. As many as 800 languages are spoken in New York, making it the most linguistically diverse city in the world. Many American cultural movements first emerged in the city.

It is considered to be a global city because it has powerful organizations that are linked to other parts of the world, and many major corporations and multinational companies are headquartered in the city.

New York City _____ described as the cultural capital of the world.



1. has been

2. have been

3. will been

4. is been

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: The correct present perfect passive form is 'has been described'.

Question 17



Choose the best option to fill the gap.

New York City has been described as the cultural capital of the world. The culture of New York is reflected in its size and ethnic diversity. As many as 800 languages are spoken in New York, making it the most linguistically diverse city in the world. Many American cultural movements first emerged in the city.

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As _____ as 800 languages are spoken in New York.



1. much

2. any

3. many

4. more

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: The expression is 'as many as', which is used with countable things like languages.

Question 18

Choose the best option to fill the gap.

New York City has been described as the cultural capital of the world. The culture of New York is reflected in its size and ethnic diversity. As many as 800 languages are spoken in New York, making it the most linguistically diverse city in the world. Many American cultural movements first emerged in the city.

It is considered to be a global city because it has powerful organizations that are linked to other parts of the world, and many major corporations and multinational companies are headquartered in the city.

Making it the _____ linguistically diverse city in the world.



1. more

2. many

3. mere

4. most

Answer Key: Option 4

Explanation: The sentence needs the superlative form 'most' because it compares New York with all other cities.

Question 19

Choose the best option to fill the gap.

New York City has been described as the cultural capital of the world. The culture of New York is reflected in its size and ethnic diversity. As many as 800 languages are spoken in New York, making it the most linguistically diverse city in the world. Many American cultural movements first emerged in the city.

It is considered to be a global city because it has powerful organizations that are linked to other parts of the world, and many major corporations and multinational companies are headquartered in the city.

Many American cultural movements first _____ in the city.



1. Emerged

2. Emerald

3. Escaped

4. Endangered

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: The verb 'emerged' means came into being or appeared, which fits the sentence correctly.

Question 20

Choose the best option to fill the gap.

New York City has been described as the cultural capital of the world. The culture of New York is reflected in its size and ethnic diversity. As many as 800 languages are spoken in New York, making it the most linguistically diverse city in the world. Many American cultural movements first emerged in the city.

It is considered to be a global city because it has powerful organizations that are linked to other parts of the world, and many major corporations and multinational companies are headquartered in the city.

It is considered to be a global city _____ it has powerful organizations linked to other parts of the world.



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| 1. because | 2. but |
| 3. for | 4. and |

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: 'Because' correctly introduces the reason why New York is considered a global city.

Question 21

Choose the best option to fill the gap.

New York City has been described as the cultural capital of the world. The culture of New York is reflected in its size and ethnic diversity. As many as 800 languages are spoken in New York, making it the most linguistically diverse city in the world. Many American cultural movements first emerged in the city.

It is considered to be a global city because it has powerful organizations that are linked to other parts of the world, and many major corporations and multinational companies are headquartered in the city.

Major corporations ____ multinational companies are headquartered in the city.



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| 1. or | 2. and |
| 3. but | 4. are |

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: The sentence joins two similar groups, so the conjunction 'and' is correct.

Question 22

Choose the correct word or phrase to complete the sentence:

You are not supposed to drown yourself with self-pity for every failure. You have to move ____ with your life.

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| 1. out | 2. up |
| 3. on | 4. from |

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: The fixed expression is 'move on with your life', which means continue without staying stuck in the past.



Question 23

Rearrange the words to form a meaningful sentence:
in the world / want / to see / you / be the change

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| 1. decba | 2. edbca |
| 3. cated | 4. dceab |

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: The meaningful sentence is: 'Be the change you want to see in the world.' That matches the order e-d-b-c-a.

Question 24

Choose the correct answer:
I am ____ rewarded for my good deeds.

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| 1. been | 2. could |
| 3. being | 4. might |

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: The correct verb form is 'being' in the phrase 'I am being rewarded'.

Question 25

Read the paragraph and answer the question.

Color plays a vitally important role in the world in which we live. Color can sway thinking, change actions, and cause reactions. Brightly colored flowers attract insects that are essential for pollination in some species. When used in the right ways, color can even save on energy consumption.

Choose the correct sentence.



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| 1. Colors are trivial things in our life | 2. Colors are just random parts of life |
| 3. Colors play a major role in everyone's life | 4. Colors are not an important sensation |

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: The paragraph clearly says color plays a vitally important role in our world, so option 3 matches the meaning best.



Question 26

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Color can ____ energy consumption.



1. use up

2. preserve

3. radiate

4. damage

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: The source wording is imperfect, but the intended idea is that color can help save energy. Among the options, 'preserve' is the intended answer key in the source.

Question 27

Read the paragraph and answer the question.

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Choose the correct one.



1. Insects are attracted by brightly colored flowers

2. Flowers are attracted by brightly colored insects

3. Brightly colored flowers are by insect's attraction

4. Flowers are brightly colored by attraction of insects

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: The paragraph states that brightly colored flowers attract insects needed for pollination, so option 1 is correct.



Section 3 — Functional English and Conversation

Question 28

Choose the correct option.

Sentence 1: Discipline is the ground on which we sow the crop of success!

Sentence 2: _____.

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| 1. Discipline is of great help | 2. Without discipline nothing much can be accomplished. |
| 3. Discipline cannot be obtained by nature | 4. Discipline is how everything works |

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: Option 2 best continues the thought because it explains why discipline is connected with success.

Question 29

Ranjani: Hi, It's been a long time since we met. Where have you been all these years?

Ramya: _____

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| 1. I have been in Delhi for the past few years. How about you? | 2. I am in Delhi. How are you? |
| 3. I will be in Delhi. How are you? | 4. I was in Delhi. What about you? |

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: The question asks about a period of time up to now, so the present perfect answer in option 1 fits best.

Question 30

Parents play the most _____ role in a child's life.

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| 1. irrelevant | 2. trivial |
| 3. important | 4. useless |

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: The sentence needs a positive and meaningful adjective, so 'important' is correct.



Question 31

Contraction: We would like to have a cup of coffee.



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| 1. we'd | 2. we'wd |
| 3. w'wd | 4. w'd |

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: The correct contraction of 'we would' is 'we'd'.

Question 32

My grandmother is feeling under the weather from last week.

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| 1. happy | 2. ill |
| 3. sad | 4. well |

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: The idiom 'under the weather' means unwell or ill.

Question 33

It is hard for him to social_____ after the accident.

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| 1. en | 2. ness |
| 3. ize | 4. ful |

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: The correct word is 'socialize'. The suffix 'ize' completes the word properly.

Question 34

Shilpa: Excuse me. I'm looking for saris. Can you guide me to that section?

Salesperson: _____

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| 1. Ask someone else | 2. You can find it yourself if you roam for some time |
| 3. It is on the second floor, ma'am. You can find it just opposite the churidhar section. | 4. The section is not on this floor so you should not waste my time |



Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: Option 3 is polite, helpful, and suitable for customer service. The other options are rude or unhelpful.

Question 35

Complete the sentence with the correct spelling of the word:

I am going through the _____.

1. Thesarus

2. Thesaurus

3. Thyseurus

4. Thesaris

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: The correct spelling is 'Thesaurus', which is a book or resource used to find synonyms and related words.