

SCO INTERNATIONAL

ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

CLASS 7 SOLVED QUESTION PAPER

Question Paper Set B | Answer Key and Explanations

Designed for Class 7 English Olympiad readiness and aligned with SCO's structured preparation, practice, answer-key review, and learning-growth flow.

- grade-fit language guidance for lower-secondary learners globally
- coverage of grammar, vocabulary, comprehension, idioms, sentence sequencing, punctuation, voice, tense, clauses, and reasoning
- question-wise explanations, corrected answer key, editorial notes, and revision support for schools, teachers, parents, and students

Vocabulary	Grammar	Reading	Writing	Punctuation
Idioms	Voice	Tense	Clauses	Reasoning

Candidate Guidelines - Corrected for This Paper

Total Questions: 50 | Time: 1 hour. This paper contains Grammar and Vocabulary, Reading Comprehension, Cloze Passage, Spoken and Written Expression, Assertion-Reason, and Achievers-style language questions. Each question has only one correct answer. Calculator use is not required. Read every passage and direction carefully before marking the answer.

Question Paper Structure

Section	Question Range	Skill Focus	Question Count
A	1-5	Grammar, vocabulary and phrasal usage	5
B	6-10	Reading comprehension: Olympics passage	5
C	11-16	Cloze passage and contextual word choice	6
D	17-35	Spoken/written expression, idioms, sequencing, error correction	19
E	36-50	Assertion-reason, grammar, punctuation and analogy	15

Question 1

(Preposition) I haven't spoken to my father _____ last year.

- A. from
- B. with
- C. for
- D. since

Correct Answer: D. since

Explanation: "Since" is used with a starting point in time. "Last year" marks the starting point from which the speaker has not spoken to the father.

Question 2

(Pronoun) They _____ have their own problems to deal with.

- A. some
- B. any
- C. each
- D. more

Correct Answer: C. each

Explanation: "They each have" means every person in the group has individual problems. The other options do not fit grammatically.

Question 3

(Verb) I have great news to share with you. The stock market prices have been _____ upward recently.

- A. crossing
- B. edging
- C. evolving
- D. segmenting

Correct Answer: B. edging

Explanation: "Edging upward" means gradually moving upward, which fits the idea of prices rising slowly.

Question 4

(Conjunction) They enjoyed camping together _____ the child was lost in the dark of night.

- A. until
- B. but
- C. unless
- D. as far as

Correct Answer: A. until

Explanation: "Until" shows the time up to the point when the enjoyable camping situation changed because the child was lost.

Question 5

(Phrasal Verb) Udhaya was afraid that she would _____ if she failed to win.

- A. level head
- B. loss hand
- C. lose face
- D. less leg

Correct Answer: C. lose face

Explanation: "Lose face" is an idiom meaning to be embarrassed or lose respect in front of others.

Section B: Reading Comprehension

Question 6

Passage / Direction: The Olympic Games are an athletic festival that originated in ancient Greece and were revived in the late 19th century. Before the 1970s the Games were officially limited to competitors with amateur status, but in the 1980s many events were opened to professional athletes. Currently, the Games are open to top professional athletes in sports such as basketball and football. The ancient Olympic Games included several sports that are now part of the Summer Games programme. In 1924, the Winter Games were sanctioned for winter sports. The Olympic Games are regarded as one of the world's foremost sports competitions. In the early centuries, contests took place on one day; later, the Games were spread over four days, with a fifth day for prizes and a banquet. The ancient Olympic Games were restricted to freeborn Greeks. There were no women's events in the ancient Olympics, though some women appear in official victor lists as owners of victorious chariot stables. The modern Olympic Games were shaped by several people, especially Pierre, Baron de Coubertin. The first modern Olympiad was celebrated in 1896. The honor of holding the Olympic Games is entrusted to a city, not a country, and the choice of the host city lies with the IOC.

Which competition is described in the passage as one of the world's earliest and foremost sports competitions?

- A. Commonwealth Games
- B. Greek games
- C. Olympics
- D. Winter games

Correct Answer: C. Olympics

Explanation: The passage identifies the Olympic Games as an ancient athletic festival and one of the world's foremost sports competitions.

Question 7

According to the passage, how many women's events were part of the ancient Olympic Games?

- A. three
- B. only two
- C. four sisters
- D. None

Correct Answer: D. None

Explanation: The passage states that there were no women's events in the ancient Olympics.

Question 8

The responsibility of holding the Olympic Games is given to a _____.

- A. Greek origin group
- B. Roman authority
- C. chosen host city
- D. powerful country

Correct Answer: C. chosen host city

Explanation: The passage says that the honor of holding the Olympic Games is entrusted to a city, not a country.

Editorial Note: Option C was clarified from the source wording "Changing cities" to "chosen host city" for accuracy.

Question 9

The first modern Olympic Games started in _____.

- A. 1896
- B. 1876
- C. 1924
- D. 1980

Correct Answer: A. 1896

Explanation: The passage states that the first Olympiad of modern times was celebrated in 1896.

Question 10

What is the expansion of IOC?

- A. Internationals Olympic Communication
- B. International Olympic Committee
- C. Indian Olympiad Commitment
- D. Indigenous Olympic Committee

Correct Answer: B. International Olympic Committee

Explanation: IOC stands for International Olympic Committee.

Section C: Cloze Passage and Contextual Language Use

Question 11

Passage / Direction: Read the passage and fill in the blanks with appropriate words. Karikalan is considered to be the first (11) _____ Chola, though there are views that many Cholas preceded Karikala Chola. Upon the accession of Karikala at a young age, there was a civil (12) _____ in the Chola territory, and he tackled the situation bravely. By the time Karikala had succeeded in vanquishing (13) _____ claimants and establishing control over the territory, the neighboring Chera and Pandya rulers formed a confederacy. It is unclear why even the Velir, who were generally allies of the Cholas, stood (14) _____ Karikala. Karikala inflicted a (15) _____ defeat on the alliance at Venni. Following his defeat, the Chera ruler is said to have starved (16) _____ to death.

Choose the best word for blank 11.

- A. revised
- B. recorded
- C. revolved
- D. researched

Correct Answer: B. recorded

Explanation: "Recorded" fits the meaning: Karikalan is considered the first Chola clearly recorded in the passage.

Question 12

Choose the best word for blank 12.

- A. agreement
- B. conference
- C. influence
- D. conflict

Correct Answer: D. conflict

Explanation: A civil conflict is a struggle within a territory or group, which fits the passage.

Question 13

Choose the best word for blank 13.

- A. rival
- B. ally
- C. comrade
- D. calm

Correct Answer: A. rival

Explanation: "Rival claimants" means competing claimants, which matches the context of a struggle for power.

Question 14

Choose the best word for blank 14.

- A. with
- B. against
- C. for
- D. as

Correct Answer: B. against

Explanation: The passage asks why the Velir stood against Karikala, meaning they opposed him.

Question 15

Choose the best word for blank 15.

- A. impersonating
- B. crushing
- C. invasive
- D. hasty

Correct Answer: B. crushing

Explanation: A "crushing defeat" is a strong collocation meaning a severe defeat.

Question 16

Choose the best word for blank 16.

- A. themself
- B. herself
- C. himself
- D. themselves

Correct Answer: C. himself

Explanation: The subject is the Chera ruler, a singular male person in the passage, so "himself" is correct.

Section D: Spoken and Written Expression

Question 17

Choose the best option to complete the conversation. Guest: Are you okay with the size of this room? Host: _____

- A. I have many buildings
- B. I have to use my own
- C. Sure, in a moment
- D. This will do

Correct Answer: D. This will do

Explanation: "This will do" means the room is acceptable or sufficient.

Question 18

Reena: Do you think we will have a solution if we start a protest against the management? Meena: No, I think we are _____ for this whole time. The administration committee is the reason for our problems.

- A. barking up the wrong tree
- B. indulging in something wrong
- C. crying over spilled milk
- D. dancing with the devil

Correct Answer: A. barking up the wrong tree

Explanation: The idiom means blaming or pursuing the wrong person or cause.

Question 19

The new teacher is strict and never tolerates mistakes. Everyone in the class is walking on _____ during her period.

- A. carpet
- B. eggshells
- C. silence
- D. bread slice

Correct Answer: B. eggshells

Explanation: "Walking on eggshells" means acting very carefully to avoid upsetting someone.

Editorial Note: The source option was regularized from "egg shells" to the standard idiom "eggshells."

Question 20

Vidya: I have to decline the promotion. I don't think I am ready for that. Divya: Are you sure _____?

- A. you won't regret this
- B. because it's a great offer
- C. give yourself some time to think
- D. All of the above

Correct Answer: D. All of the above

Explanation: Each option can naturally follow the question and shows concern about Vidya declining the promotion.

Question 21

Karthi: Why do you look so tired? Keerthi: I have been _____ since yesterday.

- A. beating around the bush
- B. once in a blue moon
- C. feeling under the weather
- D. spilling the beans

Correct Answer: C. feeling under the weather

Explanation: This idiom means feeling unwell or sick.

Question 22

Jay: I hate to break the news to my dad. He will definitely say I told you so. Shiva: Well, _____ and face the consequence.

- A. don't cry over spilled milk
- B. smile your way into the party
- C. cover your face

D. be sincere about your feelings

Correct Answer: A. don't cry over spilled milk

Explanation: The idiom means not to waste time worrying about something that has already happened.

Question 23

Choose the best sentence 2. Sentence 1: I wanted to lead a luxurious life with my family. Sentence 2: _____ Sentence 3: Now I can lead the life I want.

- A. That is why I worked hard during my younger years.
- B. Not only had I needed a big house to party.
- C. But also I have many other desires in life.
- D. I am exhausted with all the trivial things.

Correct Answer: A. That is why I worked hard during my younger years.

Explanation: This sentence logically connects the desire for a good life with hard work and the present result.

Editorial Note: Option A was edited for grammar from the source wording.

Question 24

Choose the best sentence 2. Sentence 1: My brother has been afraid of dogs since childhood. Sentence 2: _____ Sentence 3: The act made everyone around him wonder in surprise.

- A. He watched a dog video at a party.
- B. He adopted a dog as his pet.
- C. He bought some food for the neighbor's dog.
- D. He ignored a dog on his way home.

Correct Answer: B. He adopted a dog as his pet.

Explanation: Adopting a dog is surprising because the brother was afraid of dogs.

Question 25

Choose the best sentence 3. Sentence 1: Trees are the basis of sustaining life on Earth. Sentence 2: Trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen by photosynthesis. Sentence 3: _____

- A. They also help in reducing soil erosion by binding the soil to their roots.
- B. They also help humans by making furniture at home.
- C. They also need to be cut down for human usage and commercialization.
- D. They also survive just to add beauty to their surroundings.

Correct Answer: A. They also help in reducing soil erosion by binding the soil to their roots.

Explanation: This sentence continues the positive environmental role of trees.

Question 26

In which sentence is "from" incorrectly used?

- A. My friend is often absent from school.
- B. I was earlier from the meeting.
- C. His office is not far from here.
- D. It's hard to get away from addiction.

Correct Answer: B. I was earlier from the meeting.

Explanation: The correct usage would be "early for the meeting" or "late for the meeting," not "earlier from the meeting."

Question 27

Choose the part of the sentence that has an error: I had / a bad dream / last night. / No error

- A. I had
- B. a bad dream
- C. last night
- D. No error

Correct Answer: D. No error

Explanation: The sentence is grammatically correct.

Question 28

Choose the correct phrase.

- A. Where there is a will, there is a way.
- B. Wherever will is, there finds a way.
- C. Where there is a way, there is always a will.
- D. Whenever there is a way, there is a will.

Correct Answer: A. Where there is a will, there is a way.

Explanation: This is the standard proverb meaning determination can help a person find a solution.

Question 29

Choose the suitable word: The hotel sells the spiciest _____, but it is available only on Monday.

- A. Burgar
- B. Burglar
- C. Burgery
- D. Burger

Correct Answer: D. Burger

Explanation: "Burger" is the correctly spelled food item.

Question 30

Choose the odd one out.

- A. scholar
- B. expert
- C. trainee
- D. master

Correct Answer: C. trainee

Explanation: A trainee is still learning, while scholar, expert, and master suggest higher skill or knowledge.

Question 31

(Verb) Kumar was _____ of his right to inherit his estate by his relatives.

- A. raveled
- B. robbed
- C. revered
- D. resigned

Correct Answer: B. robbed

Explanation: The phrase "robbed of his right" means deprived of something that should belong to him.

Question 32

Choose the correct order of the sentences to make a logical sequence. s. The snow-covered mountains and beautiful flowers were mesmerizing. t. The mountain slopes were a treat to the eye. u. As a result, we stayed there for two more days than we initially planned. v. With the cool climate and wonderful breeze, it was a great place to be.

- A. t s v u
- B. t v s u
- C. s t v u
- D. u v s t

Correct Answer: B. t v s u

Explanation: The sequence starts by describing the slopes, adds the climate, gives more visual detail, and then concludes with the result of staying longer.

Editorial Note: The source sentence "The mountain slopes is" was corrected to "The mountain slopes were."

Question 33

Choose the correct order of the sentences to make a logical sequence. p. The deer has four long legs and white circular patches on its body. q. Deer are considered to be very selective eaters. r. A deer is a mammal which lives in the jungle. s. This is because they need high nutrition to survive.

- A. r p q s
- B. q r p s
- C. r s q p
- D. p q r s

Correct Answer: A. r p q s

Explanation: The sequence first introduces the deer, describes its appearance, states its eating habit, and then gives the reason.

Question 34

The _____ is wet as if it was raining. Put the luggage on the _____ in the room.

- A. floor, ground
- B. ground, floor
- C. surface, ground
- D. floor, surface

Correct Answer: B. ground, floor

Explanation: Outside, we usually say the ground is wet; inside a room, luggage is placed on the floor.

Question 35

Leela is so good at her job, so her salary is _____ high.

- A. quite
- B. quiet
- C. quit
- D. quote

Correct Answer: A. quite

Explanation: "Quite" is an adverb meaning fairly or considerably. The other options have different meanings.

Question 36

Assertion: In passive voice, the object of the active sentence becomes the subject of the passive sentence. Reason: Passive voice is used when the focus of the sentence is on the action rather than the doer of the action.

- A. Both Assertion and Reason are true, and Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- B. Both Assertion and Reason are true, but Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- C. Assertion is true, but Reason is false.
- D. Assertion is false, but Reason is true.

Correct Answer: A. Both Assertion and Reason are true, and Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.

Explanation: Passive voice shifts focus from the doer to the receiver/action, so the reason explains the assertion.

Question 37

Assertion: A restrictive relative clause provides essential information to the sentence, and it cannot be omitted without changing the sentence's meaning. Reason: Relative clauses are always set off by commas in written English.

- A. Both Assertion and Reason are true, and Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- B. Both Assertion and Reason are true, but Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- C. Assertion is true, but Reason is false.
- D. Assertion is false, but Reason is true.

Correct Answer: C. Assertion is true, but Reason is false.

Explanation: Restrictive clauses are essential and usually not set off by commas. Non-restrictive clauses are commonly set off by commas.

Question 38

Assertion: In English, the future perfect tense is used to describe actions that will be completed before a specific point in the future. Reason: Tenses in English are always formed by changing the base form of the verb.

- A. Both Assertion and Reason are true, and Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- B. Both Assertion and Reason are true, but Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- C. Assertion is true, but Reason is false.
- D. Assertion is false, but Reason is true.

Correct Answer: C. Assertion is true, but Reason is false.

Explanation: The future perfect describes completion before a future time. However, English tenses are not always formed only by changing the base verb; auxiliary verbs are often used.

Editorial Note: The source answer key marked this as A, but the reason is false. Correct answer: C.

Question 39

Assertion: A semicolon is used to separate items in a list when those items contain commas within themselves. Reason: Punctuation rules in English are consistent and straightforward, allowing for minimal exceptions.

- A. Both Assertion and Reason are true, and Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- B. Both Assertion and Reason are true, but Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- C. Assertion is true, but Reason is false.
- D. Assertion is false, but Reason is true.

Correct Answer: C. Assertion is true, but Reason is false.

Explanation: The assertion is correct, but punctuation rules often have exceptions and contextual usage, so the reason is false.

Question 40

Assertion: The superlative degree of an adjective is always formed by adding the suffix "-est" to the base form of the adjective. Reason: The comparative degree of an adjective is used to compare two things, while the superlative degree is used to compare more than two things.

- A. Both Assertion and Reason are true, and Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- B. Both Assertion and Reason are true, but Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- C. Assertion is true, but Reason is false.
- D. Assertion is false, but Reason is true.

Correct Answer: D. Assertion is false, but Reason is true.

Explanation: Not all superlatives take "-est"; many use "most" or irregular forms. The reason correctly explains comparative and superlative use.

Editorial Note: The source answer key marked this as B, but the assertion is false. Correct answer: D.

Question 41

Which modal verb should be used? "I _____ have left my keys on the kitchen counter."

- A. may
- B. can
- C. must
- D. should

Correct Answer: C. must

Explanation: "Must have" expresses a strong conclusion about a past possibility.

Question 42

Which preposition correctly completes the sentence? "Chakkaravarthy was absolutely fascinated _____ the intricacies of quantum physics."

- A. with
- B. by
- C. on
- D. in

Correct Answer: B. by

Explanation: "Fascinated by" is the most natural collocation in this sentence.

Question 43

Which idiom or phrase correctly fits? "After working tirelessly for months, Pragya finally decided to throw in the _____ and take a vacation."

- A. hat
- B. towel
- C. gloves
- D. apron

Correct Answer: B. towel

Explanation: "Throw in the towel" means to give up or stop after effort or struggle.

Question 44

Which determiner correctly completes the sentence? "The detective needed to find _____ clue that could solve the mysterious case."

- A. some

- B. any
- C. every
- D. the

Correct Answer: D. the

Explanation: "The clue" suggests a particular clue that could solve the case.

Question 45

Which type of clause is used in the highlighted part? "While I was studying for my final exams, my brother was playing video games."

- A. Independent clause
- B. Dependent clause
- C. Relative clause
- D. Adverbial clause

Correct Answer: D. Adverbial clause

Explanation: "While I was studying..." is a dependent adverbial clause showing time.

Question 46

Identify the voice: "The ancient treasure, hidden for centuries beneath the uncharted island, was finally discovered by a group of intrepid explorers."

- A. Active voice
- B. Passive voice
- C. Reflexive voice
- D. Reciprocal voice

Correct Answer: B. Passive voice

Explanation: The subject "treasure" receives the action "was discovered," so the sentence is in passive voice.

Question 47

Which tense is used? "Sri will have been studying for eight hours by the time the exam begins."

- A. Past continuous tense
- B. Present perfect tense
- C. Future perfect continuous tense
- D. Future perfect tense

Correct Answer: C. Future perfect continuous tense

Explanation: "Will have been studying" shows an action continuing up to a future point.

Question 48

Which punctuation mark should be used? "The conference will take place on March 15, 2024 _____ in New York."

- A. Comma
- B. Colon
- C. Semicolon
- D. Period

Correct Answer: A. Comma

Explanation: A comma should follow the year when the sentence continues after a full date: "March 15, 2024, in New York."

Editorial Note: The source answer key marked this as B, but a comma is correct.

Question 49

Which sentence correctly uses the superlative degree of comparison for the adjective "tall"?

- A. Ramya is taller than herself.
- B. Vidya is the tallest person in the room.
- C. The dog is more tall than ours.
- D. The mountain is very tall from us.

Correct Answer: B. Vidya is the tallest person in the room.

Explanation: "Tallest" is the correct superlative form when comparing one person with all others in the room.

Question 50

Complete the analogy: CLOCK : TIME :: THERMOMETER : _____.

- A. Heat
- B. Temperature
- C. Mercury
- D. Weather

Correct Answer: B. Temperature

Explanation: A clock measures time, and a thermometer measures temperature.

Complete Answer Key

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
D	C	B	A	C	C	D	C	A	B
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
B	D	A	B	B	C	D	A	B	D
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
C	A	A	B	A	B	D	A	D	C
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
B	B	A	B	A	A	C	C	C	D
Q41	Q42	Q43	Q44	Q45	Q46	Q47	Q48	Q49	Q50
C	B	B	D	D	B	C	A	B	B