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SCIENCE OLYMPIAD FOUNDATION

SAMPLE PAPER 2026-27

SOF INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

Total Questions : 50 | Time : 1 hr.

PATTERN & MARKING SCHEME

Section	(1) Word and Structure Knowledge	(2) Reading	(3) Spoken and Written Expression	(4) Achievers Section
No. of Questions	30	10	5	5
Marks per Ques.	1	1	1	3

SYLLABUS

Section – 1 : Spellings, Collocations, Idioms, Homonyms and homophones, Synonyms, Antonyms, Nouns, Pronouns, Verbs and Phrasal Verbs, Adverbs, Adjectives, Articles, Prepositions, Conjunctions, Punctuation, Tenses, Active-Passive Voice and Reported Speech, etc.

Section – 2 : Search for and retrieve information from various text types like News headlines, Messages, Letters, etc., Understand information given in News reports, Time-tables, Messages, etc., Acquire broad understanding of and look for specific information in short texts like messages, menu card dialogues, etc.

Section – 3 : Ability to understand situation-based variations in functions like Requests, Refusals, Apologies, etc.

Section – 4 : Higher Order Thinking Questions - Syllabus as per Sections 1, 2 and 3.

WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

1. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank.
I hosted a Christmas Eve party where the cooks _____ ate before the guests arrived.
(A) itself (B) yourself
(C) themselves (D) theirselves

2. Choose the part of the sentence that has an error.
The manager warned me that the next time I was late for work, I would have fired.
(A) The manager warned me (B) that the next time
(C) I was late for work, (D) I would have fired.

3. Choose the option with correct spelling.
How do you spell the word that means 'dwarfed varieties of trees and shrubs placed in pots'?
(A) Bansai (B) Bonsai
(C) Bonssay (D) Bansoy

4. Choose the correct option for the underlined word.
My younger sister got an opportunity to study <u>at</u> Oxford University.
(A) Preposition of time (B) Preposition of place
(C) Preposition of movement (D) Preposition of possession

READING

Directions (For Q. No. 5 and 6) : Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

The Lion and the Bull

A lion prowled about in a pasture where four bulls were grazing. He tried many times to capture them, but each time he failed. Whenever he came near, the four bulls turned and formed a ring, so that no matter which way the lion approached, he was met by their horns.

One day, however, the bulls had a quarrel and would not speak to one another. Each went alone to a separate part of the pasture to graze. This was the moment the lion had been waiting for. One by one he attacked the bulls and made an end of them. Well fed and contented, the lion thought, those beasts would still be grazing had they remembered:

"*United we stand; divided we fall.*"

5. What did the lion try?

(A) To eat the grass (B) To capture the four bulls

(C) To fight the bull (D) None of these

6. The lion could not catch the bulls because the bulls _____.

(A) were united (B) ran very fast (C) were very brave (D) none of these

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

Directions (For Q. No. 7 and 8) : Choose the correct option to complete each conversation.

7. Cathy : What happened to you?

Laura : Kimmy _____ just because she had a bad day.

(A) bit my nails off (B) bit my head off

(C) bit my hair off (D) bit my tongue off

8. Mindy : I know you are eager to go to the UK.

Sandy : Yes, I am.

Mindy : But you haven't been accepted yet. So _____.

(A) first come, first served (B) first catch your hare

(C) first count your eggs (D) first count your sheep

ACHIEVERS SECTION

Directions (For Q. No. 9 and 10) : Choose the correct option to fill in the blank.

9. My grandfather was in the army, so we had the provision to shop at the _____ considerably at lower prices.

(A) vantage (B) apiary (C) commissary (D) paragon

10. It was a bit easy to write in the exam, but I was a _____ when I had to appear for the final interview.

(A) gloom heart (B) bitter end

(C) bundle of nerves (D) platter of wise

ANSWER KEY

1. (C) 2. (D) 3. (B) 4. (B) 5. (B) 6. (A) 7. (B) 8. (B) 9. (C) 10. (C)