CLASS
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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 : Synonyms, Antonyms, Analogies and Spellings, Collocations, Phrasal Verbs, Idioms or Proverbs, Homonyms and Homophones, One word, Nouns, Pronouns, Verbs, Adverbs, Adjectives, Articles, Prepositions, Prepositional Phrases, Participle Phrases, Conjunctions, Determiners, Jumbled Words and Punctuations, Tenses, Voices and Narrations, Question Tags, etc. Words related to leisure, Household items/issues, Social causes, Outdoor locations and activities, etc.

Section – 2 : 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 – 3 : Ability to understand situation-based variations in functions like Requesting, Giving information, Expressing surprise, Pronunciation, 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.
Friends are not books, _____ books are friends. Friends may betray you, _____ books are always loyal.
(A) while, so (B) if, and
(C) but, and (D) yet, while

2. Choose the option with correct spelling.
How do you spell the word that means "irritable, quick-tempered"?
(A) Irrescible (B) Irascible
(C) Irecessible (D) Irescible

3. Choose the correct antonym of the given word.
Obnoxious
(A) Suspicious (B) Indifferent
(C) Pleasant (D) Empty

4. Choose the part of the sentence that has an error.
Nevertheless, he was neither omnipotent or omniscient.
(A) Nevertheless, (B) he was neither
(C) omnipotent or omniscient. (D) No error

READING

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

The moon's role in causing tides is much more high and important than that of the sun. The reason is that the moon enjoys more proximity to the earth than the sun. As such, its force of attraction is stronger than that of the sun in attracting the surface water. Tides are of immense importance. In trade, navigation and fishing, tides are very useful. During the high tide, the water depth near the coast goes up and helps big ships to reach the ports. Kandla port in Gujarat and Diamond Harbour in West Bengal owe their very existence to the tides only.

Tides also keep the harbours clear of refuse and mud brought down by rivers and thus they do not allow the harbours to be silted. Commonly, the tidal rivers are navigable. For the purpose of generating electricity, tidal waves are harnessed. Tides do not allow the sea water to be frozen by keeping the sea water in motion. Tides are also made use of by the fishermen for sailing into the sea and returning to the harbour. In the countries like Canada, U.K., France and Japan, tidal power stations are set up.

5. Why does the moon play a greater role than the sun in causing tides?
(A) The moon is closer to the earth as compared to the sun.
(B) The moon has greater gravitational pull.
(C) The moon shines in night.
(D) None of these

6. Which word in the passage mean 'to bring under control'?
(A) Proximity (B) Immense (C) Silted (D) Harness

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

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

7. Eva : Is it a tradition around here to drink brandy with coffee as a morning _____?
(A) early bird (B) pickup (C) pick-me-up (D) rise and sunshine

8. Manager : Do you have a _____ creative ideas? _____, we would love to hear from you.
(A) knack for, If so (B) knack through, Surely
(C) knack into, Well (D) knack to, Okay

ACHIEVERS SECTION

9. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank.
Nowadays, most people with an interest in blogging engage anonymously in _____ online commentary.
(A) ablative (B) accusation (C) lucrativity (D) vituperative

10. Choose the correct synonym of the given word.
Disparage
(A) Belittle (B) Kind (C) Inspirit (D) Glorify

ANSWER KEY

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