



# **BRAINIACS OLYMPIAD**

## **ENGLISH SAMPLE PAPER**



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**PART A: MULTIPLE CHOICE (1 CORRECT ANSWER)**

**1. Which sentence is in the future perfect tense?**

- a) I will have finished my essay by noon.      b) I will finish soon.  
c) I am finishing now.                                      d) I finish soon.

**2. Which sentence is inverted for emphasis?**

- a) I rarely see such honesty.      b) Rarely have I seen such honesty.  
c) I have rarely seen honesty.      d) Rarely I have seen honesty.

**3. Which sentence contains a non-defining relative clause?**

- a) The students who studied passed.  
b) My brother, who lives abroad, sent me a gift.  
c) The man who is tall is my friend.  
d) The people who came were late.

**4. Choose the correct modal: You \_\_\_\_ have left your keys at home. (deduction)**

- a) might   b) must   c) should   d) would

**5. Which sentence uses the subjunctive mood?**

- a) If I was you, I'd study more.      b) If I were you, I'd study more.  
c) If I am you, I study more.      d) If I will be you, I'd study more.

**6. Which sentence shows parallel structure?**

- a) She likes dancing, to swim, and hiking.  
b) She likes dancing, swimming, and hiking.  
c) She likes dance, swimming, and hike.  
d) She likes to dance, swim, and hiking.

**7. Choose the correct word: The experiment was a great \_\_\_\_ to science.**

- a) contribute   b) contribution   c) contributing   d) contributed

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**8. Which pair of words are homophones?**

- a) peace / piece b) accept / except c) desert / dessert d) all of them

**9. Choose the sentence with correct subject–verb agreement:**

- a) Neither of the answers are correct.  
b) Neither of the answers is correct.  
c) Neither answer are correct.  
d) Neither answer were correct.

**10. Which is the correct word order in an indirect question?**

- a) Do you know where is the station?  
b) Do you know where the station is?  
c) Do you know where it is the station?  
d) Do you know where's station?

**11. The opposite of “scarcity” is:**

- a) lack b) shortage c) abundance d) poverty

**12. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence:**

- a) It's cold, isn't it?      b) Its cold, isn't it?  
c) It's cold isn't it.      d) Its cold isn't it?

**13. Which idiom means to begin again?**

- a) break the ice b) hit the sack c) start from scratch d) spill the beans

**14. Which word is a synonym of “diligent”?**

- a) lazy b) hardworking c) careless d) tired

**15. Choose the correct reported question:**

Direct: “Where are you going?” →

- a) She asked me where was I going.  
b) She asked me where I was going.  
c) She asked me where am I going.  
d) She asked me where going I was.

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**PART B: MULTIPLE RESPONSE (2–3 CORRECT ANSWERS)**

**16. Which are linking words showing contrast?**

☐ although ☐ however ☐ despite ☐ because

**17. Which sentences use present perfect continuous?**

☐ I have been studying for hours.      ☐ I studied last night.  
☐ She has been waiting.                      ☐ He waits now.

**18. Which are academic vocabulary items?**

☐ analyze ☐ examine ☐ talk ☐ discuss

**19. Which are examples of collocations?**

☐ heavy rain ☐ strong tea ☐ quick shower ☐ fast rain

**20. Which are formal expressions?**

☐ I would appreciate ☐ Give me that ☐ Could you kindly ☐ What's up

**PART C: FILL IN THE BLANK**

**21.** If she \_\_\_\_ (work) harder, she would have succeeded.

**22.** Hardly \_\_\_\_ I reached the station when the train left.

**23.** The proposal \_\_\_\_ (approve) by the committee yesterday.

**24.** I regret \_\_\_\_ (not attend) the conference.

**25.** The teacher asked whether we \_\_\_\_ (understand) the topic.

**26.** I will call you as soon as I \_\_\_\_ (arrive).

**27.** It's high time you \_\_\_\_ (start) preparing for the exams.

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**28.** The patient recovered \_\_\_\_ the help of modern medicine.

**29.** She prefers reading to \_\_\_\_ (watch) television.

**30.** The film \_\_\_\_ (release) next month.

**PART D: REORDER SENTENCES**

**31.** importance / education / cannot / of / overstate / we / the

\_\_\_\_\_

**32.** finished / has / already / report / he / the

\_\_\_\_\_

**33.** since / I / here / have / lived / 2010

\_\_\_\_\_

**34.** book / interesting / very / an / reading / I / am

\_\_\_\_\_

**35.** the / teacher / asked / had / students / whether / questions / any / they

\_\_\_\_\_

**PART E: READING COMPREHENSION**

**Read the passage and answer the questions:**

In today's interconnected world, critical thinking has become one of the most valuable skills. Information is everywhere, but understanding which sources to trust requires analysis and judgment. Students who think critically question assumptions and seek evidence before forming conclusions. Education systems are now emphasizing inquiry rather than memorization.

**36.** What is the main idea of the passage?

**37.** Why is critical thinking important today?

**38.** What two actions do critical thinkers perform before concluding?

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- 38.** What two actions do critical thinkers perform before concluding?
- 39.** Find one word that means “reliable information sources.”
- 40.** Suggest a title for this passage.

**PART F: MATCH PAIRS (WORD ↔ MEANING)**

**Word**

- 41.** analytical  
**42.** skeptical  
**43.** articulate  
**44.** innovative

**Meaning**

- a. using logical reasoning  
b. questioning or doubting  
c. able to express clearly  
d. introducing new ideas

**PART G: TRUE / FALSE**

- 45.** “Would rather” is used to express preference. \_\_\_\_\_
- 46.** “Despite” and “in spite of” have different meanings. \_\_\_\_\_
- 47.** Passive voice focuses on the receiver of the action. \_\_\_\_\_

**PART H: SHORT ANSWER / WRITING**

- 48.** In 2–3 sentences, explain how social media affects communication skills.
- 49.** Write a short essay (4–5 sentences) on 'The Role of English in Globalization.'
- 50.** Complete this dialogue:  
A: Do you think technology makes people smarter?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_



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### SCORING SYSTEM

- **Easy:** 1 point each (Questions 1–15)
- **Normal:** 2 points each (Questions 16–35)
- **Difficult:** 3 points each (Questions 36–50)
- **No negative marking.**



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