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ENGLISH SAMPLE PAPER



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PART A: MULTIPLE CHOICE (1 CORRECT ANSWER)

1. Choose the sentence in passive voice:

- a) They built a bridge last year. b) A bridge was built last year.
c) They were building a bridge. d) The bridge builds.

2. Choose the correct form of the verb: If he _____ harder, he would pass the test.

- a) studies b) study c) studied d) has studied

3. The indirect form of 'She said, "I am tired."' is:

- a) She said she is tired. b) She said that she was tired.
c) She said she had tired. d) She told she tired.

4. Which sentence uses a phrasal verb correctly?

- a) He turned on the lights. b) He looked down his phone.
c) He went under to the shop. d) He took after his bag.

5. Which word is a synonym of 'rapid'?

- a) slow b) quick c) steady d) gradual

6. Identify the correctly spelled word:

- a) separate b) seporate c) separete d) seperete

7. Choose the correct modal verb:

You _____ see a doctor if you feel sick.

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

8. Which is a compound sentence?

- a) I went home because it was late.
b) I went home, and I watched a movie.
c) When I went home, I watched TV.
d) Going home, I watched a movie.

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9. Choose the correct comparative form:

This road is ____ than that one.

- a) narrow b) more narrow c) narrower d) narrowest

10. Which of the following is a gerund?

- a) run b) running c) to run d) ran

11. Choose the correct tense: By the time he arrived, we ____ already eaten.

- a) have b) had c) has d) were

12. Identify the sentence with correct punctuation:

- a) "Where are you" asked John. b) "Where are you?" asked John.
c) "Where are you," asked John? d) "Where are you"? asked John.

13. Which is an antonym of 'expand'?

- a) increase b) stretch c) reduce d) grow

14. Choose the correct preposition: He is responsible ____ the project.

- a) for b) about c) at d) of

15. Which sentence uses an idiom?

- a) She broke her leg. b) She kicked the bucket.
c) She walks fast. d) She dropped the cup.

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

16. Which are modal verbs?

- ☐ should ☐ might ☐ to go ☐ must

17. Which are types of conditional sentences?

- ☐ Zero ☐ First ☐ Second ☐ None

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18. Which are correct reported speech forms?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> She said that she was happy. | <input type="checkbox"/> He says he will go. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> She said she is happy. | <input type="checkbox"/> He told that he was tired. |

19. Which are collocations?

- ☐ make a decision ☐ do homework ☐ take an exam ☐ create a sleep

20. Which are nouns?

- ☐ love ☐ jump ☐ happiness ☐ quickly

PART C: FILL IN THE BLANK

21. If I ____ (know) about the meeting, I would have attended.

22. She has been working here ____ three years.

23. The novel ____ (write) by a famous author.

24. I wish I ____ (can) play the guitar.

25. The man ____ car was stolen reported it to the police.

26. You must apologize ____ being rude.

27. He asked me where I ____ (live).

28. By next year, she ____ (complete) her studies.

29. We should avoid ____ (waste) time.

30. The movie was so boring that we ____ (leave) early.

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PART D: REORDER SENTENCES

31. library / went / the / yesterday / I / to

32. meeting / important / had / they / an

33. new / a / teacher / English / our / is

34. arrived / before / had / we / started / already / class / the

35. by / this / will / completed / be / tomorrow / report / the

PART E: READING COMPREHENSION

Read the passage and answer the questions:

Technology has changed the way people learn. Online education allows students to study at their own pace and access information instantly. However, it also requires self-discipline and motivation to stay focused. The balance between freedom and responsibility defines the success of online learning.

36. What advantage of online education is mentioned?

37. What problem may students face?

38. What two qualities are important for success?

39. What does the word 'discipline' mean in this context?

40. Suggest a title for this passage.

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PART F: MATCH PAIRS (WORD ↔ MEANING)

Word

- 41. flexible
- 42. efficient
- 43. optimistic
- 44. reliable

Meaning

- a. able to change easily
- b. working well without waste
- c. expecting good things
- d. can be trusted

PART G: TRUE / FALSE

45. Passive voice is used when the action is more important than the doer.

46. A complex sentence contains two independent clauses. _____

47. 'To swim' is an infinitive form. _____

PART H: SHORT ANSWER / WRITING

48. Explain the difference between direct and indirect speech with one example.

49. Write a short paragraph (4–5 sentences) on 'The Role of Technology in Communication.'

50. Complete this dialogue:

A: Have you decided which university to apply to?

B: _____

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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