

# SMART SOCIETY

# ENGLISH

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**TOTAL QUESTIONS: 40**

**DURATION: 1 HOUR**

## INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES:

- I. The following question paper is divided into 3 sections
  - a) Section A (Reading and Grammar): 10 Questions
  - b) Section B (Oral and written expressions): 10 Questions
  - c) Section C (Achiever's Section): 20 Questions
- II. Each question of section A consists of 2 marks. Each question of Section B consists of 2 marks. Each question of Section C consists of 3 marks.
- III. All questions are compulsory. There is no negative marking.
- IV. There is only one correct answer. Choose only ONE option for an answer.
- V. To mark the answer of your choice, fill in the correct option with a black ball point pen.
- VI. Submit the OMR sheet to the invigilator at the end of the exam.
- VII. Please fill in your personal details in the space provided below.

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## CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION

### SECTION A

#### Reading and Grammar

1. Identify the grammatical error in the following sentence: "Neither of the students have completed their assignments."  
a) Use of 'Neither' b) Use of 'have'  
c) Use of 'their' d) No error
2. Select the correctly punctuated sentence:  
a) John asked, "why are you late?"  
b) John asked "Why are you late?"  
c) John asked, "Why are you late?"  
d) John asked "why are you late"?
3. Choose the appropriate phrasal verb: "The plane \_\_\_\_\_ at 6 AM tomorrow."  
a) takes up b) takes off  
c) takes in d) takes over
4. Identify the type of clause in the italicized portion: "When the bell rang, everyone rushed out."  
a) Noun clause  
b) Adverb clause  
c) Adjective clause  
d) Main clause
5. Select the correct form of the verb: "Each of the players \_\_\_\_\_ their best."  
a) give b) gives  
c) are giving d) were giving
6. Choose the correct reported speech: Direct: "I am writing a letter now." She said that...  
a) she was writing a letter then  
b) she is writing a letter now  
c) she has written a letter then  
d) she had written a letter now
7. Identify the correct sentence pattern: "The children painted the wall red."  
a) Subject+Verb+Object  
b) Subject+Verb+Object+Object Complement  
c) Subject+Verb+Indirect Object+Direct Object  
d) Subject+Verb+Object+Adverb
8. Select the appropriate modifiers: "The \_\_\_\_\_ expensive car broke down \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday."  
a) very, suddenly  
b) much, sudden  
c) very, sudden  
d) much, suddenly
9. Choose the correct form of the participle: "\_\_\_\_\_ by the noise, the baby woke up."  
a) Disturbing  
b) Disturbed  
c) Having disturbed  
d) Being disturbed
10. Identify the voice in the sentence: "The novel was being read by everyone in the class."  
a) Active voice  
b) Passive voice  
c) Mixed voice  
d) Neither active nor passive

## SECTION B

### ORAL AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

11. Select the correct conditional sentence: "If I \_\_\_\_\_ harder, I \_\_\_\_\_ the competition."  
a) would work, would win  
b) worked, would win  
c) work, will win  
d) had worked, would have won
12. Choose the appropriate preposition combination: "He was accused \_\_\_\_\_ stealing \_\_\_\_\_ his neighbor."  
a) for, from                      b) of, from  
c) for, of                         d) of, of
13. Identify the correct sequence of adjectives: "She bought a \_\_\_\_\_ dress."  
a) beautiful new silk red  
b) red beautiful new silk  
c) beautiful red new silk  
d) new beautiful red silk
14. Select the correct form of the gerund: "\_\_\_\_\_ in public places is prohibited."  
a) To smoke                      b) Smoke  
c) Smoking                        d) Smoked
15. Choose the appropriate modal verb: "You \_\_\_\_\_ have informed me earlier."  
a) must                              b) should  
c) would                            d) could
16. Identify the error in the following sentence: "The committee have reached their decision."  
a) Use of 'committee'  
b) Use of 'have' and 'their'
- c) Use of 'their'  
d) Use of 'have'
17. Select the correct idiom to complete the sentence: "The project was difficult, but we managed to \_\_\_\_\_ in the end."  
a) pull it off  
b) pull it up  
c) pull it down  
d) pull it through
18. Choose the correct form of the infinitive: "She pretended \_\_\_\_\_ the joke."  
a) not understanding  
b) to not understand  
c) not to understand  
d) to not understanding
19. Identify the correct usage of articles: "\_\_\_\_\_ hour ago, I saw \_\_\_\_\_ UFO in \_\_\_\_\_ sky."  
a) An, a, the                      b) A, an, the  
c) The, a, the                      d) An, an, the
20. Select the appropriate conjunction: "\_\_\_\_\_ she studied hard, she failed the exam."  
a) Although                        b) However  
c) Moreover                       d) Furthermore

## SECTION C

### ACHIEVER'S LEVEL ENGLISH

21. Choose the correct form of the verb: "Neither the players nor the coach \_\_\_\_\_ happy with the decision."
- a) is                      b) are  
c) was                    d) were
22. Identify the type of phrase: "In spite of the rain, they continued playing."
- a) Adverb phrase  
b) Adjective phrase  
c) Noun phrase  
d) Prepositional phrase
23. Select the correct form of the comparative: "This problem is \_\_\_\_\_ than I thought."
- a) more complex  
b) complexer  
c) most complex  
d) much complex
24. Choose the appropriate pronoun: "It was \_\_\_\_\_ who completed the task first."
- a) I                      b) me  
c) myself              d) mine
25. Identify the correct punctuation: "The guests arrived bringing gifts flowers and food"
- a) The guests arrived, bringing gifts, flowers, and food.  
b) The guests arrived bringing gifts, flowers and food.  
c) The guests arrived, bringing gifts flowers and food.  
d) The guests arrived bringing, gifts, flowers and food.
26. Select the correct form of the past perfect continuous: "They \_\_\_\_\_ for hours before the rescue team arrived."
- a) were waiting  
b) had waited  
c) had been waiting  
d) have been waiting
27. Choose the appropriate quotation marks: The teacher said \_\_\_\_\_ Please submit your assignments tomorrow \_\_\_\_\_
- a) „.”                      b) ,,  
c) .,                      d) “.”
28. Identify the correct form of the adverb: "She performed \_\_\_\_\_ in the competition."
- a) good                      b) well  
c) better                      d) best
29. Select the appropriate tense: "By next month, I \_\_\_\_\_ in this city for ten years."
- a) will be living  
b) will have been living  
c) would be living  
d) have been living
30. Select the appropriate tag question: "Let's go to the park, \_\_\_\_\_?"
- a) shall we                      b) will we  
c) don't we                      d) can we
31. Identify the part of the sentence with an error: "The athlete was known for his agility, precision, and he could endure long hours of training."
- a) The athlete was known  
b) for his agility  
c) and he could endure  
d) long hours of training

32. Choose the sentence that correctly employs subject-verb inversion:
- Seldom people have witnessed such a breathtaking view.
  - Never before the artist's work had been so widely appreciated.
  - Not only is the experiment complex, but it also yields fascinating results.
  - Hardly anyone had understood the instructions clearly, didn't they?
33. In the sentence below, which word most closely matches the meaning of "ephemeral"?
- "The beauty of the cherry blossoms is ephemeral, lasting only a few days."
- Eternal
  - Fleeting
  - Resilient
  - Overpowering
34. Which sentence is structurally ambiguous, meaning it can have more than one interpretation?
- The teacher said the student should leave.
  - The cat jumped over the fence quickly.
  - The artist painted a picture of a tree.
  - She saw the man with binoculars.
35. Choose the sentence that uses the idiom "cut to the chase" correctly:
- The director decided to cut to the chase and addressed the main issue at once.
  - She wanted to cut to the chase, so she skipped her lunch.
  - He cut to the chase by deciding to walk through the park.
  - The hunter cut to the chase when the animal escaped.
36. Identify the correct form of the participle:
- "\_\_\_\_\_ the letter, she began to cry."
- Reading
  - Having read
  - Read
  - To read
37. Select the appropriate modal expression: "You \_\_\_\_\_ better see a doctor."
- would
  - should
  - had
  - must
38. Choose the correct form of the passive gerund:
- "\_\_\_\_\_ in public is embarrassing."
- Being laughed at
  - Laughing at
  - To be laughed at
  - Laughed at
39. Despite his \_\_\_\_\_ efforts to complete the task on time, his lack of \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge about the subject led to failure.
- commendable, superficial
  - diligent, comprehensive
  - mediocre, profound
  - indifferent, inadequate
40. Read the sentence below and identify the tone of the author:
- "While the villagers reveled in their naïve festivities, the ominous clouds gathered unnoticed over the horizon."
- Optimistic
  - Foreboding
  - Sarcastic
  - Indifferent