

**Class 4 | English Olympiad**

**Instructions:** Each question has one correct answer. Choose the best option (A/B/C/D). Answer key is provided at the end. This paper is for practice only — not an official exam paper. Recommended time: **45 minutes**.

**Q1.** 'She looks as if she \_\_\_ ill.' — Choose the correct verb form (hypothetical).

A. is

B. were

C. was

D. will be

**Q2.** Convert to Passive: 'They will have completed the project by Friday.'

A. The project will have been completed by Friday.

B. The project was completed by Friday.

C. The project is completed by Friday.

D. The project will be completed by Friday.

**Q3.** 'No sooner \_\_\_ he left than it started raining.' — Choose the correct word.

A. did

B. had

C. has

D. would

**Q4.** 'Scintillating' most nearly means:

A. dull

B. brilliantly clever or vivid

C. very slow

D. dangerous

**Q5.** The figure of speech in 'Life is a journey' is a \_\_\_ .

A. simile

B. metaphor

C. personification

D. alliteration

**Q6.** 'Enervate' means to \_\_\_ .

A. energise

B. weaken or drain of energy

C. become angry

D. enlarge

**Q7.** Which is correct? (Conditional Type 3 — unreal past)

**A.** If I study, I will pass.

**B.** If I studied, I would pass.

**C.** If I had studied, I would have passed.

**D.** If I had study, I would pass.

**Q8.** 'Cogent' means:

**A.** vague

**B.** convincingly logical

**C.** colourful

**D.** generous

**Q9.** Identify the ERROR: 'Despite of the rain, the match continued.'

**A.** Despite should be 'In spite'

**B.** 'of' should be removed — 'despite' doesn't need 'of'

**C.** 'match' should be 'game'

**D.** No error

**Q10.** The Latin root 'chron' means \_\_\_ .

**A.** colour

**B.** time

**C.** sound

**D.** light

**Q11.** 'She \_\_\_ hardly speak when she was nervous.' — Which modal fits?

**A.** can

**B.** could

**C.** will

**D.** shall

**Q12.** Which sentence demonstrates an ABSOLUTE PHRASE?

**A.** He ran fast.

**B.** His work done, he left the office.

**C.** She sang loudly.

**D.** Running to the door, he slipped.

**Q13.** 'Laconic' describes someone who \_\_\_ .

**A.** talks too much

**B.** uses very few words

**C.** is dishonest

**D.** is very shy

**Q14.** A SYNONYM of 'recalcitrant' is:

**A.** obedient

**B.** stubborn and uncooperative

**C.** intelligent

**D.** humble

**Q15.** Which literary device is used in 'Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers'?

**A.** Assonance

**B.** Alliteration

**C.** Onomatopoeia

**D.** Personification

**Q16.** Choose the correctly punctuated sentence:

**A.** Its a beautiful day, isnt it?

**B.** It's a beautiful day, isn't it?

**C.** Its' a beautiful day, isn't it?

**D.** It's a beautiful day isn't it?

**Q17.** 'She is averse \_\_\_ taking risks.' — Which preposition is correct?

**A.** from

**B.** of

**C.** to

**D.** for

**Q18.** An 'anachronism' is:

**A.** something placed in the wrong time period

**B.** a comparison using 'like'

**C.** a type of rhyme scheme

**D.** a very short sentence

**Q19.** 'Ameliorate' means to \_\_\_ .

**A.** make worse

**B.** make better

**C.** destroy completely

**D.** ignore

**Q20.** Choose the sentence using INVERSION correctly:

**A.** Seldom he makes a mistake.

**B.** Seldom does he make a mistake.

**C.** Seldom he makes mistake.

**D.** He seldom does make a mistake.

**Q21.** 'Plethora' means \_\_\_ .

**A.** a lack of something

**B.** an excess or overabundance

**C.** a type of disease

**D.** a method of counting

**Q22.** Which word correctly completes the analogy? Happy : Sad :: Virtue : \_\_\_

**A.** excellence

**B.** vice

**C.** honesty

**D.** goodness

**Q23.** 'Mnemonic' refers to a \_\_\_ .

**A.** type of ancient writing

**B.** memory aid device

**C.** grammatical error

**D.** poetic meter

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**Q24.** 'Complacent' most nearly means:

**A.** complimentary

**B.** self-satisfied and uncritical

**C.** complex and difficult

**D.** complete

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**Q25.** The suffix '-icide' means \_\_\_ .

**A.** the study of

**B.** the act of killing

**C.** resembling

**D.** full of

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**Q26.** Which is an example of ASSONANCE?

**A.** The cat sat on the hat.

**B.** The waves break on the lake.

**C.** Peter Piper picked peppers.

**D.** The moon shone on the stone.

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**Q27.** 'Exacerbate' means to \_\_\_ .

**A.** calm down

**B.** make a situation worse

**C.** examine carefully

**D.** exaggerate facts

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**Q28.** The phrase 'sooner or later' is a \_\_\_ .

**A.** paradox

**B.** binomial pair (idiom)

**C.** oxymoron

**D.** euphemism

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**Q29.** Choose the word that best completes: 'Her speech was so \_\_\_ that everyone fell asleep.'

**A.** riveting

**B.** scintillating

**C.** soporific

**D.** eloquent

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**Q30.** 'Circumlocution' means \_\_\_ .

**A.** a direct statement

**B.** using many words to say something that could be said briefly

**C.** the study of circles

**D.** a type of punctuation

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**Q31.** 'Infer' versus 'imply': A speaker \_\_\_ and a listener \_\_\_ .

**A.** infers, implies

**B.** implies, infers

**C.** both imply

**D.** both infer

**Q32.** 'Obfuscate' means to \_\_\_ .

**A.** clarify

**B.** confuse or make unclear

**C.** observe carefully

**D.** obey rules

**Q33.** A 'non sequitur' is \_\_\_ .

**A.** a Latin phrase meaning 'it follows'

**B.** a conclusion that does not logically follow from the premise

**C.** a type of poetic meter

**D.** a grammatical term for misplaced words

**Q34.** Which is a PORTMANTEAU word?

**A.** computer

**B.** brunch (breakfast + lunch)

**C.** keyboard

**D.** internet

**Q35.** The literary term 'in medias res' means \_\_\_ .

**A.** at the beginning

**B.** in the middle of things (starting a story mid-action)

**C.** at the end

**D.** in a flashback

**Q36.** 'Sycophant' refers to a person who \_\_\_ .

**A.** criticises everyone

**B.** flatters people to gain favour

**C.** studies languages

**D.** works very hard

**Q37.** 'The pot calling the kettle black' means \_\_\_ .

**A.** criticising others for faults one has oneself

**B.** cleaning kitchen utensils

**C.** making false accusations

**D.** a type of cooking technique

**Q38.** 'Perspicacious' means \_\_\_ .

**A.** sweating profusely

**B.** having a ready insight; perceptive

**C.** very polite

**D.** easily persuaded

**Q39.** Which sentence is CORRECT in formal writing?

**A.** Whom shall I say is calling?

**B.** Who shall I say is calling?

**C.** Who should I say are calling?

**D.** Whom should I say are calling?

**Q40.** 'Zeitgeist' means \_\_\_\_ .

**A.** a type of German food

**B.** the spirit or defining features of a particular era

**C.** a musical instrument

**D.** a philosophical movement

### Answer Key

Q1: B    Q2: A    Q3: B    Q4: B    Q5: B    Q6: B    Q7: C    Q8: B    Q9: B    Q10: B  
Q11: B    Q12: B    Q13: B    Q14: B    Q15: B    Q16: B    Q17: C    Q18: A    Q19: B  
Q20: B    Q21: B    Q22: B    Q23: B    Q24: B    Q25: B    Q26: A    Q27: B    Q28: B  
Q29: C    Q30: B    Q31: B    Q32: B    Q33: B    Q34: B    Q35: B    Q36: B    Q37: A  
Q38: B    Q39: B    Q40: B