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CLASS / GRADE

Class 10

SUBJECT

IFEO

DURATION

60 Min

MAX MARKS

50

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- All questions are Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) with options A, B, C, D, E
- Each correct answer carries 1 mark. No negative marking for wrong answers.
- Rough work should be done separately. Do not write on question paper.

PAPER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ)**
Five options per question (A, B, C, D, E). Select the single most appropriate answer.
- **No Negative Marking**
1 mark per correct answer. Zero deductions — attempt every question.
- **Conducted by IOF**
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SUBJECTS

Cyber	English	Entrepreneurship	Mathematics	Commerce	Economics	GK & Current Affairs	Science	Western Music
Sanskrit	Indian Music	Hindi	Reasoning & Aptitude	Spell Talent				

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IFCO International Foundation Cyber Olympiad	IFEO International Foundation English Olympiad	IFEnO International Foundation Entrepreneurship Olympiad	IFMO International Foundation Mathematics Olympiad	ICS Institute of Company Secretaries of India Commerce Olympiad	IFEcO International Foundation Economics Olympiad	IFGCO International Foundation General Knowledge & Current Affairs Olympiad
IFSO International Foundation Science Olympiad	IFWMuO International Foundation Western Music Olympiad	IFSaO International Foundation Sanskrit Olympiad	IFIMuO International Foundation Indian Music Olympiad	IFHO International Foundation Hindi Olympiad	IFRAO International Foundation Reasoning & Aptitude Olympiad	IFSTO International Foundation Spell Talent Olympiad

Q1- Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

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Why is understanding Iran a subject of such great interest to many of us? Perhaps because it allows for a shift in attention from a stereotypical consideration of the Iranian theocracy and Islamic fundamentalism, followed by the question of the country's nuclear ambitions which has dominated the analysis of Iranian politics for the past 32 years, to a discussion of Iranian society and its sociological and political actors. These include women's groups, youth and students, intellectuals and some workers groups, representing a wide spectrum of ideologies, tactics and demands. Some are seeking only minor changes, others serious reforms within the existing system, and still others an immediate end to the regime through a revolution.

One way or another, civil society has become the subject of intense debate in Iran today. The key factors in Iranian civil society are most concerned with the structures that mediate between government and citizens. Civil society in Iran today does not merely mean running a market economy separate from the state. Rather, it represents an alternative sphere of citizenship that holds a promise of individual autonomy beyond the political and religious sectarian attitudes. More than serving just as a 'voluntary sector' or a 'charitable sector'. Iranian civil society is an 'ethical sector'. It is an everyday effort to feel more at home as a citizen as opposed to being a part of society organized on a theological political basis. Iranians rightly believe that they are witnessing the most fateful turning point in the history of their nation.

It was Iranian civil society that produced the post-electoral events in June 2009. No one, inside or outside Iran had predicted such a major shift in Iranian politics. There is a common agreement among the demonstrators and civil activists that the main contradiction in contemporary Iran is one between authoritarian violence and democratic nonviolence.

This is due to the fact that the protest movement is nonviolent and civil in its methods of creating social change, while simultaneously seeking to infuse an ethical dimension in Iranian politics.

Q1: Which of the following is not being sought in Iran?

[+1] [-0]

- A. End of the regime
- B. Serious reforms
- C. Secular government
- D. All of these
- E. None of these

Q2: Which of the following has not been mentioned as actors looking for a change in the political scenario of Iran?

[+1] [-0]

- A. Women's group
- B. Politicians
- C. Youth and students
- D. All of these
- E. None of these

Q3: What does civil society mean for the people in Iran?

[+1] [-0]

- A. A stable government allowing autonomy to people.
- B. Ability to run a mixed economy separate from the state.
- C. Accountability and political decentralization.
- D. Alternative sphere of citizenship with individual autonomy beyond the political and religious interference.
- E. None of these

Q4: Which of the following is not a cause for clash between the prevailing govt. and the civil society? [+1] [-0]

- A. Authoritarian violence
- B. Iran's nuclear ambitions
- C. Theocracy
- D. All of these
- E. None of these

Q5: It can be safely asserted that such a major shift in Iranian politics _____ imagined by anyone before it actually happened. [+1] [-0]

- A. could have not been
- B. cannot been
- C. could not have been
- D. cannot have been
- E. None of these

Q6- Read the poem and answer the questions that follow.
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[+1]
[-0]

Of in the stilly night, Ere slumber's chain has bound me, Fond memory brings the light Of other days around me.	When I remember all The friends, so link'd together, I've seen around me fall, Like leaves in wintry weather, I feel like one Who treads alone Some banquet-hall deserted, Whose lights are fled, Whose garlands dead, And all but he departed! Thus, in the stilly night Ere slumber's chain has bound me, Sad memory brings the light Of other days around me.
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Q6: "The light of other day's" mean

[+1] [-0]

- A. the wealth that the poet enjoyed in the past.
- B. the bright lights that the poet saw another day.
- C. happy memories of loved ones who are no more.
- D. the change that has come over in the present.
- E. None of these

Q7: 'Ere slumber's chain has bound me' contains a _____ .

[+1] [-0]

- A. simile
- B. metaphor
- C. alliteration
- D. personification
- E. None of these

Q8: In stanza 2 the poet compares himself to _____ .

[+1] [-0]

- A. falling leaves in winter
- B. a deserted banquet-hall
- C. a dead garland
- D. a lonely guest in a banquet-hall
- E. None of these

Q9: 'Some banquet-hall deserted' the poet means

[+1] [-0]

- A. no one in the hall
- B. he refers to the end of wealth and revelry
- C. the poet falls asleep
- D. the poet finds his friends are dead
- E. None of these

Q10: An example of alliteration can be seen in the phrase

[+1] [-0]

- A. slumber's chain
- B. stilly night
- C. wintry weather
- D. banquet-hall deserted
- E. None of these

Q11. Choose the word which is most opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

[+1]
[-0]

Somnolent -

- A. Slumberous
- B. Cajole
- C. Languorous
- D. Vigilant
- E. None of these

Q12. Choose the word which is most opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

[+1]
[-0]

Misbegotten -

- A. Unpremeditated
- B. Despicable
- C. Travesty
- D. Legitimate
- E. None of these

Q13. Pick the most appropriate substitute of the underlined word. In his lectures he reveals himself to be merely a perfunctory speaker.

[+1]
[-0]

- A. agile
- B. pleasing
- C. useless
- D. superficial
- E. None of these

Q14. Pick the most appropriate substitute of the underlined word.

[+1]
[-0]

Plagiarism has become the order of the day in pop music.

- A. shaving off
- B. copying
- C. arousing feelings
- D. creativity
- E. None of these

Q15. Fill in the blank with suitable word.

[+1]
[-0]

The golden rule for one to enjoy life is to ____ oneself to the existing circumstances.

- A. adopt
- B. adept
- C. adapt
- D. accomplish
- E. None of these

Q16. Fill in the blank with suitable word.

[+1]
[-0]

Necessary changes have been ____ in the programme.

- A. assumed
- B. afflicted
- C. affected
- D. effected
- E. None of these

Q17. Choose the correct sequence of sentences to make a meaningful paragraph/sentence.

[+1]
[-0]

- P: to dispose of the waste matter
- Q: the modernisation would reduce
- R: provide better sanitary facilities
- S: manual labour considerably and would also

The proper sequence should be-

- A. SRPQ
- B. QSPR
- C. SRQP
- D. PQSR
- E. None of these

Q18. Choose the correct sequence of sentences to make a meaningful paragraph/sentence.

[+1]
[-0]

P: supported by soft term loan

Q: to supply imported equipment worth Rs 8 crore

R: the Hungarian Government has offered

S: with a very low rate of interest

The proper sequence should be-

- A. RQPS
- B. PSRQ
- C. SRQP
- D. QPSR
- E. None of these

Q19. Select the grammatically correct sentence.

[+1]
[-0]

- A. You and I are guilty.
- B. I, you and he will dine together.
- C. I beg to take your leave.
- D. I beg to take leave of you.
- E. None of these

Q20. Select the grammatically correct sentence.

[+1]
[-0]

- A. Everybody brought their wives with them.
- B. John and Ryan are fond of one another.
- C. One should work hard if one wants to succeed.
- D. He is taller than me.
- E. None of these

Q21. Select the correct spelling.

[+1]
[-0]

- A. prespiration
- B. convenient
- C. consnants
- D. bondaries
- E. None of these

Q22. Select the correct spelling.

[+1]
[-0]

- A. accompaniment
- B. accomodation
- C. accidentaly
- D. accurasy
- E. None of these

Q23. Select the correct option of a sentence in passive voice.

[+1]
[-0]

- A. Whom did you laugh at?
- B. The field was overgrown with grass.
- C. The English expected to conquer Berlin.
- D. They were making a noise.
- E. None of these

Q24. Select the correct option of a sentence in passive voice.

[+1]
[-0]

- A. Did the policeman catch the thief?
- B. Should we pardon her?
- C. Has the window been broken?
- D. Did they win the match?
- E. None of these

Q25. Fill in the blank using the word given in the options.

[+1]
[-0]

The reasoning in this editorial is so _____ that I cannot see how anyone could be convinced by it.

- A. Coherent
- B. Astute
- C. Competent
- D. Incoherent
- E. None of these

Q26. Fill in the blank using the word given in the options.

[+1]
[-0]

The newest fibre optic cables that carry telephone calls are made of glass so ____ that a piece 100km thick is cleaner than a standard windowpane.

- A. fragile
- B. immaculate
- C. tangible
- D. transparent
- E. None of these

Q27. Select the pair that has relationship similar to the given pair. (Analogies)

[+1]
[-0]

Banish : Accept

- A. Reward : Punishment
- B. Request : Assistance
- C. Remove : Result
- D. Welcome : Ally
- E. None of these

Q28. Select the pair that has relationship similar to the given pair. (Analogies).

[+1]
[-0]

Mass : Kilogram

- A. Sweets : Quantity
- B. Earthquake : Richter
- C. Fabric : Yarn
- D. Axe : Sword
- E. None of these

Q29. Fill in the blank with suitable idiom/phrase.

[+1]
[-0]

We used to live in Dallas. That was where our _____

- A. minds had crossed
- B. footpaths had crossed
- C. paths had crossed
- D. cars had crossed
- E. None of these

Q30. Fill in the blank with suitable idiom/phrase.

[+1]
[-0]

That was a _____ . The bus nearly hit the cyclist.

- A. close catch
- B. far call
- C. close signal
- D. close call
- E. None of these

Q31. Select one-word substitute to describe a person.

[+1]
[-0]

A person given to indolent enjoyment

- A. myrmidon
- B. lotus-eater
- C. cavalier
- D. patrician
- E. None of these

Q32. Select one-word substitute to describe a person.

[+1]
[-0]

A person who is always inclined to find faults

- A. Censorious
- B. Egoist
- C. Callous
- D. Bigot
- E. None of these

Q33. Select the root of the following migratory word.

[+1]
[-0]

Penchant -

- A. Greek
- B. French
- C. Latin
- D. Spanish
- E. None of these

Q34. Select the root of the following migratory word.

[+1]
[-0]

Nota bene -

- A. Italian
- B. French
- C. Greek
- D. Latin
- E. None of these

Q35. Select the correct Collective Noun for the following.

[+1]
[-0]

A _____ of cats.

- A. army
- B. clowder
- C. bank
- D. roll
- E. None of these

Q36. Select the correct Collective Noun for the following.

[+1]
[-0]

A _____ of penguins.

- A. school
- B. run
- C. fleet
- D. crèche
- E. None of these

Q37. Select the correct legal vocabulary to express the following statement.

[+1]
[-0]

Something against the law -

- A. Conviction
- B. Claim
- C. Contra jus
- D. Certiorari
- E. None of these

Q38. Select the correct legal vocabulary to express the following statement.

[+1]
[-0]

Principle of non-interference by the government -

- A. Laissez – faire
- B. Intra vires
- C. Lease
- D. In toto
- E. None of these

Q39. Select the correct word pertaining to science/arts.

[+1]
[-0]

The study of eggs -

- A. Orology
- B. Oology
- C. Biology
- D. Penology
- E. None of these

Q40. Select the correct word pertaining to science/arts.

[+1]
[-0]

The art of judging character from the facial features -

- A. Physiology
- B. Pedagogy
- C. Physiognomy
- D. Numismatics
- E. None of these

Q41. Choose the correct literary word for the following.

[+1]
[-0]

To remove the objectionable portions of a book-

- A. Extempore
- B. Excerpt
- C. Expurgate
- D. Epitome
- E. None of these

Q42. Choose the correct literary word for the following.

[+1]
[-0]

A long, loud, often scolding speech addressed to a large gathering.

- A. Hyperbole
- B. Interpolate
- C. Epilogue
- D. Harangue
- E. None of these

Q43. Select an option that you think is correct.

[+1]
[-0]

A friend shares some gossip / rumour with you-

- A. You thank him/her and pass the stories on to others.
- B. Smile and nod.
- C. Check out the facts with other friends.
- D. Politely listen and keep the information to yourself.
- E. None of these

Q44. Select an option that is ethically most appropriate.

[+1]
[-0]

You come across a beggar on the road who seems to be faking it. He/she asks for monetary help.

- A. You should give some money
- B. Watch him/her before helping the beggar.
- C. Offer a chance to work and earn.
- D. Report to the police.
- E. None of these

Q45. Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

[+1]
[-0]

- A. Neither he is a rogue.
- B. He is as strong as me.
- C. She had no other hobby but that of gardening.
- D. Either your brother was there or your cousin.
- E. None of these

Q46. . Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

[+1]
[-0]

- A. Two months have passed since he left school.
- B. A month passed since he had come here.
- C. He asked that where was the school.
- D. She asked me how I am getting ready for the test.
- E. None of these

Q47. Select the sentence with gerund.

[+1]
[-0]

- A. Walking is a good exercise.
- B. I found that he was walking very fast.
- C. You must walk on the left side of the lane.
- D. The travellers preferred to walk on the streets.
- E. None of these

Q48. Select the sentence with gerund.

[+1]
[-0]

- A. Teach me to swim.
- B. To see is to believe.
- C. He is fond of hoarding money.
- D. You need not wait for him.
- E. None of these

Q49. Fill in the blank with correct tense.

[+1]
[-0]

Last night the radio said that the volcano, Etna, in Sicily_____.

- A. will erupt
- B. is erupting
- C. erupts
- D. has to erupt
- E. None of these

Q50. Fill in the blank with correct tenses.

[+1]
[-0]

I wish you _____ louder as I can't hear what you say.

- A. were speaking
- B. spoke
- C. would speak
- D. speak
- E. None of these



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TOTAL QUESTIONS

50

MAX MARKS

50

ANSWER SHEET — 50 QUESTIONS

Q01-Q10		ANSWER		Q11-Q20		ANSWER		Q21-Q30		ANSWER		Q31-Q40		ANSWER		Q41-Q50		ANSWER	
Q01	C	Q11	D	Q21	B	Q31	B	Q41	C										
Q02	B	Q12	D	Q22	A	Q32	A	Q42	D										
Q03	D	Q13	D	Q23	B	Q33	B	Q43	D										
Q04	E	Q14	B	Q24	C	Q34	D	Q44	C										
Q05	C	Q15	C	Q25	D	Q35	B	Q45	C										
Q06	C	Q16	D	Q26	B	Q36	D	Q46	A										
Q07	B	Q17	D	Q27	A	Q37	C	Q47	A										
Q08	C	Q18	B	Q28	B	Q38	A	Q48	C										
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