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## Spell Talent Olympiad

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CLASS / GRADE

**Class 9**

SUBJECT

**IFSTO**

DURATION

**60 Min**

MAX MARKS

**60**

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- Rough work should be done separately. Do not write on question paper.

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Five options per question (A, B, C, D, E). Select the single most appropriate answer.

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- Q1.** Select the wrongly spelt word. [+1]  
[-0]
- A. Jubilant
  - B. Agreement
  - C. Secretery
  - D. Manganese
  - E. None of these
- Q2.** Select the wrongly spelt word. [+1]  
[-0]
- A. Observatory
  - B. Intestine
  - C. Mandatory
  - D. Immunology
  - E. None of these
- Q3.** Select the wrongly spelt word. [+1]  
[-0]
- A. Vartelrate
  - B. Ostentation
  - C. Irrigation
  - D. Malignantly
  - E. None of these
- Q4.** Select the wrongly spelt word. [+1]  
[-0]
- A. Professor
  - B. Mournful
  - C. Occasion
  - D. Husbandry
  - E. None of these
- Q5.** Select the wrongly spelt word. [+1]  
[-0]
- A. Ingenious
  - B. Agarian
  - C. Inflammation
  - D. Electorate
  - E. None of these
- Q6.** Find the number of misspelt words in a sentence. [+1]  
[-0]
- Many ramidies are suggested for the avodance of worry and mental overatain by people.
- A. 1
  - B. 4
  - C. 3
  - D. 2
  - E. None of these

**Q7.** Find the number of misspelt words in a sentence.

[+1]  
[-0]

Over prolonged periods people may have to bear exceptional responsibilities and discharge duties upon a large scale.

- A. 2
- B. 1
- C. 3
- D. 4
- E. None of these

**Q8.** Find the number of misspelt words in a sentence.

[+1]  
[-0]

Some counsel travel, some retreat. While some praise subtlety and others gentry.

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 0
- D. 5
- E. None of these

**Q9.** Find the number of misspelt words in a sentence.

[+1]  
[-0]

All these may play their part according to the individual temperament.

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
- E. None of these

**Q10.** Find the number of misspelt words in a sentence.

[+1]  
[-0]

The element which is constant in all of them is change.

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
- E. None of these

**Q11.** Choose the correct pronoun to fill in the blank.

[+1]  
[-0]

He plays better than \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. I
- B. me
- C. myself
- D. mine
- E. None of these

**Q12.** Choose the correct pronoun to fill in the blank.

[+1]  
[-0]

One should love \_\_\_\_\_ country.

- A. his
- B. once
- C. one's
- D. ones'
- E. None of these

**Q13.** Choose the correct pronoun to fill in the blank.

[+1]  
[-0]

The prize was given to the girl \_\_\_\_\_ they said was the best.

- A. who
- B. whom
- C. whose
- D. that
- E. None of these

**Q14.** Choose the correct pronoun to fill in the blank.

[+1]  
[-0]

\_\_\_\_\_ are you referring to ?

- A. who
- B. that
- C. whom
- D. which
- E. None of these

**Q15.** Choose the correct pronoun to fill in the blank.

[+1]  
[-0]

The army decided to disobey \_\_\_\_\_ commander.

- A. its
- B. his
- C. their
- D. it's
- E. None of these

**Q16.** Choose the most appropriate preposition to fill in the blank.

[+1]  
[-0]

I complimented him \_\_\_\_\_ his brilliant success.

- A. over
- B. for
- C. to
- D. on
- E. None of these

**Q17.** Choose the most appropriate preposition to fill in the blank.

[+1]  
[-0]

He was heartbroken \_\_\_\_\_ Mary's indifference to him.

- A. at
- B. on
- C. over
- D. upon
- E. None of these

**Q18.** Choose the most appropriate preposition to fill in the blank.

[+1]  
[-0]

I challenged him \_\_\_\_\_ a game of chess.

- A. for
- B. to
- C. against
- D. about
- E. None of these

**Q19.** Choose the most appropriate preposition to fill in the blank.

[+1]  
[-0]

In an election those in power should feel obliged to compete \_\_\_\_\_ their opponents on equal terms.

- A. with
- B. towards
- C. against
- D. on
- E. None of these

**Q20.** Choose the most appropriate preposition to fill in the blank.

[+1]  
[-0]

Nobody \_\_\_\_\_ you could be so selfish.

- A. of
- B. but
- C. from
- D. on
- E. None of these

**Q21.** Fill in the blank with the choice that is most suitable.

[+1]  
[-0]

Sing is to hum as talk is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. shout
- B. mumble
- C. murmur
- D. whisper
- E. None of these

**Q22.** Fill in the blank with the choice that is most suitable.

[+1]  
[-0]

Request is to entreat as question is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. demand
- B. require
- C. exact
- D. probe
- E. None of these

**Q23.** Fill in the blank with the choice that is most suitable.

[+1]  
[-0]

Air is to man as water is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. plants
- B. reptiles
- C. amphibians
- D. life
- E. None of these

**Q24.** Fill in the blank with the choice that is most suitable.

[+1]  
[-0]

Bacteria is to illness as \_\_\_\_\_ is to explosion.

- A. bomb
- B. explosives
- C. fire
- D. ammunition
- E. None of these

**Q25.** Fill in the blank with the choice that is most suitable.

[+1]  
[-0]

Solicit is to beg as ask is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. inquire
- B. demand
- C. require
- D. snatch
- E. None of these

**Q26.** Choose the correct synonym of the given word.

[+1]  
[-0]

Imminent

- A. certain
- B. immaterial
- C. impending
- D. unlawful
- E. None of these

**Q27.** Choose the correct synonym of the given word.

[+1]  
[-0]

Haughty.

- A. Umpire
- B. Despot
- C. Imperious
- D. Worthless
- E. None of these

**Q28.** Choose the correct synonym of the given word.

[+1]  
[-0]

Adversity

- A. blemish
- B. tumult
- C. misfortune
- D. Fret
- E. None of these

**Q29.** Choose the correct synonym of the given word.

[+1]  
[-0]

Callous

- A. Low
- B. Brittle
- C. Base
- D. Cruel
- E. None of these

**Q30.** Choose the correct synonym of the given word.

[+1]  
[-0]

Happy

- A. gloomy
- B. agreeable
- C. judicious
- D. exultant
- E. None of these

**Q31.** Choose the word which is most nearly the opposite to the underlined word.

[+1]  
[-0]

Endemic -

- A. Decorative
- B. Frustrating
- C. Terrorising
- D. Universal
- E. None of these

**Q32.** Choose the word which is most nearly the opposite to the underlined word.

[+1]  
[-0]

Antidote -

- A. Medicine
- B. Poison
- C. anodyne
- D. amity
- E. None of these

**Q33.** Choose the word which is most nearly the opposite to the underlined word.

[+1]  
[-0]

Parochial -

- A. Dogmatic
- B. Dominant
- C. Cosmopolitan
- D. Niggardly
- E. None of these

**Q34.** Choose the word which is most nearly the opposite to the underlined word.

[+1]  
[-0]

Perennial -

- A. Annual
- B. Rare
- C. Lasting
- D. Frequent
- E. None of these

**Q35.** Choose the word which is most nearly the opposite to the underlined word.

[+1]  
[-0]

Ductile -

- A. Virtuous
- B. Grotesque
- C. Contentious
- D. Stubborn
- E. None of these

**Q36.** Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idiom.

[+1]  
[-0]

Mr Wilson, who is one of the trustees of a big charity, is suspected of feathering his own nest.

- A. being lazy in doing his work
- B. being too generous
- C. neglecting his job
- D. making money unfairly
- E. None of these

**Q37.** Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idiom.

[+1]  
[-0]

Ms Hashmi has been in the blues for the last several weeks.

- A. abroad
- B. unwell
- C. depressed
- D. penniless
- E. None of these

**Q38.** Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idiom.

[+1]  
[-0]

For the first week, the apprentice felt like a fish out of water.

- A. frustrated
- B. homeless
- C. disappointed
- D. uncomfortable
- E. None of these

**Q39.** Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idiom.

[+1]  
[-0]

He refused to be led by the nose.

- A. to follow like an animal
- B. to be treated as a fool
- C. to follow submissively
- D. to be treated violently
- E. None of these

**Q40.** Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idiom.

[+1]  
[-0]

In the competition Ryan was known for the gift of the gab.

- A. gift of hard work
- B. gift underserved
- C. gift of being a good elocutionist
- D. gift from the guest
- E. None of these

**Q41.** Choose the correct option which is the meaning of the given foreign word.

[+1]  
[-0]

Bona fide :

- A. identity card
- B. without doubt
- C. in good faith
- D. indispensable condition
- E. None of these

**Q42.** Choose the correct option which is the meaning of the given foreign word.

[+1]  
[-0]

Status quo :

- A. legally valid
- B. present condition
- C. social position
- D. side remark
- E. None of these

**Q43.** Choose the correct option which is the meaning of the given foreign word.

[+1]  
[-0]

Vice versa :

- A. in versa
- B. versatile verse
- C. in consonance with
- D. the other way round
- E. None of these

**Q44.** Choose the correct option which is the meaning of the given foreign word.

[+1]  
[-0]

Charade :

- A. series
- B. charter
- C. pretense
- D. spate
- E. None of these

**Q45.** Choose the correct option which is the meaning of the given foreign word.

[+1]  
[-0]

Alibi :

- A. every where
- B. else where
- C. no where
- D. excuse
- E. None of these

**Q46.** Choose the correct collective noun.

[+1]  
[-0]

A \_\_\_\_\_ of bacteria.

- A. group
- B. culture
- C. team
- D. bevy
- E. None of these

**Q47.** Choose the correct collective noun.

[+1]  
[-0]

A \_\_\_\_\_ of cash.

- A. pack
- B. envelop
- C. wad
- D. clutch
- E. None of these

**Q48.** Choose the correct collective noun.

[+1]  
[-0]

A \_\_\_\_\_ of falcons.

- A. cast
- B. team
- C. bouquet
- D. draught
- E. None of these

**Q49.** Choose the correct collective noun.

[+1]  
[-0]

A \_\_\_\_\_ of performers.

- A. group
- B. team
- C. cache
- D. troupe
- E. None of these

**Q50.** Choose the correct collective noun.

[+1]  
[-0]

A \_\_\_\_\_ of witches.

- A. coven
- B. pack
- C. herd
- D. class
- E. None of these

**Q51.** Choose the word which conveys the idea of the expression.

[+1]  
[-0]

One who is insensible to kind thought

- A. Callous
- B. Unsympathetic
- C. Inconsiderate
- D. Unkind
- E. None of these

**Q52.** Choose the word which conveys the idea of the expression.

[+1]  
[-0]

A long narrative poem

- A. elegy
- B. epic
- C. ode
- D. epilogue
- E. None of these

**Q53.** Choose the word which conveys the idea of the expression.

[+1]  
[-0]

A style that is full of words

- A. bombastic
- B. verbose
- C. elegant
- D. complicated
- E. None of these

**Q54.** Choose the word which conveys the idea of the expression.

[+1]  
[-0]

Science of the study of old age

- A. anthropology
- B. gerontology
- C. exobiology
- D. genetics
- E. None of these

**Q55.** Choose the word which conveys the idea of the expression.

[+1]  
[-0]

A style in which a writer seeks to display his knowledge

- A. pedantic
- B. superficial
- C. showy
- D. extravagant
- E. None of these

**Q56.** Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

[+1]  
[-0]

- A. He left the house without anyone's knowing.
- B. Neither of them have tried to win the match.
- C. I hope you will excuse me learning early.
- D. Twenty miles are a big distance indeed.
- E. None of the these

**Q57.** Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

[+1]  
[-0]

- A. We enjoyed our self at the picnic.
- B. It's not her, it's me.
- C. Can this be the face which launched a thousand ship?
- D. Death is preferable to dishonour.
- E. None of these

**Q58.** Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

[+1]  
[-0]

- A. Rose is more taller than her sister.
- B. He explained his meaning much clearly.
- C. He set off for the city.
- D. He is a young man with quiet habit.
- E. None of these

**Q59.** Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

[+1]  
[-0]

- A. Open the knot
- B. Everyone was asked to pick up the flower one liked.
- C. As there being nothing to do, we went home.
- D. People often boast of their achievements.
- E. None of these

**Q60.** Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

[+1]  
[-0]

- A. The tables' legs are broken.
- B. He gave me some advices.
- C. There are ten sheeps and five deers in the farm.
- D. Between you and me, he is the culprit.
- E. None of these

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## ANSWER SHEET — 60 QUESTIONS

Q01-Q12	ANSWER	Q13-Q24	ANSWER	Q25-Q36	ANSWER	Q37-Q48	ANSWER	Q49-Q60	ANSWER
01	C	13	B	25	A	37	C	49	D
02	D	14	C	26	C	38	D	50	A
03	A	15	C	27	C	39	C	51	A
04	D	16	D	28	C	40	C	52	B
05	B	17	C	29	D	41	C	53	B
06	C	18	B	30	D	42	B	54	B
07	A	19	A	31	D	43	D	55	A
08	B	20	B	32	B	44	C	56	A
09	B	21	D	33	C	45	D	57	B
10	A	22	D	34	C	46	B	58	C
11	B	23	C	35	D	47	C	59	D
12	C	24	B	36	D	48	A	60	D

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