

Syllabus & Format Of Olympiad



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*The duration of the test paper is 60 minutes.

Pattern Of Paper

Total Marks: 60

Section Names	Section Details	Number of Questions
Word Knowledge	Assesses understanding and spelling of words, Plurals, Compound Words, Grammar questions, Antonyms, Synonyms, Vocabulary	20
Word Fun	Word meanings, homonyms, alphabetical order, collective nouns, abstract nouns, Jumbled words, onomatopoeia, Spelling rules, Word patterns, Prefix, Suffix, Root words, Similies, Idioms, Proverbs	20
HOTS	Higher Order Thinking Questions based on Section A & B	20
Grand Total		60

Note: The syllabus will include Word List from Classes 1 to 9.
Upto 40% to 50% of the questions may have words outside of the list.

Variety of questions based on the following word list. Different format of questions are available in the sample paper.



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STEM Words: agrarian, apiculture, artery, bone, cartilage, conservation, conversation, cowshed, cultivation, cultivator, deforestation, equipment, exploitation, farmland, femur, ferry, fishery, freight, funnel, galaxy, gland, haulage, horticulture, husbandry, immunology, intestine, irrigation, kidney, ligament, liver, livestock, logistics, malnutrition, manure, measure, meteorology, nerve, observatory, pancreas, pasture, peninsula, pesticide, petroleum, pipette, plateau, plough, pollution, portable, preservation, printer, sandpaper, scanner, seismology, shipment, shuttle, skeleton, skull, spleen, stylus, telecommunication, tissue, vertebrate

Professionals/Doctors: anesthesiologist, cardiologist, collector, dermatologist, gynecologist, mathematician, nephrologist, neurologist, obstetrician, ocularist, oncologist, ophthalmologist, otolaryngologist, pastor, pediatrician, pharmacist, professor, psychiatrist, radiologist, receptionist, veterinarian, waitress

Government and Economy: amendment, census, citizenship, debt, defence, demonstration, document, election, electorate, executive, government, representative, troupe

Education: guidance, literacy, pedagogy, progress, schooling, vocabulary, vocation, blubber, campaign, demonstrate, extinguisher, gimmick, Halloween, intelligence, legitimate, neighborhood, pretzel, sarcastic, treasurer, underneath

Prefix: ante(date, etc.), de(motivate, etc.), dis(integrate, etc.), epi(dermis, etc.), fore(word, etc.), hyper(active, etc.), im(patient, etc.), main(land, etc.), mis(interpret, etc.), omni(potent, etc.), para(dox, etc.), re(unite, etc.), semi(conscious, etc.), sub(merge, etc.), thermo(meter, etc.), under(graduate, etc.), up(bringing, etc.)

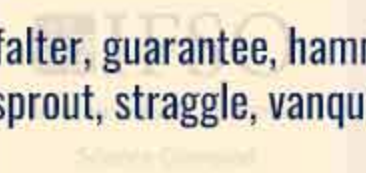
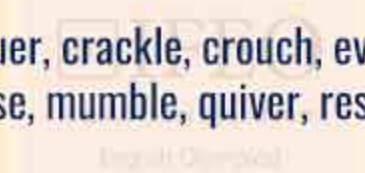
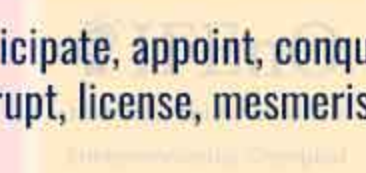
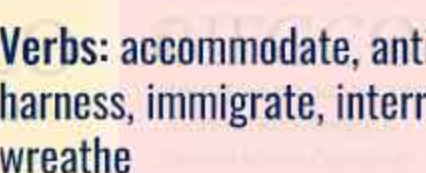
Suffix (acy, al, ary, gamy, hood, ial, ist, ment, ship): fall(acy), accident(al), fiction(al), region(al), second(ary), poly(gamy), child(hood), mother(hood), editor(ial), hero(ism), art(ist), accomplish(ment), refine(ment), scholar(ship)

Adjectives: burning, cautious, challenging, clumsy, comfortable, crowded, cunning, curious, dangerous, distinguished, fabulous, faithful, federal, fundamental, gaseous, generous, handsome, hilarious, numerous, obstinate, onward, popular, powerful, precious, proclaim, professional, splendid, squeaky, unitary, unsustainable

Adverbs: abruptly, absolutely, almost, anxiously, deliberately, diligently, financially, horribly, lifelessly, occasionally, patiently, randomly, savagely, seldom, sometime, upwards, willingly

Abstract Nouns: disgust, gratitude

Verbs: accommodate, anticipate, appoint, conquer, crackle, crouch, evaporate, exaggerate, falter, guarantee, hammer, harness, immigrate, interrupt, license, mesmerise, mumble, quiver, respite, snore, sprinkle, sprout, straggle, vanquish, wreathe



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Synonyms: bewilder-perplex, conscious-aware, disciple-follower, embellish-decorate, fatigue-tiredness, gratitude-thankful, humility-humble, persuade-convince, scatter-disperse, unlucky-unfortunate

Antonyms: afflict-please, applaud-blame, compulsory-voluntary, courage-cowardice, courteous-discourteous, embarrass-delight, generous-stingy, important-trivial, servile-dominant

Proverbs: A bad excuse is better than none at all, A drowning man will clutch at a straw, A fool may earn money, but it takes a wise man to spend it, A friend's frown is better than a fool's smile, A man in debt is caught in a net, A rolling stone gathers no moss, A wise man changes his mind sometimes, a fool never, An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, Appearances can be deceptive, Barking dogs seldom bite, Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, Better to be poor and healthy rather than rich and sick, Cowards die many times before their death, Discretion is the better part of valour, Don't place all your eggs in one basket, Familiarity breeds contempt, Keep your friends close and your enemies closer, You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink

Idioms: a blessing in disguise, a flash in the pan, birds of a feather flock together, caught between the devil and the deep blue sea, do unto others as you would have them do unto you, don't cry over spilt milk, drag one's feet, face the music, get a taste of your own medicine, go against the grain, hand in glove, hold your horses, move heaven and earth, play devil's advocate, the devil is in the details, the elephant in the room, there's no such thing as a free lunch, turn a deaf ear, when pigs fly

Compound Words: backspace, farmhouse, farmyard, framework, full moon, gallstone, gearshift, headquarters, honeycomb, moreover, superego, undercharge, undercover, widespread

Homonyms & Homophones: alter-altar, compliment- complement, course-coarse, elicit-illicit, eminent-imminent, flower-flour, grown-groan, hoarse-horse, loan-lone, match-match, meddle-medal, meet-meat, pale-pail, peace-piece, principle-principal, weak-week

Words with Silent Letters: apostle, circuit, colonel, consign, diaphragm, feign, gnaw, hedge, hymn, knuckle, pneumonia, raspberry, wrestle, yolk

Double Letter Words: allegiance, applaud, battalion, brilliant, dissolve, illusion, illustration, obsession, occasion, occult, seer, skiing, strolling, summit, unforgettable, upkeep, webbed

Evil Words (Words likely to be spelt incorrectly): gaggle, obstacle, optimism, precipitation, renaissance, scrubber, shoal



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More Words arranged in alphabetical order:

Abbreviation, aberration, abhor, ablution, abominable, aboriginal, abrasive, abstract, abyss, accentuated, accession, accomplice, acquaint, acquaintance, acrophobia, actuator, adept, advantageous, affliction, affluent, agitation, aglow, agoraphobia, albatross, aldehyde, allopathy, aloofness, ambiguous, amid, ancestry, announce, anthropology, antipathy, antiquated, apathetic, appropriation, arachnophobia, arbitrate, archaic, archive, arsenal, artifice, asafetida, assassination, astounding, astraphobia, astute, atrophy, audacious, avarice, Behemoth, belligerent, benign, beryllium, betrayal, bicentennial., billionaire, bondage, boomerang, bougainvillea, brutal, bulldoze, buoyant, Calligraphy, callous, calumny, canny, canvass, captivating, carfare, caricature, cassowary, caucus, chassis, chastise, chemotherapy, choirboy, chronic, circumscribe, circumvent, claustrophobia, clergy, coherent, coiffure, collage, collision, colossal, combustion, commemorate, commend, commensurate, complementary, complimentary, composed, composure, comrade, conceited, concentric, conceptually, concurring, condemn, condemnable, confederation, confound, conjecture, conjoint, connoisseur, conscientious, conscription, conservative, conserve, console, constellation, constituent, construe, contemporary, contender, contravene, controversy, conundrum, conventional, convergent, convulsion, corroborate, corrugate, cowardice, cranky, croquette, crucifixion, culmination, culpable, Dainty, daunted, dawdle, dazzling, debonair, debutant, decommission, dejection, delectable, demagogue, dementia, demolish, dermis, descendant, deserving, despicable, detective, detrimental, devastate, deviate, devotion, dexterous, dialectologist, didactic, dilapidated, diminutive, discerning, disciple, discordant, disgruntled, disinherit, dissipate, distant, distinguish, disyllabic, diurnal, divergent, divert, docile, doctrine, doomed, downsize, draught, dreary, ductile, Eccentric, economical, egregious, elicit, eligibility, eloquence, emancipate, emollient, endearing, enduring, enervate, enervating, enlightened, enophile, entomologist, enunciate, envisage, ephemeral, equilibrium, estuary, euthanasia, eventful, excruciating, exhilarating, expatriate, expository, exterminate, Façade, facet, facetious, factoid, famished, felicity, fervent, fidelity, flavonoids, fluctuate, forebode, forgiving, forsake, fraudulent, frivolous, fructose, fulminate, futuristic, Garrulous, gauche, georgette, geranium, gingerly, glamorous, gratuity, grenadier, Haemorrhage, hallucination, haste, heinous, heist, hermitage, hiss, homoeopathy, hydrophobia, hypochondria, hypotenuse, hypothalamus, hysterical, Idiolect, illogical, illumine, imagery, imitation, immaculate, impeccable, imperious, impertinent, impetus, implacable, impotent, impromptu, inchoate, indict, indignation, indispensable, inedible, ingenious, insomnia, intentional, interlocutor, intermittent, intonation, intransigent, invalidate, invigorating, irrevocable, isolation, Jeopardize, jewfish, jinx,



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Lacklustre, landlubber, lanky, lavish, lecherous, legalistic, legendry, leguminous, leucotomy, leukaemia, limnologist, linchpin, linguist, liquorice, loathsome, lowbrow, lucrative, ludicrous, lumber, lustrous,
 Malicious, malignity, malodorous, maniac, manoeuvre, marsupial, megalomania, megawatt, menacing, metalloid, meteoroid, mileage, millennium, misogynist, misquote, moderation, moist, monumental, muesli,
 Nasturtium, nebulous, negligence, negligent, nemesis, neophyte, nigella, nimble, nonchalant, nougat, numismatist,
 Obituary, obscure, occurrence, odour, oesophagus, offbeat, offshoot, onerous, originate, ornithologist, ostentatious, outrageous,
 Padre, palliate, paradigm, parched, parlance, parole, patronize, pedlar, penurious, perplex, perseverance, perspicuous, persuasive, pertain, phenomenon, philanthropist, philatelist, philistine, philologist, philosopher, phosphoric, physiognomy, plagiarized, plummet, poise, populace, porpoise, portcullis, portfolio, portmanteau, posterity, posthumously, postnuptial, potamologist, poultice, practical, precipitate, precursor, predicament, preponderance, preposterous, pretext, probability, proficient, progeny, prognosis, promptness, propaganda, prosecution, prosper, protocol, pulverized, pury,
 Quaking, quibble,
 Rancour, ravenous, ravine, rebuff, recede, recompose, recondite, recuperate, recurrent, rehabilitation, reinstate, rejuvenate, relent, remoteness, renegade, renounce, renovate, repercussion, reprehensible, reprieve, repugnant, repulsive, requisition, residue, resilient, respectable, resplendent, resuscitation, retardation, retribution, revelation, reverberate, revere, reverie, revulsion, rhetoric, rhombus, rival, ruffian,
 Sabotage, sacrilege, salubrious, sanctimonious, sangfroid, sanguine, sauntering, scabbard, scholarly, scullery, segregation, senile, sensible, serendipity, Sherpa, shirk, shuck, shudder, shun, silhouette, simulate, simulator, simulcast, sinuate, skedaddle, skilful, skulduggery, sleazebag, sleuthing, slingbacks, sloganeering, sluggish, smithereens, smokestack, snivelling, snorkelling, soapsuds, sobriquet, solicit, somersault, sophisticated, soppy, sparse, spectre, spendthrift, spontaneous, spurious, spurn, squadron, stagger, stalemate, stalwart, steak, stellar, stenographer, stoic, strand, strident, stunted, stupendous, subjective, subjugate, submissive, subterfuge, succumb, sumptuous, supernatural, surreptitious, surveillance, susceptible, sycophantic, symmetrical, symphony, symptom, syndrome,
 Tandem, technophile, technophobe, teetotaller, telepathy, temperament, tenacious, tessellate, tetrahedron, therapeutic, thesaurus, thesis, thingamabob, thistledown, thrift, thumbscrew, thumping, tiddlywink, timidity, tormentor, towering, treachery, tremendous, trepidation, trespassers, trigonometry, tryst, turbulence, turbulent, turncoat, tussle, tutelage,
 Ubiquitous, uncivilized, undertake, unerringly, unguent, unlettered, unobtrusive, unpretentious, unrelenting, untoward, upbraid, uprising, urbane,
 Valiant, valuation, vengeance, verbiage, verbosity, verily, vestibule, vestige, veteran, vibrant, virile, virulent, voracity,
 Wanderlust, warble, watchful, waver, weariness, willowy, winsome, wiry, witless, witticism, woodlouse, wrangle, wreak, writhe,
 Xenophobia,
 Zealot, zeppelin

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IFCoO International Foundation Commerce Olympiad	IFWMuO International Foundation Women's M.U.O. Olympiad	IFSaO International Foundation Sanskrit Olympiad	IFIMuO International Foundation Indian Music Olympiad	IFCO International Foundation Cyber Olympiad	IFSTO International Foundation Spell Talent Olympiad	IFRAO International Foundation Reasoning & Aptitude Olympiad