

Syllabus & Format Of Olympiad



International Foundation Spell Talent Olympiad (IFSTO)

*The duration of the test paper is 60 minutes.

Pattern Of Paper

Total Marks: 60

Section Names	Section Details	Number of Questions
Definitions & Words	Assesses understanding and spelling of words	05
Word Knowledge	Antonyms, synonyms, compound words, grammar	10
Word wise	Word meanings, homonyms, alphabetical order, collective nouns, abstract nouns, Jumbled words, onomatopoeia	15
Word Study	Spelling rules, word patterns, prefix, suffix, root words, similies	15
Spell well	Vocabulary	10
Pictionary	Words and images	05
Grand Total		60

Note: The syllabus will include Word List from Classes 1 to 3.
Upto 20% 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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Collective nouns : Constellation, troupe, horde, menagerie, kindle

Plurals: bacterium – bacteria, video – videos, photo – photos, buoy – buoys, gypsy – gypsies, storey – storeys, proof – proofs

Homophones: cease – seize, current – currant, choose – chews, board – bored, compliment – complement, colonel – kernel

Similies: as black as coal , as mischievous as a monkey, as docile as a lamb, as cool as cucumber, as dark as a dungeon, as slippery as an eel, as agile as a cat

Root words: bene (factor), therm (at) , aqua (rium) , homo (graph) , and (ition)

Education: academic, alphabet, competition, curriculum, dialogue, discipline, experience, information, instruction, internship, jingle, knowledge, literature, recipient, scholar, scholarship, training, tuition

Science and Technology: amphibian, animation, attraction, axis, biodiversity, biosphere, bookmark, compression, creature, cyberspace, deforestation, eclipse, ecology, ecosystem, environment, epicentre, equator, evolution, firewall, genetics, geology, gravity, interface, laboratory, malware, measure, ocean, planet, processor, radiation, renewable, resistor, resource, robotics, rotation, router, satellite, scientific, server, transpiration

Clothing: blanket, slacks, sweatshirt

Aquatic Life: dugong, grouper, haddock, halibut, herring, prawn, puffin, seagull, seal, waterweed

Occupation: actress, author, blacksmith, businessman, carpenter, coach, electrician, engineer, fisherman, goldsmith, hairdresser, judge, lawyer, mason, mechanic, narrator, peon, plumber, politician, reporter, scientist, sportsman, surgeon, trainer, wrestler

Sports: archery, baseball, challenge, gymnastics, rugby, skateboarding, swimming, volleyball, weightlifting, wrestling



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Transport and Communication: conveyance, helicopter, motorcycle, roadway, tablet, telephone

Abstract Nouns: courage, creativity, curiosity, delight, fearlessness, guilt, innocent, pleasure, pride, quietness, shame, sorrow

Prefix: auto(close, pilot, etc.), dis(obey, respect, etc.), fore(cast, head, etc.), im(port, possible, etc.), in(ability, definite, etc.), mid(life, way, etc.), mis(behave, fortune, understand, etc.), pre(cast, determine, etc.), re(build, call, discover, etc.), semi(automatic, circle, final, etc.), sub(marine, merge, etc.), un(aware, close, conscious, etc.), uni(directional, lateral, etc.)

Suffix (able, al, ance, ant, ence, est, ful, ial, ion, ish, ize, less, ly, st): agree(able), accident(al), origin(al), politic(al), accept(ance), perform(ance), account(ant), contest(ant), differ(ence), exist(ence), refer(ence), infer(ence), fast(est), high(est), low(est), delight(ful), financ(ial), part(ial), president(ial), prevent(ion), child(ish), general(ize), modern(ize), hope(less), hopeful(ly), natural(ly), pleasant(ly), adamant(ly), bad(ly), simple(st)

Adjectives: appropriate, attentive, awake, blind, brief, creative, cruel, delicious, efficient, entire, essential, extraordinary, fluent, greedy, handsome, harsh, heroic, horrible, intelligent, invisible, peculiar, polite, queer, shabby, strange, timid

Adverbs: absolutely, accurately, adoringly, awkwardly, beneath, brutally, certainly, frequently, never, positively, previously, quickly, rapidly, urgently, warmly, wishfully

Verbs: accept, accuse, agree, argue, believe, blame, breathe, buckle, chatter, chirp, communicate, congratulate, consider, debate, discuss, elope, exclaim, gasp, gather, gaze, gleam, graze, hail, irritate, obey, observe, quarrel, rescue, search, shatter, tickle, twirl, understand, verify, whisper

Synonyms: ability-capacity, cease-stop, firm-strong, gather-collect, giggle-laugh, honest-faithful, horrible-terrible, interesting-exciting, mistake-error, opportunity-chance, plenty-abundance, reject-deny, reward-prize, round-circular, sincere-honest, stable-fixed, unfortunate-unlucky, wonderful-amazing, wrong-incorrect

Antonyms: bitter-sweet, decline-accept, defend-harm, definite-indefinite, exterior-interior, fail-succeed, forever-never, fortunate-unfortunate, gloomy-cheerful, greedy-charitable, healthy-diseased, intentional-accidental, merry-serious, patient-agitated, polite-rude, relax-stress, strange-familiar, triumph-fail, ugly-beautiful



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Compound Words: beehive, blackmail, brainstorm, briefcase, copyright, crossword, earthquake, farmhouse, farmyard, father-in-law, fingerprint, french fry, full moon, hillside, ice cream, moonlight, notebook, raincoat, real estate, thunderstorm, toothpaste, video game, waistcoat, wonderland

Words with Silent Letters: ballet, bridge, champagne, colleague, column, edge, foreign, grudge, guard, heir, island, knit, knot, length, neighbour, often, receipt, strength, though, tongue, wrist

Double Letter Words: across, button, clatter, gossip, hurry, illicit, lagoon, loot, mammal, messy, offend, possible, programme, saddle, seepage, spree, summary, syllabus, tariff

Masculine and Feminine: bachelor-maid, bridegroom-bride, dog-bitch, drake-duck, drone-bee, duke-duchess, emperor-empress, heir-heiress, hero-heroine, horse-mare, host-hostess, master-mistress, nephew-niece, poet-poetess, policeman-policewoman, priest-priestess, widower-widow, wizard-witch

Evil Words (Words likely to be spelt incorrectly): accommodation, address, admittance, ancestor, anxiety, aquarium, bachelor, beginning, committee, computer, disappoint, necessary, plentiful, safety, trespass

