

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, idioms, proverbs	15
Spell well	Vocabulary	10
Pictionary	Words and images	05
Grand Total		60

Note: The syllabus will include Word List from Classes 1 to 4.
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 : kindle, audience, clutch, parliament, anthology

Root words : chron (icle), ambi (guous), fort (ress), fac (tory), contra(dict), cent (ury), matri (arch)

Sports : taekwondo, bowling, dodgeball, canoeing, croquet, billiards, skiing

Proverbs: kindness begets kindness, make hay while the Sun shines , A bad workman always blames his tools, A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, A chain is only as strong as its weakest link, A journey of thousand miles begins with a single step, Actions speak louder than words, Adversity and loss make a man wise, All that glitters is not gold, An empty vessel makes much noise, An idle brain is the devil's workshop, Cleanliness is next to Godliness, Don't count your chickens before they hatch, Don't kill the goose that lays the golden eggs, Early bird catches the worm, Every cloud has a silver lining, Every man is the architect of his destiny, Fortune favours the brave, Good things come to those who wait, Hope for the best, prepare for the worst, If you want something done right, you have to do it yourself, Necessity is the mother of invention, The pen is mightier than the sword, There is no time like the present, To gain something you have to lose something

Idioms: On cloud nine, water under the bridge, upset the apple cart, a dime a dozen, a penny saved is a penny earned, a piece of cake, an eye for an eye and a tooth for tooth, barking up the wrong tree, between the devil and the deep blue sea, bite off more than you can chew, blow your own trumpet, burn the candle at both ends, eat like a horse, give someone the benefit of the doubt, head in the clouds, in the same breath, keep someone at arm's length, left out in the cold, once in a blue moon, pay someone back in his/her own coin, see eye to eye, sell like hot cakes, small cog in a large wheel, take away your breath

Compound Words: babysitter, backstage, backtrack, barefoot, basketball brainstorm, campfire, candlestick, chairperson, championship, cornmeal, countdown, counterpart, courtyard, crossover, daredevil, dashboard, dishwasher, eardrum, fingernail, flowerpot, guard rail, lighthouse, meanwhile, pancake, popcorn, roommate, skateboard, somewhere, spokesperson, therefore, underdog



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STEM Words : appliance, astronomy, atmosphere, broadcasting, canyon, celestial, communication, cosmic, cosmogony, cosmography, crust, degradation, density, electricity, equipment, erosion, extinct, gadget, galaxy, glacier, gravitation, joystick, landmass, livelihood, loam, magma, membrane, microscope, organism, oxygen, revolution, species, toxic, visual, wildlife

Household Items : bedding, blanket, blender, blower, bookcase, ceiling, conditioner, dryer, geyser, mattress, microwave, refrigerator, utensil

Agriculture : agronomy, biofuel, breeding, cereal, decomposition, domestication, drought, fertilizer, gardening, harvest, insecticide, peasant, plantation, poultry, textile

Education / Government Affairs : bureaucracy, pedagogy, guidance, literacy, syllabi, account, allegiance, article, balance, ballot, budget, cabinet, census, chronicle, chronology, constitution, coordination, court, executive, freedom, judiciary, legislative, liberty, parliament, president, procedure, resemble, strategy

Occupation : accountant, architect, assistant astronomer, beautician, carpenter, chauffeur, engineer firefighter, hairdresser, historian, journalist, magician, musician

appetite, bouquet, brace, catalogue, complicate, considerate, disappoint, dismantle, embarrass, extinguisher, journal, popularity, ridiculous, scramble, scratch, worthless

Prefix : anti(biotic, dote, etc.) de(escalate, frost, value, etc.) il(legal, logical, etc.), im(possible, etc.), ir(responsible, etc.), mono(chrome, tone, etc.), pre(determine, fix, etc.), re(affirm, discover, turn, etc.), semi(circle, final, etc.), super(star, etc.), trans(port, etc.), tri(cycle, etc.)

Suffix (able, age, al, ant, ate, cy, en, ful, ian, ic, ion) : prevent(able), pilgrim(age), wreck(age), nature(al), vigil(ant), affection(ate), accurate(cy), candidate(cy), strength(en), wonder(ful), library(ian), magic(ian), alcohol(ic), workahol(ic), create(ion), narrate(ion)

Adjectives : abandoned, absolute, adjacent, aggressive, aggressive, ancient, apparent, approximate, approximate, ashamed, attractive, available, baggy, bare, biodegradable, boisterous, bountiful, brilliant, caring, challenging, comfortable, continent, convenient, cosmic, courageous, courteous, devastated, disposable, disposable, equivalent, excellent, excited, extinct, faithful, feeble, frigid, generous, gigantic, gigantic, grateful, hilarious, impatient, imperative, impressive, inappropriate, incredible, industrious, loyal, medicinal, miniature, noble, primitive, realistic, return, savage, shrewd, slender, solitary, stern, sustainable, thrifty, transparent, unique, wealthy



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Adverbs : adoringly, awkwardly, clumsily, competitively, decisively, easily, everywhere, normally, really, regularly, repeatedly, sometimes, terribly, timidly, usually

Abstract Nouns : amusement, anger, contentment, courage, embarrassment, excitement, guilt, laughter, relief, sentiment

Verbs : abdicate, accelerate, accustom, acknowledge, acquit, affirm, amend, astound, behold, besiege, blaze, bother, contaminate, emerge, encourage, ensure, escalate, evade, exasperate, exhibit glitter, grizzle, hinder, illuminate, intrigue, prohibit, recognize, repudiate, revive, sparkle, stare, sympathize, wander

Synonyms : admit-confess, alike-same, artisan-craftsman, barren-infertile, blunder-mistake, bruise-injury, coarse-rough, continue-progress, create-invent, crumble-collapse, delicious-tasty, depart-leave, elegant-graceful, fascinate-attract, fierce-violent, grumpy-irritable, humble-respectful, insight-perception, mirth-happiness, obedient-respectful, religious-spiritual, significance-importance, thrill-excitement

Antonyms : artificial-natural, ascend-descend, attractive-repulsive, beautiful-ugly, bitter-sweet, bravery-cowardice, brighten-fade, broad-narrow, bully-boost, clumsy-graceful, command-assist, cruel-compassionate, frighten-comfort, hinder-allow, protest-agree, regard-ignore, studious-lethargic, plump-skinny, plunder-protect, tempt-discourage, tremble-calm

Homonyms & Homophones : accept-except, addition-edition, allowed-aloud, ate-eight, bale-bail, band-bend, break-brake, ceiling-sealing, cellar-seller, cell-sell, cite-site, dear-deer, die-dye, dual-duel, fair-fare, new-knew

Words with Silent Letters : align, ascend, assign, autumn, badge, campaign, Christmas, crescent, cupboard, design, edge, foreign, hustle, kneel, knob, psychology, resign, wreck, wrinkle

Double Letter Words : annul, append, baggage, broom, deed, errand, esteem, heed, hull, immune, juggle, luggage, rugged, savvy

Evil Words (Words likely to be spelt incorrectly) : achievement, catastrophe, compassion, description, etiquette, guardian, isthmus, mischief, mosquito, orchestra, repetition, restaurant, sanctuary, trumpet, variety

