



**SOF INTERNATIONAL  
ENGLISH OLYMPIAD**

Total Questions : 50

Time : 1 hr.

PATTERN & MARKING SCHEME				
Section	(1) Word and Structure Knowledge	(2) Reading	(3) Spoken and Written Expression	(4) Achievers Section
No. of Questions	45			5
Marks per Ques.	1	1	1	3

**SYLLABUS**

**Section – 1 :** Synonyms, Antonyms, Analogies and Spellings, Collocations, Phrasal Verbs, Idioms or Proverbs, Homonyms and Homophones, One word, Nouns, Pronouns, Verbs, Adverbs, Adjectives, Articles, Prepositions, Prepositional Phrases, Participle Phrases, Conjunctions, Determiners, Jumbled Words and Punctuations, Tenses, Voices and Narrations, Question Tags, etc. Words related to leisure, Household items/issues, Social causes, Outdoor locations and activities, etc.

**Section – 2 :** Search for and retrieve information from various text types like News reports, Blurbs, Dictionaries, etc., Understand information presented in instruction manual format, Message format and others. Acquire broad understanding of and look for specific information in longer texts like Editorials, Essays, etc.

**Section – 3 :** Ability to understand situation-based variations in functions like requesting, Giving information, Expressing surprise, Pronunciation etc.

**Section – 4 :** Higher Order Thinking Questions - Syllabus as per Sections 1, 2 and 3.

**WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE**

- Choose the odd pair.  
(A) Annoy : Irritate  
(B) Comprehend : Understand  
(C) Spectator : Onlooker  
(D) Reserve : Supply
- Maya and Anand \_\_\_\_\_ for five years.  
(A) has been married  
(B) have been married  
(C) are married  
(D) is married

**Direction (Q. No. 2 to 4) : Choose the correct option.**

- The thief walked away with the diamond crown on display. No one stopped him because he was \_\_\_\_\_ the director of the museum.  
(A) contacting (B) impersonating  
(C) implanting (D) contradicting
- The transmission of the President's speech remained \_\_\_\_\_ interrupted.  
(A) mis (B) dis  
(C) un (D) non

**Direction (Q. No. 5 and 6) : Choose the incorrect part of the given sentences.**

- The papers are increasing / full of stories of mindless violence. / No error.  
(A) (B)  
(C) (D)
- The Taj Residency / is not as expensive than / the Four Seasons Hotel. / No error.  
(A) (B)  
(C) (D)

**READING**

**Direction (Q. No. 7 to 9) : Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

The greatest threat to life on earth today comes from global warming. This is caused due to multiple factors including human activity. It happens when greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide, water vapour, nitrous oxide, and methane) trap heat and light from the sun in the earth's atmosphere, which increases the overall temperature on earth. This impacts people, animals, and plants. Many who cannot take the change, die. Global warming is affecting many parts of the world, particularly sea

coasts. People living on islands and in coastal areas are therefore at risk as the polar ice caps and sea levels rise.

- According to the passage, choose the statement that is false.  
(A) Life on earth is threatened only by global warming.  
(B) Global warming threatens human beings who live on islands.  
(C) When the overall temperature on earth rises the sea level will also increase.  
(D) Creatures which cannot adapt to higher temperatures will become extinct.

8. "Many cannot take the change." Here "change" refers to changes in \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) lifestyle  
(B) food habits  
(C) temperature  
(D) health issues
9. People living in coastal areas are affected by \_\_\_\_.
- (A) greenhouse gases  
(B) human actions  
(C) rise in sea levels  
(D) rise in temperature

### SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

**Direction (Q. No. 10 and 11) : Sentences 1 and 3 are given. Sentence 2 is missing. Choose the right sentence for sentence 2.**

10. Sona : Hema, I notice your tennis serve is much better these days.  
Hema: \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sona: Your efforts have not been wasted. There is a remarkable improvement in your game.
- (A) Yes, I think I've finally mastered the technique, though it took months of practice  
(B) Serving well is an art that can be mastered  
(C) I saw a doctor because I was suffering from tennis elbow  
(D) In tennis one has to focus on one's serving action

11. Mala : I was looking for a birthday present for my nephew but I didn't have much luck. Do you have any bright ideas?  
Juhi : \_\_\_\_\_
- Mala : I did think about it, but I felt I should take some trouble and choose something useful.
- (A) Some music, maybe?  
(B) One need not buy a present for everyone.  
(C) You could just give him some money.  
(D) Buying a present is something that only the young enjoy.

**Direction (Q.No. 12 and 13) : Sentences 1 and 4 are given. Sentences 2 and 3 are missing. Choose two sentences that will complete the paragraph.**

12. Sentence 1 : Today's world is full of gizmos and gadgets unimaginable to people thirty years ago.  
Sentence 2 : \_\_\_\_\_  
Sentence 3 : \_\_\_\_\_  
Sentence 4 : However, keeping abreast of technology seems a difficult job by itself considering the pace at which new gadgets appear on the market.
- (D) The markets cater to this section and keep bringing out products that cater to their taste.  
(E) Students and the youth like to keep abreast of technology.  
(F) Who would have imagined a world of cell phones and ipods?
- (A) DF (B) ED  
(C) EF (D) FD

13. Sentence 1 : Disposal of household waste is a daunting task for local authorities.  
Sentence 2 : \_\_\_\_\_  
Sentence 3 : \_\_\_\_\_  
Sentence 4 : One way to reduce waste therefore is to segregate biodegradable and non biodegradable waste at its source.
- (D) Efforts should be made to recycle household waste.  
(E) They cannot just dump waste in landfills.  
(F) This is because household waste contains many materials and substances which are extremely harmful to the environment.
- (A) EF (B) DE  
(C) FE (D) DF

### ACHIEVERS SECTION

**Direction : Choose the word with the opposite meaning to the underlined word.**

14. The bee is a very industrious creature.
- (A) Hardworking (B) Indolent  
(C) Repulsive (D) Curious

**Direction : Choose the best option.**

15. If a business person is called munificent, he/she is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) prominent (B) miserly  
(C) generous (D) rich

### ANSWERS

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