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Total Questions: 35 | Time: 1 hr.

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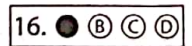
- 1. You will get additional ten minutes to fill up information about yourself on the OMR Sheet, before the start of the exam.
- 2. Write your **Name, School Code, Class, Section, Roll No.** and **Mobile Number** clearly on the **OMR Sheet** and do not forget to sign it. We will share your marks / result and other information related to SOF exams on your mobile number.
- 3. The Question Paper comprises four sections:
Word and Structure Knowledge, Reading, Spoken and Written Expression & Achievers Section.
Each question in Achievers Section carries 2 marks, whereas all other questions carry one mark each.
- 4. All questions are compulsory. There is no negative marking.
- 5. There is only ONE correct answer. Choose only ONE option for an answer.
- 6. To mark your choice of answers by darkening the circles on the OMR Sheet, use **HB Pencil** or **Blue / Black ball point pen** only. E.g.

Q.16: Fill in the blanks.

My father went ____ to buy some milk.

- A.** there **B.** their **C.** they're **D.** these

As the correct answer is option A, you must darken the circle corresponding to option A on the OMR Sheet.



- 7. Return the OMR Sheet to the invigilator at the end of the exam.
- 8. Please fill in your personal details in the space provided on this page before attempting the paper.



WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

FOR QUESTIONS 1 TO 8, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

Example

Metal is _____ than cotton.

- A. heavy
- C. heaviest

- B. heavier
- D. more heavier

1. His brother went swimming _____ to the far side of the bay.
 - A. under
 - C. over
 - B. aside
 - D. into
2. When my sister plays _____ guitar, my father always plays along on _____ piano.
 - A. a, no article
 - C. the, a
 - B. no article, a
 - D. the, the
3. I need to study a bit more _____ I get higher scores this year.
 - A. in order
 - C. although
 - B. so that
 - D. however
4. I have never _____ any cartoons because my parents don't like them.
 - A. saw
 - C. see
 - B. seen
 - D. seeing
5. I am just _____ my homework now and then I will come downstairs for dinner.
 - A. finishes
 - C. finish
 - B. finished
 - D. finishing
6. Last week, I _____ the cricket live with my brother and his friends.
 - A. had been watched
 - C. watched
 - B. have watched
 - D. am watching
7. We only had a _____ of extra bottles of water after the race.
 - A. couple
 - C. lots
 - B. little
 - D. few

8. We need to understand fully whether _____ going to be late or not.
- A. these
B. their
C. there
D. they're
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FOR QUESTIONS 9 TO 11, CHOOSE THE PART OF THE SENTENCE THAT HAS AN ERROR.

9. My brother got a secondhand motorbike from his birthday that looks brand new.
- A. My brother got a
B. secondhand motorbike from
C. his birthday that
D. looks brand new.
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10. I was at the concert last night, but I mustn't see much because I was at the back.
- A. I was at the concert
B. last night, but I mustn't
C. see much because
D. I was at the back.
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11. My mother thought the school play was really good, and I was quite bored by the end.
- A. My mother thought the
B. school play was really
C. good, and I was
D. quite bored by the end.
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FOR QUESTIONS 12 AND 13, CHOOSE THE OPTION WITH CORRECT SPELLING.

12. Choose the correct spelling of the word that means to move out of a place.
- A. Aveacute
B. Evacuate
C. Evacuata
D. Evacauet
-

13. Choose the correct spelling of the vegetable.
- A. Colery
B. Celry
C. Calory
D. Celery
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14. CHOOSE THE ANTONYM OF CLING.
- A. Copied
B. Suppose
C. Loosen
D. Enlarged
-

15. CHOOSE THE SYNONYM OF TOP.
- A. Mix
B. Exceed
C. Replace
D. Celebrate
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FOR QUESTIONS 16 TO 20, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

Nobody likes travelling in a hot car, especially in the summer. If you are lucky you may have AC, but many cars either don't have ACs that work or don't have them at all. So, like most people when you get hot and stuffy you open the window to let in the passing air.

Now, what do you do if you are in an airplane? Well the easiest answer is to ask a crew member or try to reach the AC yourself. They are quite high on the ceiling of an airplane, which makes it difficult to reach for most people.

Recently, there have been two examples of what can happen when new travellers try to cool themselves down. One man said he had been feeling hot and needed some air for hours on a long flight. He got so warm that he decided to pull the handle next to him and below the window. He thought this would wind the window down. What happened next was a big shock. The whole door fell away from the plane. He panicked, but the plane landed safely, and no one was hurt. He got arrested and given a very big fine of around \$11,000.

A second man did something very similar but this time it was before the plane had even taken off. He said that he needed a bit of fresh air before they left so that he wouldn't feel sick on the journey. The crew removed him from the plane and gave him a smaller fine of \$500. The airplane was delayed by only 1 hour.

The moral behind these stories is probably that one should always read the instructions or ask someone for help in situations that are new and confusing. I think we all get baffled sometimes when we find ourselves in brand new places. It's quite fun!

Example

What do some cars have for cooling passengers?

- A. AC
- B. Heater
- C. Doors
- D. Ceiling

16. Why is the AC on a plane hard to reach?

- A. It's very small.
- B. It's high up.
- C. It's complicated.
- D. It's only for staff use.

17. How many times have doors been opened recently?

- A. 11,000
- B. 12
- C. 500
- D. 2

18. How did the man feel when the door fell off?
- A. Grumpy
B. Excited
C. Alarmed
D. Embarrassed
-
19. When did the second man open the door of the plane?
- A. After taking off
B. Before departure
C. In the middle of the flight
D. On landing
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20. It is fun to do new things, but they can be _____ sometimes.
- A. satisfying
B. amused
C. bruising
D. confusing

FOR QUESTIONS 21 TO 25, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

A young man from the south of England has decided to ignore modern fast fashion and instead only ever wears clothes from the 1800s. He burnt his last pair of jeans when he was 14 and has dressed as a gentleman from the Regency era ever since. He often goes shopping in a top hat in his hometown of Brighton, and now designs clothes for other history fans too. He says it is the only way he feels comfortable in the 21st century.

At the age of 14, he had to wear school uniform most of the time. On non-school uniform days he would dress in three-piece suits. As a senior he didn't have to wear uniform and chose to wear his flamboyant clothes to school. He was quite surprised when he was voted as the best dressed in the leaver's book.

He says his obsession with historical clothes started when his family moved home as a teenager, and they found a box full of his great-grandfather's old suits. He found the period clothing fitted him well and began wearing them as much as he could.

Over the years he has gained a huge online following with close to 40,000 adoring fans subscribed so far. They all like keeping up to date with his period tailoring. For him, a typical day involves dressing as an 1820's gent, wearing a pair of knee-high leather riding boots, a floral waistcoat and a riding jacket with long tails just like a cape. It has been at least a decade since he has worn any modern clothing and the only time he can remember doing so was when he was invited to an 80s themed costume party.

It is amazing that his mother allowed him to be so **eccentric** and was understanding enough when he was younger to allow him to start his very different choice in dress.

21. When did he last wear jeans?

- A. In the 1800s
B. In the Regency period
C. Before the twenty-first century
D. When he was fourteen

22. What did he wear outside school as a junior?

- A. Riding boots and a cape
B. A top hat
C. A three-piece suit
D. A waistcoat with flowers on it

23. Why did he start wearing old fashioned clothes?

- A. His father dressed that way too.
B. His mother made him an 80s costume.
C. He wanted more fans.
D. He found his great-grandfather's old clothes.

24. He has 40,000 followers on the _____ who think he has great style.

- A. radio
B. Internet
C. television
D. subscriber list

25. What is the meaning of the word 'eccentric' in the last paragraph?

- A. Bland
B. Big
C. Cheap
D. Odd

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

FOR QUESTIONS 26 TO 30, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH CONVERSATION.

Example

Ted : Where is the park?

Joey : I think it's _____ the left.

- A. in
B. on
C. at
D. of

26. Jan: Are you going to the shops soon?

Ivy: Yeah, _____ salad in the fridge and we need some for lunch.

- A. there isn't many
B. there're some
C. there's no
D. there aren't less

27. Clara: We should go to the party tomorrow.

Ed: Well, my mother _____ think it's a good idea because it's a Tuesday.

- A. wasn't
B. doesn't
C. hasn't
D. isn't

28. Ava: Look, we really _____ be late again today.

Ruby: Wait, wait, I'll be ready in a second.

- A. haven't
B. didn't
C. won't
D. shouldn't

29. Gulshan: When are you leaving tomorrow?

Sara: I think my dad is planning to head _____ at around 9 am and I'm leaving with him.

- A. along
B. down
C. off
D. to

30. Toby: Wow, that match was amazing!

Luca: I agree. It was _____ a doubt the best I've ever seen.

- A. reverse
B. absent
C. contrary
D. without

ACHIEVERS SECTION

FOR QUESTIONS 31 TO 33, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

31. My rucksack _____ by my dad last month.

- A. will buy
B. is buying
C. has been bought
D. was bought

32. It is very difficult to _____ this jacket _____ when it is windy.

- A. put, in
B. button, up
C. zip, over
D. run, along

33. I've neither seen the sea nor the mountains, _____ you?

- A. can
B. do
C. have
D. will

34. CHOOSE THE ANTONYM OF GLEAMING.

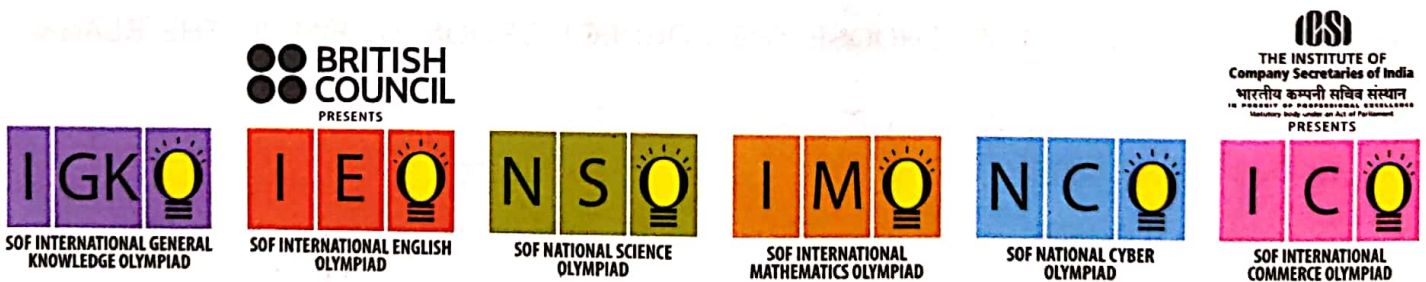
- A. Dull
B. Polished
C. Florescent
D. Branded


35. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION.

Aarav: Be careful when you open that door.

Vivaan: Yeah, I know that it can _____ the alarm, but I've used the code so it won't.

- A. broke up
B. bang on
C. give out
D. set off



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