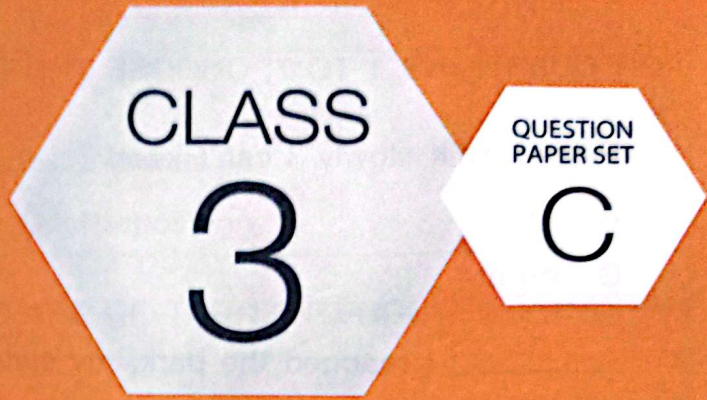




SOF INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH OLYMPIAD 2023-24



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Total Questions: 35 | Time: 1 hr.

Guidelines for the Candidate

- You will get additional ten minutes to fill up information about yourself on the OMR Sheet, before the start of the exam.
- 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.
- The Question Paper comprises four sections:
Word and Structure Knowledge (15 Questions), **Reading** (10 Questions), **Spoken and Written Expression** (5 Questions) and **Achievers Section** (5 Questions).
 Each question in Achievers Section carries 2 marks, whereas all other questions carry one mark each.
- All questions are compulsory. There is no negative marking.
- There is only ONE correct answer. Choose only ONE option for an answer.
- 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 blank.
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.

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WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

FOR QUESTIONS 1 TO 7, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

1. Please walk slowly. I can't keep _____ you.
A. off
B. up with
C. on at
D. up above

2. _____ I reached the park, my sister was already there.
A. Because
B. Although
C. When
D. That

3. _____ home-cooked meals is healthier than dining out.
A. Eat
B. Ate
C. Eaten
D. Eating

4. Your bruise is getting _____. You should see a doctor.
A. worst
B. worse
C. badly
D. worsen

5. Maria is looking for _____ job.
A. a
B. an
C. the
D. no article

6. Rahul leaned _____ the railing and looked down.
A. over
B. down
C. above
D. with

7. Sonam asked many questions to _____ her doubts.
A. qualify
B. gratify
C. clarify
D. quantify

FOR QUESTIONS 8 AND 9, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORD.

8. Please get the signatures of your parents.

- A. Verb
- C. Noun

- B. Adjective
 - D. Conjunction
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9. The dog is wagging its tail.

- A. Noun
- C. Adjective

- B. Pronoun
 - D. Preposition
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FOR QUESTIONS 10 AND 11, CHOOSE THE PART OF THE SENTENCE THAT HAS AN ERROR.

10. We had coffee on the cafe last night.

- A. We had
- C. the cafe

- B. coffee on
 - D. last night.
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11. Jasmine is a commonly found flower.

- A. Jasmine is
- C. found flower.

- B. a commonly
 - D. No error
-

FOR QUESTIONS 12 AND 13, CHOOSE THE OPTION WITH CORRECT SPELLING.

12. Choose the correct spelling of the word which means survey.

- A. Axepolration
- C. Exploration

- B. Exepolration
 - D. Exploreation
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13. Choose the correct spelling of the word which means fearless.

- A. Velient
- C. Valliant

- B. Valiant
 - D. Valient
-

14. CHOOSE THE SYNONYM OF HARSH.

- A. Rough
- C. Easy

- B. Soft
 - D. Law
-

15. CHOOSE THE ANTONYM OF IRRITATE.

- A. Upset
- C. Confuse

- B. Please
 - D. Anger
-

FOR QUESTIONS 16 TO 20, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

A man found the cocoon of a butterfly. One day, a small opening appeared. He saw and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gone as far as it could and could not go any further. So the man decided to help the butterfly.

He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shrivelled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and **shrivelled** wings.

It was never able to fly. What the man in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were nature's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon. Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. If we went through our lives without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as we could have been. We could never fly!

16. What is the passage about?

- A. Importance of struggle
- B. Helping the needy
- C. Exploring the world
- D. Basic needs of a person

17. Why was the butterfly struggling?

- A. It was in search of food.
- B. It was trapped in a net.
- C. It was struggling to come out of the little hole in the cocoon.
- D. It was running away from being the food of a lizard.

18. According to the passage, the butterfly spent rest of its life crawling around with a/an _____ and _____.

- A. broken wings, swollen legs

- B. swollen body, shrivelled wings
- C. injured head, broken tail
- D. broken body, beautiful wings

19. According to the passage, if we went through our lives without any struggle, it would _____ us.

- A. cripple
- B. enrich
- C. preserve
- D. construct

20. In the passage, the word 'shrivelled' means _____.

- A. thickened
- B. increased
- C. plumped
- D. wrinkled

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

- Kids Britannica

Puffins are diving seabirds. They are easily distinguished by their colourful beaks. There are three species or kinds of puffins: Atlantic, horned, and tufted. They belong to a group of diving birds called the auks. Like all auks, puffins are birds that spend most of their lives at sea.

Puffins range from about 7 to 15 inches (18 to 38 centimetres) long. They weigh 1-1.5 pounds. The feathers of puffins are black and white. The most colourful part of a puffin is its beak, which is mostly orange but can be partly red, yellow or bluish. The legs and large webbed feet are orange. Despite their short wings and chubby bodies, puffins are strong fliers.

Puffins are adapted to life on and under the water. Puffins can dive to 150 feet (46 meters) and stay underwater for up to a minute. However, most dives only last 20 to 30 seconds. They have a third eyelid that helps protect the eyes while underwater.

Puffins eat a variety of foods. They like fish, plankton, and squid. Puffins often follow whales and seals on their search for food.

Human activity often has a negative effect on puffins. Some puffin colonies are declining because there are not enough fish for them to eat. The fish populations are shifting as ocean temperatures rise due to global warming. Puffins can also be hurt by oil spills. A small amount of oil can ruin a puffin's feathers. The loss of insulation from its feathers causes the bird to freeze to death. Fishing nets can also trap and drown puffins.

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Person 2 : You can take _____ bus. They all will drop you at the bus stop.

- A. some
B. any
C. no
D. few

29. Shree : What are you doing?

Soniya : I _____ a card for my mother.

- A. made
B. make
C. am making
D. was make

30. Riya : _____ you please open the window?

Divya : Sure.

- A. May
B. Could
C. Dare
D. Will be

ACHIEVERS SECTION

FOR QUESTIONS 31 AND 32, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

31. The lift is out of _____ today. We have to take the stairs.

- A. work
B. form
C. order
D. function

32. I am so exhausted, but I don't know why I still _____ sleep.

- A. may not
B. cannot
C. will not
D. might not

33. CHOOSE THE PART OF THE SENTENCE THAT HAS AN ERROR.

Reema didn't realised her mistake at first.

- A. Reema didn't
B. realised her
C. mistake at first.
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35. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION.

Sohail : When is the cricket match _____ ?

Shan : 6 pm sharp.

A. kicking off

B. kick down

C. kicked at

D. kick up



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