



SmartCo English Olympiad

Category 2 (Grades 5–6)

Duration: 60 Minutes | Total Marks: 40

Section A: Reading Comprehension (15 Questions)

Text 1: Read the following text and answer questions 1–8.

The Solar System's Secret

For centuries, people looked at the night sky and wondered about the stars. Today, we know that our solar system consists of the Sun and everything that travels around it. This includes eight planets, their moons, and smaller objects like asteroids. Jupiter is the largest planet, so massive that it could fit all the other planets inside it twice! Meanwhile, Mars is often called the "Red Planet" because of the iron-rich dust that covers its surface. Scientists study these planets using powerful telescopes and space probes. By exploring space, we learn more about the history of our own Earth.

1. What is the main idea of this passage?

- A) The history of ancient telescopes
- B) An overview of the components of our solar system
- C) Why Mars is a better planet than Earth
- D) The reason why the Sun is so bright

2. Why is Mars known as the "Red Planet"?

- A) It is very hot
- B) It is covered in iron-rich dust
- C) It is the closest planet to the Sun
- D) It has many active volcanoes

3. According to the text, how massive is Jupiter?

- A) It is the same size as Earth
- B) It can fit three other planets inside it
- C) It can fit all other planets inside it twice
- D) It is smaller than the Sun but larger than Mars

4. What do scientists use to study planets from Earth?

- A) Space probes only
- B) Magnifying glasses
- C) Powerful telescopes
- D) Submarines

5. Based on the text, what can be inferred about space exploration?

- A) It is too expensive to continue
- B) It helps us understand our own planet better
- C) Only Jupiter is worth studying
- D) It started only ten years ago

6. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as part of the solar system?

- A) Moons
- B) Asteroids
- C) Black holes
- D) Planets

7. What is the author's primary purpose for writing this text?

- A) To persuade people to become astronauts
- B) To inform readers about the solar system
- C) To tell a fictional story about space
- D) To complain about the size of Jupiter

8. Which word in the text is a synonym for "huge"?

- A) Massive
- B) Rich
- C) Powerful
- D) Surface

Text 2: Read the story and answer questions 9–15.

The Unexpected Hero

Leo was the smallest boy in the hiking club. While the older kids carried heavy bags and raced up the mountain, Leo struggled to keep up. Suddenly, the group reached a narrow cave entrance that led to the shortcut they needed. However, the entrance was blocked by a fallen rock, leaving only a tiny gap. None of the older boys could fit through to clear the debris from the other side. "I can do it," Leo whispered. He squeezed through the tight space and pushed the smaller stones away, allowing the group to pass. The older kids cheered; they realized that being small was actually a great strength.

9. What was the main conflict in the story?

- A) Leo didn't want to go hiking
- B) The hiking club got lost in the woods
- C) A rock blocked a narrow path that the older kids couldn't fit through
- D) It started raining during the hike

10. How did Leo differ from the other hikers?

- A) He was faster
- B) He was the smallest
- C) He had a heavier bag.
- D) He knew the way better

11. Where did the group find the shortcut?

- A) Behind a waterfall
- B) At a narrow cave entrance
- C) At the top of the mountain
- D) In a deep forest

12. What can we infer about the older kids' attitude at the end of the story?

- A) They were jealous of Leo
- B) They were annoyed that Leo was slow

- C) They gained respect for Leo's size
- D) They decided to stop hiking

13. Which word best describes Leo?

- A) Boastful
- B) Courageous
- C) Lazy
- D) Clumsy

14. What is the "moral" or lesson of this story?

- A) Always carry a heavy bag
- B) Size does not determine your value
- C) Shortcuts are always dangerous
- D) Older kids are always the leaders

15. What does the word "debris" mean in the context of the story?

- A) Food
- B) Scattered pieces of rock/waste
- C) Hiking gear
- D) Water

Section B: English Usage (25 MCQs)

16. Identify the adverb in this sentence: "The scientist carefully poured the liquid into the beaker."

- A) Scientist
- B) Carefully
- C) Poured
- D) Liquid

17. Which sentence uses the correct Present Simple tense?

- A) She study every night
- B) She studies every night
- C) She studying every night
- D) She studied every night

18. Choose the correct form: "Next year, my family _____ to Italy."

- A) travel
- B) travels
- C) will travel
- D) traveled

19. Select the correct modal verb for obligation: "You _____ wear a helmet when riding a bike."

- A) can
- B) might
- C) must
- D) could

20. Which of the following is an uncountable noun?

- A) Chair
- B) Apple
- C) Water
- D) Book

21. Identify the superlative form: "This is the _____ movie I have ever seen."

- A) good
- B) better
- C) best
- D) most good

22. Complete the sentence: "Mount Everest is _____ than Mount Kilimanjaro."

- A) tall
- B) taller
- C) tallest
- D) more tall

23. Choose the correct preposition: "The keys are hidden _____ the flower pot."

- A) between
- B) among
- C) inside
- D) through

24. Select the correct conjunction: "I wanted to go swimming, _____ the water was too cold."

- A) so
- B) or
- C) but
- D) because

25. What is the antonym of "Ancient"?

- A) Old
- B) Modern
- C) Dusty
- D) Heavy

26. What is the synonym of "Observe"?

- A) Ignore
- B) Watch
- C) Create
- D) Break

27. Choose the correct prefix to make the word "happy" opposite:

- A) In-
- B) Dis-
- C) Un-
- D) Im-

28. Which suffix turns the verb "teach" into a noun for a person?

- A) -ing
- B) -er
- C) -ed
- D) -ly

29. Subject-Verb Agreement: "The group of students _____ going on a field trip today."

- A) is
- B) are
- C) were
- D) am

30. Choose the correct verb: "Yesterday, I _____ my homework early."

- A) finish
- B) finishes
- C) finished
- D) finishing

31. Which of these is a modal verb showing ability?

- A) Should
- B) Must
- C) Can
- D) Shall

32. Identify the part of speech for the underlined word: "The blue bird sang loudly."

- A) Noun
- B) Verb
- C) Adjective
- D) Preposition

33. Choose the correct comparison: "A lion is _____ than a house cat."

- A) dangerouser
- B) more dangerous
- C) most dangerous
- D) dangerous

34. Which sentence is correct?

- A) There is many sugar in my tea.
- B) There is much sugar in my tea.
- C) There is a few sugar in my tea.
- D) There are much sugar in my tea.

35. Fill in the blank: "We walked _____ the bridge to cross the river."

- A) under
- B) across
- C) at
- D) in

36. Which word uses the suffix "-ful" correctly?

- A) Beautiful
- B) Beautifull
- C) Beautyful
- D) Beautifullly

37. "He doesn't like pizza, _____ does he like pasta."

- A) but
- B) nor
- C) or
- D) so

38. Identify the past simple of "Buy":

- A) Bought
- B) Bought
- C) Buying
- D) Buyes

39. Choose the correct prefix for "Connect" to mean "join again":

- A) Dis-
- B) Re-
- C) Un-
- D) Pre-

40. "The birds _____ south for the winter every year."

- A) flies
- B) fly
- C) flying
- D) flied