

**INTERNATIONAL TALENT SEARCH EXAMINATION  
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**CLASS – IX  
SUBJECT – ENGLISH**

1. **Direction:** Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Culture is not merely learning. It is discrimination, understanding of life. Liberal education aims at producing moral gifts as well as intellectual, sweetness of temper as much as sanity of outlook. Into the art of living, the cultured man carries a certain grace, a certain refinement, a certain distinction which redeems him from the sterile futility of aimless struggle. Culture is not a pose of intellect or a code of convention, but an attitude of life which finds nothing human, alien, common or unclean. An education that brings up a young man in entire indifference to the misery and poverty surrounding him, to the general stringency of life, to the dumb pangs of torture bodies and the lives submerged in the shadows, is essentially a failure. If we do not realize the solidarity of the human community, nor have human relation with those whom the world passes by as the lowly and the lost, we are not cultured.

Which of the following statements best expresses the theme of the passage?

- A) Culture lends grace and sanity to man.
- B) Culture and education are complimentary to each other.
- C) Liberal education makes man cultured.
- D) Education brings man closer to life.
- E) None of these

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According to the author, the function of liberal education is to

- A) change the outlook of a person.
- B) increase intellectual powers.
- C) improve a person morally.
- D) develop sensitivity to human dignity.
- E) None of these

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Consider the following;

- i. **Brotherhood of man**

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- ii. **Understanding of pain and suffering**
- iii. **Better human relations**
- iv. **Sweetness of temper**

**Which of the above expressions describe proper education?**

- B) i and iii**
- C) ii and iv**
- D) ii, iii and iv**
- E) All of these**
- F) None of these**

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**Culture redeems a person from the sterile futility of aimless struggle because**

- A) it makes man learned.**
- B) it makes man more intelligent.**
- C) it brings about a better understanding of life.**
- D) it prepares man for struggle.**
- E) None of these**

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**Education is sometime a failure. Which of the following is the most likely reason for this?**

- A) It improves the intellect only.**
- B) It does not prepare man for struggle.**
- C) It does not make man refine.**
- D) It carries man away from life around him.**
- E) None of these**

- 6. Find the analogy. Lens: Camera:: Cinema Hall: ?**

- A) Shopping Mail**
- B) Celluloid**
- C) Studio**
- D) Marketplace**
- E) None of these**

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7. **Change the voice. They have informed Shalini of her mother's death.**
- A) Shalini is informed of her mother's death by them.  
B) Shalini has been informed of her mother's death.  
C) Shalini gets the information of her mother's death from them.  
D) Shalini was informed of her mother's death.  
E) None of these
8. **Complete the question tag. The teacher has instructed all of us to finish the work by tomorrow, \_\_?**
- A) isn't it  
B) has she  
C) hasn't she  
D) did she  
E) None of these
9. **Arrange P, Q, R, S between S1 and S6 to make a meaningful sentence.**  
S1: A day after the Reserve Bank said that  
P: money got deposited in banks does not mean that  
Q: came back into the system,  
R: Mr. Jaitley said the fact that  
S: almost all of the demonetised currency  
S6: All of it is legitimate money.
- A) PSQR  
B) PQRS  
C) SRPQ  
D) SQRP  
E) None of these
10. **Identify the type of clause of the underlined part of the sentence given below. He behaved in such a manner that his reputation suffered.**
- A) Adjective clause of consequence  
B) Adverb clause of result  
C) Adjective clause of condition  
D) Noun clause  
E) None of these
11. **Given below is a sentence in four parts. One of the parts contains a grammatical error. Find the part.**  
No effort has been made at all (i)/ to cash on (ii)/ the refurbished (iii)/image of Indian football, (iv)
- A) i  
B) ii  
C) iii  
D) iv  
E) No error
12. **Identify the type of the sentence given below on the basis of its structure. I think that he destroyed the letter which you sent there.**
- A) Imperative sentence  
B) Simple sentence  
C) Complex sentence  
D) Compound sentence  
E) None of these

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13. Identify the sentence with the correct sequence of the tense.

- A) Sam never thought that he will see Sabnam again.
- B) I then saw him oftener than I see him now.
- C) Neelam worked hard so that she may succeed.
- D) Newton discovered that the force of gravitation made the apples fall.
- E) None of these

14. Give an appropriate filler. In modern world it is difficult \_\_ one's ideals.

- A) to live up to
- B) to live through
- C) to live by
- D) to live for
- E) None of these

15. Change the narration. "I never make mistakes," Prem said.

- A) Prem said that he never made mistakes.
- B) Prem said that he never makes mistakes.
- C) Prem said that he has never made mistakes.
- D) Prem said that he had make mistakes never.
- E) None of these

16. Improve the sentence by changing its underlined option. The indecisive man was readily persuaded to change his mind again.

- A) was persuaded ready
- B) was ready to persuade
- C) was ready persuaded
- D) could readily persuade
- E) No improvement required

17. Arrange P Q R S to give the correct sequence of the book review given below.

**P:** A beautiful poor girl is discovered by a film producer and she rises to stardom. But she doesn't fall as the title would suggest. Instead she simply fades out choosing to do so. The fairy-tale ends on a poignant note although the drift is quite predictable. The present and the future hinge on the past which again is a story not unfamiliar.

**Q:** But as the writer promises in the preface the reader does not miss it the fluent narrative engaging his attention. It is the author's attempt to be different which remains the only take-away and that accounts for the mixed feeling.

**R:** The Meteor rags-to-riches story - that of an actress - gives mixed feeling. Before going into the why of it a bit about the plot.

**S:** Along the way the story holds a mirror to the seamy side of cinema and the idols with all their warts. It is interesting how the author weaves in the life of real celluloid icons. So the 'heroine' - incidentally none of the characters except one have names.

- A) RPSQ
- B) RPQS
- C) PSRQ
- D) QRPS
- E) None of these

18. Combine the following two sentences into a single simple sentence. Varun deserved to succeed. Varun failed.

- A) Though Varun deserved to succeed, he failed.
- B) Varun failed in spite of deserving success.

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- C) Varun failed undeservedly.
- D) Varun could not succeed.
- E) None of these

19. Given below is the body of a letter to the Editor of a newspaper, with four blanks. Fill in those blanks with the correct options to make it sensible.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the report I (Sunday, July 25), it is a matter of shame that in India, which is home to the largest number of hungry people in the world, II to waste. Despite millions of the country's children starving, little is done to prevent food grain from rotting in the open.

However, criticising the government will not solve the problem. People on III food is donated to poor families or NGOs who will send the food to those who are in need of it.

We must also realise that colossal wastage of food is a significant contributor to global warming.

Before the government passes IV storage capacity.

Rocky M

Panjim, Goa

P: 'Spare a thought before you waste'

Q: the National Food Security Bill in Parliament, it must take effective measures to increase the food grain

R: an individual level should ensure that no food is wasted at home and leftover

S: a quantity of wheat equivalent to the entire production of Australia goes

- A) QPSR
- B) PSRQ
- C) SQPR
- D) RSQP
- E) None of these

20. In this question four sentences are given on the same theme. Identify the one which is grammatically correct.

- A) He did not even listen to me, leaving aside staying here.
- B) He did not even listen to me, leave aside staying here.
- C) He did not even listen to me, after leaving aside staying here.
- D) He did not even listen to me, leave besides staying here.
- E) None of these

21. Direction: Give the synonym of the words written in capital letters below.

**DEROGATORY**

- A) Immediate
- B) Unflattering
- C) Praiseworthy
- D) Confuse
- E) None of these

22. Direction: Give the synonym of the words written in capital letters below.

**CHIMERICAL**

- A) Fantastic
- B) Sentimental
- C) Reasonable
- D) Economic
- E) None of these

23. Identify the sentence with the correct use of article.

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- A) The New York is a big city.
- B) I saw him when he was child.
- C) I would like to buy a pair of stockings and a couple of shirts.
- D) Many flowers are born to blush unseen.
- E) None of these

24. Which one of the following words has been spelt wrong?

- A) Explanation
- B) Extermination
- C) Expectation
- D) ExeggARATION
- E) None of these

25. Fill in the blank with correct conjunction. We are not sure \_\_\_ he is coming to the party.

- A) if
- B) that
- C) whether
- D) until
- E) None of these

26. Direction: Give one word substitutions for the following.

A fault that may be forgiven

- A) Quarantine
- B) Venial
- C) Posse
- D) Axiom
- E) None of these

27. Direction: Give one word substitutions for the following.

An annual calendar with positions of stars

- A) Almanac
- B) Axiom
- C) Elegy
- D) Loquacious
- E) None of these

28. Identify the sentence with the correct use of infinitive.

- A) Do you know to play the harmonium?
- B) You had better to stop taking the medicine with harmful side effects.
- C) Planned to not go on a vacation this year.
- D) They tried to find fault with us.
- E) None of these

29. To connect the parts of a compound word we use:

- A) Dash
- B) Semicolon
- C) Coma
- D) Hyphen
- E) None of these

30. Direction: Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.

The boy attempted the questions so well that his teacher was exceedingly pleased \_\_ him.

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- A) on
- B) at
- C) with
- D) by
- E) None of these

31. Direction: Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.

If \_\_ doing so the critic arrives \_\_ embarrassingly adverse conclusions he does not shy at declaring them.

- A) in, at
- B) on, x
- C) for, on
- D) by, with
- E) None of these

32. Give the usage of the word underlined below. You are paying less attention to your studies than you used to do.

- A) Conjunction
- B) Adjective
- C) Adverb
- D) Determiner
- E) None of these

33. Direction: Give the antonyms for the words written in capital letters below.

**PALTRY**

- A) Worthwhile
- B) Strong
- C) Bitter
- D) Mean
- E) None of these

34. Direction: Give the antonyms for the words written in capital letters below.

**GALL**

- A) Peeve
- B) Love
- C) Rancour
- D) Round off
- E) None of these

35. Direction: Fill in the blanks as per subject- verb agreement.

Even if I had stood on a chair, I \_\_\_ able to reach the light bulb.

- A) had not been
- B) could have been
- C) would have been
- D) would not have been
- E) None of these

36. Direction: Fill in the blanks as per subject- verb agreement.

My brother \_\_ and \_\_ still doing excellent work for his organization.

- A) has, is
- B) has been, is
- C) had, is
- D) is, has

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E) None of these

37. Direction: Give the exact meaning of the phrases and idioms given below. To be at one's finger's end

- A) To be hopeless
- B) To be highly perplexed
- C) To be completely conversant with
- D) To count things
- E) None of these

38. Direction: Give the exact meaning of the phrases and idioms given below. To bite one's lips

- A) To be angry
- B) To feel sorry
- C) To have doubt
- D) To laugh at others
- E) None of these

39. Identify the sentence wherein a pronoun is not needed.

- A) Who do you think did the job?
- B) One should do one's duty to one's country.
- C) She kept herself away from the show.
- D) He is the only man that can do it.
- E) None of these

40. Judge the right word. Their differences were amicably settled by a/an \_\_\_\_

- A) arbiter
- B) mediator
- C) arbitrator
- D) agent
- E) None of these

41. The use of Possessive (or Genitive) Case should be confined to which of the following?

- A) Names of living beings and personified objects
- B) Nouns of space or time denoting an amount of something
- C) A few stereotyped phrases
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

42. Which of the following spelling rules is incorrect?

- A) One-syllable words ending in single vowel + single consonant double the consonant before a suffix beginning with a vowel.
- B) Words of two or three syllables ending in single vowel + single consonant double the final consonant if the last syllable is stressed.
- C) Words ending with silent e drop the e before a suffix beginning with a vowel.
- D) If the word to which suffix ful is added ends in ll, the second l is dropped.
- E) None of these

43. Identify the figure of speech. The internet is like a window to the world - you can learn about everything online!

- A) Oxymoron
- B) Metaphor
- C) Simile
- D) Metonymy



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E) None of these

44. Given below are two statements followed by three conclusions. You are to decide which of the given conclusion(s) logically follow(s) the given statements.

**Statements:**

**I: All Ds are Ps.**

**II: All Ps are Ts.**

**Conclusions:**

**I: Some Ps are Ts.**

**II: All Ds are Ts.**

**III: Some Ts are Ds.**

- A) Only I follows.
- B) Only III follows.
- C) Only I and II follow.
- D) Only II and III follow.
- E) I, II and III follow.

45. This question consists of a short written conversation between two persons, a part of which has been omitted. Choose the option which correctly completes the conversation. "Two of the boys are really very hard working" "But\_\_\_ are idlers"

- A) other boys
- B) the others
- C) the other boys
- D) others
- E) None of these

