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Sample Question Paper

Class- 8

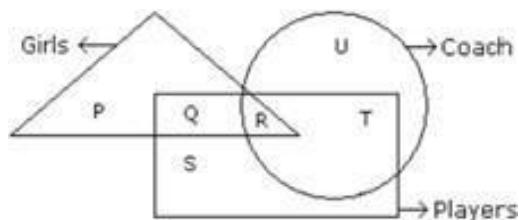
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LOGICAL REASONING

1. What number should replace the question mark?
3, 5, 9, 17, 33, ?
a) 49 b) 65 c) 50 d) 61
2. Which equation is logically incorrect if # means divide and @ means multiply?
a) $20 \# 4 = 5$ b) $3 @ 7 = 21$
c) $16 \# 2 = 8$ d) $15 \# 5 = 2$
3. Five friends are sitting in a row. P is to the left of Q, but to the right of R. S is to the right of Q.
Who is sitting in the middle?
a) P b) Q c) S d) R
4. A clock shows 3:15. What is the angle between the hour and minute hands?
a) 0° b) 7.5° c) 15° d) 30°
5. In the following figure triangle represents 'girls', rectangle players and circle-coach.
Which part of the diagram represents the girls who are player but not coach?



- a) P b) Q c) R d) S

ENGLISH

*"The stars are lit with silent fire,
They whisper dreams across the skies,
The night awakes with silver choir,
And secrets float where darkness lies."*

6. What is the main theme of the poem?
a) Noise and celebration
b) Dreams and mysteries of night
c) Hardships of life
d) Celebration of day

7. In the poem, the phrase "silver choir" refers to
- Singing of birds
 - Sound of winds
 - Stars shining together
 - Whispers in the sky
8. Which literary device is used in "whisper dreams across the skies"?
- Simile
 - Personification
 - Metaphor
 - Alliteration
9. Which of the following sentences contains an adverbial clause?
- I know the boy who won the prize.
 - She dances as if she were a fairy.
 - This is the place where I grew up.
 - What you did was surprising.
10. Match the following:
- Noun clause
 - Adjective clause
 - Adverbial clause
 - Independent clause
- Describes a noun
 - Functions as a noun
 - Functions alone
 - Modifies verb/adjective
- 1-B, 2-A, 3-D, 4-C
 - 1-C, 2-B, 3-A, 4-D
 - 1-A, 2-D, 3-B, 4-C
 - 1-B, 2-D, 3-A, 4-C
11. Which sentence contains a defining relative clause?
- The man, who was tired, sat down.
 - The book that you gave me is amazing.
 - The sky, which was clear, darkened suddenly.
 - The girl, whose dress was blue, danced.
12. True or False with reasoning:
- Statement: "Definately" is the correct spelling.
- True, because spelling rules allow it
 - False, because it should be "Definitely"
 - True, because 'a' replaces 'i'
 - False, because it should be "Defanitley"
13. Unscramble and find the correct word: "NOISACCO"
- Occasion
 - Occasionc
 - Ocasions
 - Ocassion

14. True or False with reasoning:

Statement: "A blessing in disguise" means something bad with hidden good results.

- a) True, because the good is not visible at first
- b) False, because it means obvious good
- c) True, because it always means bad luck
- d) False, because it means hidden danger

15. Which idiom best fits: "After months of hard work, she finally_____."

- a) Missed the boat
- b) Saw the light
- c) Beat around the bush
- d) Jumped the gun

16. If "burning the midnight oil" means working late, which phrase is its opposite?

- a) Rise and shine
- b) Jump the gun
- c) Spill the beans
- d) Go bananas

17. True or False with reasoning:

Statement: In "Sparrow, Pigeon, Bat, Parrot," bat is the odd one out.

- a) True, because bat is not a bird
- b) False, because bat flies
- c) True, because bat cannot fly
- d) False, because bat lays eggs

18. Match the sentence to its tense:

- 1) She writes a letter.
- 2) She was writing a letter.
- 3) She had written a letter.
- 4) She will write a letter.

- A. Simple Present
- B. Past Continuous
- C. Past Perfect
- D. Simple Future

- a) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C, 4-D
- b) 1-B, 2-A, 3-D, 4-C
- c) 1-C, 2-D, 3-A, 4-B
- d) 1-D, 2-C, 3-B, 4-A

19. True or False with reasoning:

Statement: "The homework is completed by the student" is active voice.

- a) True, because the subject is acting
- b) False, because the subject is receiving the action
- c) True, because passive voice cannot be used
- d) False, because tense is not clear

20. Which combination of tense and voice fits the sentence: "The cake had been baked by 5 p.m

- a) Past Perfect, Active
- b) Past Perfect, Passive
- c) Present Perfect, Passive
- d) Future Perfect, Active

21. Which sentence is passive and future tense?
- The work will be completed tomorrow.
 - The students completed the work.
 - The work is completed now.
 - The students are completing the work.
22. Which of these changes occurs while converting direct to indirect speech?
- Present changes to past
 - Past changes to present
 - Future changes to present
 - No change at all
23. In indirect speech, "now" usually becomes
- Then
 - Today
 - Yesterday
 - Ago
24. In indirect speech, if the reporting verb is in present tense, which tense will the reported speech take?
- Past
 - Present
 - Future
 - Perfect
25. Choose the synonym of "Benevolent".
- Cruel
 - Kind
 - Harsh
 - Proud
26. One word for "One who can speak many languages" is
- Linguist
 - Polyglot
 - Translator
 - Interpreter
27. Match the following:
- 1) Fear of water
 - 2) Fear of heights
 - 3) Fear of closed spaces
 - 4) Fear of open spaces
- A. Hydrophobia
 - B. Acrophobia
 - C. Claustrophobia
 - D. Agoraphobia
- a) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C, 4-D
 - b) 1-B, 2-A, 3-D, 4-C
 - c) 1-C, 2-D, 3-A, 4-B
 - d) 1-D, 2-C, 3-B, 4-A
28. True or False with reasoning:
Statement: "Veterinarian" is a doctor who treats humans.
- True, because humans are animals
 - False, because veterinarian treats animals
 - True, because medical doctor treats all
 - False, because they treat plants

29. Find the correct substitution:

"A handwriting that cannot be read."

- a) Illegible b) Ineligible
- c) Illegal d) Illogical

30. Choose the sentence that uses the interjection correctly.

- a) Oh! What a beautiful painting!
- b) Alas we have won the match!
- c) Bravo how painful it is!
- d) Wow, I missed the bus!

31. Which sentence uses a subordinating conjunction?

- a) I like coffee and tea.
- b) I want to leave, but it's raining.
- c) He ran fast because he was late.
- d) It is sunny and warm today.

32. Match the conjunction to its type:

- 1) And
- 2) Because
- 3) Although
- 4) Or
- A. Coordinating
- B. Subordinating
- C. Subordinating
- D. Coordinating
- a) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C, 4-D
- b) 1-B, 2-A, 3-D, 4-C
- c) 1-C, 2-D, 3-A, 4-B
- d) 1-D, 2-C, 3-B, 4-A

33. Choose the modal which shows least certainty:

- a) Must b) Will c) Might d) Shall

34. Choose the correct modal:

"He _____ be at the library now, I'm not sure."

- a) should b) must c) might d) shall

35. Which sentence expresses future willingness?

- a) I shall help you.
- b) I could help you.
- c) I may help you.
- d) I must help you.

36. Choose the correct sentence:

"Of / great / is / the / river / importance / Ganga"

- a) Ganga is of importance the great river.
- b) The Ganga River is of great importance.
- c) River the Ganga is great importance of.
- d) Importance of the river Ganga is great.

37. Which proverb means

"Don't be late in taking an opportunity"?

- a) A stitch in time saves nine
- b) Better late than never
- c) Time and tide wait for none
- d) Rome was not built in a day

38. Choose the correct meaning of "When in Rome, do as the Romans do."

- a) Always act superior
- b) Follow local customs when you are in a different place
- c) Teach others your own ways
- d) Stay silent in foreign places

39. Which proverb fits this meaning: "Working together brings success"?

- a) Time and tide wait for none
- b) United we stand, divided we fall
- c) All's well that ends well
- d) The pen is mightier than the sword

40. Which of the following sentences has the correct question tag?

- a) She can't drive, can she?
- b) She can't drive, can't she?
- c) She can drive, can she?
- d) She drives, do she?

41. Match the sentences to their correct question tags:

- 1. He is tall
- 2. They haven't arrived
- 3. She will dance
- 4. We were late

- A. haven't they?
- B. won't she?
- C. isn't he?
- D. weren't we?

- a) 1-C, 2-A, 3-B, 4-D
- b) 1-A, 2-C, 3-D, 4-B
- c) 1-B, 2-D, 3-A, 4-C
- d) 1-C, 2-B, 3-D, 4-A

42. Identify the sentence with the correct determiner usage.

- a) I bought a orange.
- b) I bought an apple.
- c) I bought an orange juice.
- d) I bought the orange juice carton.

43. Match the following determiners to their types:

- 1) Some
- 2) Many
- 3) Each
- 4) That
- A. Demonstrative
- B. Distributive
- C. Quantifier
- D. Quantifier

- a) 1-D, 2-C, 3-B, 4-A
- b) 1-C, 2-D, 3-B, 4-A
- c) 1-B, 2-C, 3-A, 4-D
- d) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C, 4-D

44. Which determiner would you use with an uncountable noun?

- a) Many b) Much c) Few d) Several

45. Fill in the blank:

"_____ book you gave me is interesting."

- a) This b) Those c) These d) A

46. Which sentence uses both a quantifier and a demonstrative?

- a) That is my car.
- b) Some of those books are mine.
- c) Few people know him.
- d) Many students are absent.

47. Which pair are homophones?

- a) Bare—Bear
- b) Read—Red
- c) Write—Right
- d) All of the above

48. Match the sentences to their transformation types:

- 1. Affirmative to Negative
- 2. Declarative to Interrogative
- 3. Exclamatory to Assertive
- 4. Imperative to Assertive

- A. Please help me = I request you to help me.
- B. She sings well = She does not sing badly.
- C. What a beautiful day! = It is a very beautiful day.
- D. He is a doctor = Is he a doctor?

- a) 1-B, 2-D, 3-C, 4-A
- b) 1-C, 2-B, 3-D, 4-A
- c) 1-B, 2-A, 3-D, 4-C
- d) 1-D, 2-C, 3-A, 4-B

49. Change to exclamatory:
"It is a very sad news."

- a) How a sad news it is!
- b) What a sad news it is!
- c) How sad news is!
- d) What sad it news is!

50. Identify the correct negative form:
"He always obeys his parents."

- a) He obeys his parents never.
- b) He never disobeys his parents.
- c) He doesn't obey his parents.
- d) He never obeys his parents.

Answer Key

1.b	2.d	3.b	4.b	5.b	6.b	7.c	8.b	9.b	10.a
11.b	12.b	13.a	14.a	15.b	16.a	17.a	18.a	19.b	20.b
21.a	22.a	23.a	24.b	25.b	26.b	27.a	28.b	29.a	30.a
31.c	32.a	33.c	34.c	35.a	36.b	37.c	38.b	39.b	40.a
41.a	42.b	43.b	44.b	45.a	46.b	47.d	48.a	49.b	50.b