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Guidelines for the Candidate

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- 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 3 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.
- To mark your choice of answers by darkening the circles on the OMR Sheet, use HB Perici or Blue / Black ball point pen only. E.g.

Q.16: Fill in the blanks.

Please teach my dog ____ a ball.



A. to fetch

B. lear

C. show

D. to learn

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

- 7. Return the OMR Sheet to the invigilator at the end of the exam.
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WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

She is so _____ that she can buy her

clothes from the children's section of the

FOR QUESTIONS 1 TO 22, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

Example I am so as I went running today! Tomorrow I will need a rest. A. exhausted B. happy C. disgusted D. drain I. Isn't it a that there are no museums open on the weekend? A. pitiful B. pity	department store. A. grand B. vast C. smallest D. petite 7. When he's angry, there is no talking to the man as he goes completely the top! A. under B. around C. over D. on
C. pitied D. pities	8. I cannot wait for tonight's party, is the location?
 I wouldn't be surprised if she made herself ill as she know when to stop. A. don't B. shouldn't C. does not D. will not 	A. when B. where C. for D. why 9. You asked to borrow my dress last night and
3. I've heard Greg very well, he even competes in marathons. A. run B. running C. to run D. runs	I said no and yet somehow it worn. A. is being B. will be C. being D. has been
4. At the theme park, we went on an exhilarating ride; experienced anything like it. A. I've never B. was ever C. never I D. was never	10. My sister cried out, "How dare you," A. ! B. !. C D. ?! 11. The village square is beautiful. I
5. He purchased his sister's favourite perfume as it's her birthday next week. A. thoughtful B. thoughtfully C. more thoughtful D. thoughtfulness	loved the fountain in the centre. A. as well B. unless C. also D. because

take the escalator. A. ought B. must be C. will be D. could	in the of many diseases that have been potentially fatal in the past. A. end B. eradication C. past
13. I spoke to her on the phone just now you were paying for the coffees. A. then B. whether C. whilst D. is	D. altercation 20. This room is so old-fashioned, I really wan to it back to its old glory. A. facilitate B. make up C. renovate
14. Richard is a very lazy boy; there isn'tactive bone in his body. A. there B. some C. just D. an	D. splash 21. That rock face is so; you would have to be really experienced to attempt it. A. dared B. shallow
 15. It was cold when Harry came out of the sea, so he couldn't control his A. shivering B. shivered C. was shivering D. did shiver 	C. height D. perilous 22. Edinburgh is a beautiful city. It is a very popular destination for A. the bus B. surprised
 16. Whilst I was getting my nails painted for the wedding, the hairdresser my hair. A. does B. was doing C. does do D. do's 	C. tourists D. pleasing FOR QUESTIONS 23 AND 24, CHOOSE THE PART OF THE SENTENCE THAT HAS AN ERROR.
17. I would love to be a stuntman, especially when all the explosives blow A. out B. in C. up D. at	23. The windows wiper on dad's car were going at double speed due to the heavy rain.A. The windows wiper onB. dad's car were going atC. double speed due toD. the heavy rain.
 18. We'll need a really smart new boss to take this failing business and get things moving forward. A. in B. through C. from D. over 	 24. In order to appreciate calm, you must first experiencing totals chaos. A. In order to B. appreciate calm, C. you must first D. experiencing totals chaos.

FOR QUESTIONS 25 AND 26, CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

- 25. Foil
 - A. Remove
 - B. Placate
 - C. Elude
 - D. Envelope
- 26. Impinge
 - A. Intercept
 - B. Encroach
 - C. Reload
 - D. Concentrate

FOR QUESTIONS 27 AND 28, CHOOSE THE CORRECTANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

- 27. Perpetrate
 - A. Hanker
 - B. Help
 - C. Hone
 - D. Halt

- 28. Reticent
 - A. Enigmatic
 - B. Communicative
 - C. Uptight
 - D. Retractable

FOR QUESTIONS 29 AND 30, CHOOSE THE OPTION WITH CORRECT SPELLING.

- 29. What is the spelling of this adjective that means 'to be self-confident'?
 - A. Prisumptuous
 - B. Presumptous
 - C. Presumptuous
 - D. Prosmptious
- 30. What is the spelling of the word that means 'consequences'?
 - A. Repracussions
 - B. Reporcousins
 - C. Repercussions
 - D. Repracussions

READING

FOR QUESTIONS 31 TO 35, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

Over the last 100 years there have been some amazing discoveries in France. The number of ancient animals that they have found seem to be higher than any other country. Recently, there has been another very exciting find that the scientists are excited about. They have found an enormous thigh bone of a plant-eating dinosaur from the Jurassic period, which was dug up in the south of France. The Jurassic period is estimated to have been between 150 and 200 million years ago. Palaeontologists are people who dig for fossils and bones as a profession. The Palaeontologists at the excavation site in France have spared no expense in their pursuit of such fossils over the years and have made more than 7,500 discoveries from 40 different species since 2010. Angeac-Charente is the biggest site of its kind in Europe.

Their latest find measures two-metres long and is believed to have belonged to a sauropod - a herbivorous dinosaur with a long neck and tail. They were widespread during the late Jurassic era some 140 million years ago. Ronan Allain, a palaeontologist at the National History Museum of Paris, said he was stunned that life had found a way to preserve the bone for such a long time. The excavation site has seen thousands of discoveries over the years. He added, "This is a major discovery. These are animals that probably weighed 40 to 50 tonnes."

The site, located near the southwestern city of Cognac, has become a major tourist_

attraction in the recent years because of how many dinosaur fossils have been found there. It is the biggest excavation site of its kind in Europe and offers tours every July, hosted by a team of around 50 students and researchers who talk guests through how fossils are **excavated**, cleaned and preserved.

- 31. Choose the best title or heading for the passage.
 - A. French Inventions
 - B. A Big Tourist Trap
 - C. More Dinosaur Finds
 - D. Science has the Answers
- 32. Which bone have the French found recently?
 - A. Skull
 - B. Back
 - C. Thigh
 - D. Toe
- 33. They have made over 7,500 discoveries
 - A. from 50 tonnes of bone
 - B. in 2010
 - C. outside Europe
 - D. from 40 species
- 34. What has happened after finding all the bones?
 - A. The land has lots of new scientists living there.
 - B. The area has become a tourist site.
 - C. There is more money from the government.
 - D. The land has been protected.
- 35. What does the word 'excavated' mean in the text?
 - A. Broken
 - B. Left alone
 - C. Dug up
 - D. Made clean

FOR QUESTIONS 36 TO 40, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

Living in a hot country can be pleasant, but it can sometimes cause problems with technology. In the UK, when the temperature rises, a common problem is that mobile phones stop working. If a phone is left in direct sunlight for too long, it may get a warning message cautioning that it needs to cool down. In some cases, the phone may automatically disable certain functions in an attempt to keep the heat in check.

Most phones are engineered to perform at the high internal temperatures caused by intensive tasks like gaming or multitasking between apps. But prolonged overheating from the weather can also lead to permanent damage to the phone's battery. 'Low-or high-temperature conditions might cause the device to change its behaviour. Using a device in very hot conditions can permanently shorten battery life. Manufacturers say that phones run into these problems if the temperature exceeds 35° C.

Modern batteries contain fluids that work through chemical reactions to power the phone's components. When external heat gets applied to the battery, the fluid inside it starts to evaporate and that can damage the internal structure of the battery.

In an effort to stop this, if your phone gets too hot, then it's liable to dim the display, switch off intensive functions like GPS, disable the camera flash and throttle the performance on certain graphically-intensive apps. There will also likely be a warning screen telling you to cool it down. The best way to cool it down is not to stick your phone in the fridge. The moisture in there will also cause damage. To cool your phone down, the best things to do are: put your phone in the shade and away from other sources of heat. Avoid charging your

phone, dim screen brightness and remove it from any case it might be in. Turn on airplane mode, which will quickly **disable** power-intensive features like WiFi and cellular signal search. Switch the power off and leave it for a few minutes. It's not practical, but it'll work.

- 36. Choose the best title or heading for the passage.
 - A. Summer Phone Mayhem
 - B. Phones Need No Rest
 - C. My Phone is Heatproof
 - D. New Technology only Works in Europe
- 37. What happens when a phone is left in direct sunlight for too long?
 - A. You can't talk to anyone.
 - B. A warning message appears.

- C. The phone will breakdown.
- D. You need to buy a new one.
- 38. What temperature is bad for your phone?
 - A. Below 35 degrees
 - B. It depends on the phone.
 - C. Above 35 degrees
 - D. Just being in the light will damage it.
- 39. If a phone overheats, it will _____.
 - A. ring an alarm to tell you
 - B. shut down entirely
 - C. need to go into the fridge to cool off
 - D. shut down energy-sapping apps
- 40. What is the meaning of the word 'disable' in the last paragraph?
 - A. Turn off
 - B. Accident
 - C. Lock
 - D. Hurt

SPOKEN	AND	WRITTEN	EXPR	ESSION
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FOR QUESTIONS 41 TO 45, CHOOSE T	HE
MOST SUITABLE OPTION TO COMPLE	TE
EACH CONVERSATION.	

- 41. Geoff: Are you OK? You seemed to _____ out of steam at around the half way point.
 - A. lose
 - B. miss
 - C. run
 - D. send
- 42. Jenny: I'm sure I _____ the bank earlier, otherwise my purse would be empty.
 - A. was going
 - B. went to
 - C. been
 - D. had been
- 43. Mum: Are those jelly beans you're eating? Could I have one?

Son:	Ĩ	would	give	you	one,	mum,	but	I
		have	one 1	eft.				

- A. possible
- B. should be
- C. can
- D. only
- 44. Jane: Any volunteers for the kids' surfing classes?

Katy: I _____ do it as I don't know how to surf.

- A. can't
- B. would
- C. could
- D. maybe
- 45. Dad: That new band you like are playing on Saturday night in the local hall.

Son: You _____ told me that earlier before I agreed to work all weekend.

- A. did have
- B. could've
- C. might
- D. just

ACHIEVERS SECTION

FOR QUESTIONS 46 AND 47, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.	B. CatastrophicC. Broody			
46. My uncle apologised for his lateness,	D. Granular			
we accepted gracefully.	49. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONY			
A. why	OF THE GIVEN WORD.			
B. which	Stupendous			
C. when	A. Awesome			
D. how	B. Bewildered			
47. I think it looks likenowhere quickly	C. Terrible			
in the next few hours.	D. Prodigious			
A. we get B. we had been going	50. CHOOSE THE MOST SUITABLE OPTION TO COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION.			
C. we're being goingD. we'll be going	Felix: I have never been a and I			
	don't want to start being one now.			
48. CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM	A. get by			
OF THE GIVEN WORD.	B. big move			
Upbeat	C. pull out			
A. Buoyant	D. push over			













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