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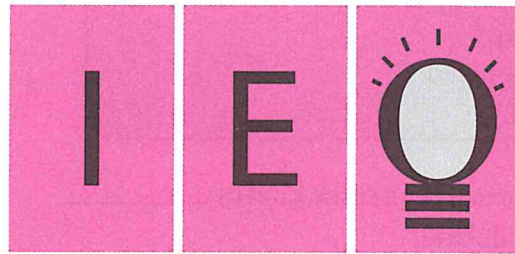
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2. Write your **Name, School Code, Class, Section, Roll No.** and **Mobile Number** clearly on the **OMR Sheet** and do not forget to sign it. We will share your marks / result and other information related to SOF exams on your mobile number.
3. The 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.
6. 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 blanks.**

**Please teach my dog \_\_\_\_\_ a ball.**

- A.** to fetch    **B.** learn    **C.** show    **D.** to learn

16. ● ○ ○ ○

As the correct answer is option A, you must darken the circle corresponding to option A on 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

FOR QUESTIONS 1 TO 24, CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD/PHRASE TO COMPLETE EACH SENTENCE.

### Example

I am so \_\_\_\_\_ as I went running today! Tomorrow I will need a rest.

- A. exhausted
- B. happy
- C. disgusted
- D. sad

1. I wish there had been some kind of \_\_\_\_\_ about the debate.
  - A. agreeable
  - B. agreement
  - C. agreeably
  - D. agreed
2. There needs to be a way of getting \_\_\_\_\_ through to him while he is away.
  - A. something
  - B. somewhere
  - C. somebody
  - D. some such
3. I think the right choice is to \_\_\_\_\_ the consensus and watch the space movie.
  - A. settle to
  - B. come on
  - C. move of
  - D. go with
4. If we don't get this finished tonight, I doubt it'll \_\_\_\_\_ done.
  - A. sometimes seem
  - B. always have
  - C. ever be
  - D. generally show
5. When I turned 13, I realised my feet \_\_\_\_\_ at least a year ago.
  - A. had stopped growing
  - B. have stopped growing
  - C. will have stopped to grow
  - D. having stopped to grow
6. I wonder when there \_\_\_\_\_ a chance to finish up our game we started before dinner.
  - A. is
  - B. is being
  - C. will be
  - D. was being
7. In general, France has a \_\_\_\_\_ population in rural areas than any other European country.
  - A. largely
  - B. larger
  - C. large
  - D. largess
8. The cooker was \_\_\_\_\_ to heat up and the stew heated \_\_\_\_\_ as a result.
  - A. slowly, slow
  - B. slowly, slowly
  - C. slow, slow
  - D. slow, slowly
9. My uncle is a \_\_\_\_\_, so I haven't seen him for about five years.
  - A. sophist
  - B. recluse
  - C. manager
  - D. writer
10. I usually only ever \_\_\_\_\_ organic food these days and for quite a while now.
  - A. eat
  - B. have eaten
  - C. was eating
  - D. eating
11. I'm not sure if some people's actions are \_\_\_\_\_ given that we should all care for one another.
  - A. justify
  - B. justifiably
  - C. justification
  - D. justifiable



12. There can always be ways \_\_\_\_\_ can improve if given half a chance.  
A. his  
B. yourself  
C. one  
D. her
- 
13. I think it is important to deal with any problem \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. right in  
B. back off  
C. head on  
D. elbows up
- 
14. I don't like the way my sister thinks I am at her beck \_\_\_\_\_ call.  
A. so  
B. or  
C. but  
D. and
- 
15. In politics, the squeaky wheel gets the \_\_\_\_\_, so it is vital to raise your voice.  
A. puncture  
B. screw  
C. grease  
D. engine
- 
16. The film we saw last night was a real \_\_\_\_\_, consequently it had everyone in my family crying.  
A. tearjerker  
B. rip roarer  
C. blockbuster  
D. end gamer
- 
17. It is hard to see \_\_\_\_\_ in someone I respect so much.  
A. emanations  
B. shortcomings  
C. reformulations  
D. effervescence
- 
18. I am not sure how we can \_\_\_\_\_ the issue without losing too much time.  
A. ranker  
B. randomly  
C. mitigate  
D. belligerent
- 
19. Most people have no interest in \_\_\_\_\_ because they are busy doing other things instead of looking around.  
A. semantics  
B. panics  
C. heretics  
D. aesthetics
- 
20. We need to get involved in this project with great \_\_\_\_\_ or it won't be finished on time.  
A. effusiveness  
B. malice  
C. alacrity  
D. platitudes
- 
21. I need to put together a \_\_\_\_\_ argument so we can go to the party tomorrow.  
A. cogent  
B. continent  
C. committed  
D. cognoscente
- 
22. We are all \_\_\_\_\_ different to one another, so we are all friends.  
A. beneficial  
B. beneficially  
C. beneficiary  
D. benefit
- 
23. I have never seen anyone \_\_\_\_\_ someone as well as you do.  
A. copiable  
B. copied  
C. copy  
D. copies
- 
24. I don't understand why you are just \_\_\_\_\_ around the house on such a nice day.  
A. cruising  
B. bathing  
C. sliding  
D. sloping

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

25. Annex

- A. Connect
- B. Dispatch
- C. Enrol
- D. Partake

26. Melancholy

- A. Aggressive
- B. Pensive
- C. Emotive
- D. Placated

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

27. Tenacious

- A. Afraid
- B. Unswerving
- C. Disposable
- D. Irrational

28. Surfeit

- A. Pledge
- B. Rebrand
- C. Grumble
- D. Abstain

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

29. How do you spell the word that means 'to restore harmony'?

- A. Rapprochment
- B. Rapproachment
- C. Rapprochement
- D. Raproachment

30. How do you spell the word that means 'to be unemotional'?

- A. Stalid
- B. Stolid
- C. Stoled
- D. Staled

## READING

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

A scientist who ran 1600 km around London to help 500 community projects in the process has been presented with a Points of Light award, which recognises outstanding volunteers who are making change happen in their community.

Beth Hoskins, 38, a clinical scientist at Great Ormond Street Hospital, was recognised by the Prime Minister for her commitment to carrying out good deeds for others. The Londoner became a GoodGym runner (where you 'get fit while doing good') half a decade ago. She has since run a staggering 994 miles to complete tasks in her community and support people who need her help: from delivering donations to food banks, to spending time with the elderly.

Beth said she was "honoured" to receive the award at a ceremony on the evening of 30<sup>th</sup> January. She said in a statement: "Whatever the task, seeing how grateful people are that there is someone able and willing to help makes it all worthwhile. In addition to the people that I've helped, I've also been lucky enough to meet and make friends with an amazing group of like-minded fellow 'runners' who I look forward to seeing at every session."

It is a fast-growing community of runners all over the UK. Rather than visiting the gym to run up miles on a treadmill or lifting weights for personal gain, they channel their energy into a workout that benefits people in their community as well as their own health.

Some of Beth's good deeds have included: Delivering food donations to Vauxhall foodbank



Turfing the roof of the Southbank  
Shifting 8 tonnes of woodchip in the Queen Elizabeth Park  
Moving a pirate ship climbing frame for a community garden in Plaistow  
Sorting clothes for Camberwell Salvation Army  
Weekly runs to support an isolated 64-year-old called Paul  
Clearing an overgrown garden for an older person in Tower Hamlets

Paul, a 64-year-old who Beth visits each week to keep him company, said: "My runner Beth has become a permanent and very loyal mate."

In a letter addressed to Beth, Prime Minister Theresa May wrote: "You have helped hundreds of people in communities across London, supporting a real variety of causes. You have demonstrated a **tremendous** commitment to helping others, doing good deeds, and promoting healthy living."

31. Choose the best title or heading for the passage.
- A. Running for Myself and Others
  - B. Run for Money
  - C. Running Helps Doctor Feel Happy
  - D. British Government Helps Runner
- 
32. How long has she been running for the charity?
- A. 38 years
  - B. 5 years
  - C. Her whole life
  - D. 30 years
- 
33. How is Beth's workout different?
- A. She meets up with friends.
  - B. She runs very far.
  - C. She helps other people.
  - D. She runs very small amounts because she is busy.

34. Where is the garden she helped clean?
- A. Plaistow
  - B. Camberwell
  - C. Tower Hamlets
  - D. Southbank
- 
35. What does the word 'tremendous' mean in the final paragraph?
- A. Sarcastic
  - B. Trivial
  - C. Huge
  - D. Individual

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

A 29-year-old barber rallied support among his local community to give his 100-year-old customer a heartwarming birthday surprise. Graham Griffiths, from Wiltshire, regularly cuts pensioner Jack's hair in his shop. "He mentioned he had no family and his wife had sadly passed away, which is never nice to hear." As Jack's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday approached, Graham appealed to the local community for help organising a special treat for Jack. Both men were overwhelmed by the community's response.

On 10<sup>th</sup> July, Graham took to Facebook to ask friends, family and members of the local community to give Jack a happy birthday. "The little old chap I have come in my shop, that I've mentioned before that doesn't have any family - it's his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday next Tuesday," he wrote. "I'm thinking about getting a cake made for him, 100 years is incredible! Anyone locally able to do this for me please? "If anyone fancies sending a birthday card to my shop for me to pass on, his name is Jack, he will be very grateful, he's a lovely bloke."

It wasn't long before a local resident offered to make a cake, complete with an icing



figure of Jack riding his mobility scooter. The barber was also **inundated** with cards from local residents, with almost 100 people sending their best wishes to Jack. Graham delivered the cards and cake to Jack on his birthday along with a handful of balloons, much to the pensioner's delight. Jack also seemed particularly chuffed to receive a £10 shop voucher.

The sweet video of Jack receiving his gifts has been viewed more than 40,000 times on Facebook, with hundreds of people commenting to praise Graham for his kindness. "What a lovely thing to do, need more people in this world like you," one said. Another added: "This is so thoughtful, be very proud of yourself! Well done."

This has sparked a new trend that is taking the UK by storm. Up and down the country people are posting requests for other people. The idea is that the community gets together and helps people celebrate their birthdays and other important celebrations. Recently, a man went on social media to raise money for his daughter's present. He raised so much that he was able to take his whole family to America for the holiday of a lifetime.

36. Choose the best title or heading for the passage.
- Free Haircuts for Everyone
  - Barber Becomes a Party Planner
  - 100-Year-Old Shaves his Head
  - All You Need is Cake
- 
37. Where did Graham and Jack meet?
- They're related.
  - On the street
  - In the barber shop
  - Through Facebook
- 
38. How many cards did Jack receive?
- Around 100
  - A handful
  - One
  - 10
- 
39. 40,000 people have watched Jack \_\_\_\_\_.
- go to America
  - having his haircut
  - getting some balloons
  - getting his presents
- 
40. What is the meaning of the word 'inundate' in the third paragraph?
- Bury
  - Scatter
  - Flood
  - Reveal

## SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

FOR QUESTIONS 41 TO 45, CHOOSE THE MOST SUITABLE OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH CONVERSATION.

41. Stan: What's going on over there?

Billy: Don't ask me, I'm completely in the \_\_\_\_\_ about most things these days.

- know
- dark
- light
- fright

42. Peggy: I've never been a fan of TV.

Sammy: Me neither, I can take it \_\_\_\_\_ leave it personally.

- but
- and
- also
- or

43. Student: Are we finishing early today?

Teacher: No! You've got another \_\_\_\_\_ coming if you reckon that's happening again.

- A. think
- B. thumb
- C. thank
- D. thug

44. Mother: How are you doing today?

Daughter: Not bad, but I do feel a bit \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. decided
- B. down

- C. diluted
- D. drought

45. James: How are these made?

Dwaine: If I knew I'd be \_\_\_\_\_ by now.

- A. mounted
- B. melted
- C. minted
- D. matched

### ACHIEVERS SECTION

FOR QUESTIONS 46 AND 47, CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD/PHRASE TO COMPLETE EACH SENTENCE.

46. There are several unknown \_\_\_\_\_ that we need to look into on the spreadsheet.

- A. variables
- B. sentiments
- C. salutations
- D. illusions

47. How is it that we \_\_\_\_\_ such a good time so early in the morning?

- A. have
- B. to have
- C. had had
- D. are having

48. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Puerile

- A. Blatant
- B. Callow

- C. Mature
- D. Dull

49. CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Paucity

- A. Abundance
- B. Dearth
- C. Split
- D. Lurid

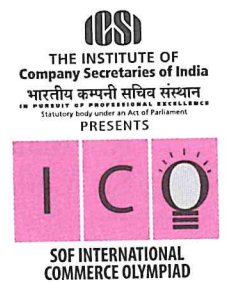
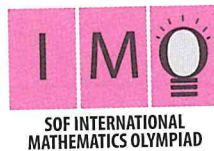
50. CHOOSE THE MOST SUITABLE OPTION TO COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION.

James: That biscuit looks and smells amazing!

Jane: I know. My mum always prepares a \_\_\_\_\_ dozen, so usually there is one left over for me because only twelve will fit in the biscuit tin at home.

- A. baker's
- B. monger's
- C. butcher's
- D. teacher's





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