



**SOF INTERNATIONAL  
ENGLISH OLYMPIAD**

Total Questions : 50

Time : 1 hr.

PATTERN & MARKING SCHEME				
Section	(1) Word and Structure Knowledge	(2) Reading	(3) Spoken and Written Expression	(4) Achievers Section
No. of Questions	30	10	5	5
Marks per Ques.	1	1	1	3

**SYLLABUS**

**Section – 1 :** Synonyms, Antonyms, Analogies and Spellings, Collocations, Phrasal Verbs, Idioms or Proverbs, Homonyms and Homophones, One word, Nouns, Pronouns, Verbs, Adverbs, Adjectives, Articles, Prepositions, Prepositional Phrases, Participle Phrases, Conjunctions, Determiners, Jumbled Words and Punctuations, Tenses, Voices and Narrations, Question Tags, etc. Words related to leisure, Household items/Issues, Social causes, Outdoor locations and activities, etc.

**Section – 2 :** Search for and retrieve information from various text types like News reports, Blurb, Dictionaries, etc., Understand information presented in instruction manual format, Message format and others. Acquire broad understanding of and look for specific information in longer texts like Editorials, Essays, etc.

**Section – 3 :** Ability to understand situation-based variations in functions like Requesting, Giving information, Expressing surprise, Pronunciation, etc.

**Section – 4 :** Higher Order Thinking Questions - Syllabus as per Sections 1, 2 and 3.

**WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE**

- Choose the odd pair.  
 (A) Annoy : Irritate  
 (B) Comprehend : Understand  
 (C) Spectator : Onlooker  
 (D) Reserve : Supply
- The thief walked away with the diamond crown on display. No one stopped him because he was \_\_\_\_\_ the director of the museum.  
 (A) contracting  
 (B) impersonating  
 (C) implanting  
 (D) contradicting
- The transmission of the President’s speech remained \_\_\_\_\_ interrupted.  
 (A) mis  
 (B) dis  
 (C) un  
 (D) il

Direction (Q. No. 2 and 3) : Choose the correct option.

**READING**

Direction (Q. No. 4 and 5) : Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

The greatest threat to life on Earth today comes from global warming. This is caused due to multiple factors including human activity. It happens when greenhouse gases (carbon dioxide, water vapour, nitrous oxide, and methane) trap heat and light from the Sun in the Earth’s atmosphere, which increases the overall temperature on Earth. This impacts people, animals, and plants. Many who cannot take the change, die. Global warming is affecting many parts of the world, particularly sea coasts. People living on islands and in coastal areas are therefore at risk as the polar ice caps melt and sea levels rise.

- According to the passage, choose the statement that is false.  
 (A) Life on Earth is threatened only by global warming.  
 (B) Global warming threatens human beings who live on islands.  
 (C) When the overall temperature on Earth rises the sea level will also increase.  
 (D) Creatures which cannot adapt to higher temperatures will become extinct.
- “Many cannot take the change.” Here “change” refers to changes in \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) lifestyle  
 (B) food habits  
 (C) temperature  
 (D) health issues

## SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

Direction (Q. No. 6 and 7) : Sentences 1 and 3 are given. Sentence 2 is missing. Choose the right sentence for sentence 2.

6. Sona : Hema, I notice your tennis serve is much better these days.

Hema: \_\_\_\_\_.

Sona: Your efforts have not been wasted. There is a remarkable improvement in your game.

- (A) Yes, I think I've finally mastered the technique, though it took months of practise
- (B) Serving well is an art that can be mastered
- (C) I saw a doctor because I was suffering from tennis elbow
- (D) In tennis, one has to focus on one's serving action

7. Mala : I was looking for a birthday present for my nephew but I didn't have much luck. Do you have any bright ideas?

Juhi : \_\_\_\_\_.

Mala : I did think about it, but I felt I should take some trouble and choose something useful.

- (A) Some music, maybe?

(B) One need not buy a present for everyone.

(C) You could just give him some money.

(D) Buying a present is something that only the young enjoy.

Direction (Q.No. 8) : Sentences 1 and 4 are given. Sentences 2 and 3 are missing. Choose two sentences that will complete the paragraph.

8. Sentence 1 : Today's world is full of gizmos and gadgets unimaginable to people thirty years ago.

Sentence 2 : \_\_\_\_\_.

Sentence 3 : \_\_\_\_\_.

Sentence 4 : However, keeping abreast of technology seems a difficult job by itself considering the pace at which new gadgets appear on the market.

(D) The markets cater to this section and keep bringing out products that cater to their taste.

(E) Students and the youth like to keep abreast of technology.

(F) Who would have imagined a world of cell phones and ipods?

(A) D and F (B) E and D

(C) E and F (D) F and D

## ACHIEVERS SECTION

9. Choose the word with the opposite meaning to the underlined word.

The bee is a very industrious creature.

- (A) Hardworking (B) Indolent
- (C) Repulsive (D) Curious

10. Choose the best option.

If a business person is called munificent, he/she is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) prominent (B) miserly
- (C) generous (D) rich

SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK

## ANSWERS

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