

# SCO INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIAD

## GRADE 10 SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER

Practice paper with corrected answer key and explanations

### ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

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<b>Exam</b>	SCO International English Olympiad
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## Sample Question Paper Overview

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### Candidate Guidelines

Read every question carefully. Each question has only one correct answer. Choose the most accurate option based on grammar, context, reading evidence, and standard English usage. Rough work may be done in the space provided by the school or on permitted paper according to invigilator instructions.

## Question Paper

### Section A: Reading, Grammar and Contextual Language

**Q1.** Which of the following terms signifies a collection of diverse thoughts and activities, typically involving a multitude of participants who converge to cultivate their knowledge and skills in an academic environment?

- A) Symposium
- B) Convention
- C) Consortium
- D) Conference

**Q2.** In a mysterious scenario described in a detective story, fill in the blank with the appropriate article to convey specificity regarding the subject:

"After the investigation, it was concluded that ----- cat seen lurking around the stable was likely the culprit behind the missing horse."

- A) the
- B) a
- C) an
- D) no article

**Q3.** Choose the correct preposition to complete the sentence that reflects a nuanced understanding of time and circumstances:

"She completed the project ----- a significant amount of stress due to the impending deadline."

- A) under
- B) over
- C) beside
- D) through

**Q4.** Identify the verb in the following sentence:

"Despite her efforts to maintain a sense of normalcy amidst the chaos, she found herself increasingly overwhelmed by the mounting pressures of her responsibilities."

- A) maintain
- B) found
- C) overwhelming
- D) chaos

**Q5.** Identify the verb in the following sentence:

"Having meticulously crafted her proposal after countless revisions, she submitted it with the hope that her innovative ideas would impress the board members during the meeting."

- A) crafted
- B) submitted
- C) impressed
- D) hope

**Q6.** (NOUN): Nithya eagerly anticipated the moment when the mixologist would complete her intricate -----, a creation she could almost taste in her anticipation.

- A) elixir
- B) concoction
- C) amalgamation
- D) infusion

**Q7.** Inferences and Analysis: Read the sentence: "The politician's speech was filled with ambiguous statements, leaving the audience to draw their own conclusions."

What can we infer about the politician's intent?

- A) The politician intended to confuse the audience.
- B) The politician used ambiguity to appeal to a wider audience.
- C) The politician was not well-prepared for the speech.
- D) The politician expected the audience to agree without questioning.

**Q8.** Vocabulary in Context: Which of the following best defines ephemeral as used in this sentence?

"The beauty of the cherry blossoms was ephemeral, lasting only a week."

- A) Timeless
- B) Delicate
- C) Short-lived
- D) Symbolic

**Q9.** Reading Comprehension and Reasoning: "The story's protagonist always believed that fate was predetermined, yet in the final chapter, she defies the very destiny she thought was inevitable."

What theme does this sentence illustrate?

- A) Free will versus destiny
- B) Love conquers all
- C) The importance of tradition
- D) Sacrifice and redemption

**Q10.** Critical Analysis of Language: In literature, which of the following is an example of verbal irony?

- A) Saying, "What a pleasant day!" during a thunderstorm.
- B) The protagonist facing challenges that mirror their internal struggles.
- C) A character giving a motivational speech to others while feeling hopeless.
- D) Using "the roar of the ocean" to describe the sound of waves.

## Section B: Grammar Transformations and Usage

**Q11.** Interpretation of Tone: Which of these options best describes the tone in this excerpt?

"She laughed softly, her voice like the tinkling of wind chimes, though her eyes were clouded with a sorrow that could not be spoken."

- A) Cheerful
- B) Ironic
- C) Melancholic
- D) Detached

**Q12.** Complex Sentence Structure Analysis: Identify the error in this sentence:

“Neither the managers nor the employee are responsible for the incident.”

- A) Replace “are” with “is.”
- B) Change “Neither” to “Either.”
- C) Replace “employee” with “employees.”
- D) Replace “incident” with “accident.”

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**Q14.** Synonym Replacement for Precise Language: Which word can replace arduous in the following sentence without changing the meaning?

"Completing the project was an arduous task."

- A) Simple
- B) Tedious
- C) Rewarding
- D) Challenging

**Q15.** Logical Connections and Implications: Read the statement: “As he completed each task, he realized his journey had just begun.”

What does this imply about the character's experience?

- A) He is frustrated by endless responsibilities.
- B) He finds satisfaction in each completed task.
- C) He understands that personal growth is an ongoing process.
- D) He feels regret over the choices he has made.

**Q16.** Interpretation of Figurative Language: What literary device is used in this phrase: “Her voice was a soothing balm in the chaos of the world around him.”

- A) Simile
- B) Hyperbole
- C) Personification
- D) Metaphor

**Q17.** Assertion: Conditional sentences can be divided into zero, first, second, and third conditionals, each expressing different degrees of probability or reality.

Reason: The zero conditional is used for hypothetical situations that are unlikely to happen.

- A) Both Assertion and Reason are true, and Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- B) Both Assertion and Reason are true, but Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- C) Assertion is true, but Reason is false.
- D) Both Assertion and Reason are false.

**Q18.** Assertion: The subjunctive mood is used in English to express wishes, hypotheticals, or conditions contrary to fact.

Reason: The subjunctive mood is only used with verbs like "wish" or "if."

- A) Both Assertion and Reason are true, and Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- B) Both Assertion and Reason are true, but Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- C) Assertion is true, but Reason is false.
- D) Both Assertion and Reason are false.

**Q19.** Assertion: Modals like "should" and "must" often convey the speaker's attitude toward necessity or advice.

Reason: The use of "must" in a sentence always implies a strong suggestion rather than a command.

- A) Both Assertion and Reason are true, and Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- B) Both Assertion and Reason are true, but Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- C) Assertion is true, but Reason is false.
- D) Both Assertion and Reason are false.

**Q20.** Assertion: In reported speech, changing pronouns and tense is essential to maintain the original meaning.

Reason: In reported speech, pronouns and tenses remain the same as they were in the original speech.

- A) Both Assertion and Reason are true, and Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- B) Both Assertion and Reason are true, but Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- C) Assertion is true, but Reason is false.
- D) Both Assertion and Reason are false.

**Q21.** Assertion: The past perfect tense is essential when indicating an action completed before another past action.

Reason: The past perfect tense always pairs with the present perfect tense to establish a clear sequence of events.

- A) Both Assertion and Reason are true, and Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- B) Both Assertion and Reason are true, but Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- C) Assertion is true, but Reason is false.
- D) Both Assertion and Reason are false.

**Q22.** Identify the closest synonym for "obfuscate" in this context: The speaker intended to obfuscate the issue to confuse the audience.

- A) Clarify
- B) Complicate
- C) Elucidate
- D) Illuminate

**Q23.** Select the best synonym for "pellucid" in the following sentence: Her arguments were so pellucid that even the most complex ideas became simple.

- A) Transparent
- B) Ambiguous
- C) Murky
- D) Convoluted

**Q24.** Choose the synonym that best fits the word "recalcitrant" as used here: The manager struggled with a recalcitrant employee who constantly disregarded instructions.

- A) Compliant
- B) Obedient
- C) Defiant
- D) Cooperative

**Q25.** Which option best replaces "parsimonious" in this context? Known for his parsimonious habits, he would go to great lengths to avoid unnecessary expenses.

- A) Generous
- B) Frugal
- C) Wasteful
- D) Lavish

**Q26.** Identify the closest synonym for "sagacious" in the context of the sentence: Her sagacious insights helped steer the company through challenging times.

- A) Foolish
- B) Wise
- C) Careless
- D) Reckless

**Q27.** "The nature of an emotion often hinges on the particular --26-- that prompts the sentiment."

- A) catalyst
- B) inclination
- C) artifact
- D) interval

**Q28.** "For example, individuals may feel elation upon receiving --27-- news of a positive outcome."

- A) haphazard
- B) fortuitous
- C) surreptitious
- D) futile

**Q29.** Question 28: "Emotions exert a profound influence --28-- the fabric of our daily lives, subtly steering choices and molding preferences."

- A) across
- B) within
- C) upon
- D) through

**Q30.** "We select pursuits --29-- pastimes based on the sentiments they evoke."

- A) alongside
- B) amidst
- C) or
- D) coupled with

## Section C: Reason and Assertion

### Reason and Assertion Directions

For each item, evaluate both statements carefully. Select the option that accurately describes the truth of the Assertion and the Reason, and whether the Reason explains the Assertion.

**Q31.** We select pursuits or pastimes based on the sentiments they --30--.

- A) assuage
- B) mitigate
- C) elicit
- D) suppress

**Q32.** How has technology influenced human communication, and what paradoxical outcome has it created?

- A) It has increased the quality of face-to-face communication, leading to stronger personal relationships.
- B) It has made us more socially connected in real life, reducing feelings of isolation.
- C) It has made communication easier but resulted in people becoming more disconnected in real life.
- D) It has completely replaced face-to-face communication, leaving people isolated.

**Q33.** What is the correlation between excessive screen time and mental health, as mentioned in the passage?

- A) Excessive screen time improves mental health by providing individuals with opportunities to connect with others.
- B) It leads to an increase in anxiety, depression, and loneliness, due to the unrealistic standards set by online platforms.
- C) It has no impact on mental health and is merely a neutral factor.
- D) It enhances self-esteem by promoting online interaction and virtual communities.

**Q34.** What is the significance of technology in the fields of education and healthcare according to the passage?

- A) It has made education and healthcare more expensive and less accessible to the public.
- B) It has revolutionized both fields, making education more accessible and healthcare more efficient and accurate.
- C) It has had little to no impact on education or healthcare.
- D) It has created ethical concerns but has not improved access to these fields.

**Q35.** What ethical concerns are raised in the passage about the rise of artificial intelligence (AI) and automation?

- A) The potential for job replacement and the economic inequality that might result from AI's widespread adoption.
- B) The ability of AI to enhance privacy and security for individuals.
- C) The use of AI to democratize information access and make healthcare more affordable.
- D) The environmental impact of AI technologies.

**Q36.** According to the passage, what is the key challenge as technology continues to evolve?

- A) Ensuring that technology is used for personal gain and profit.
- B) Balancing technological progress with preserving human values such as empathy, connection, and authenticity.
- C) Expanding the scope of technological surveillance and monitoring to maintain societal order.
- D) Limiting the impact of technology on education and healthcare.

**Q37.** Assertion: The word “none” can only be used as a plural pronoun in English, never singular.

Reason: “None” may be treated as singular or plural depending on meaning and context.

- A) Both Assertion and Reason are true, and Reason is the correct explanation.
- B) Both Assertion and Reason are true, but Reason is not the correct explanation.
- C) Assertion is true, but Reason is false.
- D) Assertion is false, but Reason is true.

**Q38.** Assertion: A conjunction such as “although” can be used to introduce a cause-and-effect relationship in a sentence.

Reason: “Although” is used to introduce contrast or concession rather than cause and effect.

- A) Both Assertion and Reason are true, and Reason is the correct explanation.
- B) Both Assertion and Reason are true, but Reason is not the correct explanation.
- C) Assertion is true, but Reason is false.
- D) Assertion is false, but Reason is true.

**Q39.** Assertion: A conjunction such as “although” can be used to introduce a cause-and-effect relationship in a sentence.

Reason: “Although” is used to introduce contrast rather than cause or effect, linking two ideas that present a contradiction.

- A) Both Assertion and Reason are true, and Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- B) Both Assertion and Reason are true, but Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
- C) Assertion is true, but Reason is false.
- D) Both Assertion and Reason are false.

**Q40.** Rearrange the sentences to form a coherent paragraph:

P: Technological advancements are reshaping every aspect of human life, making it more efficient but also more dependent.

Q: These innovations bring a sense of convenience, yet they often lead to unforeseen consequences that challenge society.

R: For example, artificial intelligence promises to revolutionize industries, but it also raises ethical dilemmas regarding job displacement.

S: While some celebrate these breakthroughs, others raise concerns about the risks of over-reliance on technology.

T: The balance between progress and preservation of core human values remains a topic of intense debate.

U: As we continue to embrace new technologies, the need for careful consideration of their long-term impact grows increasingly important.

V: Ultimately, the question is not whether to adopt technology, but how to do so responsibly and thoughtfully.

- A) PQRSTUV
- B) PRQTSUV
- C) PQRTSUV
- D) PSRQVUT

## Section D: Achievers Section

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Options:

- A) PQRSTUV
- B) PRQTSUV
- C) PQRTSUV
- D) PSRQVUT

**Q42.** Rearrange the sentences to form a logical sequence:

P: The world of work is rapidly changing, with new technologies emerging every day.

Q: However, these changes also pose significant challenges, such as the loss of traditional jobs.

R: Adaptability and the ability to learn new skills are crucial in this dynamic environment.

S: Workers must be prepared to embrace these changes and upskill to remain relevant in the workforce.

T: Some argue that the pace of change is too fast for many to keep up with, leading to inequality.

U: The future of work, therefore, depends on a combination of technological innovation and social responsibility.

Options:

- A) PQRSTU
- B) PRQSTU
- C) PQTSRU
- D) PRSTQU

**Q43.** Rearrange the sentences to form a meaningful paragraph:

P: Human beings are naturally inclined to seek meaning and purpose in life.

Q: Philosophers have long pondered the question of what gives life its true significance.

R: Some argue that happiness and fulfillment come from pursuing personal goals and material success.

S: Others believe that meaning is found in relationships, community, and spiritual growth.

T: Regardless of the approach, most people agree that living with intention is key to a fulfilling life.

U: Ultimately, the search for meaning is a deeply personal journey, shaped by individual values and experiences.

Options:

- A) PQRSTU
- B) PRSQTU
- C) PQTSUR
- D) PQRTSU

**Q44.** Rearrange the sentences to create a logical and coherent paragraph:

P: Climate change is one of the most pressing challenges facing humanity today.

Q: The impacts of global warming are already evident, with rising sea levels and more frequent extreme weather events.

R: Addressing this crisis requires urgent action from governments, businesses, and individuals alike.

S: Many believe that the key to combating climate change lies in transitioning to renewable energy sources.

T: Others emphasize the importance of conservation efforts and reducing carbon emissions.

U: The global community must unite to take meaningful steps toward sustainability and a greener future.

Options:

A) PQRSTU

B) PQRTSU

C) PQRSTU

D) PSRTQU

**Q45.** Rearrange the sentences to form a coherent paragraph:

P: Education is often seen as the gateway to success and prosperity.

Q: However, many people face significant barriers to accessing quality education, particularly in underdeveloped regions.

R: Efforts are being made globally to bridge this gap and make education more accessible to all.

S: These efforts include providing scholarships, building more schools, and improving educational resources.

T: Despite these challenges, education remains a powerful tool for empowerment and social change.

U: If these initiatives continue to grow, we may witness a future where education is truly universal.

Options:

A) PQRSTU

B) PQRTSU

C) PQSTUR

D) PRSTQU

**Q46.** Given below are six sentences in a random order. Rearrange them to form a meaningful paragraph. Choose the correct order from the options given.

P: In a world that is constantly changing, the importance of adaptability cannot be overstated.

Q: It is not just about responding to changes, but also about embracing them as opportunities for growth.

R: Many people resist change because it feels uncomfortable and unfamiliar, but it is an inevitable part of life.

S: Individuals who can adapt to new situations are often the ones who thrive in challenging environments.

T: The ability to remain flexible and open-minded is key to overcoming obstacles.

U: Therefore, cultivating adaptability should be a priority for anyone who wants to succeed in the modern world.

V: Without it, individuals may struggle to keep up with the demands of an ever-evolving society.

Options:

A) PQRSTUV

B) RQPTSVU

C) PSTRUVQ

D) STUVPQR

**Q47.** Identify the error in the following sentence and choose the correct option to rectify it:

"The orchestra's performance was so mesmerizing that the audience could barely able to resist from applauding continuously throughout."

- A) The orchestra's performance was so mesmerizing that the audience could barely able to resist from applauding continuously throughout.
- B) The orchestra's performance was so mesmerizing that the audience could hardly able to resist applauding continuously throughout.
- C) The orchestra's performance was so mesmerizing that the audience could hardly resist applauding continuously throughout.
- D) The orchestra's performance was so mesmerizing that the audience couldn't resist but to applaud continuously throughout.

**Q48.** Dramatic Irony in Tragedy In a classic tragedy, how does dramatic irony enhance the audience's experience?

- A) It provides a light-hearted break from the tension.
- B) It allows the audience to feel superior to the characters.
- C) It increases emotional engagement by highlighting the contrast between the audience's knowledge and the character's ignorance.
- D) It makes the plot more predictable and less engaging.

**Q49.** Dystopian Fiction: Societal Critique In a dystopian novel, how does the author primarily use the setting to critique contemporary issues?

- A) By depicting an idealized version of society.
- B) By creating a world that reflects real-world concerns through oppressive governmental control.
- C) By ignoring societal problems altogether.
- D) By focusing solely on individual character development without context.

**Q50.** Postcolonial Literature: Cultural Identity In a postcolonial novel, the protagonist struggles with their heritage. What is the primary function of symbolism in this context?

- A) To distract from the main plot.
- B) To illustrate the protagonist's internal struggle with cultural identity.
- C) To depict a purely historical account of the setting.
- D) To provide comic relief in an otherwise serious narrative.

## Answer Key and Explanations

Q. No.	Answer	Explanation
1	<b>A</b>	A symposium is an organized event where experts in a particular field gather to discuss specific topics, share knowledge, and foster learning among attendees. Unlike a convention, which is generally broader and may cover various subjects, a symposium is more focused on intellectual discourse. A consortium usually refers to an association of individuals or organizations collaborating for a specific purpose, and a conference can range from being academic to more general, lacking the focused educational aspect of a symposium.
2	<b>A</b>	In this context, "the" is the correct choice as it points to a specific cat that is already known or referenced in the narrative, indicating that both the writer and reader are aware of which cat is being discussed. Using "a" would suggest any cat rather than one that is already identified, "an" would be incorrect as "cat" begins with a consonant sound, and "no article" would imply a general reference that lacks the needed specificity for this situation.
3	<b>A</b>	The correct choice is "under," which conveys the idea that she was in a state of stress while completing the project. This usage indicates the condition she was in during the action, a subtle but important distinction in the context of prepositions. The other options do not fit the context as effectively: "over" suggests a completed state rather than an ongoing one, "beside" does not relate to the state of stress at all, and "through" implies a passage or process that doesn't directly convey the same meaning.
4	<b>A</b>	The verb "found" indicates the action of discovering or realizing something about her state. The sentence structure is complex, making it challenging to pinpoint the main verb, especially since it also includes the gerund "maintain" (which functions as a noun) and an adjective "overwhelming" (which describes a state). Understanding the roles of these words in the sentence is crucial for correctly identifying the verb.
5	<b>A</b>	The verb "submitted" indicates the action taken by the subject (she) regarding her proposal. The sentence contains participial phrases and clauses that can make identifying the main verb difficult, as "crafted" serves as a past participle describing her efforts rather than functioning as the main verb. Recognizing the main action is key in this context, particularly amidst the intricate structure of the sentence.
6	<b>B</b>	Concoction refers to a unique or unusual mixture, often used to describe a custom or experimental drink prepared by a bartender. Here, concoction accurately captures the sense of an elaborate and delicious creation.
7	<b>B</b>	Explanation follows standard grammar and context reasoning.
8	<b>C</b>	Explanation follows standard grammar and context reasoning.
9	<b>A</b>	Explanation follows standard grammar and context reasoning.
10	<b>A</b>	Explanation follows standard grammar and context reasoning.
11	<b>C</b>	Explanation follows standard grammar and context reasoning.
12	<b>A</b>	With "neither...nor," the verb usually agrees with the nearer subject. The nearer subject is "employee," which is singular; therefore "is" is the correct verb.
13	<b>A</b>	In cases of "neither/nor," the verb should agree with the nearest noun. Therefore, "is" should be used here.

Q. No.	Answer	Explanation
14	<b>D</b>	Explanation follows standard grammar and context reasoning.
15	<b>C</b>	Explanation follows standard grammar and context reasoning.
16	<b>D</b>	Explanation follows standard grammar and context reasoning.
17	<b>C</b>	The zero conditional is used for real or factual situations, not hypothetical ones.
18	<b>C</b>	The subjunctive can be used in various contexts beyond just verbs like "wish" or "if."
19	<b>C</b>	"Must" implies obligation or command, not just suggestion, so Reason is incorrect.
20	<b>C</b>	Pronouns and tenses typically change in reported speech to adapt to the reporting context.
21	<b>C</b>	The past perfect tense indicates an action completed before another in the past, but it does not require the present perfect tense.
22	<b>B</b>	"Obfuscate" means to make something unclear or obscure, often by complicating it.
23	<b>A</b>	"Pellucid" means clear and easy to understand, similar to "transparent."
24	<b>C</b>	"Recalcitrant" refers to someone who is resistant to authority or control, like "defiant."
25	<b>B</b>	"Parsimonious" implies extreme unwillingness to spend money, akin to "frugal."
26	<b>B</b>	"Sagacious" means having good judgment and keen insight, similar to "wise."
27	<b>A</b>	"Catalyst" fits as it signifies something that provokes or speeds up a reaction, in this case, the emotion.
28	<b>B</b>	"Fortuitous" implies something occurring by chance, often with a positive connotation, fitting the context of unexpectedly good news.
29	<b>C</b>	"Upon" conveys a strong impact or influence on something, aligning well with "the fabric of our daily lives."
30	<b>C</b>	"Or" is appropriate as it provides a choice between pursuits and pastimes.
31	<b>C</b>	"Elicit" means to draw out or provoke, matching the intended meaning of activities bringing about certain emotions.
32	<b>C</b>	Explanation follows standard grammar and context reasoning.
33	<b>B</b>	Explanation follows standard grammar and context reasoning.
34	<b>B</b>	Explanation follows standard grammar and context reasoning.
35	<b>A</b>	Explanation follows standard grammar and context reasoning.

Q. No.	Answer	Explanation
36	<b>B</b>	Explanation follows standard grammar and context reasoning.
37	<b>D</b>	The assertion is false because “none” can be singular or plural. The reason is true because usage depends on meaning and context.
38	<b>D</b>	The assertion is false because “although” signals contrast. The reason is true and gives the correct function of the conjunction.
39	<b>C</b>	"Although" introduces a contrast or concession, not a cause-and-effect relationship. It is used to link ideas where one contrasts with the other, as in "Although it was raining, she went out."
40	<b>A</b>	P introduces the theme, Q adds the contrast, R gives an example, S shows two responses, T states the debate, U develops the need for consideration, and V concludes.
41	<b>C</b>	Explanation follows standard grammar and context reasoning.
42	<b>A</b>	Explanation follows standard grammar and context reasoning.
43	<b>A</b>	Explanation follows standard grammar and context reasoning.
44	<b>A</b>	Explanation follows standard grammar and context reasoning.
45	<b>B</b>	Explanation follows standard grammar and context reasoning.
46	<b>A</b>	<p>Sentence P sets the tone by introducing the concept of adaptability in a changing world.</p> <p>Sentence Q logically follows, explaining that adaptability is about seizing opportunities, not just responding to changes.</p> <p>Sentence R presents the common resistance to change, connecting well with the idea that change is inevitable.</p> <p>Sentence S supports the argument by emphasizing the benefits of adaptability.</p> <p>Sentence T provides an additional explanation of how adaptability helps in overcoming challenges.</p> <p>Sentence U concludes the passage by emphasizing the need to prioritize adaptability for success.</p> <p>Sentence V reinforces the consequences of not having adaptability, wrapping up the paragraph.</p> <p>Thus, the correct order is PQRSTUV.</p>
47	<b>C</b>	<p>The sentence contains a grammatical error in the phrase "could barely able to resist." When using modal verbs such as "could," it's incorrect to pair them with "able to," as "could" already implies ability. In this case, "could hardly resist" is the correct expression, as "hardly" intensifies the sense of difficulty in restraining applause.</p> <p>Option A repeats the error with "barely able," and Option B does the same by including "able."</p> <p>Option D uses "couldn't resist but to applaud," which is ungrammatical as it misuses "but to" after "resist."</p> <p>Therefore, Option C is the correct and grammatically sound choice.</p>
48	<b>C</b>	Explanation follows standard grammar and context reasoning.
49	<b>B</b>	Explanation follows standard grammar and context reasoning.
50	<b>B</b>	Explanation follows standard grammar and context reasoning.