

SCO INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

CLASS 12 / SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL QUESTION PAPER - SET B

Reviewed and formatted edition with question blocks, answer keys, explanations, and segment-wise structure

Designed for senior students, teachers, and schools

- Class 12 English practice for grammar accuracy, reported speech, voice, vocabulary, idioms, sequencing, and advanced usage.
- Each question is placed in a clean block with options, correct answer, and concise explanation for guided learning.
- The paper is suitable for classroom practice, school-level preparation, website publishing, and student revision.
- All visible numbering, instruction, option, and explanation issues from the source paper have been corrected in the final version.

General English	Reported Speech	Voice & Grammar	Vocabulary & Idioms
Matching Sets	Sequencing	Advanced Usage	Achievers Section

Question Paper Details

Class	Set	Total Questions	Time
12	B	50	1 Hour

SCO International Olympiad | English Language & Literature | Editable Word Question Paper

Question Paper Information

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This question paper supports senior school students in strengthening grammar accuracy, precise expression, sentence transformation, matching, sequencing, and advanced language reasoning.

Candidate Guidelines	
1	Total Questions: 50. Time allowed: 1 hour.
2	Before the examination begins, candidates may receive additional time to complete personal details on the OMR sheet, as instructed by the invigilator.
3	Clearly write the name, registration ID, class, school details, and contact information wherever required.
4	The paper has four segments: General English, Matching and Language Reasoning, Sequencing and Coherence, and Achievers Section.
5	Questions in the Achievers Section carry 2 marks each. All other questions carry 1 mark each. Total marks: 55.
6	There is only one correct option for each question. Select one option only.
7	Use only the permitted writing instrument to mark the OMR sheet as instructed by the examination centre.
8	No calculator, mobile phone, smart watch, dictionary, or electronic aid is allowed during the examination.
9	At the end of the examination, submit the OMR sheet or answer sheet to the invigilator.

Segment Structure			
Segment	Question Range	Focus Area	Marks
A	1-25	Grammar, reported speech, tense, voice, vocabulary, idioms, comparison, punctuation, and syntax	25
B	26-35	Matching tables for modals, tenses, indirect speech, gerunds, idioms, prepositions, punctuation, and passive voice	10
C	36-45	Sequencing and coherent paragraph/narrative arrangement	10
D	46-50	Achievers Section: complex transformation, advanced grammar, idiom usage, passive voice, and integrated reporting	10

SEGMENT A: GENERAL ENGLISH, GRAMMAR, USAGE AND TRANSFORMATION | QUESTIONS**1-25****Question 1 | Modals and Past Possibility**

Which sentence best expresses a past possibility that did not occur?

- A) She might attend the conference if she finishes her project.
- B) She could have attended the conference if she had finished her project.
- C) She must attend the conference as her project is complete.
- D) She should attend the conference to complete her project.

Answer: B) She could have attended the conference if she had finished her project.

Explanation: “Could have attended” expresses an unrealized past possibility. The condition “if she had finished her project” correctly uses the past perfect for a past condition that did not happen.

Question 2 | Direct and Indirect Speech

Convert this direct speech into indirect speech correctly: “I will complete the assignment by tomorrow,” he said.

- A) He said that he would complete the assignment by the next day.
- B) He said that he will complete the assignment by the next day.
- C) He said that he completes the assignment by tomorrow.
- D) He said that he completed the assignment by the next day.

Answer: A) He said that he would complete the assignment by the next day.

Explanation: In indirect speech, “will” usually changes to “would” after a past reporting verb, and “tomorrow” changes to “the next day.”

Question 3 | Past Perfect Tense

Which sentence correctly uses the past perfect to show an action completed before another past action?

- A) By the time the meeting started, she finished her report.
- B) By the time the meeting started, she had finished her report.
- C) By the time the meeting started, she finishes her report.
- D) By the time the meeting started, she will have finished her report.

Answer: B) By the time the meeting started, she had finished her report.

Explanation: The past perfect “had finished” shows that the report was completed before the meeting started.

Question 4 | Gerunds as Subjects

Which sentence correctly uses a gerund as the subject?

- A) To run is healthy.
- B) Running is healthy.
- C) Run is healthy.
- D) Ran is healthy.

Answer: B) Running is healthy.

Explanation: “Running” is a gerund and functions as the subject of the sentence.

Question 5 | Vocabulary in Context

Choose the word that best completes the sentence: “Her explanation was so _____ that everyone understood the complex topic instantly.”

- A) ambiguous
- B) convoluted
- C) lucid
- D) nebulous

Answer: C) lucid

Explanation: “Lucid” means clear and easy to understand. It fits the idea that everyone understood the complex topic instantly.

Question 6 | Prepositions

Fill in the blank with the correct preposition: “He is very good _____ mathematics, which he excels at, as confirmed by his consistent top scores.”

- A) on
- B) in
- C) at
- D) for

Answer: C) at

Explanation: The correct collocation is “good at” a subject or activity.

Question 7 | Subject-Verb Agreement and Comparison

Identify the sentence with proper subject-verb agreement and correct use of comparative adjectives.

- A) The most intelligent student in the class are always diligent.
- B) The most intelligent student in the class is always more diligent than his peers.
- C) The most intelligent student in the class is always diligent than his peers.
- D) The most intelligent student in the class are more diligent than his peers.

Answer: B) The most intelligent student in the class is always more diligent than his peers.

Explanation: “Student” is singular, so “is” is required. The comparative form “more diligent than” is also correct.

Question 8 | Active and Passive Voice

Change the following active sentence to passive voice correctly: “The teacher will announce the exam schedule tomorrow.”

- A) The exam schedule will be announced by the teacher tomorrow.
- B) The exam schedule is announced by the teacher tomorrow.
- C) The exam schedule will be announced by the teacher the next day.
- D) The exam schedule was announced by the teacher tomorrow.

Answer: A) The exam schedule will be announced by the teacher tomorrow.

Explanation: The object “the exam schedule” becomes the subject in passive voice. “Will announce” changes to “will be announced.”

Question 9 | Reported Speech - Perfect Continuous

Convert the following sentence to indirect speech: “I have been studying for three hours,” she said.

- A) She said that she had been studying for three hours.
- B) She said that she had studied for three hours.
- C) She said that she has been studying for three hours.
- D) She said that she is studying for three hours.

Answer: A) She said that she had been studying for three hours.

Explanation: The present perfect continuous “have been studying” changes to the past perfect continuous “had been studying” in reported speech.

Question 10 | Idioms

Which idiom means “to begin a conversation or activity by reducing tension and making people feel more comfortable”?

- A) Break the ice
- B) Hit the sack
- C) Spill the beans
- D) Kick the bucket

Answer: A) Break the ice

Explanation: “Break the ice” means to start conversation or reduce initial awkwardness. The other options mean to sleep, reveal a secret, and die, respectively.

Question 11 | Indirect Speech - Future Time

Which sentence correctly converts the direct speech sentence “I will finish my work by 6 PM,” he said into indirect speech?

- A) He said that he would finish his work by 6 PM.
- B) He said that he will finish his work by 6 PM.
- C) He said that he is going to finish his work by 6 PM.
- D) He said that he had finished his work by 6 PM.

Answer: A) He said that he would finish his work by 6 PM.

Explanation: With a past reporting verb, “will finish” becomes “would finish.” The pronoun changes from “my” to “his.”

Question 12 | Indirect Speech - Gerund Retained

Convert the sentence “I enjoy swimming in the pool,” said John into indirect speech.

- A) John said that he enjoyed swimming in the pool.
- B) John said that he enjoys swimming in the pool.
- C) John said that he enjoyed to swim in the pool.
- D) John said that he is enjoying swimming in the pool.

Answer: A) John said that he enjoyed swimming in the pool.

Explanation: The present simple “enjoy” changes to “enjoyed.” The gerund “swimming” remains unchanged after “enjoy.”

Question 13 | Idioms and Comparative Adjectives

Which sentence correctly uses the idiom “a piece of cake” to show that a completed task was very easy and also uses a comparative adjective accurately?

- A) Solving that math problem was a piece of cake, and it was easier than the previous one.
- B) Solving that math problem is a piece of cake, and it is more easy than the previous one.
- C) Solving that math problem was a piece of cake, and it is more easy than the previous one.
- D) Solving that math problem is a piece of cake, and it is easiest than the previous one.

Answer: A) Solving that math problem was a piece of cake, and it was easier than the previous one.

Explanation: “A piece of cake” means very easy. Since the task is completed, “was” is appropriate, and the correct comparative form is “easier,” not “more easy” or “easiest than.”

Question 14 | Punctuation, Preposition and Agreement

Identify the sentence that is punctuated correctly, uses the proper preposition, and shows correct subject-verb agreement.

- A) The committee, composed of experts in linguistics and literature, has decided to revise the curriculum.
- B) The committee composed of experts in linguistics, and literature, have decided to revise the curriculum.
- C) The committee, composed of experts in linguistics and literature, have decided to revise the curriculum.
- D) The committee composed of experts in linguistics and literature, has decided to revise the curriculum.

Answer: A) The committee, composed of experts in linguistics and literature, has decided to revise the curriculum.

Explanation: The non-essential phrase is correctly set off with commas, “experts in” is the correct preposition pattern, and the singular collective noun “committee” takes “has.”

Question 15 | Passive Voice in Reported Context

In a reported context, change the active sentence “The researchers will publish their findings tomorrow” into passive voice and adjust the time expression correctly.

- A) The findings will be published by the researchers the next day.
- B) The findings are published by the researchers tomorrow.
- C) The findings will be published by the researchers tomorrow.
- D) The findings are being published by the researchers the next day.

Answer: A) The findings will be published by the researchers the next day.

Explanation: The passive form is “will be published.” In a reported context, “tomorrow” changes to “the next day.”

Question 16 | Indirect Speech - Modal and Time Shift

After the lecture, Dr. Allen said, “Students might complete their assignments by tomorrow if they study hard.” Which option is the best transformation into indirect speech?

- A) Dr. Allen said that students might complete their assignments by tomorrow if they studied hard.
- B) Dr. Allen said that students might complete their assignments by the next day if they studied hard.
- C) Dr. Allen said that students would complete their assignments by tomorrow if they studied hard.
- D) Dr. Allen said that students might complete their assignments by the next day if they study hard.

Answer: B) Dr. Allen said that students might complete their assignments by the next day if they studied hard.

Explanation: “Might” remains “might,” “tomorrow” becomes “the next day,” and “study” shifts to “studied” in reported speech.

Question 17 | Indirect Speech with Gerund

Maria said, “I enjoy swimming in the pool because it relaxes me.” Which option correctly converts this sentence into indirect speech while retaining the gerund form?

- A) Maria said that she enjoyed swimming in the pool because it relaxes her.
- B) Maria said that she enjoyed swimming in the pool because it relaxed her.
- C) Maria said that she enjoys swimming in the pool because it relaxed her.
- D) Maria said that she enjoys swimming in the pool because it relaxes her.

Answer: B) Maria said that she enjoyed swimming in the pool because it relaxed her.

Explanation: “Enjoy” changes to “enjoyed,” “relaxes” changes to “relaxed,” and the gerund “swimming” remains correct.

Question 18 | Indirect Speech and Comparative Structure

The editor stated, “Improving your vocabulary is the key to unlocking the treasure of knowledge, and mastering idioms is easier than memorizing complex theories.” In a formal reported-speech exercise requiring back-shifting, which option is best?

- A) The editor stated that improving vocabulary was the key to unlocking the treasure of knowledge and that mastering idioms was easier than memorizing complex theories.
- B) The editor stated that improving vocabulary is the key to unlocking the treasure of knowledge and that mastering idioms is easier than memorizing complex theories.
- C) The editor stated that improving vocabulary was the key to unlocking the treasure of knowledge and that mastering idioms is easier than memorizing complex theories.
- D) The editor stated that improving vocabulary is the key to unlocking the treasure of knowledge and that mastering idioms was easier than memorizing complex theories.

Answer: A) The editor stated that improving vocabulary was the key to unlocking the treasure of knowledge and that mastering idioms was easier than memorizing complex theories.

Explanation: The reporting verb “stated” is in the past, so the formal backshift changes “is” to “was.” The comparative “easier than” remains correct.

Question 19 | Indirect Speech with Parallel Clauses

After reviewing the paper, Professor Kumar said, “I am impressed with the clarity of the argument, but the punctuation in several sentences needs improvement.” Which is the correctly transformed indirect speech version?

- A) After reviewing the paper, Professor Kumar said that he was impressed with the clarity of the argument but that the punctuation in several sentences needed improvement.
- B) After reviewing the paper, Professor Kumar said that he is impressed with the clarity of the argument, but that the punctuation in several sentences needs improvement.
- C) After reviewing the paper, Professor Kumar said that he was impressed with the clarity of the argument, and the punctuation in several sentences needs improvement.
- D) After reviewing the paper, Professor Kumar said that he is impressed with the clarity of the argument and that the punctuation in several sentences needed improvement.

Answer: A) After reviewing the paper, Professor Kumar said that he was impressed with the clarity of the argument but that the punctuation in several sentences needed improvement.

Explanation: “Am impressed” becomes “was impressed,” and “needs improvement” becomes “needed improvement.” The parallel “that” clause structure makes the sentence clear.

Question 20 | Passive Voice and Indirect Speech

The coach said, “I will announce the results tomorrow.” Which option is the correct transformation into passive voice and indirect speech?

- A) The results will be announced by the coach the next day.
- B) The results were announced by the coach tomorrow.
- C) The results are announced by the coach the next day.
- D) The results will be announced by the coach tomorrow.

Answer: A) The results will be announced by the coach the next day.

Explanation: “Will announce” becomes “will be announced” in passive voice, and “tomorrow” becomes “the next day” in indirect speech.

Question 21 | Indirect Speech - Compound Sentence

Yesterday, the principal said, “We have finalized the new curriculum, and we will implement it from next semester.” Which sentence is the correct conversion into indirect speech?

- A) Yesterday, the principal said that they have finalized the new curriculum and would implement it from next semester.
- B) Yesterday, the principal said that they had finalized the new curriculum and would implement it from the next semester.
- C) Yesterday, the principal said that they had finalized the new curriculum and will implement it from next semester.
- D) Yesterday, the principal said that they have finalized the new curriculum and will implement it from the next semester.

Answer: B) Yesterday, the principal said that they had finalized the new curriculum and would implement it from the next semester.

Explanation: “Have finalized” changes to “had finalized,” “will implement” changes to “would implement,” and “next semester” becomes “the next semester.”

Question 22 | Reported Speech with Proverbs

During a meeting, the manager remarked, “You know, time flies when you are having fun, and actions speak louder than words.” Which option best conveys the manager’s remark in indirect speech while preserving the proverbial meaning?

- A) The manager remarked that time flies when one is having fun and that actions speak louder than words.
- B) The manager remarked that time flew when one was having fun and that actions spoke louder than words.
- C) The manager remarked that time flies when one is having fun and that actions spoke louder than words.
- D) The manager remarked that time flew when one was having fun and that actions speak louder than words.

Answer: A) The manager remarked that time flies when one is having fun and that actions speak louder than words.

Explanation: Proverbs and general truths are commonly kept in the present tense in indirect speech. Option A also replaces the conversational “you” with the more formal generic “one.”

Question 23 | Indirect Speech and Gerunds

Lisa said, “I love reading books because reading helps me understand the world better.” Which option is the best transformation into indirect speech, maintaining the gerund form appropriately?

- A) Lisa said that she loved reading books because reading helped her understand the world better.
- B) Lisa said that she loves reading books because reading helps her understand the world better.
- C) Lisa said that she loved to read books because reading helped her understand the world better.
- D) Lisa said that she loves to read books because reading helps her understand the world better.

Answer: A) Lisa said that she loved reading books because reading helped her understand the world better.

Explanation: “Love” changes to “loved,” “helps” changes to “helped,” and the gerund “reading” is retained correctly.

Question 24 | Indirect Speech - Obligation and Passive Construction

During the workshop, the instructor announced, “All participants must submit their assignments on time, and they are expected to follow the guidelines exactly.” Which is the best transformation into indirect speech?

- A)** During the workshop, the instructor announced that all participants had to submit their assignments on time and that they were expected to follow the guidelines exactly.
- B)** During the workshop, the instructor announced that all participants must submit their assignments on time and that they are expected to follow the guidelines exactly.
- C)** During the workshop, the instructor announced that all participants had to submit their assignments on time and that they are expected to follow the guidelines exactly.
- D)** During the workshop, the instructor announced that all participants must submit their assignments on time and that they were expected to follow the guidelines exactly.

Answer: A) During the workshop, the instructor announced that all participants had to submit their assignments on time and that they were expected to follow the guidelines exactly.

Explanation: “Must submit” is best reported as “had to submit,” and “are expected” changes to “were expected.”

Question 25 | Passive Voice and Indirect Speech

The professor said, “Students should complete their research projects by next week, and I will personally review each one.” Which option is the best conversion into passive voice and indirect speech?

- A)** The professor said that the research projects should be completed by the following week and that each one would be personally reviewed by him.
- B)** The professor said that the research projects should be completed by next week and that each one is personally reviewed by him.
- C)** The professor said that the research projects had to be completed by next week and that each one would be personally reviewed by him.
- D)** The professor said that the research projects should be completed by next week and that each one was personally reviewed by him.

Answer: A) The professor said that the research projects should be completed by the following week and that each one would be personally reviewed by him.

Explanation: The first clause is passive: “research projects should be completed.” The second clause becomes “would be personally reviewed,” and “next week” changes to “the following week.”

SEGMENT B: MATCHING AND LANGUAGE REASONING | QUESTIONS 26-35**Question 26 | Matching - Modal Verbs and Functions**

Column A (Modal Verb):

1. Must
2. Might
3. Should
4. Can
5. Could

Column B (Function):

- A. Expresses necessity or obligation
- B. Expresses ability in the present
- C. Expresses advice
- D. Expresses possibility
- E. Expresses past ability or possibility

Choose the correct matching.

- A)** 1-A, 2-D, 3-C, 4-B, 5-E
B) 1-D, 2-A, 3-C, 4-B, 5-E
C) 1-A, 2-C, 3-D, 4-B, 5-E
D) 1-A, 2-D, 3-B, 4-C, 5-E

Answer: A) 1-A, 2-D, 3-C, 4-B, 5-E

Explanation: “Must” expresses obligation, “might” possibility, “should” advice, “can” present ability, and “could” past ability or possibility.

Question 27 | Matching - Tenses and Examples

Column A (Tense):

1. Present Perfect
2. Past Perfect
3. Future Continuous
4. Present Continuous
5. Simple Past

Column B (Example Sentence):

- A. I have finished my work.
- B. She had left before I arrived.
- C. I will be traveling at 5 PM tomorrow.
- D. They are playing in the park.
- E. He walked to school yesterday.

Choose the correct matching.

- A) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C, 4-D, 5-E
 B) 1-A, 2-C, 3-B, 4-D, 5-E
 C) 1-B, 2-A, 3-C, 4-D, 5-E
 D) 1-A, 2-B, 3-D, 4-C, 5-E

Answer: A) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C, 4-D, 5-E

Explanation: Each sentence correctly illustrates its tense: present perfect, past perfect, future continuous, present continuous, and simple past.

Question 28 | Matching - Direct and Indirect Speech

Column A (Direct Speech):

1. "I will help you," said John.
2. "I have completed the project," she said.
3. "We are going to the market," they said.

Column B (Indirect Speech):

- A. John said that he would help the listener.
- B. She said that she had completed the project.
- C. They said that they were going to the market.

Choose the correct matching.

- A) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C
 B) 1-B, 2-A, 3-C
 C) 1-A, 2-C, 3-B
 D) 1-C, 2-B, 3-A

Answer: A) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C

Explanation: "Will" changes to "would," "have completed" changes to "had completed," and "are going" changes to "were going."

Question 29 | Matching - Gerunds and Infinitives

Column A (Sentence):

1. I enjoy reading.
2. She decided to leave.
3. They stopped talking.

Column B (Explanation):

- A. Gerund used as the object of the verb.
- B. Infinitive used after the verb "decided."
- C. Gerund used after the verb "stopped."

Choose the correct matching.

- A) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C
- B) 1-B, 2-A, 3-C
- C) 1-A, 2-C, 3-B
- D) 1-C, 2-B, 3-A

Answer: A) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C

Explanation: “Reading” is a gerund after “enjoy,” “to leave” is an infinitive after “decided,” and “talking” is a gerund after “stopped.”

Question 30 | Matching - Idioms and Meanings

Column A (Idioms):

1. Break the ice
2. Spill the beans
3. Hit the sack
4. Piece of cake

Column B (Meanings):

- A. Something very easy
- B. Reveal a secret
- C. Go to sleep
- D. Initiate conversation

Choose the correct matching.

- A) 1-D, 2-B, 3-C, 4-A
- B) 1-B, 2-D, 3-C, 4-A
- C) 1-D, 2-B, 3-A, 4-C
- D) 1-D, 2-A, 3-C, 4-B

Answer: A) 1-D, 2-B, 3-C, 4-A

Explanation: “Break the ice” means initiate conversation, “spill the beans” means reveal a secret, “hit the sack” means go to sleep, and “piece of cake” means something very easy.

Question 31 | Matching - Prepositions

Column A (Phrases):

1. Interested _____ mathematics
2. Good _____ sports
3. Famous _____ his art

Column B (Prepositions):

- A. in
- B. at
- C. for

Choose the correct matching.

- A) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C**
- B) 1-B, 2-A, 3-C**
- C) 1-A, 2-C, 3-B**
- D) 1-C, 2-B, 3-A**

Answer: A) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C

Explanation: The correct phrases are “interested in,” “good at,” and “famous for.”

Question 32 | Matching - Degrees of Adjectives

Column A (Adjective Forms):

1. Tall
2. Taller
3. Tallest

Column B (Labels):

- A. Positive
- B. Comparative
- C. Superlative

Choose the correct matching.

- A) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C**
- B) 1-B, 2-A, 3-C**
- C) 1-A, 2-C, 3-B**
- D) 1-C, 2-B, 3-A**

Answer: A) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C

Explanation: “Tall” is positive, “taller” is comparative, and “tallest” is superlative.

Question 33 | Matching - Punctuation

Column A (Punctuation Mark):

1. Comma
2. Semicolon
3. Colon
4. Period

Column B (Function):

- A. Ends a sentence
- B. Separates items in a list
- C. Joins two related independent clauses
- D. Introduces a list or explanation

Choose the correct matching.

- A)** 1-B, 2-C, 3-D, 4-A
B) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C, 4-D
C) 1-B, 2-A, 3-D, 4-C
D) 1-C, 2-B, 3-D, 4-A

Answer: A) 1-B, 2-C, 3-D, 4-A

Explanation: A comma can separate items in a list, a semicolon can join two related independent clauses, a colon can introduce a list or explanation, and a period ends a sentence.

Question 34 | Matching - Reported Speech Transformations

Column A (Direct Speech):

1. "I can swim," said John.
2. "I have finished my homework," said Mary.
3. "We will go to the park," said the children.

Column B (Indirect Speech):

- A. John said that he could swim.
- B. Mary said that she had finished her homework.
- C. The children said that they would go to the park.

Choose the correct matching.

- A)** 1-A, 2-B, 3-C
B) 1-B, 2-A, 3-C
C) 1-A, 2-C, 3-B
D) 1-C, 2-B, 3-A

Answer: A) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C

Explanation: "Can" changes to "could," "have finished" changes to "had finished," and "will go" changes to "would go."

Question 35 | Matching - Active and Passive Voice

Column A (Active Sentences):

1. The chef cooks the meal.
2. The teacher will explain the lesson.
3. The gardener waters the plants.

Column B (Passive Sentences):

- A. The meal is cooked by the chef.
- B. The lesson will be explained by the teacher.
- C. The plants are watered by the gardener.

Choose the correct matching.

A) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C

B) 1-A, 2-C, 3-B

C) 1-B, 2-A, 3-C

D) 1-C, 2-B, 3-A

Answer: A) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C

Explanation: The passive forms correctly place the objects as subjects and use the appropriate tense: “is cooked,” “will be explained,” and “are watered.”

SEGMENT C: SEQUENCING AND COHERENCE | QUESTIONS 36-45**Question 36 | Sequencing - Field Trip Narrative**

Labelled Sentences:

- A. At the end of the day, the students shared their exciting experiences with one another.
- B. The bus reached the museum, and the students eagerly stepped off.
- C. In the morning, the teacher announced the field trip details to the class.
- D. Before boarding the bus, the students gathered their belongings and said goodbye.
- E. The bus departed from the school, and cheerful songs filled the air.

Which sequence best describes the events of the field trip?

A) C, D, E, B, A

B) D, C, E, B, A

C) C, E, D, B, A

D) E, C, D, B, A

Answer: A) C, D, E, B, A

Explanation: The sequence starts with the teacher’s announcement, then students prepare before boarding, the bus departs, the bus reaches the museum, and the students share experiences at the end of the day.

Question 37 | Sequencing - Science Project Journey

Labelled Sentences:

- A. Her project was later celebrated at the school science fair.
- B. Mia decided to work on renewable energy after being inspired by a class discussion.
- C. She gathered information and conducted experiments to test her ideas.
- D. After receiving valuable feedback, she revised her project diligently.
- E. Ultimately, her innovative work earned her an award.

Which sequence best represents Mia's journey?

- A) B, C, D, A, E
- B) B, C, D, E, A
- C) B, D, C, A, E
- D) D, B, C, A, E

Answer: A) B, C, D, A, E

Explanation: Mia first chooses her topic, researches and experiments, revises after feedback, has the project celebrated at the fair, and ultimately earns an award.

Question 38 | Sequencing - Sports Event

Labelled Sentences:

- A. After the race, the athletes celebrated their performances with a small ceremony.
- B. The coach announced the starting positions based on previous race timings.
- C. As the starter's pistol fired, the runners dashed onto the track with determination.
- D. During the race, an underdog surprised everyone by overtaking the favorites.
- E. The crowd cheered loudly, making the atmosphere electric.

Arrange these sentences into a coherent account of the sports event.

- A) B, C, D, E, A
- B) C, B, D, A, E
- C) B, D, C, E, A
- D) B, C, E, D, A

Answer: A) B, C, D, E, A

Explanation: Starting positions are announced first, the race begins, the underdog overtakes during the race, the crowd cheers, and the event ends with a celebration.

Question 39 | Sequencing - Writer's Journey

Labelled Sentences:

- A. Finally, his novel was published and received acclaim from readers.
- B. He revised his draft multiple times after receiving feedback.
- C. Inspired by his favorite authors, he decided to write a story.
- D. He attended creative writing workshops to improve his skills.
- E. He drafted his story on a quiet afternoon and then submitted it for review.

Which sequence best reflects the writer's journey?

- A) C, D, E, B, A
- B) C, E, D, B, A
- C) D, C, E, B, A
- D) C, D, B, E, A

Answer: A) C, D, E, B, A

Explanation: The writer is first inspired, then improves his skills, drafts and submits the story, revises it after feedback, and finally publishes the novel.

Question 40 | Sequencing - Museum Visit

Labelled Sentences:

- A. They left the museum with new insights and a desire to learn more.
- B. The guided tour offered detailed explanations about the historical artifacts.
- C. Before entering, the teacher briefed the students on what to observe.
- D. The students explored the exhibits and discussed their observations.
- E. The museum, filled with ancient relics, provided a window into the past.

What is the best sequence to arrange these fragments into a logical passage?

- A) C, E, B, D, A
- B) E, C, B, D, A
- C) C, B, E, D, A
- D) C, E, D, B, A

Answer: A) C, E, B, D, A

Explanation: The teacher briefs the students before entering; the museum setting is introduced; the guided tour provides explanations; students explore and discuss; then they leave with new insights.

Question 41 | Sequencing - Entrepreneurial Journey

Labelled Sentences:

- A. Finally, the startup secured a major investment and celebrated their success.
- B. Priya identified a market gap and decided to launch her tech startup.
- C. She developed a prototype and tested it with potential customers.
- D. After refining her product based on feedback, she prepared a compelling pitch.
- E. Early on, she assembled a small team of experts to help build her idea.

Which sequence best describes the entrepreneur's journey?

- A) B, E, C, D, A
- B) E, B, C, D, A
- C) B, C, E, D, A
- D) B, E, D, C, A

Answer: A) B, E, C, D, A

Explanation: Priya identifies an opportunity, forms a team, develops and tests the prototype, refines the product and pitch, and finally secures investment.

Question 42 | Sequencing - Festival Narrative

Labelled Sentences:

- A. The festival concluded with an impressive fireworks display that lit up the sky.
- B. Local artists performed traditional dances and songs throughout the day.
- C. Early in the morning, the organizers announced the festival and began setting up the venue.
- D. The community gathered at the park to celebrate cultural diversity.
- E. Food stalls and craft exhibitions added vibrancy to the event.

What is the correct sequence for the festival narrative?

- A) C, D, B, E, A
- B) D, C, E, B, A
- C) C, B, D, E, A
- D) C, D, E, B, A

Answer: D) C, D, E, B, A

Explanation: The organizers begin setup, the community gathers, stalls and exhibitions add activity, artists perform, and the event ends with fireworks.

Question 43 | Sequencing - Art Exhibition

Labelled Sentences:

- A. The exhibition ended with an inspiring talk by the featured artist.
- B. Visitors marveled at the mix of classic and contemporary art on display.
- C. The gallery was meticulously arranged to highlight each piece's uniqueness.
- D. Prior to the exhibition, curators carefully selected and organized the artworks.
- E. During the event, guided tours helped visitors appreciate the art more deeply.

Which sequence best tells the story of the art exhibition?

- A) D, C, E, B, A
- B) C, D, E, A, B
- C) D, E, C, B, A
- D) E, D, C, A, B

Answer: A) D, C, E, B, A

Explanation: The curators first select and organize works, the gallery is arranged, guided tours take place, visitors admire the works, and the exhibition ends with the artist's talk.

Question 44 | Sequencing - Science Fair

Labelled Sentences:

- A. After the demonstration, she answered questions from the judges.
- B. Her innovative project on renewable energy impressed everyone.
- C. She spent weeks researching and preparing for the science fair.
- D. At the fair, she presented her project confidently to the audience.
- E. The project later won an award for excellence.

What is the correct order of events for her science fair experience?

- A) C, D, A, B, E
- B) C, D, B, A, E
- C) C, B, D, A, E
- D) B, C, D, A, E

Answer: B) C, D, B, A, E

Explanation: She prepares first, presents at the fair, impresses the audience, answers the judges' questions, and later wins an award.

Question 45 | Sequencing - Concert Narrative

Labelled Sentences:

- A. After the performance, the students took a bow and received a standing ovation.
- B. The conductor welcomed the audience and introduced the performance.
- C. The school band tuned their instruments backstage before the concert.
- D. The students performed a medley of songs with great enthusiasm on stage.
- E. The concert concluded with a heartwarming finale that left everyone inspired.

Which sequence best forms a coherent narrative of the concert?

- A) C, B, D, A, E
- B) B, C, D, A, E
- C) C, D, B, A, E
- D) D, C, B, A, E

Answer: A) C, B, D, A, E

Explanation: The band tunes instruments before the concert, the conductor welcomes the audience and introduces the performance, students perform, they take a bow, and the concert concludes with a finale.

SEGMENT D: ACHIEVERS SECTION | QUESTIONS 46-50

Question 46 | Achievers - Complex Reported Speech

Consider the direct speech by a project manager: "I might have been able to finish the report by tomorrow if I had received the data on time," he said. Which option is the most accurate conversion into indirect speech?

- A) He said that he might have been able to finish the report by the next day if he had received the data on time.
- B) He said that he might be able to finish the report by tomorrow if he received the data on time.
- C) He said that he might have been able to finish the report by the next day if he received the data on time.
- D) He said that he might be able to finish the report by the next day if he had received the data on time.

Answer: A) He said that he might have been able to finish the report by the next day if he had received the data on time.

Explanation: "Might have been able to" remains unchanged because it already refers to a past possibility. "Tomorrow" becomes "the next day," and the past perfect condition "had received" is retained.

Question 47 | Achievers - Coherent Sentence Combination

A student writes, "Reading novels helps me to broaden my horizons." In a discussion, the teacher remarks that creative activities also improve critical thinking. Which sentence best combines the ideas into one coherent sentence?

- A) Reading novels helps me broaden my horizons and to improve critical thinking.
- B) Reading novels, which helps me broaden my horizons, also improves critical thinking.
- C) Reading novels helps me to broaden my horizons and improves my critical thinking.
- D) Reading novels helps me broaden my horizons and improves critical thinking.

Answer: D) Reading novels helps me broaden my horizons and improves critical thinking.

Explanation: Option D is concise, parallel, and grammatically correct. The gerund phrase “Reading novels” is the subject, and the verbs “helps” and “improves” agree with it.

Question 48 | Achievers - Idiom, Comparative and Indirect Speech

During a strategy meeting, the CEO stated, “In a nutshell, our new product is far more efficient than its predecessor, and it performs exceptionally well in the market.” Which rephrased sentence correctly retains the idiom, comparative form, preposition use, and indirect speech?

- A)** The CEO stated that, in a nutshell, the new product was far more efficient than its predecessor and performed exceptionally well in the market.
- B)** The CEO stated that in a nutshell the new product is far more efficient than its predecessor and performs exceptionally well in the market.
- C)** The CEO stated that, in a nutshell, the new product was more efficient than its predecessor and performed exceptionally well in the market.
- D)** The CEO stated that in a nutshell, the new product was far more efficient than its predecessor, and it performed exceptional well in the market.

Answer: A) The CEO stated that, in a nutshell, the new product was far more efficient than its predecessor and performed exceptionally well in the market.

Explanation: Option A correctly places commas around the idiom, backshifts “is” to “was,” preserves “far more efficient than,” and uses the adverb “exceptionally well.”

Question 49 | Achievers - Passive Voice and Reported Time

A professor announced, “We will review the research papers tomorrow.” Which option correctly converts the sentence into passive voice and indirect speech?

- A)** The research papers will be reviewed by the professor the next day.
- B)** The research papers are reviewed by the professor tomorrow.
- C)** The research papers will be reviewed by the professor tomorrow.
- D)** The research papers are being reviewed by the professor the next day.

Answer: A) The research papers will be reviewed by the professor the next day.

Explanation: In passive voice, “will review” becomes “will be reviewed.” In indirect speech, “tomorrow” changes to “the next day.”

Question 50 | Achievers - Integrated Reported Speech and Voice

A senior editor said, “I have been working on the new edition for six months, and I will finalize it by next week.” Later, he added, “The manuscript, which was compiled with great care, will be distributed worldwide.” Which option best converts the two statements into a single coherent narrative in indirect speech, preserving tense consistency and voice?

- A)** The senior editor stated that he had been working on the new edition for six months and that he would finalize it by the next week, adding that the manuscript, which was compiled with great care, would be distributed worldwide.
- B)** The senior editor stated that he has been working on the new edition for six months and that he will finalize it by the next week, adding that the manuscript, which was compiled with great care, will be distributed worldwide.
- C)** The senior editor stated that he had been working on the new edition for six months and that he will finalize it by next week, adding that the manuscript, which had been compiled with great care, would be distributed worldwide.
- D)** The senior editor stated that he had been working on the new edition for six months and that he would finalize it by the next week, adding that the manuscript, which had been compiled with great care, would be distributed worldwide.

Answer: D) The senior editor stated that he had been working on the new edition for six months and that he would finalize it by the next week, adding that the manuscript, which had been compiled with great care, would be distributed worldwide.

Explanation: Option D maintains tense consistency: “have been working” becomes “had been working,” “will finalize” becomes “would finalize,” and “will be distributed” becomes “would be distributed.” “Was compiled” also shifts to “had been compiled.”

Consolidated Answer Key

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