



SCO INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

CLASS 4 QUESTION PAPER SET E

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Grammar	Usage	Expression
Passage	Assertion	Achievers

Questions	Level	Format	Document Use
35	Class 4	MCQ with explanations	Website / School / Print

Guidelines for the Candidate

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Exam information

- Total questions: 35
- Time: 1 hour
- One correct option for each question
- Four sections: grammar and usage, spoken and written expression, passage-based meaning, and reason/assertion

Editing checks applied

- set code standardized as Set E across the document
- footer class/set mismatch corrected
- missing or malformed question wording repaired where needed
- answer keys and explanations added for all questions



Section 1 — Grammar, Usage and Error Correction

Question 1

Select the correctly written sentence.

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| 1. He don't like to read novels. | 2. He doesn't enjoys reading novels. |
| 3. He doesn't like reading novels. | 4. He don't enjoys reading novels. |

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: The subject 'He' takes 'doesn't', and the main verb stays in its base form after 'doesn't'. So 'He doesn't like reading novels' is correct.

Question 2

Complete the sentence with the correct verb form: Every morning, the sun ____ in the east.

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| 1. rises | 2. rose |
| 3. rising | 4. rise |

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: This sentence states a universal truth, so the simple present tense is used. The singular subject 'the sun' takes 'rises'.

Question 3

Identify the sentence with proper punctuation.

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| 1. Can you, please help me? | 2. Can you please, help me? |
| 3. Can you please help, me? | 4. Can you please help me? |

Answer Key: Option 4

Explanation: Option 4 is correctly punctuated. The other options insert commas unnecessarily and break the sentence flow.



Question 4

Choose the correct relative pronoun to complete the sentence: I found the pen ____ I lost last week.

1. which

2. who

3. where

4. when

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: The noun 'pen' is a thing, so the relative pronoun 'which' is suitable.

Question 5

Select the sentence with the correct adjective form.

1. This is the more challenging puzzle I've ever tried.

2. This is the most challenging puzzle I've ever tried.

3. This is the challengingest puzzle I've ever tried.

4. This is the most challengingest puzzle I've ever tried.

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: When comparing one item with all others in a group, we use the superlative form: 'most challenging'.

Question 6

Choose the appropriate preposition: The teacher was pleased ____ the students' improvement.

1. of

2. on

3. with

4. by

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: The correct expression is 'pleased with'.

Question 7

Identify the part of speech of the underlined word: She looked admiringly at the painting.

1. Adjective

2. Verb

3. Adverb

4. Noun

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: The word 'admiringly' describes how she looked, so it functions as an adverb.

Question 8

Determine the part of speech of the underlined word: We'll meet at the library later today.

1. Noun

2. Preposition

3. Adverb

4. Conjunction

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: The word 'later' tells when the meeting will happen, so it is an adverb.

Question 9

Identify the error in the following sentence: Each of the team members have presented their ideas.

1. Each

2. of

3. have

4. presented

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: The subject 'Each' is singular, so the verb should be 'has', not 'have'.

Question 10

Identify the error in the following sentence: Either the teacher or the students is responsible for bringing the supplies.

1. Either

2. teacher

3. students

4. is

Answer Key: Option 4

Explanation: In 'either...or' sentences, the verb usually agrees with the noun closest to it. Since 'students' is plural, the verb should be 'are'.

Question 11

Identify the error in the following sentence: None of the children was excited about the trip.

1. None

2. of

3. was

4. excited

Answer Key: Option 3



Explanation: In school-level grammar, 'children' is plural, so 'were' is the expected verb here rather than 'was'.

Question 12

Identify the part of speech of the underlined word: The cat slept soundly on the warm blanket.

1. Noun	2. Adjective
3. Adverb	4. Verb

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: 'Soundly' tells how the cat slept, so it is an adverb.

Question 13

Choose the correct form of the word: She is the _____ of the two candidates for the job.

1. less qualified	2. more qualified
3. most qualified	4. most qualification

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: When comparing two people, the comparative form is used. So 'more qualified' is correct.

Question 14

Select the sentence with the correct use of the preposition.

1. He is good at to solve problems.	2. He is good at solving problems.
3. He is good in solving problems.	4. He is good for solving problems.

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: The correct expression is 'good at' followed by a gerund, so 'good at solving problems' is correct.

Question 15

Select the sentence with the correct use of the preposition.

1. They are excited of going to the concert.	2. They are excited for going to the concert.
3. They are excited about going to the concert.	4. They are excited by going to the concert.



Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: The natural and correct phrase is 'excited about'.

Section 2 — Spoken and Written Expression

Question 16

Select the sentence that is grammatically correct.

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| 1. Neither of the two students were prepared for the test. | 2. Neither of the two students was prepared for the test. |
| 3. Neither of the two students are prepared for the test. | 4. Neither of the two students have prepared for the test. |

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: 'Neither' is treated as singular here, so the correct verb is 'was'.

Question 17

Choose the sentence that best completes the conversation: "I'm surprised Sarah didn't make it to the meeting."
"_____."

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| 1. Neither I was. | 2. I thought so too. |
| 3. I didn't make it as well. | 4. So did I. |

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: Option 2 is the most natural reply because it agrees with the speaker's feeling in clear everyday English.

Question 18

Identify the sentence that uses the correct form of parallel structure.

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| 1. She enjoys reading, to write poetry, and visiting museums. | 2. She enjoys reading, writing poetry, and visiting museums. |
| 3. She enjoys to read, writing poetry, and to visit museums. | 4. She enjoys reading, writing poetry, and to visit museums. |

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: Parallel structure keeps the same grammatical form in a list. 'Reading, writing poetry, and visiting museums' are all parallel.



Question 19

Choose the option that best completes the sentence: "If I _____ you, I would start revising for exams early."

1. was

2. am

3. were

4. had been

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: In unreal or imaginary situations, English uses 'were' after 'If I'.

Question 20

Select the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

1. My favorite activities include; hiking, reading and cooking.

2. My favorite activities include: hiking, reading, and cooking.

3. My favorite activities include: hiking, reading and, cooking.

4. My favorite activities include hiking; reading; and cooking.

Answer Key: Option 2

Explanation: A colon correctly introduces the list, and commas separate the items. So option 2 is correct.

Section 3 — Vocabulary, Logical Completion and Passage-Based Language

Question 21

Max: I'm trying to _____ all the information for my history presentation, but it's harder than I thought. Lily: Don't worry; you always find a way to make it work!

1. collect

2. finalize

3. arrange

4. reject

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: 'Collect' is the best fit because Max is trying to gather information for a presentation.

Question 22

Mia: I've spent hours trying to ____ the best articles for my research paper. Jake: You're doing great! Keep going, and you'll find what you need.

1. compose

2. secure

3. locate

4. conclude

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: 'Locate' means to find, which matches the context of searching for articles.

Question 23

Sentence 1: -----

Sentence 2: Digital literacy is essential in today's world, as technology plays a crucial role in almost every aspect of life.

Sentence 3: -----

1. 1 - Schools should include digital literacy programs in their curriculum. 3 - This will prepare students to succeed in a technology-driven world.

2. 1 - Technology use in schools should be limited to avoid distractions. 3 - Reducing technology use will enhance students' traditional skills.

3. 1 - Digital literacy is only relevant to those pursuing tech careers. 3 - Non-tech careers require little to no technological skills.

4. 1 - There are disadvantages to technology in classrooms. 3 - Therefore digital literacy should not be a priority in school.

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: Option 1 supports the main idea by connecting digital literacy with student preparation for a technology-driven world.

Question 24

Sentence 1: -----

Sentence 2: Physical exercise is known to have numerous health benefits, including improved mental well-being.

Sentence 3: -----

1. 1 - Regular exercise can significantly reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression. 3 - This leads to a healthier and more fulfilling life.

2. 1 - Exercise is overrated and has little impact on mental health. 3 - Its role in well-being is often exaggerated.

3. 1 - Physical activity should be limited to prevent injuries. 3 - Engaging in too much exercise can be detrimental.

4. 1 - Only those with specific health issues benefit from exercise. 3 - Most people do not need to exercise regularly.

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: Option 1 logically supports the statement about exercise and mental well-being.

Question 25

Sentence 1: -----

Sentence 2: Recycling helps reduce waste and conserve natural resources.

Sentence 3: -----

<p>1. 1 - Many communities are implementing recycling programs to manage waste. 3 - These programs contribute to a more sustainable environment.</p>	<p>2. 1 - Recycling is too costly and offers little benefit to the environment. 3 - Most materials cannot be recycled efficiently.</p>
<p>3. 1 - Recycling does not significantly impact environmental conservation. 3 - People should focus on other methods instead.</p>	<p>4. 1 - Only certain cities promote recycling efforts. 3 - Recycling is mostly ineffective in reducing waste.</p>

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: Option 1 matches the positive central idea of recycling and explains its environmental benefit.

Question 26

Sentence 1: -----

Sentence 2: Learning a new language enhances cognitive abilities and broadens cultural understanding.

Sentence 3: -----

<p>1. 1 - Language learning improves memory and problem-solving skills. 3 - It also helps individuals appreciate other cultures more deeply.</p>	<p>2. 1 - Learning new languages has minimal benefits for the brain. 3 - It often only results in temporary skills.</p>
<p>3. 1 - Language study is only necessary for those traveling abroad. 3 - Most people do not need to learn another language.</p>	<p>4. 1 - People often struggle to learn new languages as adults. 3 - Therefore, language learning is more suitable for children.</p>

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: Option 1 directly supports both the cognitive and cultural benefits described in the main sentence.

Question 27

Sentence 1: -----

Sentence 2: Climate change has led to increased global temperatures and extreme weather events.

Sentence 3: -----

1. 1 - Governments are implementing policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. 3 - These measures are aimed at slowing down the effects of climate change.

2. 1 - Climate change is a natural cycle with no impact from human activities. 3 - There is no need for policies targeting greenhouse gas emissions.

3. 1 - Climate change is too complex for effective action. 3 - Individuals cannot make any meaningful impact.

4. 1 - Only certain countries are responsible for climate change. 3 - It is up to them alone to reduce emissions.

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: Option 1 is the only response that logically follows the central sentence and proposes a meaningful response.

Question 28

Read the passage and answer the question.

Science and technology have profoundly transformed the world, impacting nearly every aspect of human life. From healthcare to communication, advances in these fields have led to remarkable improvements in our daily experiences. Science enables us to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation, allowing for the development of medicines, sustainable energy sources, and environmental solutions. Technology, on the other hand, provides the tools and applications that make scientific discoveries practical and accessible. For instance, innovations in medical technology have improved diagnosis and treatment options, saving countless lives. Furthermore, communication technology has made it possible for people across the globe to connect instantly, breaking down cultural and geographic barriers. With continued investment in science and technology, society can look forward to even more breakthroughs that enhance our quality of life and tackle pressing global issues.

Select the sentence with the correct subject-verb agreement and appropriate verb tense.

1. Advances in science has enabled society to look forward for breakthroughs.

2. Advances in science enable society looking forward to breakthroughs.

3. Advances in science enables society for looking forward to breakthroughs.

4. Advances in science have enabled society to look forward to breakthroughs.

Answer Key: Option 4

Explanation: The plural subject 'Advances' takes 'have enabled', and the phrase 'look forward to' is the correct structure.

Question 29

Read the passage and answer the question.

Science and technology have profoundly transformed the world, impacting nearly every aspect of human life. From healthcare to communication, advances in these fields have led to remarkable improvements in our daily experiences. Science enables us to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation, allowing for the development of medicines, sustainable energy sources, and environmental solutions. Technology, on the other hand, provides the tools and applications that make scientific discoveries practical and accessible. For instance, innovations in medical technology have improved diagnosis and treatment options, saving countless lives. Furthermore, communication technology has made it possible for people across the globe to connect instantly, breaking down cultural and geographic barriers. With continued investment in science and technology, society can look forward to even more breakthroughs that enhance our quality of life and tackle pressing global issues.

Choose the option that best completes the sentence with correct parallel structure: "Science enables us to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation, allowing us to develop medicines, create sustainable energy sources, and _____ solutions to environmental problems."

1. developing

2. solving

3. finding

4. implementing

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: After 'develop' and 'create', the third verb should stay parallel in base form. 'Find solutions' is the best grammatical and meaningful match.

Question 30

Read the passage and answer the question.

Science and technology have profoundly transformed the world, impacting nearly every aspect of human life. From healthcare to communication, advances in these fields have led to remarkable improvements in our daily experiences. Science enables us to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation, allowing for the development of medicines, sustainable energy sources, and environmental solutions. Technology, on the other hand, provides the tools and applications that make scientific discoveries practical and accessible. For instance, innovations in medical technology have improved diagnosis and treatment options, saving countless lives. Furthermore, communication technology has made it possible for people across the globe to connect instantly, breaking down cultural and geographic barriers. With continued investment in science and technology, society can look forward to even more breakthroughs that enhance our quality of life and tackle pressing global issues.

Identify the sentence with correct punctuation and syntax.

1. Technology has improved diagnosis, and treatment options; saving countless lives.

2. Technology has improved diagnosis and treatment options: saving countless lives.

3. Technology has improved diagnosis and treatment options, saving countless lives.

4. Technology, has improved diagnosis and treatment options; saving countless lives.

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: Option 3 is the best because the comma correctly introduces the participial phrase 'saving countless lives'.

Question 31

Read the passage and answer the question.

Science and technology have profoundly transformed the world, impacting nearly every aspect of human life. From healthcare to communication, advances in these fields have led to remarkable improvements in our daily experiences. Science enables us to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation, allowing for the development of medicines, sustainable energy sources, and environmental solutions. Technology, on the other hand, provides the tools and applications that make scientific discoveries practical and accessible. For instance, innovations in medical technology have improved diagnosis and treatment options, saving countless lives. Furthermore, communication technology has made it possible for people across the globe to connect instantly, breaking down cultural and geographic barriers. With continued investment in science and technology, society can look forward to even more breakthroughs that enhance our quality of life and tackle pressing global issues.

Choose the correct preposition to complete the sentence: "With continued investment _____ science and technology, society can look forward to more breakthroughs."

1. in

2. on

3. for

4. into

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: The correct phrase is 'investment in' science and technology.

Section 4 — Reason and Assertion

Question 32

Assertion (A): "He could hardly see the road due to the heavy fog."

Reason (R): "Hardly" is used with negative verbs to emphasize the statement.

1. Both (A) and (R) are correct, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

2. Both (A) and (R) are correct, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

3. (A) is correct, but (R) is incorrect.

4. (A) is incorrect, but (R) is correct.

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: The assertion is meaningful and correct. The reason is incorrect because 'hardly' itself already carries a negative sense and is not used with negative verbs for emphasis.

Question 33

Assertion (A): "Neither the teacher nor the students were able to solve the problem."

Reason (R): When using 'neither...nor,' the verb agrees with the noun closest to it.

1. Both (A) and (R) are correct, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

2. Both (A) and (R) are correct, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

3. (A) is correct, but (R) is incorrect.

4. (A) is incorrect, but (R) is correct.

Answer Key: Option 1

Explanation: The noun closest to the verb is 'students', which is plural, so 'were' is correct. The reason correctly explains the assertion.

Question 34

Assertion (A): "Each of the players were given a medal for their performance."

Reason (R): 'Each' as a pronoun is always singular and takes a singular verb.

1. Both (A) and (R) are correct, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

2. Both (A) and (R) are correct, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

3. (A) is incorrect, but (R) is correct.

4. Both (A) and (R) are incorrect.

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: The assertion is incorrect because 'Each' takes a singular verb, so it should be 'was given'. The reason is correct.

Question 35

Assertion (A): "She suggested that he takes a break after working all night."

Reason (R): In subjunctive mood, verbs following verbs like 'suggest' or 'recommend' take their base form.



1. Both (A) and (R) are correct, and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

2. Both (A) and (R) are correct, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

3. (A) is incorrect, but (R) is correct.

4. Both (A) and (R) are incorrect.

Answer Key: Option 3

Explanation: After 'suggested that', English commonly uses the base form in the subjunctive: 'he take a break'. So the assertion is incorrect and the reason is correct.

Answer Key Summary

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