

SCO INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIAD

CLASS 6 SOLVED PAPER

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Vocabulary	Reading	Grammar	Expression	Error Correction
Reported Speech	Assertions	Writing	Compreh.	Answer Key

QUESTION PAPER WITH ANSWER AND EXPLANATION

Question 1

Choose the odd pair:

- A) Convivial - Jovial
- B) Intransigent - Unyielding
- C) Capricious - Impulsive
- D) Mirthful - Solemn

Correct Answer: D) Mirthful - Solemn

Explanation: "Mirthful" and "Solemn" are nearly opposites in meaning, with "mirthful" implying cheerfulness or joy, while "solemn" suggests seriousness or somberness. These words don't share the same category or convey a similar sentiment. The other pairs are close synonyms: Convivial - Jovial: Both suggest friendliness and good humor. Intransigent - Unyielding: Both indicate firmness and refusal to change position. Capricious - Impulsive: Both imply unpredictable or changeable behavior. Thus, the mismatch in meaning between "Mirthful" and "Solemn" makes them the odd pair.

Question 2

Choose the odd pair:

- A) Insipid - Tasteless
- B) Facetious - Serious
- C) Surly - Sullen
- D) Luminous - Radiant

Correct Answer: B) Facetious - Serious

Explanation: Facetious and Serious are contrasting in meaning; facetious means humorous or not serious, while serious conveys sincerity or gravity. The other pairs are synonyms: Insipid - Tasteless: Both refer to a lack of flavor or interest. Surly - Sullen: Both describe a gloomy, unfriendly attitude. Luminous - Radiant: Both imply brightness or light.

Question 3

Identify the incorrectly paired synonyms:

- A) Obstinate - Stubborn
- B) Altruistic - Selfless
- C) Prudent - Reckless
- D) Lethargic - Sluggish

Correct Answer: C) Prudent - Reckless

Explanation: Prudent and Reckless are antonyms; prudent means wise and cautious, while reckless implies carelessness or disregard for risks. The other pairs are synonyms: Obstinate - Stubborn: Both indicate unyielding attitudes. Altruistic - Selfless: Both describe a concern for others over oneself. Lethargic - Sluggish: Both suggest a lack of energy or enthusiasm.

Question 4

Choose the word that does not share a similar meaning with the others:

- A) Apathy
- B) Disinterest

- C) Ardor
- D) Indifference

Correct Answer: C) Ardor

Explanation: Ardor denotes enthusiasm and passion, which contrasts with the other words. The other options imply a lack of feeling or care: Apathy, Disinterest, and Indifference all suggest a neutral or uninterested attitude.

Question 5

Identify the odd pair:

- A) Tranquil - Serene
- B) Pensive - Thoughtful
- C) Diligent - Lazy
- D) Candid - Frank

Correct Answer: C) Diligent - Lazy

Explanation: Diligent and Lazy are antonyms, not synonyms. The other pairs are synonymous: Tranquil - Serene: Both mean calm or peaceful. Pensive - Thoughtful: Both refer to deep thinking or contemplation. Candid - Frank: Both imply openness and honesty.

Passage / Directions Block 1

Read the passage and answer the questions - (Q.No - 6 to 10)

The field of science and technology has undergone unprecedented growth over the last few decades, profoundly influencing virtually every aspect of modern life. Advances in technology have revolutionized communication, making it possible for people across the globe to connect instantly through various platforms. Social media, video conferencing, and instant messaging have bridged gaps that were once thought impossible to close. While these advancements offer significant benefits, they also pose potential risks, particularly regarding privacy and data security. Cybersecurity has thus emerged as a critical area within technology, tasked with protecting sensitive information from threats such as hacking and unauthorized access.

Furthermore, the impact of technology on healthcare has been transformative. Breakthroughs in medical imaging, telemedicine, and robotic surgery have greatly improved patient outcomes, making healthcare more accessible and efficient. Artificial intelligence (AI) now aids doctors in diagnostics, enabling earlier detection of diseases like cancer. However, there are concerns regarding the ethical implications of AI in medicine, as algorithms can sometimes perpetuate biases present in the data used to train them.

Similarly, the role of technology in education has reshaped the learning experience, providing students and teachers with tools that were unimaginable a few decades ago. Online learning platforms and digital resources have made education accessible to a broader audience, even in remote areas. Yet, this digital shift has also highlighted the issue of unequal access, as not all students have the resources or internet connectivity necessary to benefit from these tools.

While science and technology continue to evolve at a rapid pace, society must navigate the challenges these advancements bring. Striking a balance between innovation and ethical responsibility is essential to ensure that the benefits of technology are maximized without compromising individual rights or social equity. As humanity moves forward, responsible stewardship of technological progress will be crucial in shaping a future that aligns with society's best interests.

Question 6

Which of the following correctly combines the ideas of the first two sentences using an appropriate conjunction?

- A) The field of science and technology has undergone unprecedented growth, but it has influenced virtually every aspect of modern life.

- B) Since the field of science and technology has undergone unprecedented growth, it has influenced virtually every aspect of modern life.
- C) The field of science and technology has undergone unprecedented growth because it influences virtually every aspect of modern life.
- D) Although the field of science and technology has undergone unprecedented growth, it does not influence every aspect of modern life.

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: "Since" is the correct conjunction here, as it logically connects the rapid growth in science and technology to its influence on modern life.

Question 7

Identify the correct form to fill in the blank: "Advances in technology have _____ communication, making it possible for people across the globe to connect instantly."

- A) revolutionize
- B) revolutionized
- C) revolutionizing
- D) revolutions

Correct Answer: B) revolutionized

Explanation: "Have revolutionized" correctly maintains the present perfect tense, which suits the context of describing ongoing impact.

Question 8

In the sentence "Cybersecurity has thus emerged as a critical area within technology, tasked with protecting sensitive information," which phrase is closest in meaning to "tasked with"?

- A) expected to
- B) responsible for
- C) associated with
- D) beneficial for

Correct Answer: B) responsible for

Explanation: "Responsible for" is synonymous with "tasked with," indicating an obligation or duty in this context.

Question 9

Choose the sentence that accurately conveys the same meaning as: "The impact of technology on healthcare has been transformative."

- A) Healthcare has transformed because of the impact of technology.
- B) Technology's impact on healthcare is completely transformative.
- C) Technology's impact has transformed healthcare.
- D) Transforming healthcare, technology has impacted it greatly.

Correct Answer: C) Technology's impact has transformed healthcare.

Explanation: Option C is concise and maintains the original meaning accurately, with technology being the cause of transformation in healthcare.

Question 10

Which of the following best revises the sentence "Similarly, the role of technology in education has reshaped the learning experience" for clarity and conciseness?

- A) Technology has also reshaped the learning experience in education.
- B) The learning experience in education is reshaped by technology.
- C) Similarly, technology has reshaped education's learning experience.
- D) Technology in education has similarly reshaped learning.

Correct Answer: D) Technology in education has similarly reshaped learning.

Explanation: Option D is the most concise, maintaining parallel structure with earlier sentences and clearly conveying the reshaping effect of technology on learning.

Passage / Directions Block 2

Read the paragraph and fill in the blanks.(Q.no - 11 to 15)

Passage:

In the field of genetics, scientists study the mechanisms that underlie heredity and variation in living organisms. Genes, which are segments of DNA, encode the instructions for building and maintaining an organism, and they pass from one generation to the next. One important concept in genetics is (11) _____, which refers to the variety of traits within a population. This diversity is essential for adaptation, especially as environments change over time. Evolutionary processes, such as (12) _____ selection, drive the emergence of favorable traits, while mutations can introduce new genetic material into the population.

Understanding the structure of DNA was a milestone in genetics, leading to breakthroughs in medicine, agriculture, and even forensics. Scientists now have the tools to modify genetic sequences, a practice known as (13) _____ engineering, which has allowed for the creation of crops with greater resistance to pests and diseases. However, this manipulation raises ethical concerns. As we continue to unlock the secrets of genetics, society must weigh the (14) _____ of such technologies, balancing innovation with caution. The implications of genetic engineering extend beyond human health and affect ecosystems as well, necessitating careful consideration of (15) _____ consequences.

Question 11

A) mutation B) biodiversity C) variation D) gene pool

Correct Answer: C) variation

Explanation: The word "variation" refers to differences in traits within a population, which supports adaptation when environments change.

Question 12

A) artificial B) natural C) inherited D) convergent

Correct Answer: B) natural

Explanation: The correct science term is "natural selection". It explains how favorable traits become more common in a population over time.

Question 13

A) genetic B) molecular C) cellular D) synthetic

Correct Answer: A) genetic

Explanation: The standard term is "genetic engineering", meaning the deliberate modification of genetic material.

Question 14

A) consequences B) risks C) benefits D) limitations

Correct Answer: B) risks

Explanation: In this context, society must weigh the risks of the technology while balancing innovation with caution.

Question 15

A) immediate B) foreseeable C) potential D) isolated

Correct Answer: C) potential

Explanation: "Potential consequences" means possible future effects, including impacts on ecosystems and human health.

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION (QUESTIONS 16 TO 20)**Question 16**

Identify the sentence that uses an idiomatic expression correctly.

- A) She decided to let the cat out of the bag and abandoned her surprise party plans.
- B) After hearing the news, he decided to take the bull by the horns and confront his challenges.
- C) Despite the warning, she continued to beat around the bush and completed her task on time.
- D) He was under the weather but showed up with bells on, reluctantly attending the meeting.

Correct Answer: B) After hearing the news, he decided to take the bull by the horns and confront his challenges.

Explanation: "Take the bull by the horns" is correctly used here to mean directly confronting a challenge. Other options misuse idioms: "Let the cat out of the bag" means to reveal a secret, not abandon plans. "Beat around the bush" means to avoid getting to the point, not completing a task. "With bells on" suggests showing up eagerly, which conflicts with "reluctantly."

Question 17

Choose the option where the sentence best maintains parallel structure.

- A) The job required attention to detail, punctuality, and working efficiently.
- B) She enjoys reading books, to paint, and writing poems.
- C) He spends his weekends cycling, hiking, and swimming.
- D) The presentation was informative, engaging, and left an impact.

Correct Answer: C) He spends his weekends cycling, hiking, and swimming.

Explanation: This sentence maintains parallel structure by using gerunds ("-ing" forms) consistently for each activity. Other options mix verb forms, disrupting parallelism.

Question 18

Choose the sentence that uses formal written expression appropriately.

- A) I reckon that the project will get done on time.
- B) In view of the recent developments, the deadline has been revised.
- C) You'll need to make a decision ASAP to avoid delays.
- D) It's high time we get cracking on the report.

Correct Answer: B) In view of the recent developments, the deadline has been revised.

Explanation: This sentence is the most formally phrased. Other options use colloquial expressions like "reckon," "ASAP," and "get cracking," which are less formal.

Question 19

Which sentence uses the most concise and clear expression?

- A) The proposal, which was submitted after considerable effort and with all necessary modifications, was accepted.
- B) After much effort and necessary modifications, the proposal was accepted.
- C) Following significant effort along with the requisite changes and modifications, the proposal was finally approved.
- D) The proposal was, after all the required effort and modifications, accepted.

Correct Answer: B) After much effort and necessary modifications, the proposal was accepted.

Explanation: Option B is the most concise and direct, eliminating redundant phrases and presenting the main idea clearly.

Question 20

Select the sentence with the correct use of passive voice for formal written expression.

- A) We decided to update the guidelines based on the new policy.
- B) Based on the new policy, it was decided to update the guidelines.
- C) The guidelines have been decided to be updated by the new policy.
- D) An update to the guidelines, we decided, was needed based on the policy.

Correct Answer: B) Based on the new policy, it was decided to update the guidelines.

Explanation: This option correctly uses passive voice ("it was decided") to emphasize the action over the subject, which is suitable in formal contexts. Other options either misuse passive voice or lack clarity.

Question 21

Sarah: The report is due at 5 p.m., but I'm not sure I can _____ all the data in time.

Liam: You've always been able to handle tight deadlines!

- A) complete
- B) compile
- C) collect
- D) fulfill

Correct Answer: B) compile

Explanation: "Compile" is the most appropriate word here because it means to gather or put together information, which is needed for a report. "Complete" could work, but it lacks the nuance of assembling data, while "collect" is less specific to arranging information for a report. "Fulfill" would only work if it related to meeting an obligation, not preparing data.

Question 22

Teacher: To succeed in this course, you'll need to _____ not only knowledge but also practical skills.

Student: I understand, and I'm ready to work on both!

- A) gain
- B) acquire

- C) achieve
- D) fulfill

Correct Answer: B) acquire

Explanation: "Acquire" is the most fitting here, as it implies obtaining both knowledge and skills. "Gain" could also fit, but "acquire" is more precise when discussing both abstract (knowledge) and tangible (skills) concepts. "Achieve" typically refers to reaching a goal rather than gaining skills, while "fulfill" does not fit the context.

Question 23

Manager: We expect each employee to _____ the company's code of conduct.

Employee: I understand and will make sure to do so.

- A) fulfill
- B) follow
- C) adhere to
- D) accomplish

Correct Answer: C) adhere to

Explanation: "Adhere to" is the best answer because it means to follow or stick to rules or guidelines. "Fulfill" is close but more associated with meeting obligations, while "follow" is too casual. "Accomplish" is unrelated in this context.

Question 24

Sentence 1: -----

Sentence 2: Climate change is accelerating the melting of polar ice caps, contributing to rising sea levels and the displacement of coastal communities.

Sentence 3: -----

Options:

- A) 1 - Emissions from transportation and industry are major contributors to global warming.
3 - As sea levels rise, coastal areas face increased flooding and erosion risks.
- B) 1 - Polar ice melting has no direct link to human activities.
3 - Rising sea levels do not have any significant effect on coastal ecosystems.
- C) 1 - The Arctic region has remained largely unaffected by climate change.
3 - Polar ice melting is a minor concern compared to other climate issues.
- D) 1 - Deserts are expanding due to increasing temperatures.
3 - Desertification and melting ice are unrelated phenomena.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Option A appropriately introduces emissions as a cause of climate change and completes the paragraph by detailing consequences of rising sea levels on coastal areas. Options B, C, and D either provide incorrect information or introduce unrelated points.

Question 25

Sentence 1: -----

Sentence 2: The overuse of fertilizers in agriculture can lead to soil degradation and water contamination.

Sentence 3: -----

Options:

- A) 1 - Modern farming techniques rely heavily on chemical fertilizers for crop yield.

- 3 - Excess fertilizers can seep into water bodies, harming aquatic ecosystems.
B) 1 - Fertilizers have no harmful impact on the environment.
3 - The nutrients from fertilizers are beneficial to all forms of life in nearby water bodies.
C) 1 - Organic farming produces far less food than conventional farming.
3 - Using organic fertilizers has shown no positive impact on water quality.
D) 1 - Deforestation is the main cause of soil degradation.
3 - Overgrazing is another contributor to soil erosion, but fertilizers play no role.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Option A logically introduces the use of fertilizers and explains their negative effects on water bodies, forming a coherent narrative. Options B, C, and D either misrepresent facts or add unrelated ideas.

Question 26

Sentence 1: -----

Sentence 2: Many endangered species are at risk of extinction due to habitat loss and illegal poaching.

Sentence 3: -----

Options:

- A) 1 - Wildlife conservation efforts aim to protect species from extinction.
3 - Without intervention, many species could be lost permanently.
B) 1 - Endangered species often migrate to urban areas for safety.
3 - This migration leads to harmonious coexistence with humans.
C) 1 - Endangered species naturally adapt to human encroachment.
3 - There is no need for protective measures.
D) 1 - Climate change has no effect on animal habitats.
3 - Endangered species are largely unaffected by environmental changes.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Option A introduces the topic of conservation efforts and highlights the importance of intervention to prevent extinction, completing the paragraph. Options B, C, and D either provide incorrect information or lack relevance to the issue of endangered species.

Question 27

Sentence 1: -----

Sentence 2: The human brain is capable of processing vast amounts of information in fractions of a second.

Sentence 3: -----

Options:

- A) 1 - Neuroscientists study the brain's capacity for learning and memory.
3 - This rapid processing ability is crucial for decision-making and survival.
B) 1 - The brain is similar to a computer but lacks real intelligence.
3 - Computers are the true masters of data processing.
C) 1 - The human brain is relatively slow compared to artificial intelligence.
3 - Machine learning can replace all functions of the human brain.
D) 1 - The brain has no role in cognitive functions.
3 - Only physical actions are controlled by the brain.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Option A logically introduces neuroscientific studies on brain functions and concludes with the importance of processing speed for decision-making, fitting well with Sentence 2. Options B, C, and D introduce misleading or incorrect information.

Question 28

Sentence 1: -----

Sentence 2: Urbanization has led to increased air pollution, causing health issues like respiratory problems and allergies.

Sentence 3: -----

Options:

- A) 1 - Many cities are taking steps to monitor and control air quality.
3 - Efforts include reducing vehicle emissions and promoting green spaces.
- B) 1 - Urbanization has little impact on air quality.
3 - There is no need to monitor or reduce pollution levels in cities.
- C) 1 - Rural areas experience more pollution than urban centers.
3 - Pollution is not a significant concern for city residents.
- D) 1 - The growth of cities is unrelated to pollution levels.
3 - Urbanization and pollution are independent of each other.

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Option A appropriately introduces urban pollution control measures and concludes with specific actions taken by cities to improve air quality, aligning with Sentence 2. Options B, C, and D either misrepresent facts or lack relevance.

Question 29

Identify the error:

The book about /ancient civilizations /was interesting /and provided insights /to the customs of the time.

Options:

- A) ancient civilizations
B) was interesting
C) insights
D) to the customs
E) No error

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The correct phrase is "insights into" rather than "insights to." The preposition "into" is used to indicate gaining understanding or deep knowledge of something.

Question 30

Identify the error:

The seminar on /effective communication /skills is scheduled /for 2:00 PM /in next Monday.

Options:

- A) effective communication
B) is scheduled
C) for 2:00 PM
D) in next Monday

E) No error

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The correct phrase is "on next Monday" or simply "next Monday." The preposition "in" is incorrect when referring to days of the week. "On" is used for specific days.

Question 31

Identify the error:

Despite of the /challenges they faced, /the team managed /to complete the project /on time.

Options:

- A) Despite of
- B) challenges they faced
- C) managed
- D) to complete
- E) No error

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The correct phrase is "Despite the challenges" instead of "Despite of the challenges." "Despite" is not followed by "of."

Question 32

Identify the error:

Neither the manager /nor the employees /was aware of /the changes /in company policy.

Options:

- A) Neither the manager
- B) nor the employees
- C) was aware
- D) in company policy
- E) No error

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The correct form should be "were aware" because "employees," which is plural, is closer to the verb and requires plural agreement in compound subjects with "neither...nor."

Question 33

Identify the error:

The study aims /to analyze /how sleep patterns /effects cognitive performance /among teenagers.

Options:

- A) to analyze
- B) how sleep patterns
- C) effects
- D) among teenagers
- E) No error

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The correct word is "affects" instead of "effects." "Affects" is a verb, meaning to influence, while "effects" is a noun referring to results or outcomes. Here, we need the verb form.

Question 34

Direct Speech: "I will finish the project by next week," she assured us.

Choose the correct transformation into reported speech:

- A) She assured that she would finish the project by next week.
- B) She assured that she will finish the project by next week.
- C) She assured that she had finished the project by next week.
- D) She assured that she could finish the project by next week.

Correct Answer: A) She assured that she would finish the project by next week.

Explanation: In reported speech, "will" changes to "would" to reflect the future tense in the past context.

Question 35

Direct Speech: "Are you attending the seminar tomorrow?" he asked.

Choose the correct transformation into reported speech:

- A) He asked if I am attending the seminar tomorrow.
- B) He asked if I would attend the seminar tomorrow.
- C) He asked if I was attending the seminar the following day.
- D) He asked if I will be attending the seminar the following day.

Correct Answer: C) He asked if I was attending the seminar the following day.

Explanation: In reported questions, the present continuous ("are attending") changes to past continuous ("was attending"), and "tomorrow" changes to "the following day."

Question 36

Direct Speech: "I have completed the assignment," John mentioned.

Choose the correct transformation into reported speech:

- A) John mentioned that he completed the assignment.
- B) John mentioned that he had completed the assignment.
- C) John mentioned that he has completed the assignment.
- D) John mentioned that he was completing the assignment.

Correct Answer: B) John mentioned that he had completed the assignment.

Explanation: In reported speech, the present perfect ("have completed") changes to past perfect ("had completed").

Question 37

Direct Speech: "We cannot guarantee the delivery by Friday," the company representative said.

Choose the correct transformation into reported speech:

- A) The company representative said they could not guarantee the delivery by Friday.
- B) The company representative said they will not guarantee the delivery by Friday.
- C) The company representative said they are unable to guarantee the delivery by Friday.
- D) The company representative said they would not guarantee the delivery by Friday.

Correct Answer: A) The company representative said they could not guarantee the delivery by Friday.

Explanation: "Cannot" changes to "could not" in reported speech to show the shift from present to past.

Question 38

Direct Speech: "Why did you arrive late?" the teacher inquired.

Choose the correct transformation into reported speech:

- A) The teacher inquired why I had arrived late.
- B) The teacher inquired why did I arrive late.
- C) The teacher inquired why had I arrived late.
- D) The teacher inquired why I arrived late.

Correct Answer: A) The teacher inquired why I had arrived late.

Explanation: When reporting questions in the past simple tense ("did you arrive"), it changes to past perfect ("had arrived") in indirect speech, without inversion.

Question 39

Choose the correct sentence in terms of pronoun-antecedent agreement:

- A) The team will celebrate their victory tomorrow.
- B) The team will celebrate its victory tomorrow.
- C) The teams will celebrate their victory tomorrow.
- D) The team will celebrate it's victory tomorrow.

Correct Answer: B) The team will celebrate its victory tomorrow.

Explanation: "Team" is a collective noun and takes a singular pronoun ("its"). Choice A is incorrect because "team" is singular, so it should take "its," not "their." Choice D contains a grammatical error with "it's" (the contraction for "it is"), and choice C incorrectly uses the plural pronoun "their" with the singular noun "team."

Question 40

Choose the correct sentence in terms of pronoun-antecedent agreement:

- A) Neither of the boys completed their homework.
- B) Neither of the boys completed his homework.
- C) Neither of the boys completed its homework.
- D) Neither of the boys completed his or her homework.

Correct Answer: B) Neither of the boys completed his homework.

Explanation: The pronoun "neither" is singular, and it refers to one of the boys. Therefore, it must take the singular possessive pronoun "his."

Question 41

Identify the sentence with correct modifier placement:

- A) Walking down the street, the car was parked on the side.
- B) The woman wearing a red dress was greeted by the host.
- C) He almost drove for an hour to reach the office.
- D) Excited about the trip, the plane finally took off.

Correct Answer: B) The woman wearing a red dress was greeted by the host.

Explanation: In choice B, the modifier "wearing a red dress" correctly modifies "the woman." In the other choices, the modifiers are misplaced, leading to ambiguity or confusing sentence structure.

Question 42

Identify the sentence with correct modifier placement:

- A) The student in the front row answered all the questions confidently.
- B) Riding through the city, the traffic was heavy.
- C) She discussed the project almost for an hour.
- D) To finish the report, the computer was broken.

Correct Answer: A) The student in the front row answered all the questions confidently.

Explanation: In choice A, the modifier "in the front row" correctly modifies "the student." In the other sentences, the modifiers are placed incorrectly, leading to confusion about the meaning.

Question 43

Direct Speech: "Have you read the book yet?" she asked.

Choose the sentence that correctly transforms the direct speech into reported speech:

- A) She asked if I had read the book yet.
- B) She asked if I read the book yet.
- C) She asked if I have read the book yet.
- D) She asked did I read the book yet.

Correct Answer: A) She asked if I had read the book yet.

Explanation: When reporting questions in the present perfect tense ("have read"), the verb changes to the past perfect ("had read"). "If" is used for indirect questions, making option A correct.

Question 44

Direct Speech: "I will help you with your homework," John said.

Choose the sentence that correctly transforms the direct speech into reported speech:

- A) John said that he would help me with my homework.
- B) John said that he will help me with my homework.
- C) John said that he helped me with my homework.
- D) John said that he helps me with my homework.

Correct Answer: A) John said that he would help me with my homework.

Explanation: The verb "will" in direct speech changes to "would" in reported speech to indicate future action in the past. "That" is used to introduce the reported speech.

Question 45

Direct Speech: "Why didn't you call me yesterday?" she asked.

Choose the sentence that correctly transforms the direct speech into reported speech:

- A) She asked why I hadn't called her yesterday.
- B) She asked why I didn't call her yesterday.
- C) She asked why I had called her yesterday.
- D) She asked why hadn't I called her yesterday.

Correct Answer: A) She asked why I hadn't called her yesterday.

Explanation: In reported speech, "didn't call" changes to "hadn't called" to show that the action happened before another event (yesterday). "Why" is used to introduce the question in indirect speech.

Question 46

Direct Speech: "We were watching a movie when you called," she explained.

Choose the sentence that correctly transforms the direct speech into reported speech:

- A) She explained that they were watching a movie when I called.
- B) She explained that they had watched a movie when I called.
- C) She explained that they were watching a movie when I had called.
- D) She explained that they were watching a movie when you called.

Correct Answer: A) She explained that they were watching a movie when I called.

Explanation: The past continuous ("were watching") stays in past continuous in reported speech, while "you" changes to "I" to match the reporter's perspective.

Question 47

Assertion (A): A strong conclusion in an essay should restate the thesis and summarize key points.

Reason (R): The conclusion should introduce new ideas to leave the reader with something to think about. Options:

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

Correct Answer: C) Assertion is true, but Reason is false.

Explanation: The Assertion is correct because a strong conclusion summarizes key points and restates the thesis. However, the Reason is incorrect as a conclusion should not introduce new ideas but instead reinforce the main arguments made in the essay.

Question 48

Assertion (A): An author's use of foreshadowing can hint at future events in a story.

Reason (R): Foreshadowing relies on subtle hints or clues in the narrative, allowing the reader to predict upcoming events. Options:

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

Correct Answer: A) Both Assertion and Reason are true, and Reason is the correct explanation of Assertion.

Explanation: Foreshadowing indeed hints at future events, and the Reason correctly explains that it works through subtle clues embedded in the narrative, allowing readers to anticipate what will happen later in the story.

Question 49

Assertion (A): A rhetorical question is asked not to gain an answer, but to provoke thought or emphasize a point.

Reason (R): Rhetorical questions can encourage the audience to reflect on their own views and opinions about the topic being discussed. Options:

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

Correct Answer: A) Both Assertion and Reason are true, and Reason is the correct explanation of Assertion.

Explanation: The Assertion is true because rhetorical questions are meant to provoke thought rather than solicit an answer. The Reason further explains this by stating that they engage the audience, prompting reflection on their perspectives.

Question 50

Assertion (A): Active voice makes writing clearer and more direct than passive voice.

Reason (R): In active voice, the subject of the sentence performs the action, making the sentence structure more straightforward. Options:

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

Correct Answer: A) Both Assertion and Reason are true, and Reason is the correct explanation of Assertion.

Explanation: The Assertion is true because active voice tends to make sentences more direct and easier to understand. The Reason explains why—since the subject directly performs the action, it provides clarity in the sentence structure.

Complete Answer Key

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
D	B	C	C	C	B	B	B	C	D

11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
C	B	A	B	C	B	C	B	B	B

21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
B	B	C	A	A	A	A	A	D	D

31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
A	C	C	A	C	B	A	A	B	B

41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
B	A	A	A	A	A	C	A	A	A

Learning Summary for Students, Teachers, and Schools

Skill outcomes strengthened by this paper

Students practise accurate word meaning, synonym-antonym judgment, and vocabulary in context.

Reading blocks strengthen comprehension, grammar in context, sentence clarity, and academic vocabulary.

Grammar questions reinforce reported speech, pronoun agreement, modifier placement, passive voice, idioms, and formal expression.

Assertion-reason questions develop reasoning around writing conventions, conclusions, foreshadowing, rhetorical questions, and active voice.

Teachers and schools can use the answer explanations as a guided remediation tool after practice.