



Class - 8 Sample Questions

Test Instructions:

1. This is a sample paper with 10 questions only.
2. The World English Olympiad will be conducted on any internet connected device.
3. The World English Olympiad will be conducted using an adaptive assessment tool.

Section 1: Grammar

This section assesses the English Grammar Skills. This is how meanings are encoded into wordings in the English language.

1. Supply the appropriate word in the sentence below.
During the _____ half of the year, we had many exams.
a. Later b. latter c. last d. next
2. Use appropriate degrees of comparison.
The deer runs _____ the cheetah.
a. Faster b. so fast as c. as fast as d. not faster
3. Fill in the blanks with the right conjunction.
Saran has to run fast _____ he should miss the trophy.
a. When b. while c. else d. lest
4. Complete the sentence with the correct preposition.
If you could complete the project _____ six months' time, you will get promotion.
a. In b. on c. by d. for
5. I _____ for a house for three months before I spotted this one.
a. Have been searching b. was searching c. had been searching d. would be searching

Section 2: Reading Skills

Reading skills is the ability of an individual to read, comprehend and interpret written words on a page of an article or any other reading material.

The questions will be of Multiple Choice types for comprehension/paragraph related questions.



Read the comprehension and answer the questions below.

The Aral sea was an inland lake lying between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. It used to be the fourth largest in the whole world, but started shrinking in the 1960's due to misuse of the water sources and shrunk to less than 10 percent of its natural size. Although the Kazakh government made attempts to restore the lake in 2005, by 2014, the lake had almost vanished completely. The area was renamed the Aralkum desert.

The disappearance of the Aral Sea has been called one of the planet's worst environmental disasters. The region's prosperous fishing industry has been destroyed, bringing unemployment and economic hardship. The Aral Sea region is also heavily polluted, which has created serious public health problems for the people who even now depend on the lake.

The Aral Sea was fed by two major rivers – the Amu Darya and the Syr Darya – and was home to a large variety of fish and the other animals. The local population depended on them to survive. However, in the 1960's both the rivers were diverted to provide water for crops like cotton. Within twenty years desertification had set in., and by 1977, the lake had split into 4 much smaller water bodies.

Questions:

6. Why did the water in the lake start shrinking?
 - a. Due to hot summer, water evaporated.
 - b. The water in the lake was not utilized properly.
 - c. The water became unfit for use.
 - d. It was a natural calamity.
7. What happened to the rivers that fed the sea?
 - a. They drained their water into another sea.
 - b. The rivers got dried up due to the construction of factories.
 - c. The rivers gave water to the agricultural areas.
 - d. The rivers divided into many and the water was wasted.

Section 3: Writing skills

Writing skills are an important part of communication. Good writing skills allow you to communicate your message with clarity and ease to a far larger audience than through face – to face or telephone conversations.

8. Ranji was a student. He was (a)..... drawing portraits. During summer holidays he used to conduct free classes for the primary students. The students were eager



to attend his classes. One day, he had a wish to draw the portrait of his favourite hero. He wrote a letter to him (b) his wish. He (c)..... when he got an invitation from his favourite hero . Ranji was invited on his favourite hero's birthday and the hero gave him the pose for him to draw.

- a. i. Good at , ii. good in, iii. expert in, iv. expert at
- b. i. Asking, ii. expressing, iii. telling, iv. informing
- c. i. Could not believe him, ii. could not understand, iii. could not believe his ears, iv. could not believe his eyes

Section-4 Listening Skills

Listening Skills is the ability to pay attention to and effectively interpret what other people are saying.

The question in the listening section will be a recorded audio. The student will listen to the paragraph and answer the question that follows-

Hey friends, do you know there is a mystery in this place. If you stand in the middle of this room and view the outside through the window you can see a big mountain with eyes and a mouth but if you go out of this hall and view the same scene, you will see a forest with waterfalls. It might look like an illusion but actually not. Many researchers have done studies about this but none had arrived at a conclusion.

This room was constructed in the previous century nearly 100 years ago. Some people have lived here for a decade but not continuously. There is no record of people having lived here for long. It continues to be a mystery even today.

Questions:

9. How long people have lived in the place?
 - a. 100 years
 - b. 80 years
 - c. 10 years
 - d. 20 years
10. What view do we get if we stand out of the room?
 - a. A forest with water falls
 - b. A big tree with eyes and mouth
 - c. A haunted village
 - d. A mountain with eyes and mouth



ANSWER KEY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
b	c	c	c	c	b	C	i,ii,iii	c	a