

BA English Entrance Examination Question Paper (Model)

PART 1

Section A: Grammar

- I. Given below are sentences with some errors in them. Identify the error in each sentence.

5 X 1 = 5 marks

1. Neither of them / are going to attend the party / on 10th October.

A B C

A

B

C

2. I haven't seen him / since twenty years and so I cannot say with certainty / whether he is alive or dead.

A B C

A

B

C

3. When he did not find the cook in the kitchen he / asked his wife where / had he gone.

A B C

A

B

C

4. The teachers urged to the agitating students / to shun violence and / maintain peace on the campus.

A B C

A

B

C

5. Never I asked / my husband how much / he earned.

A B C

A

B

C

II. Given below are some sentences with blanks. Look at the options given below and identify the right word for each blank.

5 X 2 = 10 marks

6. After a hot water bath, she felt-----

- A. refreshing
- B. refreshed
- C. refreshment

7. Have we got time to -----Sandhya on the way home?

- A. drop by
- B. drop in
- C. drop in on

8. Jacob has -----packed his suitcases.

- A. yet
- B. already
- C. since

9. The Khan family -----here for four years in May.

- A. will live
- B. have lived
- C. will have lived

10. She sometimes finds it difficult to -----all the pressure at work.

- A. cope with
- B. cope
- C. cope up with

Section B: Vocabulary

Read the following passage and choose the most suitable word/phrase to fill in the blanks in the passage.

10 X 1 = 10 marks

The father of evolution was a nervous parent. Few things 11 Charles Darwin more than the challenge of explaining how nature's most complex structures, such as the eye, came to be. "The eye to this day 12 me a cold shudder," he wrote to a friend in 1860.

Today biologists are beginning to understand the origins of life's 13 - the exquisite optical mechanism of the eye, the masterly engineering of the arm, the choreography that allows trillions of cells to cooperate in a single organism.

The fundamental answer is clear: In 14, all these wonders evolved. "The basic idea of evolution is so elegant, so simple," says Howard Berg, a Harvard researcher studying the spinning tail of common bacteria. "The idea is simply that you fiddle around, change something and 15 you ask: Does it improve my survival or not? And if it does, you keep fiddling around, improving. It's 16 powerful technique."

But nearly 150 years after Darwin, the evolution of complex structures can still be hard to accept. Most of us can envision natural selection tweaking a simple trait—making an animal furrer, for example. Yet it's 17 to picture evolution producing a new complex organ, complete with all its precisely interlocking parts. Creationists claim that life is so complex that it could not have evolved. They 18 that such complexity must be the direct product of "intelligent design" by a superior being.

The 19 majority of biologists do not share this belief. Studying how complex structures came to be is one of the most exciting frontiers in evolutionary biology, with clues coming at remarkable speed. Scientists still have 20 before they understand the evolution of complexity, which isn't surprising since many of life's devices evolved hundreds of millions of years ago.

11. A. worried B. excited C. disconcerted
12. A. gives B. provides C. renders
13. A. difficulty B. complexity C. complexness
14. A. one way or another B. every which way C. one way or the other
15. A. therefore B. subsequently C. then
16. A. an enormously B. a heavily C. a hugely
17. A. simpler B. tougher C. harder
18. A. conjecture B. argue C. proclaim
19. A. immense B. big C. vast
20. A a long way to go B. come a long way C. a long distance to cover

Section C: Reading

Read the following texts and answer the questions that follow.
marks

5 X 1 = 5

Passage 1

Orang-utans “require less food than humans, pound-for-pound,” lead author Herman Pontzer said. When they do eat orang-utans nibble mostly on ripe fruit, along with smaller portions of leaves and seed. Even in captivity, this diet doesn’t diminish an orang-utan’s get-up-and-go. “They wake up early, after a long night’s sleep,” explained Pontzer, an assistant professor of anthropology at Washington University in St. Louis. “Then they spend the day socializing, exploring their indoor or outdoor enclosures. They also regularly engage in games with researchers”.

According to a study, published in the latest *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, these activities of the orangutan’s, taken together add up to the same level of exercise performed by humans in physically demanding agricultural lifestyles.

In the wild, orang-utans live in the rainforests of Borneo and Sumatra where food availability is highly variable and unpredictable, Pontzer added. Like fresh fruit from the garden, the pickings are often feast or famine. “But the trade-off,” he added, “is that low-energy throughout means less energy is available to do things like grow and reproduce. So orang-utans grow slowly and reproduce slowly, which is evolutionarily risky because an orang-utan might die before it passes on its genes.” Human mothers can have a child every two to four years, but orang-utans in the wild only reproduce every seven to eight years.

Orang-utans are highly endangered, with many lost due to human activities such as logging, mining and the illegal pet trade. Pontzer hopes the study will highlight “how much information we lose about our closest relatives and our own evolutionary history if we let them go extinct.”

21. Orang-utans eat _____ humans do.
 - A. less than
 - B. more than
 - C. nearly as much as

22. According to Pontzer, orang-utans are
 - A. lazy.
 - B. slow.
 - C. energetic.

23. According to the study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of

Sciences,

- A. orang-utans and farmers do the same amount of physical activity.
 - B. orang-utans do the same exercises as farmers.
 - C. orang-utans and farmers have similar lifestyles.
24. Orang-utans grow slowly and reproduce slowly because they
- A. don't get sufficient food.
 - B. don't get fresh fruit from the garden.
 - C. don't eat enough food.
25. Select the statement that is NOT TRUE.
- A. The orang-utan reproductive cycle is slow.
 - B. All orang-utans may not reproduce.
 - C. Orang-utans give birth every four years.

Passage 2

5 X 2 = 10 marks



Ministry of Culture, Government of India,
**National Museum, National Museum Institute
and
National Gallery of Canada**

Present an exhibition

Sanaugavut 

**Inuit Art from
the Canadian
Arctic**

(An exhibition of Inuit masterworks from the National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa)

SHRI JAWAHAR SIRCAR
Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India

Will inaugurate the exhibition at 11:30 AM
On Monday, September 27th 2010
at the National Museum, Janpath, New Delhi

The exhibition will remain open from 28th September 2010 to 2nd January 2011
From 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Monday closed)
and
During Commonwealth Games 2010, 4th to 13th October, 2010
From 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM

26. Raghav wants to visit the exhibition. He is free on Sunday and Monday between 10:00 am to 11:00 am. When can he see the exhibition?
- A. On Monday, 27th of September 2010
 - B. On Sunday, 3rd of October 2010
 - C. On Monday, 4th of October 2010
27. The exhibition displays works of
- A. Canadian artists.
 - B. Indian artists.
 - C. Canadian and Indian artists.

28. The exhibition will continue for
A. less than three months.
B. more than three months.
C. almost four months.
29. During Commonwealth Games, the exhibition will remain open for longer hours
A. so that the athletes can also improve their knowledge of art.
B. to give the artists an opportunity to see the athletes.
C. because a large number of tourists are expected at this time.
30. This poster is mostly likely to appear/can be found in a
A. newspaper.
B. travel magazine.
C. in a journal.

Section D: Writing

The first (S1) and last (S4) sentences of a paragraph are given. Decide which among P, Q and R can be the second (S2) and third (S3) sentences. Choose their order of occurrence from the choices given. 5 X 2 = 10 marks

31.

S1 We should always read things in good light, not too bright and not too dim.

S2 _____

S3 _____

S4 Either way it strains the muscles and makes them tired.

P. Bright light causes your iris muscles to shut down and makes you squint.

Q. Dim light, on the other hand, causes the irises to open wider and this is also a strain.

R. Reading in good light will help prevent strain to the eyes.

A. PQ

B. RP

C. RQ

32.

S1 A study was conducted among students in urban and semi urban schools in Coimbatore to find out how aware they are of their natural surroundings.

S2 _____

S3 _____

S4 The common yellow flowers that one finds in one's surroundings like the marigold, chrysanthemum, sunflower etc. were not listed at all.

P. Children did not know about the flowers of pumpkin, tomato, ladies finger, green chilli etc. which are yellow.

Q. Eighty percent of the students named the daffodil as the first, followed by the yellow hibiscus and the yellow rose.

R. They were asked to name 4 yellow flowers that came to their minds.

A. RP

B. RQ

C. QP

33.

S1. Rag picking is not a new profession in India.

P. They are not, however, offered any constructive support by the local government.

Q. Every Indian city has had its own band of pickers for many years.

R. They keep the city clean, unofficially joining forces with the municipal staff.

S4. They often work in dirty and hazardous conditions, but get no kudos for these services.

A. QR

B. RP

C. QP

34.

S1. You are invited to a learning opportunity at Kheladhri school.

- P. We strive to cultivate the child's natural intelligence while building academic excellence and physical fitness.
- Q. The wider intent is to discover right living and right relationship with the earth.
- R. Parents who wish to admit their children may write to us in December.

S4. Kheladhri is a fully residential school and is situated amidst great natural beauty in the Western Ghats, in India.

A. RQ

B. PR

C. PQ

35.

S1 From the first day of school, we are taught that there's one right answer to every problem.

S2 _____

S3 _____

S4 There is however an alternative answer and that is, "learn something new".

- P. The obvious right answer to this question is, "Look for another job"
- Q. But many important questions have two answers.
- R. Take the question "What do I do now that I've lost my job?"

A. PQ

B. PR

C. RP

PART 2

Section E: General Knowledge

Choose the correct answer.

10 X 1 = 10 marks

36. Who among the following was the Greek God of grape harvest and wine?

- A. Poseidon
- B. Artemis
- C. Dionysus

37. The current Pope of the catholic church and the sovereign of Vatican city is

- A. Pope Francis
- B. Pope Jesuit Peter
- C. Pope Alamandra Peru

38. Nobel Prize for Literature 2012 was awarded to

- A. Octavio Paz
- B. Mo Yan
- C. Tomas Transtromer

39. The author of the book *River of Smoke* is

- A. V S Naipal
- B. Bharati Mukherjee
- C. Amitav Ghosh

40. Michael Phelps is associated with which of the following sport?

- A. Athletics

B. Swimming

C. Badminton

41. In the 60th National Film Awards [India], which film won the *Swarna Kamal* for the Best Feature Film Category?

A. Paan SinghTomar

B. The Dirty Picture

C. Chittagong

42. Which Indian city is also known as “the Blue City”?

A. Konark

B. Dehra Dun

C. Jodhpur

Choose the correct expansion of the following abbreviations:

43. DVD

A Delta Velocity Dispel

B Digital Video Disc

C Direct Vendor Deliverable

44. IAEA

A International Atomic Energy Agency

B International Agricultural Emergency Association

C Independent Administration of Estates Authority

45. OSCAR

A Online System for Computer Applications and Review

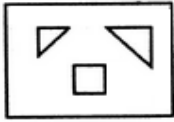
B Optical Storage and Cable Allowing and Readiness

C Open Source Cluster Application Resources

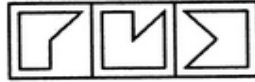
Section F: Reasoning

10 X 2 = 20 marks

46. Find out which of the figures (1), (2) and (3) can be formed from the pieces given in figure (X).



(X)



(1)

(2)

(3)

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

47. Which one is the same as Coal, Ebony and Soot?

A. Ash

B. Rust

C. Raven

48. Spot the Odd one out.

A. Shameless

B. Meaningless

C. Priceless

49. Introducing Priyanka, Saroj says that her mother is the only daughter of my mother. How is Saroj related to Priyanka?

A. Mother

B. Sister

C. Daughter

50. DRIVER: MAP::

A. DANCER: PIROUETTE

B. AUTHOR: NOVEL

C. BUILDER: BLUEPRINT

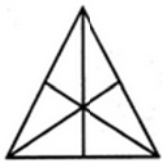
51. Despite the _____ claims made by its proponents, the Vitamin supplement has not been proven to be effective against any illness.

A. Careful

B. Harmful

C. Grandiose

52. Find the number of triangles in the given figure.



A. 16

B. 13

C. 11

53. Spot the incorrect phrase

A. Shape up

B. Cope up

C. Give up

54. Look at this series: 14, 28, 20, 40, 32, 64, ... What number should come next?

A. 52

B. 56

C. 96

55. Spot the Odd one out

A. Chef

B. Chief

C. Chap

Section G: Literature

Answer the following questions by choosing the most suitable option from the choices given below each question. (10 X 1 = 10 marks)

56. Which Shakespearean play do the following lines belong to?

Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage
And then is heard no more: it is a tale
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,
Signifying nothing.

- a. *Macbeth*
- b. *Othello*
- c. *Hamlet*

57. Which of the following is NOT an example of a metaphor?

- a. You blocks, you stones, you worse than senseless things! (*Julius Caesar* Act I Sc i)
- b. The rain came down in long knitting needles. (Enid Bagnold, *National Velvet*)
- c. Her face was quiet and a curious look was in her eyes, like the timeless eyes of a statue. (John Steinbeck, *Grapes of Wrath*)

58. Which of the following is an allegorical novel that criticizes Russian communism?

- a. *War and Peace*
- b. *Animal Farm*
- c. *Gulliver's Travels*

59. Identify the famous literary figure in the image.



- a. Chinua Achebe
- b. Wole Soyinka
- c. J.M. Coetzee

60. “He sipped with his straight mouth,
Softly drank through his straight gums, into his slack long body,
Silently.”

What is the most prominent poetic feature in the above lines?

- a. Rhyme
- b. Alliteration
- c. Assonance

61. *My Story* is the daring and controversial autobiography of which Indian writer?

- a. Kamala Das
- b. Arundhati Roy
- c. Shobha De

62. Which of the following literary works is based on the biblical story of Adam and Eve?

- a. *Beowulf*
- b. *Astrophel and Stella*
- c. *Paradise Lost*

63. ----- is the name of the “untouchable” protagonist in Mulk Raj Anand’s novel *Untouchable*.

- a. Bakha
- b. Velutha
- c. Bama

64. When I am dead I hope it may be said
'His sins were scarlet, but his books were read.'

The word 'read' in the above line is a/an

- a. oxymoron.
- b. homonym.
- c. pun.

65. Who was the first non-European to have been awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913?

- a. Yasunari Kawabata
- b. Gabriela Mistral
- c. Rabindranath Tagore

5 X 2 = 10 marks

66. A pair of rhymed lines in a poem is called a

- a. stanza.
- b. couplet.
- c. rhyme.

67. The sequence in which events are presented in a novel is called its

- a. plot.
- b. story.
- c. theme.

68. In Shakespeare's famous play *Othello*, the audience knows that Othello's wife Desdemona has been faithful to him, but Othello does not, and he kills her. This is an example of:

- a. dramatic irony.
- b. paradox.
- c. dramatic conflict.

69. Which famous novelist wrote under the pseudonym Currer Bell?

- a. Emily Brontë
- b. Anne Brontë
- c. Charlotte Brontë

70. Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, H.G. Well's *Time Machine* and Amitav Ghosh's *The Calcutta Chromosome* belong to the category of

- a. children's fiction.
- b. science fiction
- c. gothic fiction.

Answer key	
PART 1:	
Section A: Grammar	
1	B
2	B
3	C
4	A
5	A
6	B
7	C
8	B
9	C
10	A
Section B: Vocabulary	
11	D
12	A
13	B
14	A
15	C
16	A
17	D
18	B
19	C

20	A
Section C: Reading	
21	A
22	C
23	A
24	A
25	A
26	B
27	A
28	B
29	C
30	A
Section D: Writing	
31	A
32	B
33	A
34	C
35	C
PART 2	
Section E: General Knowledge	
36	C
37	A
38	B
39	C
40	B
41	A
42	C
43	B
44	A
45	C
Section F: Reasoning	

46	A
47	A
48	C
49	A
50	C
51	C
52	A
53	B
54	B
55	A
Section G: Literature	
56	A
57	C
58	B
59	A
60	B
61	A
62	C
63	A
64	C
65	C
66	B
67	A
68	A
69	C
70	B

