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QUESTION
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Total Questions: 50 | Time: 1 hr.

Guidelines for the Candidate

- You will get additional ten minutes to fill up information about yourself on the OMR Sheet, before the start of the exam.
- Write your **Name, School Code, Class, Section, Roll No.** and **Mobile Number** clearly on the **OMR Sheet** and do not forget to sign it. We will share your marks / result and other information related to SOF exams on your mobile number.
- The Question Paper comprises four sections:
Word and Structure Knowledge (30 Questions), **Reading** (10 Questions), **Spoken and Written Expression** (5 Questions) and **Achievers Section** (5 Questions).

Each question in Achievers Section carries 3 marks, whereas all other questions carry one mark each.

- All questions are compulsory. There is no negative marking.
- There is only ONE correct answer. Choose only ONE option for an answer.
- To mark your choice of answers by darkening the circles on the OMR Sheet, use **HB Pencil** or **Blue / Black ball point pen** only. E.g.

Q.10: Fill in the blank.

Please teach my dog _____ a ball.

- A. to fetch B. learn C. show D. to learn

As the correct answer is option A, you must darken the circle corresponding to option A on the OMR Sheet.

Return the OMR Sheet to the invigilator at the end of the exam.

- Please fill in your personal details in the space provided before attempting the paper.

10. ● (A) (B) (C) (D)



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WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

For questions 1 to 20, choose the correct option to fill in the blank.

- 1 I applied for the renewal of my passport, but I had to go there for _____.
A. document
B. documented
C. documentation
D. documentable
 - 2 Most animals prefer chasing their prey in open terrain rather than lying in _____.
A. clew
B. ambush
C. square
D. knot
 - 3 I thought it would be a surreal experience to meet my favourite singer, but she _____ my expectations.
A. meets
B. didn't meet
C. don't meet
D. met
 - 4 I hosted a Christmas Eve party where the cooks _____ ate before the guests arrived.
A. itself
B. yourself
C. themselves
D. themselves
 - 5 I called the police when I noticed two men acting _____ in the street.
A. suddenly
B. suspiciously
C. severely
D. cautiously
 - 6 The company offered the customers cash prizes _____ discount coupons.
A. either
B. in lieu of
C. despite
D. neither
 - 7 I know _____ boy who is studying for _____ Civil Services Exam without coaching.
A. a, the
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- 8 Before shifting, we need to _____ fit household effects into just two rooms.
A. fill in
B. fall out
C. figure out
D. figure over
 - 9 You haven't visited your parents for two years, you should _____ soon.
A. drop away
B. drop by
C. drop out
D. drop through
 - 10 It is often _____ in a movie that the keeps troubling the hero.
A. showing
B. shown
C. show
D. shows
 - 11 He pondered _____.
A. whether he should tell her the bad news
B. if he can tell you the bad news
C. that I could told her the bad news
D. if I have to tell her the bad news
 - 12 I can't get a new laptop _____ I have rented one _____ a week.
A. in, from
B. on, until
C. inside, of
D. within, for
 - 13 The teacher told us _____.
A. that make sure we completed our home on time
B. to make sure you completed your home on time
C. to make sure we completed our home on time
D. whether make sure to complete homework on time

14 My father started out with just one tea stall and _____ expanded to two more.

- A. really
- B. closely
- C. shortly
- D. clearly

15 I _____ to the new Central Library, Daisy, but I can visit it again with you.

- A. have visit
- B. have being
- C. have been
- D. has been

16 Neither the teacher nor the students _____ able to solve the puzzle.

- A. had
- B. have
- C. were
- D. is

17 Several countries _____ tried lunar expeditions to the moon's south pole but failed.

- A. has
- B. have
- C. were
- D. was

18 During the pandemic, those who were capable _____ donated basic necessities to the needy.

- A. recently
- B. strangely
- C. generously
- D. deadly

19 After the investigation, he was wrongly accused of theft and became a/an _____.

- A. scapegoat
- B. laurel
- C. aikido
- D. virago

20 My father always _____ some amount of his salary as he wants to buy a car.

- A. bags out
- B. salts away
- C. mopes about
- D. bogs down

For questions 21 and 22, choose the correct option for the underlined word.

21 Grab your coat; we are going out to have some fun.

- A. Demonstrative Adjective
- B. Distributive Adjective
- C. Indefinite Adjective
- D. Interrogative Adjective

22 My younger sister got an opportunity to study at Oxford University.

- A. Preposition of time
- B. Preposition of place
- C. Preposition of movement
- D. Preposition of possession

For questions 23 and 24, choose the part of the sentence that has an error.

23 If this government is so keen to uplift the underprivileged, they should put their money where there mouth is.

- A. If this government is so
- B. keen to uplift the underprivileged.
- C. they should put their
- D. money where there mouth is.

24 The manager warned me that the next time I was late for work, I would have fired.

- A. The manager warned me
- B. that the next time
- C. I was late for work.
- D. I would have fired.

For questions 25 and 26, choose the correct synonym of the given word.

25 Indigene

- A. Alien
- B. Introduced
- C. Exotic
- D. Endemic

26 Lugubrious

- A. Saturnine
- B. Jocund
- C. Blithe
- D. Eupeptic

For questions 27 and 28, choose the correct antonym of the given word.

27 Affricionado

- A. Habitude
- B. Ruff
- C. Devotee
- D. Critic

28 Schillate

- A. Coruscate
- B. Glint
- C. Lustre
- D. Sooty

For questions 31 to 35, read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

READING

For questions 29 and 30, choose the option for correct spelling.

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How do you spell the word that means the varieties of trees and shrubs placed in pots?

- A. Bansai
- B. Bonsai
- C. Bonssay
- D. Bansoy

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How do you spell the word that means 'of talking indirectly'?

- A. Cercomlocation
- B. Circumlocution
- C. Circumlucation
- D. Cercimlucation

YouTube is a video-sharing platform that has become an integral part of our daily lives. It allows individuals and organisations to upload, share, and view videos on a wide range of topics, from entertainment and education to news and current events. With over 2 billion monthly active users, YouTube is one of the most popular websites in the world and has had a profound impact on the way we consume and share information. It has also become a tool for the promotion of individual ideas because users can use social media to promote themselves and their ideas. In such a situation, the distinct feature of YouTube is its performativity because users publishing their videos on YouTube focus on their performativity to attract an audience. YouTube is the social network that went even further than others, regarding changing the way people communicate and share information. YouTube is free to use and can also become a powerful tool for education and learning through online content. It has a lot of educational and informative lectures on almost every topic present in the world.

making it extremely easy for students or people to look up and research certain topics. The large and diverse user base of platform of YouTube makes it a perfect place for influencers and artists all over the globe to connect with a larger audience as per their demand. Thus, becoming a YouTube personality has become a full-time job for millions. From TED Talks to Q&A sessions with politicians, celebrities, and activists, the world's second-most popular social media platform has countless hours of inspirational content. Adults can connect with like-minded people and get ideas for starting grassroots movements. Kids can get answers to all their queries in an enthusiastic way from it. Above all, parents can utilise parental controls to ensure only the content they want kids to see is being viewed.

No doubt, YouTube is full of potential, especially for newcomers. Big trending YouTube videos spread around the world in minutes after uploading them. With the big trending videos, it creates jealousy among these days.

standards for a video to go viral keep getting higher and higher. Thus, people nowadays attempt to do bigger, more dangerous stunts just for attention. It is also affecting teenagers' safety, schoolwork, and lifestyle. The platform is updated each minute, making it a distraction from relevant and required searches. Since YouTube is a no-cost and accessible platform for anyone, children are attracted to watching videos with explicit language and obscenity. The use of explicit images and words is common nowadays. This kind of content can be removed only when someone is notified about it. YouTube acts faster against copyright issues that are reported. It enables users to engage in social interaction, but many users misuse it to spread hate or chaos via content, causing tension. Due to the large amount of content available on YouTube, it can be easy to spread false and misleading information concerning sensitive topics.

It must be stated that there are numerous positive and negative aspects to keep in mind about YouTube. It can be used for many useful things, like information, getting unbiased news, entertainment for free, and many more. But it can also be used as a hate machine for brewing the seeds of hate in people. So, what is important for users is to be aware of its potential drawbacks and use the platform responsibly.

31 Read statements I and II and select the correct option.

Statement I : With the increased popularity of YouTube, the standards for a video to go viral have become higher and higher.

Statement II : Many YouTube users misuse it to spread hate or create chaos via content, causing tension.

- A. Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect.
- B. Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct.
- C. Both the Statements I and II are correct.
- D. Both the Statements I and II are incorrect.

32 Using YouTube becomes a threat when ____.

- A. users use the application for information and fun
- B. it affects teenagers' safety and lifestyle

- C. lots of videos are uploaded at once
- D. parents use parental control to ensure their kids' safety on social media

33 Choose the incorrect statement.

- A. YouTube, being one of the most widely used websites globally, has significantly changed how we share and consume content.
- B. Adults can meet like-minded individuals and receive inspiration for launching grassroots campaigns.
- C. Parental controls allow parents to make sure children are only viewing the stuff they want them to.
- D. YouTube's strict policies prevent it from ever being exploited as a hate machine to sow hate seeds in people.

34 Choose the option that lists the correct pairs of antonyms.

- i. Unbiased - Unjust
 - ii. Obscenity - Coarseness
 - iii. Enthusiastic - Indifferent
 - iv. Profound - Uncanny
 - v. Explicit - Obscure
- A. i, ii and iii only B. i, iii and v only
C. ii, iv and v only D. ii, iii and v only

35 Which aspect of YouTube contributes to its educational value?

- A. Limited access to academic content
- B. Wide range of educational and informative lectures
- C. Lack of reliable information
- D. No opportunities for interactive learning

For questions 36 to 40, read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Have you ever wondered if the hard water in your home could be causing your hair to fall out? Many have expressed worries about whether hard water could contribute to hair loss.

When delving into the composition of hard water, it's found to be rich in minerals, primarily calcium and magnesium. These minerals naturally exist in underground water sources, but their concentration in hard water

may be higher, raising concerns about their impact on hair.

To address your concerns, it's advisable to contemplate the use of filters for bathing, handwashing, and drinking water. These filters are adept at eliminating minerals from the water, resulting in a water quality that is not only cleaner but also softer. When we're choosing a filter, we can look at either an under-sink water filter, a faucet filter, or a comprehensive whole-house water filter system. These will ensure that the water is used throughout the home.

Minerals like calcium and magnesium in high concentrations in hard water may cause the hair to lose its natural softness, making it coarser. This directly affects the texture of the hair, making it more challenging to comb and manage. Furthermore, minerals in hard water can deposit on the surface of the hair, causing it to lose its natural shine. As a result, the hair may appear dull and lack the desired lustre.

Hard water may also undergo chemical reactions with hair care products, reducing their effectiveness. Products may not lather sufficiently in hard water, making it difficult to thoroughly clean the hair and affecting overall hair health.

While there has been ongoing debate about whether hard water directly causes hair loss, current scientific research has not conclusively delved into existing scientific evidence to gain a clearer understanding of the relationship between hard water and hair loss.

After understanding the potential impact of hard water on hair, it's crucial to recognise that hair health involves multiple factors, are some important factors for maintaining healthy hair:

1. Diet and Hydration: A nutritious diet is crucial for hair health. Adequate hydration also helps maintain its elasticity and health.

2. Lifestyle: Factors like sufficient sleep and appropriate exercise contribute to overall health and hair growth.

3. Proper Hair Care Habits: Using hair care products suitable for your hair type, avoiding excessive use of heat tools, and regular trimming are essential for maintaining hair health.

4. Avoiding Overprocessing: Frequent hair colouring, perming, and other excessive treatments can damage the hair. Moderate care and protection are key to hair health.

Hard water may potentially have adverse effects on both the hair and scalp, such as dryness and dandruff. This could be attributed to mineral residues from hard water. Therefore, using appropriate hair care products and the right washing techniques is crucial.

Maintaining Healthy Hair

Considering the potential effects of hard water, here are some practical tips to help you maintain healthy hair:

- **Use of Soft Water or Hair Care Products:** Consider using soft water in areas with hard water, or choose hair care products specifically designed for hard water to mitigate its impact.
- **Correct Hair Washing Method:** Use an adequate amount of shampoo, ensure thorough hair wetting, and avoid residue buildup. The right hair washing method contributes to maintaining clean hair and scalp.

- **Regular Deep Conditioning:** Periodic deep conditioning with treatments like hair masks or nutrient-rich solutions helps nourish the hair, maintaining its softness and shine.

36 Read statements I and II and select the correct answer.

Statement I : Ca

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- Statement II : Hard water helps products lather up enough, which affects overall hair health and makes it easier to thoroughly clean hair.
- Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect.
 - Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct.
 - Both the Statements I and II are correct.
 - Both the Statements I and II are incorrect.

- 37** A healthy lifestyle helps in maintaining hair health because _____.
- healthy eating habits and sufficient sleep contribute to hair health and growth
 - appropriate exercise may help for the growth of hair
 - drinking hard water with all the minerals may contribute to hair growth
 - both A and B
- 38** Choose the incorrect statement.
- Dandruff and dryness are the two adverse effects of hard water.

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

For questions 41 to 45, choose the correct option to complete each conversation.

- 41** Cathy: What happened to you?
Laura: Kimmy _____ just because she had a bad day.
- bit my nails off
 - bit my head off
 - bit my hair off
 - bit my tongue off
- 42** Mindy: I know you are eager to go to the UK.
Sandy: Yes, I am.
Mindy: But you haven't been accepted yet. So _____.
- first come, first served
 - first catch your hare
 - first count your eggs
 - first count your sheep
- 39** Choose the correct pair of synonyms.
- Nourish - Promote
 - Crucial - Trivial
 - Thoroughly - Aimlessly
 - Contemplate - Overlook
- 40** Which of the following is not a recommended solution for mitigating the effects of hard water?
- Using sparse amount of shampoo and avoiding proper wetting of hair
 - Periodic deep conditioning
 - Installing a water softening system at home
 - Using hair products particularly designed for hard water
- 43** Daniel: I have resigned from my job.
Suman: You just joined that job a few months ago. It's not wise to _____.
- be quick of the drawer
 - be a queer fish
 - quarrel with bread and butter
 - put your finger on it
- 44** Joe: Moving from teaching to college professorship would be great.
Mother: That sounds promising. But you should not _____ before time.
- walk on the beach
 - swim in the river
 - put on airs
 - fly in air
- 45** Rory : I want this house to be _____, before my wedding.
- hard-and-solid
 - spick-and-span
 - glitter-and-jitter
 - rank-and-file

ACHIEVERS SECTION

For questions 46 and 47, choose the correct option to fill in the blank.

- 46 My grandfather was in the army, so we had the provision to shop at the _____ considerably at lower prices.

A. vantage
B. apiary
C. commissary
D. paragon

- 47 It was a bit easy to write in the exam, but I was a _____ when I had to appear for the final interview.

A. gloom heart
B. bitter end
C. bundle of nerves
D. platter of wise

Choose the correct synonym of the given word.

- 48 Hidebound
A. Standpat

B. Ultraleft
C. Precocious
D. Subversive

Choose the correct antonym of the given word.

- 49 Effrontery

A. Chutzpah
B. Hauteur
C. Bashfulness
D. Audaciousness

Choose the correct option to complete the conversation.

- 50 Adi: I really regret what I did in the past years.

Cherry: Why don't you _____ your current situation instead of bringing up the past?

A. putter off
B. dally into
C. zero in on
D. monkeying around