



ECAT GRAND FINALE

Sample Paper

(Based on the new exam pattern)



TOTAL MARKS
100



QUESTIONS
50



DURATION
60 mins

Instructions for Student:

- Read the question carefully before answering.
- Each question has 4 options (A, B, C & D).
- Choose one correct option as your answer from the 4 options.
- **New Exam Pattern:**
 1. Each question will carry 1, 2, or 4 marks, depending on its difficulty level.
 2. **Negative Marking:** Additional marks will be deducted for every incorrect answer (0.25 marks for a 1-mark question, 0.5 marks for a 2-mark question, and 1 mark for a 4-mark question).
 3. The Assessment Round score will be included in the Grand Finale score using a weighted average method. 30% of the Assessment Round and 70% of the Grand Finale score.
 4. New Method to Calculate Marks for Grand Finale Awards.

	Assessment Round	Grand Finale
Actual Marks	60	80
Weightage	30%	70%
Marks After Weighted Average Rule	$60 \times 30/100 = 18$	$80 \times 70/100 = 56$
Final Marks for Grand Finale Awards	$18 + 56 = 74$	

- On the answer sheet blacken the correct option against the corresponding question number.
- **Use pencil to mark your answer.**
- If you wish to change your answer, erase the previous mark completely.

All The Best !

SECTION 1: Identification of Grammar

1. "How beautiful the sunset is!" Identify the type of sentence. (1m)
a. Declarative b. Interrogative c. Imperative d. Exclamatory
2. Which of the following can be rearranged to spell the word "triangle"? (1m)
a. Integral b. Tangible c. Granite d. Lantern
3. Which word can be found within the word "imagination"? (1m)
a. mint b. natural c. great d. timed
4. Which of these is spelled correctly? (1m)
a. Independent b. Independant c. Indipendant d. Independent
5. Identify the sentence written in the present perfect tense. (1m)
a. He had lost his keys yesterday. b. He has lost his keys.
c. He will lose his keys later. d. He is losing his keys now.
6. "Walking through the garden." Determine if the following is a phrase or clause. (1m)
a. Phrase b. Clause c. Both d. Neither
7. Which sentence uses a modal auxiliary to show possibility? (1m)
a. You must clean your room before dinner.
b. You could win the game with more practice.
c. You should try harder next time.
d. You will finish the race.
8. "Her bravery inspired everyone around her." Identify the abstract noun in this sentence. (1m)
a. Her b. bravery c. everyone d. inspired
9. Which sentence is in the future continuous tense? (1m)
a. She will be finishing her homework soon. b. She finished her homework yesterday.
c. She is finishing her homework now. d. She had finished her homework earlier.
10. Which sentence is grammatically correct? (1m)
a. Neither of the boys were absent. b. Neither of the boys was absent.
c. Neither of the boys are absent. d. Neither of the boys have been absent.

SECTION 2: Functional Grammar

11. "She arrived _____ the party just in time."
Choose the correct preposition to complete the sentence. (2m)
a. in b. at c. on d. by
12. "_____ apple a day keeps the doctor away." Select the correct article for this sentence. (2m)
a. A b. An c. The d. No article
13. "Everything _____ on the principal's decision." Fill in the blank with the correct verb. (2m)
a. depend b. depends c. dependent d. dependence

14. "She stayed up late _____ she could finish her project." Choose the correct conjunction. (2m)
a. but b. so c. or d. because
15. "The bird flew _____ across the sky." Choose the correct adverb to fill in the blank. (2m)
a. usually b. swiftly c. partly d. rarely
16. Which sentence uses the superlative degree correctly? (2m)
a. This is the most bright lamp in the room.
b. This lamp is brighter than that one.
c. This is the brightest lamp of all.
d. This lamp is most bright than that one.
17. "The team celebrated _____ victory with joy."
Choose the correct pronoun to complete the sentence. (2m)
a. their b. his c. them d. it
18. Which sentence shows the correct use of the comparative degree? (2m)
a. This mountain is tallest than that one.
b. This mountain is more tall than that one.
c. This mountain is taller than that one.
d. This mountain is the most tall of all.
19. Which of the following words does not belong with the others? (2m)
a. Climb b. Run c. Write d. Honest
20. What does the phrase "a piece of cake" mean? (2m)
a. Something delicious b. Something easy
c. Something difficult d. A small portion
21. Choose the synonym for "happy". (2m)
a. Sad b. Joyful c. Angry d. Confused
22. Which sentence correctly uses an exclamation mark? (2m)
a. What an amazing view this is!
b. What an amazing view this is?
c. What an amazing view this is.
d. What an amazing view this is,
23. "Don't you know__" Fill in the blank with the correct punctuation. (2m)
a. (,) comma b. (.) full stop
c. (?) question mark d. (!) exclamation mark
24. "What a kind person she is__" Fill in the blank with the correct punctuation. (2m)
a. (,) comma b. (.) full stop
c. (?) question mark d. (!) exclamation mark
25. "how beautiful this painting is" Punctuate the following sentence. (2m)
a. How beautiful this painting is?
b. How beautiful this painting is.
c. How beautiful this painting is!
d. how beautiful this painting is.

SECTION 3: Reading Comprehension

Observe the poster and answer questions 26 to 29.



26. According to the poster, how many minutes of physical exercise should kids aim to do each day? (2m)

- a. 30 minutes b. 45 minutes c. 60 minutes d. 90 minutes

27. List three types of foods shown in the "Eat Healthy" section of the poster. (2m)

- a. Broccoli, carrots, strawberries b. Chips, candy, soda
c. Apples, oranges, watermelon d. Bananas, grapes, chocolate

28. How can limiting screen time contribute to a healthier lifestyle? (2m)

- a. It improves memory
b. It makes kids do their homework faster
c. It makes screens last longer without breaking
d. It reduces eye strain and encourages active play

29. How do you think eating unhealthy foods regularly could affect a child's health? (2m)

- a. It would make them smarter
b. It would make them faster and more energetic
c. It may lead to weight gain and lower energy levels
d. It would improve their health long-term

Read the passage and answer questions 30 to 34.

Emma and her brother, Jack, found an old compass while hiking near the edge of the Whispering Woods. The compass wasn't like others—it had a golden needle that spun wildly no matter which direction they turned. Just as they were examining it, the compass whispered, "Follow where I point, and you'll find what you seek." Jack hesitated, but Emma's curiosity got the better of her. "What do you think it means?" Emma asked. Jack shrugged, but soon, the needle stopped spinning and pointed toward the dark woods. Reluctantly, they followed the compass's direction. As they ventured deeper, the forest grew eerily quiet. Finally, they reached a clearing with a glimmering pond in the center. "Do you think this is the treasure?" Jack asked, staring at the water. Emma knelt by the pond and noticed strange glowing fish swimming in circles, forming patterns. The compass whispered again, "Answer the riddle to open the gate." On the compass's glass appeared the words: "What belongs to you but is used by others more than you?" Emma and Jack thought hard. "Is it our reflection?" Jack guessed, but the compass stayed silent. "No," Emma said, grinning, "It's our name!" As soon as she said it, the pond shimmered, and a stone staircase appeared beneath the water. Emma smiled, "I think we've found the path home." Hand in hand, they walked back through the woods, knowing their adventure would always stay in their memories.

— *Extract from The Enchanted Compass: A Magical Adventure in the Whispering Woods*

30. What did Emma and Jack find while hiking? (2m)

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| a. A treasure chest | b. A golden compass |
| c. A glowing map | d. A mysterious key |

31. Where did the compass lead Emma and Jack? (2m)

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| a. To a castle | b. To a glimmering pond |
| c. To a mountain peak | d. To a cave |

32. What appeared on the compass's glass? (2m)

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| a. A riddle | b. A treasure map |
| c. A warning message | d. A constellation |

33. What might the theme of the story be? (2m)

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| a. The importance of teamwork | b. The value of curiosity and bravery |
| c. The dangers of greed | d. Respecting nature |

34. What lesson might Emma and Jack learn from their adventure? (2m)

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| a. Never trust a magical object | b. Mysteries are better left unsolved |
| c. Facing fears can lead to exciting discoveries | d. Always follow directions blindly |

Read the given information and answer questions 35 to 41.

The Great Barrier Reef, located off the coast of Australia, is the largest coral reef system in the world. It stretches over 2,300 kilometers and is home to an incredible variety of marine life, including over 1,500 species of fish, sea turtles, sharks, and colourful corals. The reef is a living structure made up of tiny animals called coral polyps, which work together to form massive colonies. This natural wonder can even be seen from space! Tourists and scientists alike are fascinated by the reef's beauty and its important role in supporting ocean ecosystems.

Despite its beauty, the Great Barrier Reef faces significant threats. Climate change is one of the biggest challenges, as warmer ocean temperatures can cause coral bleaching, which weakens the corals. Pollution from nearby land areas and overfishing also harm the delicate balance of life in the reef. To protect this natural treasure, governments, organizations, and individuals are working on conservation projects, such as reducing pollution and promoting sustainable fishing practices.

The reef also has a cultural significance to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, who have lived in harmony with it for thousands of years. They consider it a sacred place and share many stories about its creation and importance. By learning from their traditional knowledge and respecting the reef, people around the world can contribute to its preservation. Protecting the Great Barrier Reef isn't just about saving a beautiful place; it's about maintaining an essential part of our planet's health and heritage.

35. Where is the Great Barrier Reef located? (2m)

- a. Australia b. Africa c. South America d. Antarctica

36. What are coral reefs made of? (2m)

- a. Rocks b. Coral polyps c. Seaweed d. Sand

37. What happens to coral during bleaching? (2m)

- a. It turns blue b. It weakens c. It grows faster d. It becomes stronger

38. Which group considers the reef a sacred place? (2m)

- a. Tourists
b. Scientists
c. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
d. Fishermen

39. What is the main idea of the passage? (2m)

- a. The Great Barrier Reef is a beautiful tourist spot.
b. Coral reefs are made of animals called coral polyps.
c. The Great Barrier Reef is a natural wonder facing challenges and needs protection.
d. Aboriginal people share stories about the reef's creation.

40. What lesson does the passage teach about conservation? (2m)

- a. Conserving nature is about keeping it pretty.
b. Protecting natural resources benefits everyone.
c. Conservation is the job of scientists only.
d. Traditional knowledge is not helpful.

41. Find a word from the passage which is the antonym of "protect". (2m)

- a. harm b. threat c. sacred d. creation

Read the poem and answer questions 42 to 45.

When the day feels long and tough,
And your strength begins to feel too rough,
Remember that inside you lies,
The power to reach up and touch the skies.

Even when the world feels gray,
And dreams seem far or led astray,
Your heart holds a spark so bright,
It can turn the darkest night to light.

So, rise again, don't hesitate,
Your future's waiting, it's never too late.
With courage in your soul, you'll find,
The strength to leave your doubts behind.

42. What should you do when the day feels long and tough? (2m)

- a. Wait for the day to end
- b. Give up and stop trying
- c. Remember the strength inside you
- d. Hide from the world

43. What does the poem suggest is inside you? (2m)

- a. Doubts and fears
- b. The power to achieve great things
- c. Weakness and hesitation
- d. Only struggles

44. In the poem, the phrase "turn the darkest night to light" most likely symbolises (2m)

- a. changing day into night
- b. overcoming difficulties with courage
- c. making the world brighter
- d. travelling during the night

45. What is the main message of the poem? (2m)

- a. Challenges are impossible to overcome
- b. You have the strength to face difficult times
- c. It's better to give up when things are tough
- d. The world is always against you

SECTION 4: Challenger's Section

46. A coral polyp is to a reef as a brick is to a _____. (4m)

- a. Sandcastle
- b. Wall
- c. Garden
- d. River

47. Why does the poet describe the heart as holding "a spark so bright"? (4m)

- a. To suggest that every person has inner strength and hope.
- b. To show that the heart produces light.
- c. To explain how fire is created.
- d. To describe the colour of the heart.

**48. Solve this riddle, told in the same spirit as the compass's riddle in "The Enchanted Compass":
"The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?" (4m)**

- a. Time
- b. Shadows
- c. Footsteps
- d. Memories

49. Three of the following words share a similar meaning, but one does NOT belong with the others.

Which word is the odd one out? (4m)

- a. Glimmering b. Shimmering c. Sparkling d. Fading

50. Both the Great Barrier Reef passage and the poem suggest that success or survival depends on: (4m)

- a. avoiding every challenge in life.
b. hope, resilience, and responsible actions during difficult times.
c. waiting for others to solve problems.
d. natural beauty alone.

