



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. Which word can be formed by rearranging all the letters of "SECURE" and means "free from danger"? (1m)
a. Rescue b. Reuse c. Secure d. Censure
2. Which of the following words can be formed by rearranging all the letters of the word "CINEMA"? (1m)
a. ACNE b. ICEMAN c. MINCE d. CANINE
3. Choose the sentence in which the underlined word is spelt correctly. (1m)
a. The scientist made an interesting discovery. b. The scientist made an intresting discovery.
c. The scientist made an interresting discovery. d. The scientist made an interestinng discovery.
4. Identify the sentence that uses the present perfect tense. (1m)
a. I had finished my homework before dinner.
b. They will have completed the project by next week.
c. He was playing soccer when it started to rain.
d. She has visited Paris three times.
5. Which sentence contains exactly TWO adjectives? (1m)
a. The extremely talented singer performed beautifully.
b. The young athlete won the difficult race.
c. The athlete ran remarkably fast.
d. She spoke very confidently during the competition.
6. Which sentence contains a personal pronoun and a possessive pronoun? (1m)
a. The blue bicycle is mine, and I use it every day.
b. Rohan's bicycle is parked outside.
c. This bicycle belongs to Rohan.
d. That bicycle is very expensive.
7. Which of the following sentences contains BOTH an abstract and a collective noun? (1m)
a. The team celebrated their victory with a party.
b. Happiness is essential for a fulfilling life.
c. The beauty of nature inspires many artists.
d. Her kindness towards others is admirable.
8. Choose the sentence that uses the comparative degree correctly. (1m)
a. Of the two solutions, this one is the most effective.
b. This puzzle is more challenging than the previous one.
c. My second attempt was the better of all my attempts.
d. Tina is more taller than her sister.
9. "The karate class will meet promptly at three." What is the tense of the verb? (1m)
a. Simple past b. Simple present c. Past continuous d. Simple future
10. Choose the word that does NOT belong to the same group as the others. (1m)
a. Curious b. Honest c. Courageous d. Envious

SECTION 2: Functional Grammar

11. "The cat jumped _____ the table and knocked _____ a glass."
Choose the correct prepositions to complete the sentence. (2m)
a. above, over b. above, below c. on, over d. on, above
12. "After completing _____ European exchange programme, Riya hoped to study at _____ university in London." Choose the option that correctly completes the sentence. (2m)
a. an, an b. a, a c. an, a d. a, an
13. "I will finish my homework," said Ravi. Convert the sentence into indirect speech. (2m)
a. Ravi said that he would finish his homework. b. Ravi said that he finished his homework.
c. Ravi said that he will finish his homework. d. Ravi told that he will finish his homework.
14. "Nobody told you about the change, _____?" Choose the correct question tag. (2m)
a. did they b. didn't they c. did he d. wasn't it
15. "The detective examined the evidence _____ before reaching a conclusion."
Choose the option that best completes the sentence. (2m)
a. careful b. carefully c. care d. carefulness
16. "I had planned to take a leisurely walk; _____, the sudden downpour spoiled my plans."
Choose the correct conjunction to complete the sentence. (2m)
a. so b. where c. if d. however
17. Choose the sentence that uses the correct degree of comparison. (2m)
a. Of the three routes, this is the shorter one.
b. Of the three routes, this is the shortest one.
c. Of the three routes, this is shorter than the other two.
d. Of the three routes, this is the most short one.
18. "My sister Eva _____ design the logo for your business cards." (possibility)
Use the correct modal auxiliary to complete the sentence. (2m)
a. can b. might c. must d. should
19. "The teacher's explanation was so lucid that everyone understood the complex topic."
Choose the word that is closest in meaning to the underlined word. (2m)
a. confusing b. lengthy c. clear d. boring
20. What does the idiom "break the ice" mean? (2m)
a. To start a conversation in a tense situation b. To physically break something made of ice
c. To end a friendship d. To make a difficult situation worse
21. "The teacher was very enthusiastic about the new project."
Choose the word that is a synonym for the underlined word. (2m)
a. indifferent b. bored c. frustrated d. excited
22. Which sentence is punctuated correctly? (2m)
a. The teacher asked, "Why were you late." b. The teacher asked, "Why were you late?"
c. The teacher asked "Why were you late?" d. The teacher asked, "Why were you late"?

23. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence. (2m)

- a. Maya said "I have finished my project," and smiled.
- b. Maya said, "I have finished my project," and smiled.
- c. Maya said, "I have finished my project" and smiled.
- d. Maya said "I have finished my project" and smiled.

24. ...while others said ____ "No, we need more time." Choose the correct punctuation mark. (2m)

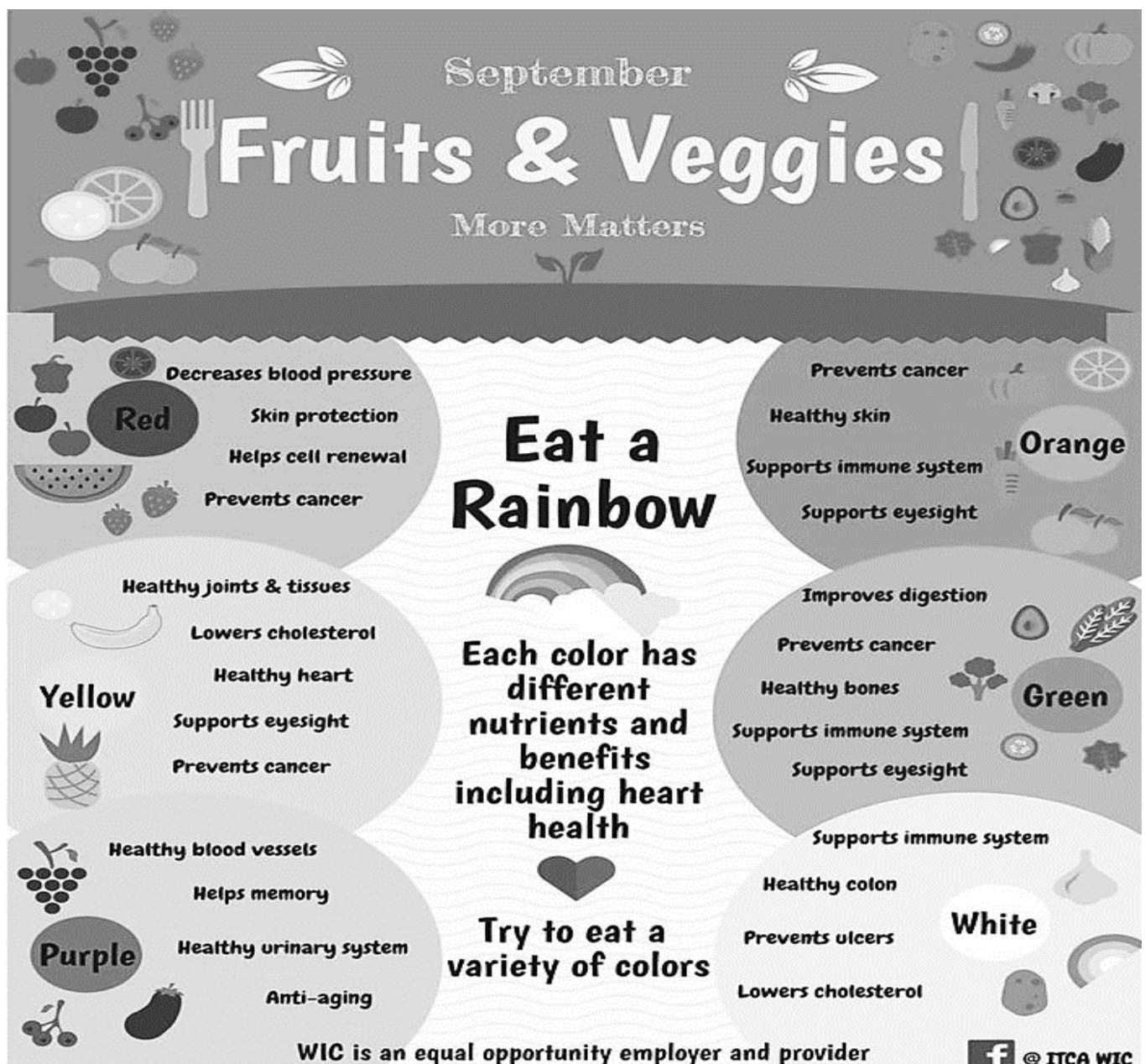
- a. comma (,)
- b. full stop (.)
- c. question mark (?)
- d. exclamation mark (!)

25. Which sentence uses punctuation correctly to show the speaker's strong emotion? (2m)

- a. "I can't believe we won," shouted Arjun.
- b. "I can't believe we won!" shouted Arjun.
- c. "I can't believe we won?" shouted Arjun.
- d. "I can't believe we won." shouted Arjun.

SECTION 3: Reading Comprehension

Observe the poster and answer questions 26 to 29.



26. Which conclusion can best be drawn from the information presented in the poster? (2m)

- a. Eating only one colour of fruit every day provides all the nutrients the body needs.
- b. Including fruits and vegetables of different colours can support different aspects of good health.
- c. Fruits and vegetables are mainly important because they improve the taste of meals.
- d. The health benefits of fruits and vegetables depend only on their colour.

27. What kind of foods will give you a healthy urinary system? (2m)

- a. Dairy items
- b. Fruits and veggies that are purple in colour
- c. Fruits like banana
- d. Starchy foods like potatoes

28. According to the poster, which choice would best support the health benefit associated with red fruits and vegetables? (2m)

- a. Choosing a variety of red fruits and vegetables as part of a balanced diet
- b. Eating only red-coloured foods throughout the day
- c. Avoiding fruits and vegetables of other colours
- d. Replacing all other foods with red fruits and vegetables

29. A child wants to choose fruits and vegetables that may support healthy eyesight. Based on the poster, which colour group would be the most suitable choice? (2m)

- a. Red
- b. Purple
- c. Orange and yellow
- d. Green

Read the passage and answer questions 30 to 34.

Binya liked being on her own, and sometimes she allowed the cows to lead her into some distant valley, and then they would all be late coming home. The cows preferred having Binya with them, because she let them wander. Bijju pulled them by their tails if they went too far.

Binya belonged to the mountains, to this part of the Himalayas known as Garhwal. Dark forests and lonely hilltops held no terrors for her. It was only when she was in the market town, jostled by the crowds in the bazaar, that she felt rather nervous and lost. The town, five miles from the village, was also a pleasure resort for tourists from all over India.

Binya was probably ten. She may have been nine or even eleven, she couldn't be sure because no one in the village kept birthdays; but her mother told her she'd been born during a winter when the snow had come up to the windows, and that was just over ten years ago, wasn't it? Two years later her father had died; but his passing had made no difference to their way of life. They had three tiny terraced fields on the side of the mountain, and they grew potatoes, onions, ginger, beans, mustard and maize: not enough to sell in the town, but enough to live on.

— *Excerpt from The Blue Umbrella by Ruskin Bond*

30. How does Binya feel when she is in the market town? (2m)

- a. excited and happy
- b. nervous and lost
- c. confident and secure
- d. sad and depressed

31. What can you say about Binya's character through her interactions with the cows? (2m)

- a. She is strict and controlling.
- b. She is afraid of them.
- c. She ignores them completely.
- d. She is caring and allows them to wander.

32. Based on the passage, what can be inferred about Binya's familiarity with her surroundings? (2m)

- a. She feels at home in the mountains.
- b. She is afraid of the dark forests.
- c. She prefers the market over the mountains.
- d. She often gets lost in the hills.

33. Which of the following best describes Binya's life after her father's death? (2m)

- a. It became more difficult, and they struggled to survive.
- b. There was no significant change in their way of life.
- c. They moved to a different village.
- d. They became wealthy from selling crops.

34. What is the main theme of the excerpt about Binya's life in the Himalayas? (2m)

- a. The importance of material possessions
- b. The challenges of living in a crowded town
- c. The significance of celebrating birthdays
- d. The connection between humans and nature

Read the given information and answer questions 35 to 41.

Garhwal is a beautiful region located in the northern part of India, nestled in the majestic Himalayas. It is part of the state of Uttarakhand and is known for its stunning landscapes, rich culture, and vibrant communities. Let's explore some key features of Garhwal that make it a unique and fascinating place.

Garhwal is characterised by its towering mountains, lush green valleys, and sparkling rivers. The region is home to several important rivers, including the Ganges, which originates from the nearby glaciers. The breathtaking scenery includes snow-capped peaks, dense forests, and terraced fields that create a picturesque environment. Many tourists visit Garhwal to enjoy trekking, hiking, and exploring its natural wonders.

The people of Garhwal are known as Garhwalis, and they have a rich cultural heritage. They primarily speak the Garhwali language and celebrate various festivals that reflect their traditions and values. The local communities are close-knit, often consisting of small villages where everyone knows each other. The villagers are known for their hospitality and warmth towards visitors.

35. Which combination of features best explains why Garhwal is described as a unique and fascinating region? (2m)

- a. Flat plains, large cities and modern industries
- b. Mountains, natural landscapes, cultural heritage and close-knit communities
- c. Busy markets, museums and educational institutions
- d. Cold weather, urban development and technological industries

36. What language do the people of Garhwal primarily speak? (2m)

- a. Hindi
- b. Garhwali
- c. English
- d. Punjabi

37. Which activity would be most suitable for a tourist who wants to experience the natural features of Garhwal described in the passage? (2m)

- a. Attending a technology conference in a large city
- b. Trekking through the mountains and exploring the natural landscape
- c. Visiting a shopping mall to buy modern goods
- d. Studying in an urban educational centre

38. What can be inferred about the community in Garhwal? (2m)

- a. They are known for their hospitality and close-knit relationships.
- b. They prefer to live in large cities.
- c. They do not celebrate any festivals.
- d. They primarily focus on technology.

39. How might the natural beauty of Garhwal influence the local economy? (2m)

- a. It may lead to fewer job opportunities in agriculture.
- b. It could attract tourists, increasing income from tourism-related activities.
- c. It might cause people to leave the region for urban areas.
- d. It could destroy local wildlife habitats.

40. In the passage, the phrase "close-knit communities" refers to: (2m)

- a. Communities that are physically close to each other in distance.
- b. Communities where people are connected and support one another.
- c. Communities that are small in size and have few members.
- d. Communities that are isolated and do not interact with others.

41. What is the main idea of the passage about Garhwal? (2m)

- a. Garhwal is a popular tourist destination with a rich cultural heritage and beautiful landscapes.
- b. Garhwal is a remote area with no access to modern facilities.
- c. The weather in Garhwal is always cold and snowy.
- d. The people of Garhwal do not engage in agriculture.

Read the poem and answer questions 42 to 45.

The Mountains of Life

The mountains are majestic

Full of beauty and grace

When we approach the mountain

We feel peace in this place.

A storm brewing in the mountains

Can be a scary place

But when the sun shines on the mountain

We love this beautiful place.

Our lives can feel like a mountain

When things are good we sing

But when the challenges of life appear

We shutter at our feelings.

– By Catherine Pulsifier

42. What does the phrase "the mountains are majestic" suggest about the mountains? (2m)

- a. They are small and unimportant.
- b. They are difficult to climb.
- c. They are large, impressive, and beautiful.
- d. They are covered in snow all year round.

43. In the line, "Our lives can feel like a mountain," which literary device is used, and what does it suggest? (2m)

- a. Simile; it compares life to a mountain using "like" to suggest that life has challenges and changes.
- b. Metaphor; it says that people literally become mountains during difficult times.
- c. Personification; it gives human qualities to the mountain.
- d. Hyperbole; it exaggerates the actual height of a mountain.

44. What is the meaning of the line "Our lives can feel like a mountain"? (2m)

- a. Mountains are dangerous places to be.
- b. Life is only about challenges.
- c. Life has ups and downs, similar to climbing a mountain.
- d. Life is always easy and fun.

45. What does the storm in the mountains symbolise in this poem? (2m)

- a. Calmness and serenity
- b. Joy and celebration
- c. Fear and uncertainty
- d. The beauty of nature

SECTION 4: Challenger's Section

46. Which of the following statements is NOT directly supported by the passage on Garhwal? (4m)

- a. Garhwal has terraced fields and forests.
- b. The Ganges originates near glaciers close to Garhwal.
- c. Garhwal is known for a thriving film industry.
- d. Garhwalis are known for their hospitality.

47. "The researchers have carefully recorded the observations." Choose the option that correctly changes the sentence into the passive voice without changing its tense or meaning. (4m)

- a. The observations had been carefully recorded by the researchers.
- b. The observations have been carefully recorded by the researchers.
- c. The observations are carefully recorded by the researchers.
- d. The researchers have been carefully recorded by the observations.

48. Both Binya, from "The Blue Umbrella," and the poem "The Mountains of Life" suggest that mountains can represent _____. (4m)

- a. danger that must always be avoided
- b. a place with no emotional meaning
- c. both comfort and challenge, depending on one's perspective
- d. only physical obstacles to overcome

49. Three of the following words describe enduring personality traits, while one describes a temporary emotional state. Which word does NOT belong? (4m)

- a. resilient
- b. compassionate
- c. apprehensive
- d. principled

50. "The committee's decision seemed arbitrary, made without any clear reasoning or consistent standard, and left several members frustrated." Based on the context, what does the word "arbitrary" most likely mean here? (4m)

- a. Carefully planned and justified after long deliberation
- b. Based on random whim rather than reason or fairness
- c. Approved by every member without disagreement
- d. Delayed until additional research could be done

