



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 of the following sentences uses the preposition incorrectly? (1m)
 - a. The book is on the table.
 - b. She is good in math.
 - c. He ran across the street.
 - d. The dog jumped over the fence.
2. Which word can be formed by rearranging all the letters of "CONVERSATION" and means a discussion between people? (1m)
 - a. Conservation
 - b. Conversation
 - c. Controversy
 - d. Reservation
3. Which word can be formed by rearranging all the letters of "SECURE" and means "to save someone from danger"? (1m)
 - a. Rescue
 - b. Reuse
 - c. Censure
 - d. Recuse
4. Choose the correctly spelt word. (1m)
 - a. Occurrence
 - b. Occurrence
 - c. Ocurrance
 - d. Occurance
5. By the time the guests arrived, the chef _____ dinner for nearly two hours. (1m)
 - a. prepared
 - b. had prepared
 - c. had been preparing
 - d. was preparing
6. Which sentence is written in the active voice? (1m)
 - a. The final results had been announced by the committee.
 - b. The committee had announced the final results.
 - c. The final results were being reviewed by the committee.
 - d. The final results will be announced tomorrow.
7. "Unless a book is good, I can't read it." Identify the type of sentence. (1m)
 - a. Simple
 - b. Compound
 - c. Compound-Complex
 - d. Complex
8. Identify the sentence that contains a noun clause. (1m)
 - a. She said that I will have to go.
 - b. I met a woman who was selling candies outside the mall.
 - c. Do you know any store where they sell used clothes?
 - d. Things will not improve unless you do something.
9. Which of the following sentences does NOT contain an abstract noun? (1m)
 - a. We have a lot of faith in our judiciary.
 - b. The management has conducted a meeting about upcoming projects.
 - c. I am filled with extreme joy when I help others.
 - d. Over time most people develop wisdom.
10. Which word is least like the others? (1m)
 - a. apprehensive
 - b. anxious
 - c. uneasy
 - d. composed

SECTION 2: Functional Grammar

11. "There is _____ evidence to support the claim, but there are _____ reasons to investigate it further." Choose the option that correctly completes the sentence. (2m)
a. many, much b. much, several c. several, much d. few, many
12. Riya said, "I completed this project yesterday, but I will submit it tomorrow." Choose the correct indirect form of the sentence. (2m)
a. Riya said that she had completed that project the previous day, but she would submit it the next day.
b. Riya said that she completed this project yesterday, but she will submit it tomorrow.
c. Riya said that she has completed that project the previous day, but she would submit it tomorrow.
d. Riya said that she had completed this project yesterday, but she will submit it the next day.
13. "Everyone enjoyed the movie, _____?" Choose the correct question tag. (2m)
a. does everyone b. don't they c. didn't they d. hasn't everyone
14. "The research team has carefully analysed the results." Choose the option that correctly changes the sentence into the passive voice without changing its tense or meaning. (2m)
a. The results have been carefully analysed by the research team.
b. The results had been carefully analysed by the research team.
c. The results are being carefully analysed by the research team.
d. The research team has been carefully analysed by the results.
15. Which sentence uses the adverb correctly? (2m)
a. The scientist examined the results careful. b. The scientist examined careful the results.
c. The scientist carefully examined the results. d. The scientist examined the carefully results.
16. "The committee considered the proposal _____ enough to approve immediately." Choose the option that correctly completes the sentence. (2m)
a. sufficiently practical b. sufficient practically
c. more sufficiently practical d. practical sufficient
17. Which sentence correctly uses the comparative degree of the adjective? (2m)
a. Which napkin is softer, the blue one or the red one.
b. Erica is the smartest in the group.
c. The apple is sweet.
d. That baby girl is the cutest baby I ever saw.
18. "You have been sleeping for twelve hours." What is the tense of the verb? (2m)
a. Simple past b. Present perfect
c. Past perfect d. Present perfect continuous
19. "The artist embellished her painting with bright colours." Choose the word that is closest in meaning to the underlined word. (2m)
a. removed b. destroyed c. decorated d. ignored
20. "Although the two teams had disagreed throughout the competition, the coach told them to bury the hatchet before the final match." Choose the meaning of the underlined idiom. (2m)
a. To prepare carefully for a difficult task b. To end a disagreement and become friendly again
c. To hide something important from others d. To refuse to accept responsibility for a mistake

21. What is the antonym of the word "Meticulous"? (2m)

- a. careful b. diligent c. negligent d. precise

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

- a. "Look at those vibrant flowers!" she exclaimed, "aren't they beautiful?"
b. "Look at those vibrant flowers!" she exclaimed. "Aren't they beautiful?"
c. "Look at those vibrant flowers", she exclaimed. "Aren't they beautiful?"
d. "Look at those vibrant flowers!" She exclaimed "aren't they beautiful?"

23. "Aren't they stunning____" Choose the correct punctuation mark. (2m)

- a. question mark (?) b. comma (,) c. colon (:) d. exclamation mark (!)

24. Choose the sentence in which the apostrophe is used correctly. (2m)

- a. The two students shared each other's notes before the examination.
b. The two student's shared each others notes before the examination.
c. The two students shared each others' notes before the examination.
d. The two student's shared each other's notes before the examination.

25. "They both laughed and continued their stroll____ enjoying the fresh air and the sound of children playing nearby." Choose the correct punctuation mark. (2m)

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

SECTION 3: Reading Comprehension

Observe the poster and answer questions 26 to 29.



26. What information does the poster primarily give us? (2m)

- a. Cooking is a fun family activity.
- b. Food waste is primarily a problem for restaurants.
- c. Reducing food waste can help families save money for enjoyable outings.
- d. Shopping lists are unnecessary for grocery shopping.

27. A family wants to reduce food waste while also saving money. Which action would best follow the advice in the poster? (2m)

- a. Buy extra food whenever there is a discount.
- b. Prepare a shopping list based on what the family actually needs.
- c. Avoid planning meals so that everyone can choose freely.
- d. Purchase large quantities of food even when some may not be used.

28. Which statement best explains the relationship suggested by the poster between reducing food waste and family outings? (2m)

- a. Wasting less food can reduce unnecessary spending, allowing money to be used for other activities.
- b. Family outings are the main cause of food waste in households.
- c. Families must stop eating at home if they want to save money.
- d. Food waste has no connection with household spending.

29. Which of these questions could be asked regarding the impact of food wastage on the environment? (2m)

- a. How much money can families save by wasting more food?
- b. What are some environmental consequences of generating large amounts of food waste?
- c. Why do some people enjoy wasting food?
- d. How often do people eat out instead of cooking?

Read the passage and answer questions 30 to 34.

I felt I was going mad. I ran around hitting the bushes. Crying and shouting, I went to the big stone building. It was very dark inside. I found a hall with little people sleeping in it. I woke them up and shouted, "Where is my Time Machine?" Some of them laughed loudly but most of them were scared.

It was bad to upset them, so I quickly ran outside. I was very worried. For hours I looked for my Time Machine. At last, I was so tired I fell asleep on the ground. When I woke up there were birds near me on the grass. I was calmer now but what if I couldn't find the Time Machine? I could stay there and build another Time Machine but it would be exhausting.

I decided to explore the area. I found an old house and went inside. It was very dark and I couldn't see well. Suddenly, I stopped walking. There was someone in the house. I could see the eyes shining in the dark. I put out my hand and touched something soft. The eyes looked away and something grey ran past me fast. It looked like an ape with red eyes and long arms. I followed the creature carefully.

— *Excerpt from The Time Machine by H.G. Wells*

30. Why was finding the Time Machine particularly important to the narrator? (2m)

- a. He wanted to return to his own time and escape an unfamiliar situation.
- b. He wanted to show it to the little people in the hall.
- c. He needed it to explore the old house more safely.
- d. He wanted to use it to communicate with the strange creature.

31. How does the narrator's emotional state change during the passage? (2m)

- a. He changes from worried and distressed to temporarily calmer, before becoming cautious again.
- b. He changes from confident to angry and remains angry throughout.
- c. He changes from excited to cheerful after finding the Time Machine.
- d. He changes from frightened to completely relaxed after meeting the creature.

32. Suggest a suitable theme for the above passage. (2m)

- a. The joy of being in nature
- b. The value of staying at home
- c. The challenges of exploration and discovery
- d. The importance of friendship

33. What can be inferred about the little people in the hall? (2m)

- a. They were scared and confused by the narrator's actions.
- b. They were friendly and helpful.
- c. They were angry at being woken up.
- d. They were excited to see a stranger.

34. Which sentence describes the setting mentioned in the passage? (2m)

- a. It is a safe and friendly place.
- b. It is a bright and cheerful environment.
- c. It is familiar to the narrator.
- d. It is dark and possibly dangerous.

Read the given information and answer questions 35 to 41.

Technology has dramatically transformed the way we communicate, making it faster, easier, and more accessible than ever before. In just a few decades, the landscape of communication has shifted from traditional methods like letters and landline phones to a digital world filled with instant messaging, social media, and video calls.

The advent of smartphones and social media platforms has revolutionized how we connect with others. In the past, maintaining relationships over long distances often required letters or expensive long-distance phone calls. Today, we can communicate instantly through text messages, video calls, and social media updates. This immediacy allows us to stay in touch with family and friends regardless of geographical barriers.

The rise of the internet is another significant advancement in communication technology. With the internet, people can now send messages and share information instantly across vast distances. Email was one of the first major breakthroughs that allowed for rapid communication without the delays of postal services. Today, billions of people use email for both personal and professional communication.

In addition to email, instant messaging applications have revolutionized personal communication. Platforms like WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, and Telegram enable users to send text messages, images, videos, and voice notes instantly. These apps have made it possible to stay connected with friends and family no matter where they are in the world.

35. Which comparison between past and present communication is best supported by the passage? (2m)

- a. Communication has become slower but more reliable.
- b. Communication has shifted from methods involving delays to methods that allow information to be shared almost instantly.
- c. Traditional communication methods have completely disappeared.
- d. Modern communication is mainly used for professional purposes.

36. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a form of modern communication in the passage? (2m)

- a. Text messages
- b. Video calls
- c. Radio broadcasts
- d. Social media updates

37. Why is email described as a significant development in communication technology? (2m)

- a. It replaced every other form of communication.
- b. It allowed people to communicate rapidly without depending on postal delivery.
- c. It made communication possible only between people in the same country.
- d. It was mainly useful because it eliminated the need for smartphones.

38. What theme can be identified from the passage regarding communication technology? (2m)

- a. People prefer to communicate in person rather than online.
- b. Traditional methods of communication are superior to modern ones.
- c. Communication technology has made life more complicated.
- d. Modern technology has improved our ability to connect with others.

39. According to the passage, which of these statements is true? (2m)

- a. The rise of social media caused people to stop using email.
- b. The invention of smartphones led to an increase in face-to-face interactions.
- c. Instant messaging apps have made it easier for people to stay connected.
- d. Traditional mail services improved due to competition from email.

40. What can be inferred about the future of communication based on the passage? (2m)

- a. New technologies will continue to enhance how we connect with others.
- b. Communication will likely become less important over time.
- c. People will return to using only traditional methods of communication.
- d. There will be no further advancements in communication technology.

41. "The advent of smartphones and social media platforms has revolutionized how we connect with others." What does "revolutionized" most likely mean in this context? (2m)

- a. Made more confusing
- b. Made slightly better
- c. Completely changed for the better
- d. Remained the same

Read the poem and answer questions 42 to 45.

Winter Morning

Winter is the king of showmen,
Turning tree stumps into snow men.
And houses into birthday cakes
And spreading sugar over lakes.
Smooth and clean and frosty white,

The world looks good enough to bite.
That's the season to be young,
Catching snowflakes on your tongue!
Snow is snowy when it's snowing.
I'm sorry it's slushy when it's going.
— By Ogden Nash

42. In the lines "And houses into birthday cakes / And spreading sugar over lakes," which combination of literary devices is most evident? (2m)

- a. Simile and irony
- b. Metaphor and imagery
- c. Hyperbole and alliteration
- d. Personification and onomatopoeia

43. What does the phrase "spreading sugar over lakes" suggest about winter? (2m)

- a. Winter makes lakes taste sweet.
- b. Winter creates a beautiful, magical appearance on lakes.
- c. Sugar is used to melt the ice on lakes.
- d. Lakes become unusable in winter.

44. What does the phrase "The world looks good enough to bite" imply about winter? (2m)

- a. People should eat snow.
- b. Winter food is delicious.
- c. Winter is not enjoyable.
- d. Everything in winter looks appealing and delightful.

45. How does the poet's choice of playful images contribute to the overall message of the poem? (2m)

- a. It presents winter as a frightening season that should be avoided.
- b. It shows that winter can transform an ordinary landscape into something beautiful, imaginative and enjoyable.
- c. It suggests that winter is mainly difficult for young people.
- d. It shows that the poet dislikes the changes caused by snowfall.

SECTION 4: Challenger's Section

46. "Despite the CEO's conciliatory tone during the meeting, several employees remained skeptical of the company's intentions." Based on the context, what does "conciliatory" most likely mean? (4m)

- a. Aggressive and confrontational
- b. Intended to calm anger or distrust
- c. Indifferent and dismissive
- d. Filled with excitement

47. "She had prepared thoroughly for the debate. She was unable to present her argument because she lost her voice." Choose the option that combines the sentences most effectively while preserving their meaning and showing the correct logical relationship. (4m)

- a. She had prepared thoroughly for the debate, so she was unable to present her argument because she lost her voice.
- b. Although she had prepared thoroughly for the debate, she was unable to present her argument because she lost her voice.
- c. She had prepared thoroughly for the debate because she was unable to present her argument, and she lost her voice.
- d. She had prepared thoroughly for the debate, but because she was unable to present her argument, she lost her voice.

48. Four students — Priya, Raj, Sana, and Tom — are ranked 1st to 4th in a spelling bee, with 1st being the highest. Priya ranked higher than Raj but lower than Sana. Tom ranked last. What is the correct order from highest to lowest rank? (4m)

- a. Sana, Priya, Raj, Tom
- b. Priya, Sana, Raj, Tom
- c. Sana, Raj, Priya, Tom
- d. Tom, Sana, Priya, Raj

49. Which pair of words has a relationship most similar to "frugal : wasteful"? (4m)

- a. generous : charitable
- b. cautious : reckless
- c. happy : joyful
- d. quiet : silent

50. A school is deciding whether to replace all textbooks with tablets for the coming year. Which of the following would be the STRONGEST argument against this decision, based on sound reasoning rather than personal opinion? (4m)

- a. Tablets look boring compared to colourful textbooks.
- b. Some students may not have reliable access to charging or Wi-Fi at home.
- c. Teachers might miss holding books in their hands.
- d. Students may complain about carrying a tablet instead of books.

