

Grade
8

ECAT Assessment Round Sample Question Paper

Return the answer sheet along with question paper to the invigilator at the end of the exam.



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.
- Every question carries 2 marks.
- On the answer sheet blacken the correct option against the corresponding question number,

The Correct Method

Q.	Answer
1	(A) (B) ● (D)

✓

The Wrong Methods

Q.	Answer
1	(A) ● ● (D)
1	(A) (B) ● (D)
1	(A) (B) ✓ (D)
1	(A) (B) ✗ (D)

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- Use pencil to mark your answer.
- If you wish to change your answer, erase the previous mark completely.

Study the given poster and answer the questions 1 to 5.

The Surfrider Foundation
park life
and Busvan Present
An art and education event focused
on ocean plastic pollution



Message in a Bottle

Opening
and cocktail reception
Friday, January 22nd
6pm-9pm
Featuring
Jeff Desira

A live plastic mural art installation, beach plastic
crafts, and artwork by local artists and students
Family Reception & Craft Day
Sunday, January 24th
10am-1pm
Private group viewings by appointment
January 23rd through 31st
To submit a piece or for more information please
email rap@sf.surfrider.org
visit sf.surfrider.org for additional event details
248 Clement St, San Francisco, CA 94118



Patrick Kouse

1. What event is being advertised in the poster?

- a. An art and education event focussed on ocean plastic pollution
- b. A cocktail evening with the ocean animals
- c. A talk show on side effects of plastic pollution
- d. Drawing competition based on the theme of ocean animals

2. When does the event begin?

- a. 24th January
- b. 23rd January
- c. 22nd January
- d. 31st January

3. What does the illustration in this poster show?

- a. Recycling of plastic bottles inside the ocean.
- b. Plastic bottles being collected from the ocean.
- c. Underwater creatures enjoying the colourful display of plastic bottles.
- d. Plastic bottles discarded in the ocean are an obstacle to the underwater creatures.

4. Which of these things will you see if you attend this event?

- a. underwater creatures
- b. plastic bottles
- c. plastic mural art installation
- d. display of sea weeds from the ocean

5. What is the purpose of this event?

- a. Installing disposable bins on beaches
- b. Educate people on the effects of plastic ocean pollution
- c. Entertain children with a funny art work of underwater creatures
- d. Gather people to spread the message on a beach clean-up campaign

Read the following passage and answer the questions 6 to 12.

Mr. Sherlock Holmes, who was usually very late in the mornings, save upon those not infrequent occasions when he stayed up all night, was seated at the breakfast table. I stood upon the hearth-rug and picked up the stick which our visitor had left behind him the night before.

It was a fine, thick piece of wood, bulbous-headed, of the sort which is known as a "Penang lawyer." Just under the head was a broad silver band, nearly an inch across. "To James Mortimer, M.R.C.S., from his friends of the C.C.H.," was engraved upon it, with the date "1884." It was just such a stick as the old-fashioned family practitioner used to carry—dignified, solid, and reassuring.

"Well, Watson, what do you make of it?" Holmes was sitting with his back to me, and I had given him no sign of my occupation. "How did you know what I was doing? I believe you have eyes in the back of your head." "I have, at least, a well-polished, silver-plated coffee-pot in front of me," said he.

"But, tell me, Watson, what do you make of our visitor's stick? Since we have been so unfortunate as to miss him and have no notion of his errand, this accidental souvenir becomes of importance. Let me hear you reconstruct the man by an examination of it." "I think," said I, following so far as I could the methods of my companion, "that Dr. Mortimer is a successful elderly medical man, well-esteemed, since those who know him give him this mark of their appreciation." "Good!" said Holmes. "Excellent!"

The Hound of Baskervilles, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

6. What time of day is it when this scene takes place?

- a. Night
- b. Late morning
- c. Afternoon
- d. Evening

7. What object did the visitor leave behind?

- a. A hat
- b. a coat
- c. a stick
- d. a book

8. What is engraved on the stick?

- a. "To Sherlock Holmes from his friends"
- b. "To James Mortimer, M.R.C.S., from his friends of the C.C.H."
- c. "To John Watson from his friends of the C.C.H."
- d. "To James Mortimer, M.R.C.S., from his colleagues at the hospital"

9. What can be inferred about Dr. Mortimer based on Watson's examination of the stick?

- a. He is a successful and elderly medical man
- b. He is not well-liked by his peers
- c. He is a young, inexperienced doctor
- d. He is a family member of Watson

10. How does Holmes deduce what Watson is doing without looking at him?

- a. Holmes can hear the sound of the stick
- b. Holmes sees Watson's actions reflected in a coffee pot
- c. Holmes always knows Watson's habits
- d. Holmes had previously instructed Watson to examine the stick

11. What character trait does Holmes demonstrate by deducing what Watson is doing without looking at him?

- a. Arrogance
- b. Laziness
- c. Observational skill
- d. Impatience

12. "Let me hear you reconstruct the man by an examination of it." What is the meaning of this statement?

- a. Holmes wants Watson to ignore the stick and talk about something else
- b. Watson wants Holmes to infer and deduce information about the stick's owner based on its characteristics and engravings.
- c. Holmes wants Watson to find the man who left the stick behind.
- d. Holmes wants Watson to infer and deduce information about the stick's owner based on its characteristics and engravings.

Read the following passage and answer the questions 13 to 20.

Pollution significantly impacts marine life, disrupting ecosystems and endangering species. One of the most visible forms of pollution is oil spills, which coat marine animals like gulls, seals, and fish in a thick layer of oil, impairing their ability to move, breathe, and regulate body temperature. Oil spills can lead to hypothermia in birds and mammals by reducing the insulating properties of their feathers or fur. Ingestion of oil while grooming can also result in internal damage, poisoning, and death.

Plastic pollution is another major threat. Marine animals often mistake plastic debris for food, leading to ingestion that can cause blockages, malnutrition, and internal injuries. Microplastics, tiny plastic particles, have infiltrated the food chain, affecting even the smallest organisms like plankton, which are crucial to the marine food web.

Chemical pollutants, such as pesticides, heavy metals, and industrial runoff, contaminate water sources and accumulate in the tissues of marine organisms. These toxins can cause reproductive issues, birth defects, and increased susceptibility to diseases. Coral reefs, vital to marine biodiversity, are also severely affected by pollution, leading to coral bleaching and death, which in turn devastates the myriad species that rely on them for habitat.

Overall, pollution poses as a dire threat to marine life, leading to declining populations, disrupted ecosystems, and the potential collapse of marine biodiversity. Immediate and sustained action is necessary to mitigate these effects and protect oceanic environments.

13. Which form of pollution is most visible and directly harms marine animals like gulls and seals?

- a. Noise pollution
- b. Oil spills
- c. Light pollution
- d. Overfishing

14. What is one of the main consequences for birds and mammals when their feathers or fur are coated with oil?

- a. They become more attractive
- b. They can swim faster
- c. They suffer from hypothermia
- d. They are able to fly longer distances

15. How does ingesting plastic debris affect marine animals?

- a. It helps them grow stronger
- b. It causes blockages and internal injuries
- c. It has no effect on them
- d. It makes them more colorful

16. Why is immediate and sustained action necessary to protect marine environments, according to the extract?

- a. To increase the number of marine animals
- b. To mitigate the severe effects of pollution on marine life and ecosystems
- c. To make the oceans look cleaner
- d. To help marine animals become stronger swimmers

17. How do chemical pollutants affect marine animals?

- a. They affect their eating habits.
- b. They cause reproductive issues.
- c. They make the animals swim closer to the shore.
- d. They increase their lifespan.

18. Based on the extract, why are microplastics particularly harmful to marine ecosystems?

- a. They are too large for small fish to eat
- b. They break down into harmless substances
- c. They infiltrate the food chain
- d. They float on the surface

19. Which statement is true according to the extract?

- a. Pollution has no significant impact on marine life.
- b. Oil spills are the only form of pollution affecting marine life.
- c. Pollution leads to the decline of marine populations and ecosystems.
- d. Marine life can easily adapt to all forms of pollution.

20. Immediate and sustained action is necessary to protect marine environments, because _____.

Complete the statement with the correct option.

- a. To mitigate the severe effects of pollution on marine life and ecosystems
- b. To increase the number of marine animals
- c. To make the oceans look cleaner
- d. To help marine animals become stronger swimmers

Read the following poem and answer the questions 21 to 25.

GULL

The oil-stricken gull
has struggled ashore,
and although full-grown,
looks like a bewildered
scraggy fledgling.
Her oil-tarred wings
seem heavy as lead

as she totters slightly,
stiff-legged.
Staring out at us
with an unblinking atomic,
almost comic surprise.
She hasn't taken any sides
but she's lost her natural home
and more. An unanswerable cry
is stuck in her throat.
Why? Why? Why?

— *By Grace Nichols*

21. What condition are the gull's wings described as having in the poem?

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| a. Clean and white | b. Covered in mud |
| c. Oil-tarred | d. Broken and bleeding |

22. What emotion does the gull's unblinking stare convey?

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| a. joy | b. curiosity | c. confusion | d. anger |
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23. What does the phrase "bewildered scraggy fledgling" suggest about the gull's condition?

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| a. The gull is young and healthy. | b. The gull is disoriented and in poor condition. |
| c. The gull is experienced and confident. | d. The gull is old and wise. |

24. Which line suggests that the gull has been affected by an external disaster?

- a. "Looks like a bewildered scraggy fledgling"
- b. "Staring out at us with an unblinking atomic, almost comic surprise"
- c. "She hasn't taken any sides"
- d. "She's lost her natural home and more"

25. What is the main theme of the poem?

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| a. The joy of victory | b. The struggle of seabirds affected by pollution |
| c. The life cycle of birds | d. The independence of animals |

Choose the correct option for questions 26 to 50.

26. Rewrite the sentence in indirect speech.

The crocodile said to the monkey, "My wife wants to eat your heart."

- a. The crocodile told the monkey that his wife wanted to eat his heart.
- b. The crocodile says to the monkey that his wife wants to eat his heart.
- c. The crocodile says that his wife wants to eat the monkey's heart.
- d. The crocodile told his wife wants to eat his heart.

27. "We finally arrived at the restaurant, and the pizza was delicious."

Find the adverb in the given sentence.

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| a. We | b. delicious | c. restaurant | d. finally |
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28. Use the correct modal auxiliary to complete the sentence:

"I am truly shaken. Never thought that my dog _____ attack us."

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| a. would | b. must | c. could | d. shall |
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29. Seema and Priya work together, _____

Choose the correct question tag.

- a. don't they? b. aren't they? c. are they? d. do Seema and Priya?

30. The children really enjoyed her _____ descriptions of the wildlife.

- a. loud b. colourful c. smooth d. quiet

31. Combine the two sentences into a complex sentence.

"Don't exert yourself. You will soon be exhausted." (Without changing the meaning of the sentence.)

- a. Don't exert yourself or you will soon be exhausted.
b. Exerting yourself will soon exhaust you.
c. You exert yourself and you will soon be exhausted.
d. If you exert yourself, you will soon be exhausted.

32. Rewrite the sentence as an interrogative one.

"The match will be played for two hours." (Without changing the meaning of the sentence.)

- a. Hey! The match will be played for two hours?
b. Who played the match for two hours?
c. Will the match be played for two hours?
d. Wow! The match will be played for two hours!

33. Choose the correct spelling.

- a. antaseptic b. antaseptac c. antiseptic d. antisaptic

34. Which word cannot be made from 'TANGIBLE'?

- a. SINGLE b. TINGLE c. ANGLE d. AGILE

35. Identify the incorrect spelling.

- a. tyranny b. excalator c. vaccinate d. continuous

36. Identify the tense of the given sentence.

"Processed food lacks nutrients and their regular use will be affecting the health of many people in the future."

- a. Future Continuous Tense b. Present Continuous Tense
c. Past Continuous d. Present Perfect Continuous Tense

37. "Put the dog _____ the soft bed. He is tired from playing all day."

Choose the correct preposition to fill in the blank.

- a. on b. above c. across d. beneath

38. "I need _____ more money for this ticket." Choose the correct word to fill in the blank.

- a. few b. some c. enough d. a few

39. "She knew that he was unwell." The underlined part is a/an _____.

- a. noun clause b. adjective clause c. adjective phrase d. noun phrase

40. "My friend brought me the cake that she had baked." Identify the adjective clause in this sentence.

- a. My friend brought b. she had baked
c. that she had baked d. brought me the cake

41. "They will reach their destination. We hope so." Combine the sentences into a complex sentence.

- a. We hope that they will reach their destination.
- b. We are hoping they will reach the destination.
- c. We do hope they will reach their destination.
- d. Hoping they will reach their destination on time.

42. Identify the sentence that is in passive voice.

- a. All the swimmers are trained by experienced coaches here.
- b. Indians enthusiastically celebrate the Republic Day.
- c. The artist sketched the portrait.
- d. Ridhima eats biscuits every morning.

43. Jock felt remorse after he stole the cookie from the jar. Which word best defines 'remorse'?

- a. happy
- b. confused
- c. regret
- d. angry

44. Doctors recommend that everyone exercise every day, particularly those who spend long hours doing sedentary activities like watching television or playing video games. Which is the correct definition of 'SEDENTARY'?

- a. to spend time using minimal brain function
- b. to engage in criminal activity
- c. to be seated for a lot of time
- d. to engage in physical activity

45. Identify the meaning of the underlined phrase in this sentence.

"Her laughter can absolutely drive everyone up the wall. None of us can stand it!"

- a. make crazy
- b. make happy
- c. make sad
- d. drive the car vertically up the wall

46. What is the synonym of 'commotion'?

- a. quiet
- b. calm
- c. peace
- d. uproar

47. Which sentence correctly uses an exclamation mark?

- a. Whose towel is this!
- b. Oh! I have hurt my elbow.
- c. Who's in the room!
- d. You are tired, aren't you!

48. Which sentence uses the hyphen correctly?

- a. The well known scientist gave a lecture on marine-biology.
- b. The oil spill caused long-term damage to the ecosystem.
- c. The twenty four-year-old marine biologist studied the effects of plastic pollution.
- d. The rapidly-growing microplastics problem needs immediate attention.

49. Choose the missing punctuation in this sentence.

"The study revealed the following effects hypothermia, internal damage, and death."

- a. colon
- b. comma
- c. full-stop
- d. exclamation mark

50. Determine which sentence correctly uses a question mark.

- a. You're tired, aren't you?
- b. He looks tired?
- c. Please ask him what he would like to eat?
- d. She asked him if there was a towel in the locker?

