



**SOF INTERNATIONAL  
ENGLISH OLYMPIAD**

Total Questions : 50

Time : 1 hr.

PATTERN & MARKING SCHEME				
Section	(1) Word and Structure Knowledge	(2) Reading	(3) Spoken and Written Expression	(4) Achievers Section
No. of Questions	45			5
Marks per Ques.	1	1	1	3

**SYLLABUS**

**Section – 1 :** Spellings, Collocations and Words related to Travel, Locations, Activities, Homonyms and Homophones, etc., Synonyms, Antonyms, Analogies and Spellings, One word, Phrasal verbs and Idioms, Modals, Word order, Nouns, Pronouns, Verbs, Adverbs, Adjectives, Articles, Prepositions, Conjunctions, Punctuation, Tenses, Voices and Narration, etc.

**Section – 2 :** Search for and retrieve information from various text types like News stories, Brochures, Formal and informal letters and advertisements. Understand information given in News reports, Brochures, Itinerary, etc., Acquire broad understanding of and look for specific information in short narratives, Biographies, Notices and Messages, etc.

**Section – 3 :** Ability to understand situation-based variations in functions like requesting and refusing, Apologies and stating of preferences and expression of intent, etc.

**Section – 4 :** Higher Order Thinking Questions - Syllabus as per Sections 1, 2 and 3.

**WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE**

Direction (Q. No. 1 and 2) : Choose the suitable word for each blank.

- Someone who interprets is an \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) interpretist (B) interpreter  
(C) interprecian (D) interpretor
- Many diamond mines are \_\_\_\_\_ in South Africa.  
(A) situation  
(B) situate  
(C) situated  
(D) situating

- Choose the correct option.  
Ravi: Did you invite her to the party?  
Rahul: Well! Being invited is one thing. \_\_\_\_\_ inviting oneself is another.  
(A) Whoever (B) Whereas  
(C) Compared to (D) Besides
- In which sentence is the word 'to' correctly used?  
(A) This watermelon is to heavy.  
(B) Hold it with to hands.  
(C) It's very slippery to.  
(D) Well, hand it to me.

**READING**

Direction (Q. No. 5 and 6) : Read the passage and answer the following questions.

"There is always someone worse off than you."  
Once upon a time, the rabbits of Jim Corbett were so terrorised by the other animals, they did not know where to go. As soon as they saw a single animal approach them, off they used to run. One day, they saw a troop of wild horses stampeding about and in quite a panic all the rabbits scuttled off to a lake close by, determined to drown themselves rather than live in a continual state of fear. But just as they got near the bank of the lake, a troop of frogs frightened in their turn by the approach of the rabbits, scuttled off and jumped into the water. "Truly," said one of

the rabbits, "things are not so bad as they seem." There is always someone worse off than you.

- Rabbits wanted to drown themselves because they \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) were scared of the horses  
(B) did not like living in fear  
(C) were chasing the frogs  
(D) had nowhere to go
- Rabbits ran away from other animals because they \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) wanted to drown themselves  
(B) were shy  
(C) were scared of being stepped on  
(D) were arrogant

## SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

Direction (Q. No. 7 and 8) : Choose one sentence to complete each dialogue.

7. Sentence 1. God wanted the people He had created to have a happy life.  
Sentence 2. \_\_\_\_\_.  
Sentence 3. Water, air and sunlight were, therefore, given in abundance.  
(A) That's why He decided to bless the earth with riches  
(B) People had to live with water, air, and sun  
(C) Earth could have them in abundance  
(D) Therefore, He created the earth
8. Sentence 1. From ancient times Indians have worshipped plants and trees.  
Sentence 2. \_\_\_\_\_.  
Sentence 3. While modern man often works to 'conquer' nature, ancient Indians worshipped her.  
(A) They regarded all flora and fauna as sacred  
(B) These plants give us food and oxygen  
(C) They lend beauty to our surroundings  
(D) These plants sacrifice themselves to serve us

## ACHIEVERS SECTION

9. Choose the best word/phrase to complete the sentence.  
The new engineer has \_\_\_\_\_ qualifications but only a few months' experience.  
(A) a plentiful (B) plenty  
(C) plenty of (D) a lot than
10. Choose the appropriate idiom.  
The teacher approved her project after she had \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
(A) fine turned (B) fine-tuned  
(C) tinkered with (D) refining

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## ANSWERS

1. (B) 2. (C) 3. (B) 4. (D) 5. (B) 6. (C) 7. (A) 8. (A) 9. (C) 10. (B)