

**SAINIK SCHOOL ENTRANCE PRACTICE TEST - ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE**

**Class 9 | Target 2026**

**Time:** 60 Minutes

**Marks:** 50

**Instructions:**

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Read each question carefully before answering.

**PART A: GRAMMAR (20 Marks)**

**Q1. Choose the correct preposition to fill in the blank:**

He has a great affinity \_\_\_\_ classical music.

- a) for
- b) with
- c) to
- d) by

**Q2. Identify the part of speech of the underlined word:**

She sang a *melodious* song.

- a) Verb
- b) Adverb
- c) Adjective
- d) Noun

**Q3. Fill in the blank with the correct article:**

My father is \_\_\_\_ honourable man.

- a) a
- b) an
- c) the
- d) no article

**Q4. Choose the correct verb form to complete the sentence:**

Neither the teacher nor the students \_\_\_\_ present in the class.

- a) was
- b) were
- c) has been
- d) is

**Q5. Identify the tense of the underlined verb:**

I *have been living* here for ten years.

- a) Present Perfect
- b) Past Continuous
- c) Present Perfect Continuous
- d) Simple Present

**Q6. Choose the correct passive voice form:**

They are building a new bridge.

- a) A new bridge was built by them.
- b) A new bridge is being built by them.
- c) A new bridge has been built by them.
- d) A new bridge is built by them.

**Q7. Select the appropriate modal:**

You \_\_\_\_ respect your elders.

- a) could
- b) would
- c) should
- d) might

**Q8. Identify the type of sentence:**

How beautifully she sings!

- a) Interrogative
- b) Exclamatory
- c) Imperative
- d) Declarative

**Q9. Spot the error in the sentence:**

One of my friend (a)/ are coming (b)/ to my house (c)/ today.  
(d)/ No Error (e)

**Q10. Fill in the blank with the correct conjunction:**

I will call you \_\_\_\_ I reach the station.

- a) while
- b) as
- c) as soon as
- d) until

**Q11. Choose the correct question tag:**

Let's go for a walk, \_\_\_\_?

- a) shall we
- b) will we

c) don't we

d) aren't we

**Q12. Identify the direct object in the sentence:**

The boy kicked the ball hard.

- a) The boy
- b) kicked
- c) the ball
- d) hard

**Q13. Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete the sentence:**

Please \_\_\_\_ the light before you leave the room.

- a) switch on
- b) switch off
- c) switch over
- d) switch out

**Q14. Fill in the blank with the correct non-finite verb:**

\_\_\_\_ is good for health.

- a) To walk
- b) Walk
- c) Walked
- d) Walking

**Q15. Identify the kind of adverb for the underlined word:**

He will *soon* return.

- a) Adverb of Manner
- b) Adverb of Place
- c) Adverb of Time
- d) Adverb of Frequency

**Q16. Choose the correct reported speech:**

Rohan said, "I am very busy now."

- a) Rohan said that he is very busy now.
- b) Rohan said that he was very busy then.
- c) Rohan said that he had been very busy then.
- d) Rohan said that I am very busy now.

**Q17. Select the correct plural form:**

The \_\_\_\_ were grazing in the field.

- a) ox
- b) oxen
- c) oxes
- d) oxs

**Q18. Identify the subject in the sentence:**

Across the river lies a small village.

- a) Across the river
- b) lies
- c) a small village
- d) river

**Q19. Choose the correct degree of comparison:**

This is the \_\_\_\_ book I have ever read.

- a) interesting
- b) more interesting
- c) most interesting
- d) interest

**Q20. Fill in the blank with the correct determiner:**

He doesn't have \_\_\_\_ money.

- a) many
- b) much
- c) few
- d) a few

**PART B: VOCABULARY (15 Marks)**

**Q21. Choose the correct synonym of 'Benevolent':**

- a) Cruel
- b) Kind
- c) Stingy
- d) Selfish

**Q22. Choose the correct antonym of 'Ancient':**

- a) Old
- b) Modern
- c) Historic
- d) Aged

**Q23. Select the word that is closest in meaning to 'Valiant':**

- a) Cowardly

- b) Brave
- c) Weak
- d) Timid

**Q24. Choose the word opposite in meaning to 'Expand':**

- a) Increase
- b) Contract
- c) Grow
- d) Spread

**Q25. Identify the correctly spelt word:**

- a) Accomodate
- b) Accomodate
- c) Accommodate
- d) Accomodate

**Q26. Choose the appropriate word to fill in the blank:**

His \_\_\_\_ remarks hurt her feelings.

- a) sarcastic
- b) pleasant
- c) complimentary
- d) gentle

**Q27. Select the synonym for 'Diligent':**

- a) Lazy
- b) Hardworking
- c) Careless
- d) Slow

**Q28. Choose the antonym for 'Giant':**

- a) Huge
- b) Massive
- c) Dwarf
- d) Colossal

**Q29. Identify the meaning of the idiom: "Break the ice"**

- a) To fall through ice
- b) To start a conversation
- c) To be cold-hearted
- d) To end a relationship

**Q30. Choose the correct meaning of the phrasal verb: "Look up to"**

- a) To search for
- b) To admire
- c) To investigate
- d) To turn upwards

**Q31. Select the word that means 'A person who loves mankind':**

- a) Misanthrope
- b) Philanthropist
- c) Egoist
- d) Narcissist

**Q32. Choose the appropriate word:**

The \_\_\_\_ of the mountain was a challenging task.

- a) dissent
- b) decent
- c) descent
- d) distant

**Q33. Identify the meaning of the foreign phrase: "Status quo"**

- a) The existing state of affairs
- b) Out of order
- c) In the same place
- d) After the event

**Q34. Choose the correct synonym of 'Voracious':**

- a) Tiny
- b) Hungry
- c) Full
- d) Slow

**Q35. Select the antonym of 'Profound':**

- a) Deep
- b) Intelligent
- c) Shallow
- d) Thoughtful

#### **PART C: READING COMPREHENSION (10 Marks)**

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef system, composed of over 2,900 individual reefs and 900 islands stretching for over 2,300 kilometres over an area of approximately 344,400 square kilometres. The reef is located in the Coral Sea, off the coast of Queensland, Australia. It is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and is the only living thing on Earth visible from space.

The reef supports a wide diversity of life and was selected as a World Heritage Site in 1981. It is made up of billions of tiny organisms, known as coral polyps. Unfortunately, the reef is under threat from climate change, which has led to coral bleaching, as well as from pollution and fishing. Conservation efforts are underway to protect this magnificent ecosystem for future generations.

**Q36. Where is the Great Barrier Reef located?**

- a) Indian Ocean
- b) Arabian Sea
- c) Coral Sea
- d) Pacific Ocean

**Q37. Why is the Great Barrier Reef considered unique?**

- a) It is the deepest reef
- b) It is the only living thing visible from space
- c) It is the oldest reef
- d) It has the most islands

**Q38. When was it selected as a World Heritage Site?**

- a) 1971
- b) 1981
- c) 1991
- d) 2001

**Q39. What are the tiny organisms that make up the reef called?**

- a) Coral fish
- b) Coral polyps
- c) Algae
- d) Plankton

**Q40. What is the main threat to the reef mentioned in the passage?**

- a) Over-tourism
- b) Climate change
- c) Earthquakes
- d) Volcanic eruptions

**Q41. The Great Barrier Reef is made up of approximately how many individual reefs?**

- a) Over 900
- b) Over 1,500
- c) Over 2,900
- d) Over 3,500

**Q42. What phenomenon is caused by climate change and affects the coral?**

- a) Coral greening
- b) Coral bleaching
- c) Coral hardening
- d) Coral multiplication

**Q43. The reef supports a:**

- a) Limited diversity of life
- b) Wide diversity of life
- c) Only plant life
- d) Only animal life

**Q44. The area covered by the reef is approximately:**

- a) 244,400 sq km
- b) 344,400 sq km
- c) 444,400 sq km
- d) 544,400 sq km

**Q45. What is being done to protect the reef according to the passage?**

- a) Nothing can be done
- b) It is being relocated
- c) Conservation efforts
- d) Commercial development

#### **PART D: WRITING SKILLS (5 Marks)**

**Q46. Rearrange the words to form a meaningful sentence:**

the / window / please / open / you / will / ?

**Q47. Change the following sentence into indirect speech:**

My mother said, "I am cooking your favourite meal today."

**Q48. Combine the sentences using 'who':**

The man is my uncle. He is standing there.

**Q49. Transform the sentence as directed:**

He is too weak to walk. (Remove 'too')

**Q50. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb given in brackets:**

If it rains, we \_\_\_\_ (cancel) the picnic.

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### ANSWER KEY

#### Grammar:

1. a) for
2. c) Adjective
3. b) an
4. b) were
5. c) Present Perfect Continuous
6. b) A new bridge is being built by them.
7. c) should
8. b) Exclamatory
9. a) One of my friend (Correct: One of my friends)
10. c) as soon as
11. a) shall we
12. c) the ball
13. b) switch off
14. d) Walking
15. c) Adverb of Time
16. b) Rohan said that he was very busy then.
17. b) oxen
18. c) a small village
19. c) most interesting
20. b) much

#### Vocabulary:

21. b) Kind
22. b) Modern
23. b) Brave
24. b) Contract
25. c) Accommodate
26. a) sarcastic
27. b) Hardworking
28. c) Dwarf
29. b) To start a conversation
30. b) To admire
31. b) Philanthropist
32. c) descent
33. a) The existing state of affairs
34. b) Hungry
35. c) Shallow

#### Comprehension:

36. c) Coral Sea
37. b) It is the only living thing visible from space
38. b) 1981
39. b) Coral polyps
40. b) Climate change
41. c) Over 2,900
42. b) Coral bleaching
43. b) Wide diversity of life
44. b) 344,400 sq km
45. c) Conservation efforts

#### Writing Skills:

46. Will you please open the window?
47. My mother said that she was cooking my favourite meal that day.
48. The man who is standing there is my uncle.
49. He is so weak that he cannot walk.
50. will cancel