



BRAINIACS OLYMPIAD

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SHAPE DISCIPLINES ENGLISH
CATEGORY 1 (GRADES 3–4)
PRELIMINARY ROUND
SAMPLE 3**



50 questions; 75 minutes; 100 points; no negative marking.

All questions are multiple-choice or multiple-response questions and are automatically marked. The number in square brackets after each question number indicates the point value of the question: [1] Easy, [2] Normal, [3] Difficult.

Part A: Grammar in Context (Questions 1–15) — 30 points

Section A1.

Choose the correct answer.

1. [1] My uncle _____ his bike to work every day.

- a) ride b) rides c) rode d) riding

2. [1] I have two _____ and one sister.

- a) brothers b) a brother c) brotheres d) brother

3. [1] We are in the classroom. _____ books are on the desk.

- a) Ours b) Us c) Our d) We

4. [1] Look at that house! _____ is very big.

- a) She b) He c) It d) They

5. [2] My cousin is _____ than her brother.

- a) tall b) taller c) tallest d) more tall

6. [2] _____ there any milk in the kitchen?

- a) Is b) Does c) Are d) Do

7. [2] The children washed _____ hands before lunch.

- a) them b) theirs c) their d) they

8. [3] My grandmother speaks English very _____.

- a) best b) better c) good d) well

9. [3] I _____ my book yesterday, but my sister found it.

- a) loses b) losing c) lose d) lost

Section A2.

Read the story and choose the correct answer for each gap.

My name is Anna and I come (10) _____ Poland. My family lives in a small village. There is a river (11) _____ my house and the forest. Every Saturday my father (12) _____ me to the market in the town. Last week we (13) _____ apples and cheese there. Look! My little sister (14) _____ after the cat in the garden now. In the evening I always (15) _____ my grandmother a story.

10. [1] a) into b) from c) at d) in

11. [2] a) at b) under c) in front of d) between

12. [2] a) taking b) takes c) took d) take

13. [3] a) find b) finding c) finds d) found

14. [3] a) is running b) run c) runs d) are running

15. [3] a) read b) reading c) to read d) reads

Part B: Vocabulary and Collocation (Questions 16–31) — 32 points

Section B1.

Choose the correct answer.

16. [1] Which word means the opposite of open?

- a) happy b) closed c) wet d) broken

17. [1] Which of these is an animal?

- a) bread b) horse c) rice d) cheese

18. [1] Which of these is a part of your body?

- a) chair b) table c) arm d) door

19. [1] Which of these do you wear on your feet?

- a) glasses b) trousers c) gloves d) socks

20. [2] My brother _____ his teeth every morning.

- a) brushes b) does c) makes d) takes

21. [2] Which of these is not a colour?

- a) grey b) purple c) orange d) circle

22. [2] It is raining. Take your _____.

- a) umbrella b) cupboard c) book d) clock

23. [2] We wash the plates in the _____.

- a) garden b) kitchen c) classroom d) bedroom

24. [3] Which pair of words are opposites?

- a) cold – wet b) red – green c) warm – hot d) long – short

25. [3] The water was very _____. We could not swim in it.

- a) dirty b) hungry c) quiet d) funny

26. [3] Anna wants to send a letter. She must go to the _____.

- a) library b) museum c) post office d) police station

Section B2.

Choose the correct meaning of each word.

27. [1] thirsty

- a) wanting to sing b) wanting to read c) wanting a drink d) wanting to sleep

28. [2] quiet

- a) moving very quickly b) looking very old c) feeling very cold d) making little noise

29. [2] heavy

- a) difficult to lift b) difficult to open c) difficult to find d) difficult to read

30. [3] invite

- a) to walk a friend home b) to ask a friend to come c) to say goodbye d) to take a present

31. [3] share

- a) to put things in a box b) to take all the things away c) to give some of your things d) to buy some new things

Part C: Reading — Locating Detail (Questions 32–40) — 16 points

Read the story and answer the questions.

A new girl came to our class in October. Her name is Nino and she comes from Georgia. On her first day she sat next to me. She did not speak much English then, so we used pictures. Nino has a big brother and a little black rabbit. In her bag she had a picture of her old school. Every day after lunch she teaches us one word from her country. Now all the children in Class 3 can say hello and thank you in Georgian. On Friday Nino made a cake for us. It was sweet and had apples in it. Mrs Aliyeva said it was the best cake in the school.

32. [1] When did Nino come to the class?

- a) in April b) in September c) in June d) in October

33. [1] Where does Nino come from?

- a) Turkey b) Poland c) England d) Georgia

34. [1] What animal does Nino have?

- a) a black rabbit b) a small grey cat c) a white dog d) two green birds

35. [2] What did Nino have in her bag?

- a) a map of her town b) a cake from her mother c) a picture of her school d) a book from her teacher

36. [2] How did the children talk to Nino on her first day?

- a) They used a book. b) They used pictures. c) They used a phone. d) They asked the teacher.

37. [2] What does Nino do after lunch every day?

a) She writes a letter. b) She reads to the class. c) She teaches the class a word. d) She plays with the rabbit.

38. [2] What can the children in Class 3 do now?

a) read a book in Georgian b) say hello in Georgian c) write a letter in Georgian d) sing a song in Georgian

39. [2] What was in the cake?

a) apples b) cheese c) potatoes d) bread

40. [3] What did Mrs Aliyeva think about the cake?

a) It was not ready. b) It was too sweet. c) It was very good. d) It was very small.

Part D: Reading — Main Idea and Inference (Questions 41–50) — 22 points

Read the story and answer the questions.

Multiple Response: Select all correct choices. Points are awarded only if all correct answers and no incorrect answers are selected.

Outside a shop in our street is an old stone bench. My grandfather sat on it as a boy. In summer three old men sit on it. In winter snow sits on it. In September a new man came to the shop. He wanted to take the bench away and put boxes of fruit there. On Monday morning a lorry came. But twenty people were in the street. My teacher came, and Farrux came with his mother. The three old men were sitting on it. Nobody shouted; they only waited. Then the new man laughed, and the bench stayed. Now there is a board on the wall behind it. It says: This Bench is for Everyone.

41. [1] Where is the bench?

a) outside a shop b) in the garden c) in the town park d) behind a house

42. [1] Who sits on the bench in summer?

a) the children b) twenty people c) the shop man d) three old men

43. [2] What did the new man want to do?

a) buy the old bench b) take the bench away c) paint the bench green d) carry the boxes in

44. [2] What did the new man want to put there?

a) a big new table b) two old chairs c) a green door d) boxes of fruit

45. [2] Multiple Response — Choose ALL the people who were in the street on Monday morning.

- a) A doctor from the town.
- b) Farrux's mother.
- c) The writer's grandfather.
- d) The writer's teacher.

46. [2] What did the people in the street do?

- a) They waited quietly.
- b) They shouted at the man.
- c) They closed the shop.
- d) They took the bench home.

47. [3] Why was the bench not taken away?

- a) Because it was too heavy.
- b) Because people sat on it.
- c) Because the shop was closed.
- d) Because it started to rain.

48. [3] Multiple Response — Choose ALL the things we learn about the bench.

- a) The writer's grandfather sat on it.
- b) Snow sits on it in winter.
- c) The shop man bought it.
- d) Three men painted it green.
- e) It is made of stone.

49. [3] What does the writer think about the people in the street?

- a) They did not like the shop.
- b) They were too noisy.
- c) They did the right thing.
- d) They were afraid of the man.

50. [3] Multiple Response — Choose ALL the things that are true now.

- a) There is a board on the wall.
- b) The shop man is angry.
- c) The bench is for everyone.
- d) The old men sit inside.

e) The bench is still there.

Answer Key – Preliminary Round

Preliminary Round — Questions 1–50

Questions	Answer	Questions	Answer
1	b	26	c
2	a	27	c
3	c	28	d
4	c	29	a
5	b	30	b
6	a	31	c
7	c	32	d
8	d	33	d
9	d	34	a
10	b	35	c
11	d	36	b
12	b	37	c
13	d	38	b
14	a	39	a
15	a	40	c
16	b	41	a
17	b	42	d
18	c	43	b
19	d	44	d
20	a	45	b d
21	d	46	a
22	a	47	b
23	b	48	a b e
24	d	49	c
25	a	50	a c e