

FREE PRACTICE PACK · EDITION 1

Class 8 English Olympiad practice

16 original questions + explained answers

For students preparing for SOF IEO.

Inside this pack

Eight topic-practice questions and an eight-question, 20-minute mini-mock.

Topics selected for practice

- Vocabulary in context
- Grammar and syntax
- Idioms and phrasal verbs
- Communication
- Reading

How to use it

Try the practice first. Complete the mini-mock in one sitting. Check the explanations, mark mistakes, and retry them the next day.

This pack covers selected topics. It is original BodhiScore material, independent of SOF, and is not an official paper or a full-length exam. Check the official syllabus for the complete scope.

Topic practice

Work through these eight questions without a timer. Explain your choice before checking the solutions.

1. Vocabulary

In 'The witness gave a coherent account', coherent means ____.

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| A. Unrelated to events | B. Logical and well connected |
| C. Extremely brief | D. Difficult to hear |
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2. Word formation

Choose the noun form of 'accurate'.

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| A. accuracy | B. accurately |
| C. accurate | D. inaccurate |
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3. Agreement

The list of required materials ____ on the noticeboard.

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| A. is | B. are |
| C. were | D. have |
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4. Tenses

She ____ the article twice before she submitted it.

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| A. had revised | B. revises |
| C. will revise | D. is revising |
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Topic practice (continued)

5. Conditionals

If the weather improves, the match ____ outdoors.

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| A. had play | B. will be played |
| C. would played | D. was playing |
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6. Prepositions

The report distinguishes ____ direct evidence and speculation.

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| A. among | B. across |
| C. beside | D. between |
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7. Phrasal verbs

If you 'come across' an old photograph, you ____ it unexpectedly.

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|-------------------|----------------|
| A. damage | B. copy |
| C. discard | D. find |
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Topic practice (continued)

8. Voice

Choose the passive form: 'The panel will announce the winners tomorrow.'

- A.** The winners announce the panel tomorrow.
 - B.** Tomorrow has announced the winners.
 - C.** The winners will be announced by the panel tomorrow.
 - D.** The panel will be announced by the winners tomorrow.
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Timed mini-mock

Set a 20-minute timer for these eight questions. Score 1 point per correct answer; there is no penalty for an incorrect answer. This is BodhiScore's practice scoring.

9. Reading

Applications must reach the office by 5 p.m. on 12 May. A complete application includes the form, a short proposal, and a teacher's signature. Late submissions cannot be considered.

What is the deadline?

- A.** 5 p.m. on 12 May
 - B.** Noon on 12 May
 - C.** 5 p.m. on 15 May
 - D.** The end of the school year
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10. Reading

Applications must reach the office by 5 p.m. on 12 May. A complete application includes the form, a short proposal, and a teacher's signature. Late submissions cannot be considered.

Which item must be included with the form and proposal?

- A.** A payment receipt
 - B.** A photograph
 - C.** A library card
 - D.** A teacher's signature
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Timed mini-mock (continued)

11. Reported speech

Lina asked, 'Have you seen my notebook?' Choose the correct report.

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| A. Lina asked whether had I seen my notebook. | B. Lina asked that I saw her notebook? |
| C. Lina asked whether I had seen her notebook. | D. Lina asked have I seen her notebook. |
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12. Conjunctions

The sample was small; ____, the findings should be treated cautiously.

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| A. for instance | B. similarly |
| C. consequently | D. nevertheless |
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13. Punctuation

Choose the correctly punctuated sentence.

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| A. The solution however, required more time. | B. The solution, however, required more time. |
| C. The solution however required, more time. | D. The solution, however required more, time. |
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Timed mini-mock (continued)

14. Idioms

To 'get to the bottom of' a problem is to ____.

- A.** make it more confusing
 - B.** avoid discussing it
 - C.** finish it quickly without checking
 - D.** discover its real cause
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15. Reading

A draft stated that the bridge opened in 1920, but its only reference was an undated blog. The editor asked the writer to verify the claim with a second source before publication.

Why did the editor request a second source?

- A.** The writer had cited too many sources.
 - B.** The editor wanted to remove the claim.
 - C.** The existing reference did not establish the date reliably.
 - D.** The bridge was closed in 1920.
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Timed mini-mock (continued)

16. Functional English

A group member suggests an idea you partly support. Which response invites discussion?

- A.** Let's stop talking about it.
 - B.** That could work; how might we handle the cost?
 - C.** That idea is useless.
 - D.** I agree with every detail without question.
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Answers and explanations

Check why the answer works, then retry any question you missed.

1. B - Logical and well connected

A coherent account is clear and logically connected.

2. A - accuracy

Accuracy is the noun formed from accurate.

3. A - is

The subject is singular list; the phrase of required materials does not change its number.

4. A - had revised

Past perfect shows revision occurred before the later past action of submission.

5. B - will be played

The first conditional uses present simple in the if-clause and will in the result.

6. D - between

Distinguish between is used when identifying a difference between two things.

7. D - find

Come across means to find or encounter by chance.

8. C - The winners will be announced by the panel tomorrow.

The object winners becomes the subject and will announce becomes will be announced.

Answers and explanations (continued)

9. A - 5 p.m. on 12 May

The notice specifies 5 p.m. on 12 May.

10. D - A teacher's signature

A teacher's signature is listed as part of a complete application.

11. C - Lina asked whether I had seen her notebook.

A reported yes/no question uses whether and statement word order; pronouns shift to match the speaker.

12. C - consequently

Consequently introduces a reasonable result of having a small sample.

13. B - The solution, however, required more time.

The interrupter however is set off by commas on both sides.

14. D - discover its real cause

The idiom means to find the underlying cause or truth.

15. C - The existing reference did not establish the date reliably.

An undated blog was insufficient support, so the editor sought verification.

16. B - That could work; how might we handle the cost?

It recognises a useful idea and raises a specific question for discussion.

Topic scope checked against SOF syllabus: [SOF IEO Class 8 syllabus](#)