

FREE PRACTICE PACK · EDITION 1

Class 9 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, 25-minute mini-mock.

Topics selected for practice

- Advanced vocabulary
- Grammar and usage
- Sentence transformation
- Idioms and collocations
- 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 context, 'The committee sought a pragmatic solution', pragmatic means ____.

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| A. Purely theoretical | B. Emotionally dramatic |
| C. Based on tradition alone | D. Practical and workable |
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2. Vocabulary

Choose the closest meaning of 'ambiguous'.

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| A. Clearly stated | B. Widely accepted |
| C. Open to more than one interpretation | D. Precisely measured |
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3. Agreement

A number of residents ____ concerns, but the number of complaints ____ fallen.

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| A. has; has | B. have; has |
| C. has; have | D. have; have |
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Topic practice (continued)

4. Tenses

By the time the review is published, the team ____ its analysis.

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| A. would completing | B. has complete |
| C. will have completed | D. completed yesterday |
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5. Conditionals

If I ____ the earlier train, I would have reached the venue on time.

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| A. took | B. would take |
| C. have taken | D. had taken |
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6. Prepositions

The findings are consistent ____ the earlier survey.

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| A. with | B. to |
| C. at | D. for |
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7. Phrasal verbs

The chair asked the speakers to 'wrap up' their remarks. They should ____.

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| A. write them on a poster | B. change the topic |
| C. bring them to a close | D. repeat them more loudly |
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Topic practice (continued)

8. Voice

Choose the active form: 'The original schedule had been revised by the organisers.'

- A.** The original organisers revised the schedule by.
 - B.** The organisers had revised the original schedule.
 - C.** The organisers were revised by the schedule.
 - D.** The schedule had revised the organisers.
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Timed mini-mock

Set a 25-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

The survey was sent to 400 households; 126 responded. Because responses were voluntary, the report cautions that the results may overrepresent people with strong opinions.

How many households responded?

- A. 126
 - B. 274
 - C. 400
 - D. 526
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10. Reading

The survey was sent to 400 households; 126 responded. Because responses were voluntary, the report cautions that the results may overrepresent people with strong opinions.

Why does the report caution readers about the results?

- A. Voluntary responses may favour people with strong opinions.
 - B. Every household responded twice.
 - C. The survey was sent only to experts.
 - D. The questions were not written down.
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Timed mini-mock (continued)

11. Reported speech

The analyst said, 'The figures do not include online sales.' Choose the correct report.

- A. The analyst says the figures not including online sales.
 - B. The analyst said that the figures did not include online sales.
 - C. The analyst said the figures do not included online sales.
 - D. The analyst said that did the figures include online sales.
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12. Sentence structure

Choose the sentence that avoids a dangling modifier.

- A. After reviewing the evidence, the researchers revised their claim.
 - B. After reviewing the evidence, the claim was revised by the researchers.
 - C. The claim, after reviewing the evidence, revised the researchers.
 - D. After the evidence reviewed, the researchers' claim.
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13. Punctuation

Choose the correctly punctuated sentence.

- A. The data were incomplete: therefore no firm conclusion, was drawn.
 - B. The data were incomplete; therefore, no firm conclusion was drawn.
 - C. The data were incomplete, therefore; no firm conclusion was drawn.
 - D. The data were incomplete therefore no firm; conclusion was drawn.
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Timed mini-mock (continued)

14. Collocations

Choose the standard collocation: The findings ____ light on the cause of the delay.

- A. casted
 - B. put
 - C. made
 - D. shed
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15. Reading

The initial estimate assumed every device would operate continuously. In practice, sensors showed that most devices remained idle for long periods, so the revised estimate was substantially lower.

What does the author imply about the initial estimate?

- A. It was based on too many sensor readings.
 - B. It counted only idle devices.
 - C. It was lower than the revised estimate.
 - D. It relied on an assumption that did not match observed use.
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Timed mini-mock (continued)

16. Functional English

You need clarification on a deadline that appears inconsistent across two notices. What is the most effective message?

- A.** I will choose whichever date I prefer.
 - B.** There is no point asking anyone.
 - C.** Could you confirm which deadline applies? The notices list different dates.
 - D.** Your notices make no sense.
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Answers and explanations

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

1. D - Practical and workable

Pragmatic describes an approach focused on practical results.

2. C - Open to more than one interpretation

Ambiguous language can be understood in more than one way.

3. B - have; has

A number of takes a plural verb; the number of is singular.

4. C - will have completed

Future perfect describes completion before a specified future point.

5. D - had taken

A third conditional uses past perfect in the if-clause and would have in the result.

6. A - with

The standard expression is consistent with.

7. C - bring them to a close

Wrap up means to finish or bring something to a close.

8. B - The organisers had revised the original schedule.

The organisers perform the action, so they become the active subject.

9. A - 126

The passage gives 126 as the number of responses.

Answers and explanations (continued)

10. A - Voluntary responses may favour people with strong opinions.

People with strong opinions may be more likely to respond voluntarily.

11. B - The analyst said that the figures did not include online sales.

In reported speech, do not include shifts to did not include.

12. A - After reviewing the evidence, the researchers revised their claim.

The researchers are the ones who reviewed the evidence, so they must follow the introductory phrase.

13. B - The data were incomplete; therefore, no firm conclusion was drawn.

A semicolon joins independent clauses; a comma follows the conjunctive adverb therefore.

14. D - shed

Shed light on is the established expression meaning to clarify.

15. D - It relied on an assumption that did not match observed use.

Observed devices were idle often, contradicting the continuous-use assumption.

16. C - Could you confirm which deadline applies? The notices list different dates.

This politely identifies the discrepancy and asks a focused question.

Topic scope checked against SOF syllabus: [SOF IEO Class 9 syllabus](#)