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Chapter

Spell-Bee

It is necessary and also interesting to learn spellings as they form the base of any language. To be a high achiever in this section, students need to increase their vocabulary with correctly spelt words.

The best way to improve your spellings is to practise reading and writing with their correct spellings. If a student reads incorrect spellings, he gets exposure to these misspelt words and his mind learns the incorrect spellings. In this way whenever he writes in future, he makes mistakes in spelling. The learning process of an individual requires the involvement of several senses to learn quickly and in a better way. The individual should be familiar with his weak areas of spellings so as to work on those. The individual should be well aware about the affixes so that he can organize the words and is able to form relevant associations. The next way to improve one's spellings and vocabulary is to bring the words in daily use so that one becomes familiar with the particular words. In case an individual is facing difficulty in learning some words, he can make a list of such words, learn these spellings and frequently use them while speaking and writing.

Group learning is better than solo learning. Individuals in a group ask one another various questions concerning different things, persons and other ideas and practise using new words in such interaction. Thus, they acquire many words without putting much effort in learning them. Group discussion is the most appropriate way to learn one word substitution quickly.

This chapter will help you to:

- Find the correctly spelt word out of incorrectly spelled words.
- Use one word replacing a sentence.
- Fill the letters which are left out to complete the word.

Based on spelling, there are three sets of question in the Olympiad question paper. The first set contains 4 different words having one of them spelled correctly, and the rest of them are incorrectly spelled.

For Example:

1. (a) amaging (b) ashtounding (c) surprising (d) stonning
2. (a) annihilation (b) destrucson (c) carnege (d) extintion

If one is aware of the correct spelling of all these words, one can easily make out that '(c) surprising' and '(a) annihilation' are the only words which have been spelled correctly in this set. Hence '(c) surprising' and '(a) annihilation' should be marked as the answer.

The second set contains the same word spelled in 4 various ways; one out of them is the correct spelling of the said word.

For example:

- (a) revenue (b) revanue (c) ravenue (d) renews
- (a) enormos (b) enurmus (c) enormous (d) enoremous

For the student who is familiar with the correct spelling of these words, there would be no hitch in choosing '(a) revenue' and '(c) enormous' as the right answer.

And the third set contains only one word in which some blank spaces are provided to insert the right letter(s) taken from the options given.

For example:

1. de -- eri -- rat -- on
 (a) t,i,e (b) e,i,o (c) a,t,i (d) t,o,i
2. kn - wled - e -- ble
 (a) e,i,o (b) i,g,a (c) o,g,a (d) o,i,g

One who is acquainted with the given words would not hesitate to state that '(d) t,o,i' and '(c) o,g,a' are the right options because missing places in the first word given require 't,o,i' at the blank spaces to make the word 'deterioration' while in the second 'o,g,a' is required to make the word 'knowledgeable.'

Multiple Choice Questions

LEVEL 1

(Directions for questions 1-20): Choose the correctly spelt word.

1. (a) adulteration (b) exsellent (c) destichute (d) brilliant
2. (a) loyel (b) faithful (c) ardant (d) divoted
3. (a) dangerus (b) perilus (c) risky (d) treacherus
4. (a) mamal (b) poplar (c) unplesant (d) distinguish
5. (a) initiate (b) appitizing (c) dazzling (d) grivous
6. (a) spektators (b) entertain
(c) migerable (d) comprehenson
7. (a) exzhoust (b) skyscraper (c) structure (d) indispitale
8. (a) mensoned (b) condisoner (c) eurthquack (d) designation
9. (a) burrow (b) oudience (c) crused (d) agretion
10. (a) acomodate (b) immerse (c) Budhist (d) rotason
11. (a) coullison (b) distortian (c) propulsion (d) exgertion
12. (a) emfasis (b) indipendant (c) ekonomiks (d) mediation
13. (a) correspondence (b) conclution
(c) explanation (d) deprevation
14. (a) inwention (b) invitation (c) illiterasy (d) transpher
15. (a) complaemints (b) damocracy (c) prediction (d) contajious
16. (a) ditermination (b) vailence (c) grevance (d) enthusiasm
17. (a) unnecessary (b) oportunity (c) cumpulsion (d) chaallenge
18. (a) organigation (b) technology (c) jewelry (d) casualty

19. (a) aplication (b) nervus (c) achievement (d) identefy
20. (a) cenchury (b) bancrupt (c) friten (d) commit

(Directions for question 21–40): select the word which is not misspelt.

21. (a) component (b) componant (c) coumponent (d) cumponent
22. (a) parmission (b) permission (c) permision (d) permisun
23. (a) nigotiate (b) negosiate (c) negotiate (d) negpciat
24. (a) chamical (b) chemikal (c) chemecal (d) chemical
25. (a) alliteration (b) alleteration (c) alliterason (d) aliteration
26. (a) fitures (b) features (c) fetures (d) feachers
27. (a) siquence (b) sekuence (c) sequence (d) sickuance
28. (a) atention (b) attenson (c) atanson (d) attention
29. (a) provoke (b) provock (c) porvoke (d) provokke
30. (a) colom (b) column (c) collom (d) coulumn
31. (a) inbhestigation (b) investegation (c) investigation (d) investigation
32. (a) contenuous (b) contineuous (c) continuus (d) continuous
33. (a) significant (b) signifikant (c) signiphicant (d) signefecant
34. (a) biginning (b) beginning (c) beaginning (d) bigining
35. (a) luksurious (b) laxurious (c) luxurious (d) luxureous
36. (a) turnaments (b) tornaments (c) tournamants (d) tournaments
37. (a) intellectual (b) intellactual (c) intallectual (d) intallactual
38. (a) difinitely (b) definitely (c) defenitely (d) defintily
39. (a) parmanent (b) permanant (c) permanent (d) permanennt
40. (a) acquaintance (b) aquaintance (c) ackuaintence (d) acquaintance

(Directions for Questions 41 - 50): Select the word which can be replaced for the given sentence.

41. Animals which live both on and in water -----

- (a) amphibian (b) aquatic (c) aerie (d) watery

42. A collection of flowers -----

- (a) branch (b) bouquet (c) herd (d) floral

43. One who is employed to drive a car -----

- (a) Chauffeur (b) rider (c) driver (d) sprinter

44. One who feeds on human flesh -----

- (a) glutton (b) voracious (c) hunter (d) cannibal

45. A person who regards the whole world as his country -----

- (a) macropolitan (b) cosmopolitan (c) micropolitan (d) patriot

46. A poem of lamentation -----

- (a) epic (b) elegy (c) ode (d) fable

47. One who works for the welfare of women -----

- (a) womaniser (b) masculinist (c) feminist (d) reformer

48. One who does not take any intoxicating drink -----

- (a) teetotaller (b) theist (c) impractical (d) puritan

49. Inability to sleep/ sleep disorder -----

- (a) hernia (b) insomnia (c) tumour (d) stone

50. A remedy for all diseases -----

- (a) panacea (b) antidote (c) antioxidant (d) anecdote

RESPONSE GRID

1. a b c d	2. a b c d	3. a b c d	4. a b c d	5. a b c d
6. a b c d	7. a b c d	8. a b c d	9. a b c d	10. a b c d
11. a b c d	12. a b c d	13. a b c d	14. a b c d	15. a b c d
16. a b c d	17. a b c d	18. a b c d	19. a b c d	20. a b c d
21. a b c d	22. a b c d	23. a b c d	24. a b c d	25. a b c d
26. a b c d	27. a b c d	28. a b c d	29. a b c d	30. a b c d
31. a b c d	32. a b c d	33. a b c d	34. a b c d	35. a b c d
36. a b c d	37. a b c d	38. a b c d	39. a b c d	40. a b c d
41. a b c d	42. a b c d	43. a b c d	44. a b c d	45. a b c d
46. a b c d	47. a b c d	48. a b c d	49. a b c d	50. a b c d
51. a b c d	52. a b c d	53. a b c d	54. a b c d	55. a b c d
56. a b c d	57. a b c d	58. a b c d	59. a b c d	60. a b c d

Solutions with Explanation

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| 1. (a) | 2. (b) | 3. (c) | 4. (d) |
| 5. (a) | 6. (b) | 7. (c) | 8. (d) |
| 9. (a) | 10. (b) | 11. (c) | 12. (d) |
| 13. (a) | 14. (b) | 15. (c) | 16. (d) |
| 17. (a) | 18. (b) | 19. (c) | 20. (d) |
| 21. (a) | 22. (b) | 23. (c) | 24. (d) |
| 25. (a) | 26. (b) | 27. (c) | 28. (d) |
| 29. (a) | 30. (b) | 31. (c) | 32. (d) |
| 33. (a) | 34. (b) | 35. (c) | 36. (d) |
| 37. (a) | 38. (b) | 39. (c) | 40. (d) |

- 41. (b) aquatic
- 42. (b) bouquet
- 43. (a) Chauffeur
- 44. (d) cannibal
- 45. (b) cosmopolitan
- 46. (b) elegy
- 47. (c) feminist
- 48. (a) teetotaller
- 49. (b) insomnia
- 50. (a) panacea
- 51. (d) e,o
- 52. (c) e,a
- 53. (b) o,a
- 54. (a) o,e
- 55. (b) m,n
- 56. (c) m,t
- 57. (a) r,n
- 58. (d) c,l
- 59. (c) x,y
- 60. (a) s,m