

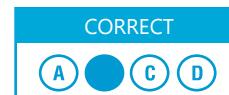
# ISFO English Sample Paper

**MAXIMUM TIME: 60 MINUTES**

**MAXIMUM MARKS: 100**

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please DO NOT OPEN the contest booklet until you are asked to do so.
2. The question paper comprises of 4 sections (Total 50 questions):
  - Section A : Vocabulary** 10-Questions (2 marks each)
  - Section B : Grammar** 20-Questions (2 marks each)
  - Section C : Reading and Writing** 15-Questions (1 mark each)
  - Section D : BrainBox** 5-Questions (5 marks each)
3. All questions are compulsory. There is no negative marking.
4. No electronic devices capable of storing and displaying visual information such as mobiles are allowed during the course of the exam.
5. Fill all your details properly on the OMR sheet.
6. There is only ONE correct answer of each question.
7. To mark your choice of answers by darkening the circles on the OMR Sheet, use an HB Pencil or a Blue/Black Ball Point Pen only.
8. Shade your answer clearly as per the given example.



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## SECTION A: VOCABULARY

### Choose the correct option.

1. Unscramble: EARGUC (Bravery).

- a) CORAUGE                      b) CUROAGE  
c) COURAGE                     d) COUREGE
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2. A division into two opposite groups.

- a) Dichotomy                    b) Didactic  
c) Cryptic                        d) Acquisitive

3. Ambition and greed cannot be compared; each of these is \_\_\_\_\_ (the correct idiom to fill in the blank).

- a) A hard nut to crack  
b) A horse of a different colour

c) A green horn

d) A joy to behold

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4. Identify the sentence that makes appropriate use of the word, 'FOREWORD'.

- a) The mother put the soiled foreword in a bag and dumped it.  
b) The short boy foreword to be a basketball player.  
c) The foreword of this book is written by A P J Abdul Kalam.  
d) The teacher foreword the students for being the 'Cleanest Class'.
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## SECTION B: GRAMMAR

### Fill in the blanks.

5. A \_\_\_\_\_ of stars (collective nouns).

- a) Galaxy  
b) Gang  
c) Horde  
d) Bunch

### Choose the suitable option.

6. The grandfather clock in the corner of the room is an heirloom. (adjectival phrase).

- a) An heirloom  
b) Clock in the corner  
c) The grandfather clock  
d) In the corner of the room

## SECTION C: READING AND WRITING

### Read an excerpt from the Encyclopedia of Ancient History given below and answer the questions under it.

*Daily life in ancient China changed through the centuries but reflected these values of the presence of the gods and one's ancestors in almost every time period. In the prehistoric age (c. 5000 BCE) people lived in small villages in the Yellow River Valley. Villages like Banpo show evidence of a matriarchal society, where there was a priestly class dominated by women who governed and were the religious authorities. The people lived in small, round homes built into the ground, wore the skins of animals, and practiced an animistic form of religion. Small villages like Banpo grew into larger communities and then into cities. The Xia Dynasty (2070-1600 BCE) is the first form of government in China which established large cities. It was thought to be mostly mythological until archaeological evidence was discovered which, according to some scholars, proves its existence.*

7. Where did the people in China live in the prehistoric age?
- a) In Banpo Village
  - b) In small villages in Yellow River Valley
  - c) In small round homes
  - d) In large communities

8. As per the evidence found, what kind of society existed in villages like Banpo?
- a) One with presence of Gods
  - b) A matriarchal society
  - c) A society that valued their ancestors
  - d) A class dominated society

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### SECTION D: BRAINBOX

9. Give one word for:

An extensive group of islands

- a) Catastrophe
- b) Holocaust
- c) Replica
- d) Archipelago

10. Find the word spelled correctly.

Amature, Questionnaire, Vaccum, Reffered.

- a) Amature
- b) Questionnaire
- c) Vaccum
- d) Reffered



### ANSWERS

1. (C)	2. (A)	3. (B)	4. (C)	5. (A)	6. (D)	7. (B)	8. (B)	9. (D)	10. (B)
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