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# COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2022

## Std - XII

## ENGLISH

Time : 3.00 Hours

Marks: 90

Part - I

20 x 1 = 20

I. Answer all the questions:

Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined words:

1. We watched for a few moments; then as trade slackened wet went over.  
a) reduced                      b) improved                      c) loosened                      d) ended
2. .... that they only drink it in order to be warmed and stimulated.  
a) admired                      b) motivated                      c) comforted                      d) welcomed
3. My progress, although slow, was steady.  
a) weak                      b) bad                      c) firm                      d) worse

Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences:

4. He had returned to the hospital because he had a malignant tumour of the bone.  
a) harmful                      b) moderate                      b) benign                      d) terminal
5. One night, we came upon them in the windy and deserted square.  
a) inhabited                      b) secured                      c) fertile                      d) desolate
6. Tenzing collapsed at the top like a giant fish.  
a) refreshed                      b) fell down                      c) gave way                      d) fainted
7. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the underlined word.  
It is rather an expensive compliment.  
a) non -                      b) un -                      c) in -                      d) dis-
8. Choose the correct expansion of the acronym PAN.  
a) Personal Aggregate Number                      b) Private Authentic Number  
c) Postal Assurance Number                      d) Permanent Account Number
9. Choose the word that cannot be added after 'over' to form a compound word.  
a) piece                      b) board                      c) flow                      d) coat
10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the given sentence.  
I amused her for perhaps 20 minutes with a scattering of urbane 'bons mots'.  
a) witty remarks                      b) angry remarks                      c) usual remarks                      d) polite remarks
11. Choose the right definition for the term pulmonologist.  
a) One who treats skin problems                      b) One who treats heart problems  
c) One who treats kidney problems  
d) One who specializes in lung problems
12. Choose the polite alternative word for the underlined word in the following sentences.  
The undertaker was called to carry out the preparations for the funeral.  
a) Mortician                      b) Cremator                      c) burier                      d) exhumed
13. Choose the clipped form of the word "Influenza".  
a) influ                      b) influence                      c) fluenza                      d) flu
14. Choose the correct combination for the blended word netizen.  
a) internal + citizen                      b) inter + citizen                      c) internet + citizen                      d) International+citizen
15. Identify the correct sentence pattern.  
The headmaster sent the latecomer out.  
a) SVCA                      b) SVOA                      c) SVOC                      d) SVIODO



16. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement.  
I seldom talk with him, .....?  
a) do I?                      b) don't I?                      c) does he?                      d) doesn't he?
17. Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.  
Please, carry on. I didn't mean to interrupt you.  
a) consummate                      b) complete                      c) continue                      d) conclude
18. Choose the mono-syllabic word.  
a) tired                      b) blame                      c) syrup                      d) public
19. Choose the correct singular form of **Bacteria**.  
a) bacterian                      b) bacteri                      c) bacteriae                      d) bacterium
20. Fill in the blank with a suitable Relative Pronoun for the following sentences.  
Ram ..... house we live in is an engineer.  
a) whom                      b) which                      c) who                      d) whose

**Part - II****II. Answer any seven of the following:****7 x 2 = 14****i) Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following:**

21. "Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,  
So smooth and high, no man could win"  
a) How safe was the castle?  
b) What was the firm belief of the soldiers?
22. "The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung  
In crimson clusters all the bough among"  
a) Who is the giant here?                      b) Why is the scarf colourful?
23. All the world's a stage  
And all the men and women merely players.  
a) What is the world compared to?  
b) Which figure of speech has been used in the second line?
24. .... I mete and dole  
Unequal laws unto a savage race.  
a) Pick out the assonance words in the second line.  
b) What does ulysses do?
25. Is second childishness and more oblivion  
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.  
a) Which stage of man is referred to here?  
b) Give the meaning of the word 'sans'.
26. "We could do nothing, being sold"  
a) Why couldn't they do anything?                      b) Why did they feel helpless?

**ii) Do as directed: (any three):****3 x 2 = 6**

27. Report the following dialogue:  
Doctor : What is the problem?  
Patient : I have a severe head-ache, doctor. I have to attend a meeting in an hour.  
Doctor : Take this table right now. You will be alright.
28. Transform the following sentence as instructed:  
As the bell rang, the children left the school. (Change into compound sentence)
29. Rewrite the sentence making an inversion in the conditional clause.  
If I were in your shoes, I would not select it.
30. This book was written by Milton. (Change the voice)

**Part - III****Section - A****Explain any two of the following with reference to the context:****3 x 1 = 3**

31. "Our gates were strong, our walls were thick"



32. "All the world's a stage  
And all the men and women merely players,"
33. "Life to the lees: All times I have enjoyed"

**Section - B**

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words:  $3 \times 1 = 3$

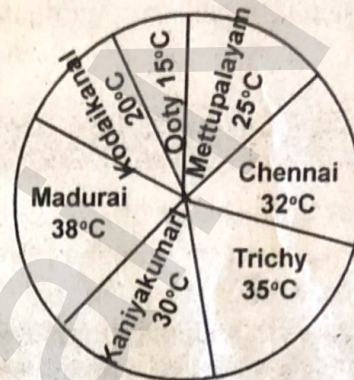
34. What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys?
35. Which tea does the author prefer China tea or India tea?
36. What was the profound lesson that Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?

**Section - C**

Answer any three of the following:

$3 \times 3 = 9$

37. Describe the process of making tea.
38. The following pie-chart is about Temperature of various places in Tamil Nadu.

**Questions**

- a) Which is the coolest place of all?
- b) Which place has the second highest temperature?
- c) Which place are hotter than Kanyakumari?
39. Complete the proverb.
- a) ..... is the mother of invention. (Conversation, Necessity, Retention)
- b) ..... die many times, but the brave die only once. (Coward, Hero, Villian)
- c) Man proposes, ..... disposes. (Teacher, Parent, God)
40. Frame a dialogue of minimum three exchanges between a bus conductor and a passenger.

**Part - IV**

Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:

$5 \times 7 = 35$

41. a) Justify the title of the story "Two Gentlemen of Verona". (or)
- b) How did a casual incident in a hospital help Dr. Bernard perceive a new dimension of life?

Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:

42. a) The poet immortalizes the tree - Elucidate. (or)
- b) Describe the various stages of a man's life picturised in the poem "All the world's a stage".

Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words, by developing the hints.

43. a) Pi - stranded - in the pacific - on a lifeboat - no food - no water - three days - found Richard Parker - on board - a hyena also - thirst - over powered - fear - Richard Parker - close by - found water cans - came back to senses - elixir of life - understands - Richard Parker's help - left him - Jungle - reunited with family. (or)
- b) Ausable - fat - fowler - writer - Max - room - knocking - police - frightened - documents - Max - nerves - balcony - swang leg max warned - send the police - tried - free himself - dropped down - max will not return - fallen down - no balcony - appearances - deceptive - diligence in spying - oatwit max.

44. Write a summary or make notes of the following passages.

The great advantages of early rising from bed in the good start, it gives us in your day's work a good beginning. In the early morning the mind is fresh and there are no sounds or other distractions so that work done at that time is generally well done.



The early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air and this exercise supplies him with fund of energy that will last until the evening. By beginning so early, he knows that he has plenty of time, to do thoroughly all the work he can be expected to do, and is not tempted to hurry over any part of it. All his work being finished in good time. He has a long interval of rest in the evening before he goes to bed.

45. a) You recently had a holiday and stayed in your friend's house. Write a letter to your friend. In your letter, thank your friend, Tell her what you enjoyed the most, invite her to your house for the next vacation. (or)  
b) Read the following advertisement and respond to the ad and prepare a Bio-data considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified.

### WANTED

Male Receptionist - graduate with computer knowledge / good fluency in English / minimum 3 years of experience

Apply to

Post Box No. 2339

C/o. The Hindu, Chennai - 600 002.

46. a) **Spot the Error**

- i) He joined an European University last year.
- ii) Guilty must be punished.
- iii) As I am suffering from fever, so give me two days leave.
- iv) The scenery of Kashmir are enchanting.
- v) If you had walked fast, you would catch the bus.

(or)

b) **Do as directed:**

- i) Due to his ..... handwriting, he is not ..... for the post. (eligible/illegible)
- ii) I was angry that I ..... (make) such a mistake. (Use the verb in the correct form)
- iii) I ..... play hockey when I was a student. (Use a Quasi-Model verb)
- iv) ..... my father arrived home, I narrated the incident. (Use a suitable link word)

47. a) **Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.**

The earth is losing its forests. Trees cover about 30 percent of the earth's surface, but they are being destroyed at an alarming rate especially in the tropics. Timber harvesting is a major reason for the destruction of the forests. Trees are used for building houses, making furniture and providing pulp for paper products, such as newspapers and magazines. At least 40 hectares of rain forests are being felled every minute, mostly in order to extract the valuable timber.

**Questions**

- a) What is the major reason for the destruction of forests?
  - b) Mention any two uses of trees.
  - c) What is that happens every single minute?
  - d) How much of the earth's surface is covered by trees?
  - e) Pick out the words from the passage that mean the same as:
    - i) cut
    - ii) wood
- (or)
- b) Write a paragraph of 150 words on the topic "Mobile phones - a boon or bane?"
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