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Tenkasi District Common Examinations  
Common Quarterly Examination - September 2022



## Standard 12

Time Allowed: 3.00 Hours

**ENGLISH**

Maximum Marks: 90

**PART - I****Answer all the questions.****20×1=20****Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given:**

- 1) "Don't buy" warned Luigi, our cautious driver.  
a) famous                      b) anxious                      c) careful                      d) serious
- 2) ..... they only drink it in order to be warmed and stimulated.  
a) motivated                      b) discouraged                      c) passive                      d) admire
- 3) Tenzing wriggled his way up the crack.  
a) crawled                      b) struggled                      c) struck                      d) made

**Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given:**

- 4) Work is scarce in Verona.  
a) dearth                      b) abundant                      c) uncommon                      d) rare
- 5) One does not feel wise braver or more optimistic.  
a) civic                      b) cheerful                      c) realistic                      d) pessimistic
- 6) With a sign of delight use collapsed into our sleeping bags.  
a) glee                      b) sorrow                      c) pleasure                      d) satisfaction
- 7) **Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word 'honour':**  
a) ry                      b) ly                      c) able                      d) ment
- 8) **Choose the correct plural form of 'fish':**  
a) fishs                      b) fishis                      c) fish                      d) fishsh
- 9) **Select the correct expansion of 'CPU':**  
a) Central Publisher Union                      b) Central Processing Unit  
c) Computer Programming Unit                      d) Communist People's Union
- 10) **Choose the correct clipped word form 'Perambulator':**  
a) pram                      b) prem                      c) peram                      d) pera
- 11) **Choose the meaning of the foreign phrase in the sentence:**  
Your resume must be crisp and neat.  
a) details                      b) biodata                      c) autobiography                      d) biography
- 12) **Choose the American English word for 'biscuit':**  
a) snacks                      b) cookies                      c) candy                      d) sweets
- 13) **Choose the correct compound word for the given combination 'Noun+Noun':**  
a) note book                      b) head long                      c) over head                      d) forceful
- 14) **Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the sentence:**  
Eleventh hour preparation is dangerous.  
a) till 11 pm                      b) last moment                      c) in advance                      d) late
- 15) **Replae the underlined phrasal verb in the sentence below with a simple word:**  
The firemen putout the fire in the forest.  
a) burn fiercely                      b) controlled                      c) set fire                      d) extinguish
- 16) **Fill in the blank with a suitable relative pronoun:**  
This is the town \_\_\_\_\_ I was born.  
a) which                      b) were                      c) who                      d) where
- 17) **Add suitable question tag to the following statement:**  
Suji has no children, \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) hasn't she?                      b) has she?                      c) had she?                      d) has?

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18) **Identify the sentence pattern:**

They named the child Ravi last night.

- a) SVOA                      b) SVCA                      c) SVIODO                      d) SVOCA

19) **Choose the Tri-syllabic word from the following:**

- a) hospital                      b) bestowed                      c) stupid                      d) honour

20) **Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition:**

He is blind \_\_\_\_\_ one eye.

- a) near                      b) of                      c) in                      d) about

**PART - II****Section - 1****i) Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four sets: 4×2=8**21) **Ourgates 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) **A gray baboon sits statue - like alone**

- a) What is a baboon?  
b) Mention the figure of speech employed here.

23) **Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel****Seeking the bubble reputation.**

- a) What is the soldier ready to do?  
b) Explain "bubble reputation".

24) **This is my son, mine own Telemachus****To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle****Well-loved of me.**

- a) Who does Ulysses entrust his kingdom to, in his absence?  
b) Explain 'Sceptre'.

25) **Like a huge python, winding round and round.**

- a) What is a python?  
b) Underline the alliterated words in these lines.

26) **We could do nothing, being sold.**

- a) Why couldn't they do anything?  
b) Why did they feel helpless?

**Section - 2****ii) Do as directed: [any three]****3×2=6**27) **Report the following dialogue:**

Conductor : Where do you want to go?

Passenger : I want to go to Coimbatore.

Give me a ticket, please.

28) In spite of his riches he suffers a lot. **[Change into complex sentence]**29) If I had come earlier, I would have recognised him. **[Begin with 'Had']**30) They have written the test. **[Change into passive voice]****PART - III****i) Explain any two of the following with reference to the context: 2×3=6**

## 31) For his shrunk stank, and his big manly voice

Turning again towards childish treble.

## 32) I cannot rest from travel; I will drink

Life to the lees.

## 33) The water - lilies spring, like snow enmassed.



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ii) Answer any two of the following shortly:

2×3=6

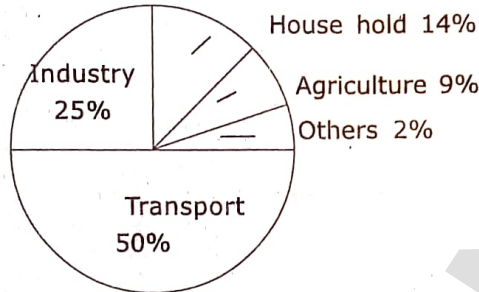
- 34) Describe the appearance of Nicola and Jacopo.  
 35) The soft snow was difficult and dangerous why?  
 36) How did the boy who played the mechanic lose his eye sight?

iii) Answer any three of the following:

3×3=9

37) Study the pie chart and answer the questions that follow:

Regional market store sector wise demand in TN during 2008.

**Questions:**

- Which department had the maximum demand?
  - Did the demand for household greater than industry?
  - Which comes next to transport in terms of demand?
- 38) Describe the process report on preparation of tea.  
 39) Build a dialogue between a conductor and a passenger with a minimum of 3 exchanges.  
 40) a) Blood is thicker than \_\_\_\_\_ (oil / water).  
 b) \_\_\_\_\_ is wealth. (Health / Power)  
 c) A burnt \_\_\_\_\_ dreads the fire. (child / man)

**PART - IV**

Answer the following:

7×5=35

41) Answer in a paragraph on any one of the following in about 150 words:

- a) What message is conveyed through the story "Two Gentlemen of Verona".

(OR)

- b) These two children had given me a profound lesson - Elucidate.

42) Answer in a paragraph on any one of the following in about 150 words:

- a) Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel - Explain.

- b) What is Ulysses' Clarion call to his sailors? How does he inspire them?

43) Answer in a paragraph on any one of the following in about 150 words:

- a) Discuss the meaning and importance of the saying "God sees the truth, but waits..."

- b) How did Ausable outwit Max?

44) Write a summary or make notes of the following passage:

The aim of education is the overall development of the personality of man. It means the development of not only the mind but also the body. Games keep the body fit. Swami Vivekananda was of the view that only a healthy mind can realize God. But a healthy mind can dwell only in a healthy body. For keeping a body healthy, games are indispensable. For this reason Swami Vivekananda has advised that all young men and women should play games. People who have developed the habit of playing games regularly can maintain good health. Games help to build a muscular body. They include sound sleep which is a sign of good health. Therefore games are food for the body as knowledge is food for the mind. In fact, all work and no play make

Jack a dull boy. Everybody likes games because they keep them physically fit and mentally alert.

Games help us to keep our body active and vigorous. They instil in us the spirit of adventure. They enable us to face dangers boldly. When a person plays games his blood circulation increases and his digestive system improves. He does not fall prey to any disease. Games inculcate in us the spirit of sportsmanship. They also teach us courage and perseverance. Games foster the qualities of fair play. Good players maintain equanimity in the event of victory or defeat.

- 45) Write an application for the post of personal secretary to the Managing Director of a company. Include the following detail: \* educational qualification \* experience various other qualification required for the post.

(OR)

Write a paragraph about "My Ambition in Life".

- 46) **Spot the error and write the corrected sentences:**

- We bought a lot of furnitures.
- Ramesh is senion than Venkat.
- The dog jumped in the well.
- Though he studied well but he failed.
- She completed her work, isn't she?

(OR)

**Fill in the blanks suitably:**

- The priest wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (altar / alter).
- I \_\_\_\_\_ buy a packet of milk. **(use a quasi modal verb)**
- Water \_\_\_\_\_ (boil) at 100°C. **(use correct tense form)**
- It rained heavily \_\_\_\_\_ the match was cancelled.

**(use a suitable link word)**

- 47) **Identify each of the following sentences with the fields given below:**

- The dropout rate in schools has come down.
- Tagore go Nobel prize for his poem 'Gitanjali'.
- It is usually chill in Kolkatta during winter.
- 'You tube' happens to be the most popular app.
- The two parties failed to come to an understanding on seat sharing.

**[Literature, Education, Weather, Politics, Media]**

(OR)

**Read the following passage and answer the questions below:**

Some insects are harmful to humanbeings. The poison of the black widow spider causes unbearable pain. It stiffens the muscles of the abdomen and causes death to some of the victims. Some kinds of mosquitoes carry germs that causes diseases such as malaria, yellow fever and sleeping sickness. The mosquitoes piacup the germs and pass them on to the people they bite. Flies play a part in spreading such diseases as cholera, dysentery and typhoid fever. All insects which carry germs and spread diseases live and breed only in dirty places. So we can prevent such diseases if we keep our houses free of dirt.

**Questions:**

- What does 'harmful' mean \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) useful      b) beneficial      c) injurious      d) hopeful
- What does the black widow spider cause? *SIVAKUMAR.M*
- Which causes malaria and yellow fever? *Sri Rammatric Hss,*
- How do mosquitoes spread diseases? *Vallam 627809.*
- Where do the insects breed?

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