

Class : 12Register
Number**COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2022 - 23**

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

ENGLISH

[Max. Marks : 90

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.

2. Use Blue or Black ink to write and underline and pencil to draw diagrams.

Part - I

1. Answer all the questions. Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer. 20×1= 20
Choose the most appropriate synonyms for the words underlined in the following sentences.
 1. We watched for a few moments, then as trade slackened we went over.
a) reduced b) improved c) loosened d) ended
 2. What is important is what you have left.
a) suitable b) significant c) impulsive d) motivating
 3.and no more humps to tantalize us with hopes of success
a) attract b) disappoint c) taunt d) encourage

Choose the most appropriate Antonyms of the words underlined in the following sentences.

 4. He was a good driver, and he had full confidence in the mechanic.
a) diffidence b) hope c) significance d) assurance
 5. One does not feel wise, braver or more optimistic.
a) opportunistic b) cheerful c) realistic d) pessimistic
 6. I had removed my boots, which had become wet the day before.
a) watery b) dark c) dry d) dusty
 7. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the underlined word.
Sharon treated the elders with respect.
a) un b) ir c) in d) dis
 8. Choose the correct word and complete the sentence.
Plato was an ----- scholar
a) eminent b) imminent c) immaterial d) immature
 9. Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.
On hearing the shocking news, the woman fainted.
a) passed by b) passed in c) passed out d) passed over
 10. Choose the appropriate expansion of the acronym PAN
a) Personal Aggregate Number b) Private Account Number
c) Personal Account Number d) Permanent Account Number
 11. Choose the word that can be placed before the word "drive" to form a compound word.
a) pen b) roll c) way d) dash
 12. Fill in the blank with the most suitable prepositional phrase.
----- rain, take an umbrella.
a) In favour b) In case of c) On behalf of d) In spite of
 13. Choose the correct word from the options given below and complete the sentence.
It was a memorable -----.
a) Accident b) incidence c) resident d) incident
 14. Choose the appropriate question tag and complete the sentence.
Don't commit this mistake again, -----?
a) do you b) will you c) would you d) won't you
 15. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the underlined word and complete the sentence.
The soil lost its ----- (fertile) due to excessive sprinkling of pesticides
a) -ity b) - ness c) - ble d) - ment

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16. Fill in the blanks with the right verb.
Sh! Someone ----- to our conversation.
a) will listened b) listens c) is listening d) were listening
17. Choose the correct combination of the compound word 'word famous'
a) Noun + Verb b) Noun + Adjective c) Noun + Geround d) Noun + participle
18. Choose the word that has been spelt correctly from the options given.
a) awefully b) awfully c) awefuly d) awfuly
19. Fill in the blank choosing the correct preposition.
There was a skirmish ----- my brother and sister.
a) with b) on c) between d) among
20. Replace the underlined phrasal verb with a suitable word.
The meeting was put off as the chariman was on an official tour.
a) cancelled b) postponed c) conducted d) advanced

PART - II

SECTION - 1

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following.

4x2=8

21. *"A Creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound
No other tree could live."*
(i) Which tree is referred to in the above lines ?
(ii) How does the poet describe the creeper?
22. *"..... for my purpose holds
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths
of all the western stars, until die."*
(i) What was Ulysses' purpose in life?
(ii) How long would his venture last?
23. *"When I am gone. He works his work, I mine.
There lies the port ; the vessel puffs her sail:"*
(i) Whom does 'He' refer to?
(ii) Identify the figure of speech used in the second line
24. *"Seeking the bubble reputation
Even in the cannon's mouth"*
(i) Which stage of life is being referred to here by the poet?
(ii) Explain "bubble reputation"
25. *"Like a huge Python, winding round and round.
The rugged trunk, indented deep wiuth scars".*
(i) What winds round and round like a python?
(ii) Mention the figure of speech in the first line.
26. *"Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,
So smooth and high, no man could win."*
(i) How safe was the castle?
(ii) What was the firm belief of the soldiers?

SECTION - 2

Answer any three questions.

3x2=6

27. The teacher asked Devi why she was late. (Change into Direct Speech)
28. Who has broken the chair? (Choose the Voice)
29. Combine the sentences and rewrite using the words given in the brackets.
The well was deep. Therefore, the fox could not get out of the well. (because)
30. Unless we plant more trees, we cannot save our planet.
(Rewrite using 'if' without changing the meaning.)

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.

2x3=6

31. Our only enemy was gold.
32. Dear is the Casuarina to my soul;
33. "Is second childishness and mere oblivion; sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything."

SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words each.

2x3=6

34. How did the boy who played the mechanic lose his eyesight?
35. What did Tenzing and Edmund Hillary gift to the God of lofty Summit? How did they do it?
36. What are the author's views on China tea?

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following.

3x3=9

37. Extend the conversation with two more relevant exchanges.

Receptionist : Good evening, sir. Welcome to Chennai.

Traveller: I would like to book a deluxe room in your hotel for 3 days.

38. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences correctly.

- a) become/my/ is/a doctor/dream/ to
- b) eight years/to win/it/ took/the world cup
- c) as/a/ I/ want/collector/to see/ you

39. Write a slogan on each of the following topics.

- a) Organic food b) Save Water c) Drive against Drugs

40. Complete each of the following proverbs with the right option.

- a) ----- is not a bed of roses.
- b) ----- once lost is lost forever.
- c) ----- was not built in a day. (Rome, Time, Life)

PART - IV

Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

7x5=35

41. a) Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice Cup of Tea".
- b) "These two children had given me a profound lesson" Elucidate.

OR

42. a) How safe was the castle? How was it conquered?

OR

- b) Describe the various stages of a man's life pictured in the poem "All the World's a stage".

43. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.

- a) Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov - lived - Vladimir - wife and children - trip - Nizhny Fair - wife - bad dream - not to start - local police - arrested Aksionov - charged with murder - petition - turned down - sent mines of Siberia - grew old - frequently prayed to God - respected by inmates - gentle behaviour - one day - met - Makar Semyonich - Aksionov - found out the truth - Makar admitted - Aksionov - forgave - died in peace.
- b) Baldwin - honest - working under John Gresham - bank - thick friends - for over 30 years - Baldwin - named his son after Gresham - arrested - misappropriation of money - Baldwin - testify - informed his family - offer - a hundred thousand - 'I don't remember' - court - the trial - tried to justify Gresham's act - enticed Baldwin into accepting - felt disgusted with himself - attitude of his family members. Mr. Marshall, President of the Third National, informed him - Gresham - confessed his crime - offered Baldwin a job - reward him for his honesty and integrity.

44. a) Make a notes or summarise the following passage.

The founding day of Madras is considered to be August 22, 1639. It was on that day, in that year, that a sliver of land, where Fort. St. George stands today, was transacted, by the East India Company. The deal was struck by Francis Day, his 'dubash' Beri Thimmappa, and their superior, Andrew Cogan, with the local Nayak rulers. It is believed that this deal was made on August 22, 1639. Out of the fort, grew settlements. Then the villages around it were brought together. And then, the old and new towns linked up. And then we had the city. Today, Chennai stands tall for a variety of reasons - education, healthcare, IT, history, tourism, auto industries, movies, etc. Madras Day focuses on the city, its history, its past and its present and the core team motivates

communities, groups, companies and campuses in the city to host events that celebrate the city. Heritage walks, school exchange programmes, talks and contests, poetry and music and quiz, food fests and rallies, photo exhibitions and bike tours. In order to enlarge participation, the Madras Day has been expanded to host events throughout August. En Chennai Young Chennai is an initiative to celebrate the energetic minds and tireless hands of young Chennaites who come together during turbulent times faced by Chennai during the last decade and a little more.

OR

45. a) Write a paragraph on 75th Independence Day celebration in your school
b) Write a letter to EZ Company requesting them to replace the defective juicer that you bought recently. Include the following details; the problem, date of purchase, receipt number, model and warranty.

OR

- b) Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about the nuisance created by the roadside vendors blocking the pavements and occupying the parking zone.
46. (a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them.
(i) I prefer coffee than tea.
(ii) Nehal sings very well, isn't he?
(iii) I would rather starve to beg
(iv) As I got up early so I managed to reach school on time.
(v) Where did you spent your holidays last year?

OR

- (b) Fill in the appropriately.
(i) Yusuf ----- to the movies once in a while. (Use the verb 'go' in the correct form)
(ii) My grandfather ----- visit this temple when he was young. (Fill in with a semi modal)
(iii) The kids got lost in the ----- that was created in a ----- field. (maize, maze)
(iv) Expressing gratitude ----- others is common in a vote of thanks.
(fill in with a prepositional phrase)
47. Expand the following outlines into a complete story and supply a suitable title.

A wealthy old lady - suddenly loses eyesight - calls an eye specialist - doctor demands exorbitant fees - lady agrees to pay if cured - doctor starts treatment - steals antique decorative pieces - one by one - treatment ends - lady's vision restored - doctor demands fees - lady refuses to pay - doctor knocks the doors of court - seeks justice - judge enquires lady - lady explains - not completely cured - cannot see antique items - kept in showcase - judge understands - gives verdict - lady's favour - arrests doctor for cheating.

OR

Read the following poem and answer the question that follow.

I wonder what put me away from my books,
Ere I wandered along the streets in different looks
And I bound to play with pals creating a boom,
Now I find me spending time in a confined room,
I forgot to enjoy the daily, fiction and play
But sit before the small screen without delay
I watch sports, reality shows and series
That I spend the day with my own theories
Small screens - Be on mute or off mode
I would like to spend time with my family and friends;
And pray for such a moment that never ends!!

- i) Where does the poet spend most of his time?
ii) Does the poet play with pals now?
iii) What is the poet's wish?
iv) Pick one word from the poem which means 'silent'
v) Supply a suitable title for the poem.

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