

QUARTERLY COMMON EXAMINATION - 2022

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Marks : 90

Time : 3.00 Hrs

PART - I

- I Choose the correct answer for each of the following from the options given. 20x1= 20**
A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined lexical item in each of the following sentences. (3 × 1 = 3)

- Nicola was glaring at his brother in **vexation**.
 (a) willingness (b) annoyance (c) pleasing (d) happiness
- These are not the only **controversial** points to arise in connection with tea drinking.
 (a) agreeable (b) arguable (c) unarguable (d) peaceful
- Scrambling** on the rocks and cutting hand holds on the snow.
 (a) retreating (b) climbing fast (c) stopping (d) stopping

B) Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite to the usage of the underlined word in the following sentences. (3 × 1 = 3)

- For a few moments I lay **regaining** my breathe.
 (a) achieving (b) reaching (c) losing (d) attaining
- Suffering **ennobles** you, makes you a better person.
 (a) honors (b) humiliating (c) exalted (d) dignifying
- One does not feel wiser, braver or more **optimistic**.
 (a) cheerful (b) pessimistic (c) realistic (d) Opportunistic

C) Answer all the questions.

(14 × 1 = 14)

- Choose the correct expansion of the acronym of LAN**
 a) Local Area Network b) Locality Area Network
 c) Local Area Net d) Local Area Networking
- Choose the correct combination for the compound word "birth place"**
 a) Noun+ Verb b) Noun + Adjective c) Noun + Noun d) Noun + Adverb
- Choose the correct combination for the blended word "Pixel".**
 a) Picture + element b) picture + Electricity c) Picture + electronics d) Pix + Element
- Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence :**
 Rangarajan **alias** Sujatha wrote science fiction novels
 a) also known as b) differently known as c) secretly called d) signed as
- Choose the right definition for the given term 'theophobia'.**
 (a) Fear of food (b) Fear of dreams (c) Fear of God (d) Fear of home
- Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence**
 The leader's death came like a **bolt from the blue**
 a) unexpected event b) expected happening c) sudden happening d) serious accident
- Replace the underlined phrasal verb into a single word**
 You must **go by** the rules of the institution
 a) follow b) avoid c) check d) watch
- Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word- practice**
 a) mal___ b) pre___ c) post___ d) tri___
- Identify the sentence pattern of the following**
 We call Gandhiji, Mahatma
 a) SVIODO b) SVOC c) SVOA d) SVCA

16. Fill in the blank choosing the correct preposition.

He ran _____ the street.

- a) in b) at c) into d) to

17. Choose the clipped form of the word internet

- a) intern b) net c) network d) tern

18. Replace the underlined word with a euphemistic expressionMy mother is a housewife

- a) home keeper b) housekeeper c) homemaker d) house maker

19. Choose the correct meaning of the cliché 'Kith and Kin'

- a) kitbag b) bat and ball c) friends and relatives d) ladies and gentlemen

20. Fill in with a relative pronoun.

Kumar _____ father is an engineer, constructed this building

- a) who b) whose c) which d) whom

PART - II**Answer any seven of the following:****7 × 2 = 14****II a) Read the given sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow : (Answer any four out of six)**21. *For what, we thought, had we to fear**With our arms and provender, load on load*

- (a) Why were the soldiers confident that they were safe? (b) Pick out the alliterated words.

22. *Unknown, yet well known to the eye of faith**Ah, I have heard that wail far, far away**In distant lands, by many a sheltered bay*

- a) What does the 'wail' denote? b) What is the poetic device employed here?

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. *Like a huge python, winding round and round**The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars*

- a) What is python? b) What is the figure of speech employed here?

25. *Thro' scudding drifts the rainy Hyades**Vext the dim sea: I am become a name*

- a) What is meant by Hyades?

- b) Identify the figure of speech employed here.

26. *And oft at nights the garden overflows**With one sweet song that seems to have no close**Sung darkling from our tree, while men repose.*

- a) What kind of imagery used in the first line? b) Comment on the poet's love for detail.

b) Do as Directed: (Answer any three out of four)**27. Rewrite in other form of speech:**

The Principal said, "You must prepare for the exam well".

28. The sun was bright. The pictures came out well. **(Combine using if)****29. Rewrite the sentence making an inversion in the conditional clause.**

If you should be late once again, you will lose your job.

30. Venkat shared his lunch with the boy. He had only one sandwich.

(Form a complex sentence using 'though').**PART - III****III Answer any seven of the following:****7 × 3 = 21****a. Explain any two of the following with Reference to the Context:**

31. To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.

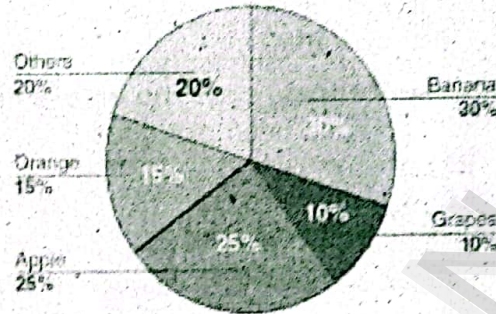
32. They have their exits and their entrances.
33. Our only enemy was gold.

b. Answer any two of the following questions briefly:

34. Why does the author advise removing cream from the milk?
35. What was the profound lesson that Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?
36. How did the mountaineers bely?

c. Answer any three of the following: (any three out of four)

37. **Study the pie-chart given and answer the questions that follow :**
The below pie chart shows the sale of different fruits in a day for a shop:



- a) Which is the most favorite fruit of the people?
b) Name the fruit which is sold least.
c) Which fruit is twice the sale of Orange?
38. Write a dialogue between a tourist and a guide. (Minimum of three exchanges)
39. Describe the process of binding a book.
40. Complete the proverbs using the words given below:
a) All that glitters is not _____.
b) Make _____ while the sun shines.
c) Barking _____ seldom bites. (Hay, Dog, Gold)

PART - IV

Answer the following:

7 × 5 = 35

41. Summarize Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice Cup of Tea". (OR)
How did Hillary and Tenzing prepare themselves before they set off the summits.
42. How did the enemy enter the castle? (OR)
Describe the various stages of man's life.

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

Pi - from Pudhucherry - stranded in life boat - left with a leopard - hyena - very thirsty - look for water - close to tiger - overpowers - finds water cans - comes to life after drinking water - elixir of life - learnt - tiger who scared him brought peace - wholeness - after 227 days - Pi reunites with family. (OR)

Baldwin - honest - loyal to boss - Gresham arrested - for fraud in Bank - Baldwin advises - to return money - Gresham refuses - he offers 100 thousand dollars - to tell three words - I don't remember - Baldwin refuses - family members ask him to accept bribe - Baldwin - refuses - awarded in the end - new bank job - Gresham confesses his fault

- 44. Write a summary or make notes of the following passage**

The Cacti, a native in American deserts, adapts to the dry surroundings by having unique body structures. The plant has swollen stems to help store water that carries it through months. By having sharp pines instead of leaves, water loss through respiration is minimized. Besides, these pointed pines also help the plant ward off grazing animals, thus enhancing its survival period.

Besides plants, there are also animals with distinct surviving tactics in deserts too. For instance, Skinks (desert lizards) metabolize stored fats in their bulbous tails, producing water to supplement their needs, just like what camels do with the stored food in their humps during long journeys through deserts. Antelopes like the addax, have very low water needs and hence are able to tolerate the conditions in deserts, extracting moisture from the food they eat.

Finally, there are the sand grouses (desert birds) which do not have special features to overcome the drought-like nature in deserts. Hence, to survive in these hot, dry deserts, they need to spend a large part of their time flying in search of waterholes.

45. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper on the mindless felling of trees on the road side. (OR)

Write a paragraph on "Punctuality".

46. i) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them :

- Three fourths of the land have been ploughed.
- The USA are the richest country in the whole world.
- Nobody know the secret.
- A bunch of keys were missing.
- In Pune, Nachammai came across with many of his friends who had settled there. (OR)

ii) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- Vandana's _____ daughter _____ to the new situation well. (Adopted/ adapted)
- You _____ pay the fee now. (Fill in with a modal verb)
- He _____ read many books during his school days. (Fill in with a semi-modal)
- _____ you have an entry pass, you can get in. (Use a suitable link word)

47. Identify each of the following sentences with the fields given below:

- Novels of Chetan Baghat are read by many people.
- The yield of wheat has increased.
- Fast food is a growing health hazard.
- My brother is planning to go to the US.
- Hardik Pandya was declared the Man of the Match in the first T20 against Pakistan in Asia Cup.

(Sports, Nutrition and Dietetics, Travel, Literature, Agriculture) (OR)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

This year, India celebrates its 75 years of Independence from the tyranny of colonial rule. The Government of India, under its campaign 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' is organizing the grand celebrations surrounding the big day. Every Indian has been encouraged to unfurl our national flag at home from August 13 to August 15 as a show of support for the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign. It is the first year after the difficult lockdown phase and then pandemic induced restrictions that were in place last year, that the nation's independence day would not be celebrated only virtually. The Prime Minister of India would address the nation and is expected to make some major announcements related to the country's health sector. The PM's speech would be live telecast by Doordarshan.

Questions :

- Which is referred to as 'the big day'?
- Name the campaign of which everyone should unfurl the national flag.
- When should be the flag unfurled?
- Why was the Independence day of last year celebrated virtually?
- What is the major expectation in the address of the PM?