

COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2023

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ENGLISH

Part - I

Marks : 100
14 x 1 = 14

Time : 3.00 hrs

Answer all the questions.

Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words.

1. He was a spoilt child of affluent parents.
a) influenced b) wealthy c) happy d) poor
2. My contention was to make sure that we go by the rules.
a) continuous effort b) disturbed effort
c) strenuous effort d) conscientious effort
3. Nothing, he said gruffly, but he was in colour a light green.
a) irritably b) happily c) hesitantly d) sadly

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words.

4. He had been afraid to fly with them.
a) brave b) frightened c) fearful d) scared
5. The sun was shooting.
a) irritating b) frustrating c) comforting d) confusing
6. INSV Tarini was built indigenously in India.
a) naturally b) artificially c) essentially d) internally
7. Choose the correct plural form of radius from the following.
a) radius b) radiuses c) radii d) radium
8. Form a derivative by adding the correct prefix for the word origin.
a) un b) dis c) in d) ab
9. Choose the correct expansion of the acronym RAM.
a) Random Access Memory b) Read Access Memory
c) Read Accent Memory d) Random Available Memory
10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.
There will be a _____ next week in the office.
a) build up b) shutdown c) take off d) shut up
11. Choose the suitable option to pair with the word man to form a compound word.
a) back b) note c) hole d) fall
12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.
He was extremely jealous _____ me.
a) of b) with c) in d) for
13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.
If you _____ hard, you would score good marks.
a) work b) worked c) works d) will work
14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.
The passengers rushed to board the bus _____ it arrived.
a) as long as b) as good as c) as fast as d) as soon as

Part - II

Section - 1

Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two.

3 x 2 = 6

15. What does INSV stand for?
16. What did Aditya offer Sanyal?
17. How did the bird feel when it started flying for the first time?
18. Who were the narrator's neighbours?

Section - 2

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

19. In the dim past nor holding back in fear
From what the future veils but with a whole
a) What does the poet mean by the phrase "in the dim past"?
b) Is the poet afraid of future?

- 20. Strong is she in her faith and belief "Persistence is the key to everything", says she
 - a) What is she strong about?
 - b) How does she deal with the adversities in life?
- 21. Not a crumb to be found
On the snow-covered ground;
 - a) What couldn't he find on the ground?
 - b) Why was the ground covered with snow?
- 22. They growl as that and they growl at this; Whatever comes, there is something amiss;
 - a) What does the word 'growl' mean here?
 - b) Why do they find everything amiss?

Section - 3

3 x 2 = 6

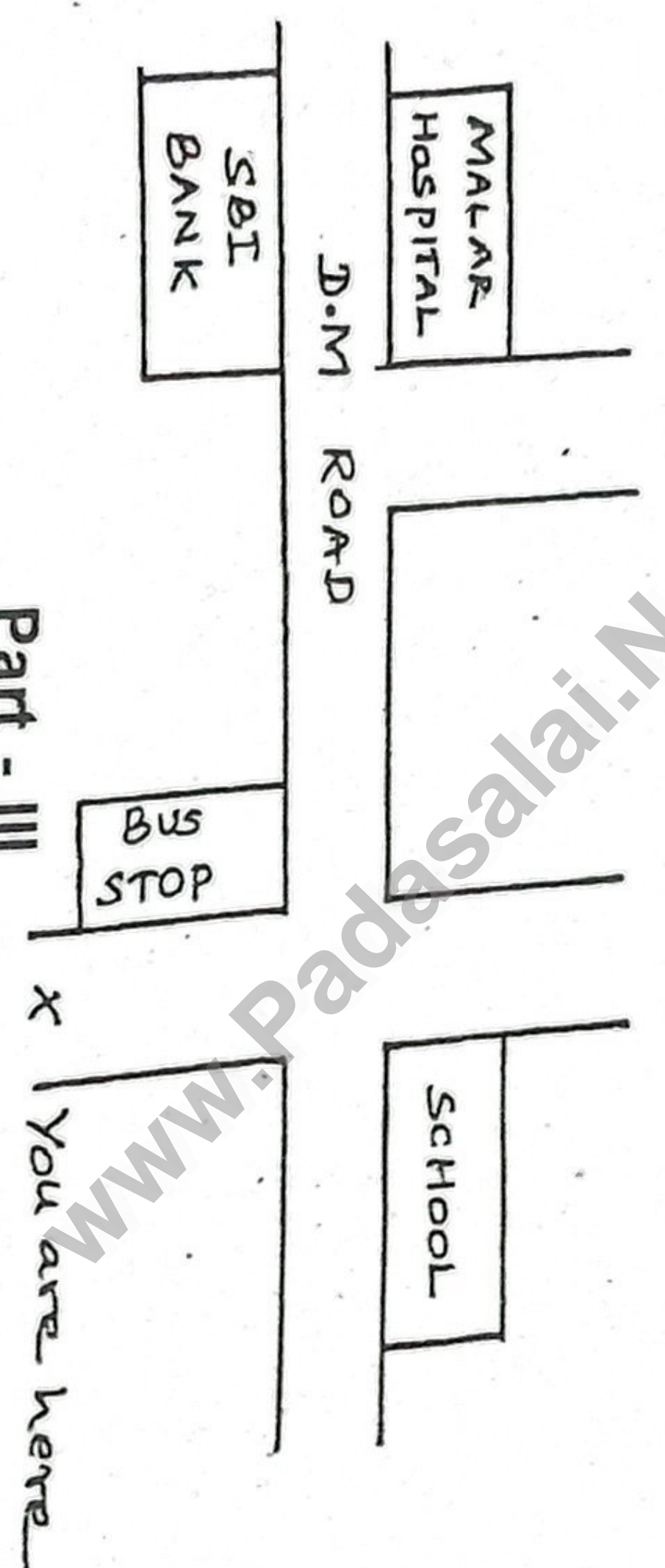
- 36. Para Still New My Ank
- 37. An Re a) b) c) d
- 38. f

- Answer: any three of the following.**
- 23. Rewrite the following sentences in other voice.
- 24. Our army has defeated the enemy. **Punctuate the following sentences.**
- 25. they said stay away from our general
- 26. do you remember aditya narayan chowdhury aditya asked him
 - a) as / I / healthy / are / you / am / as
 - b) your / today / put on / new / since / is / birthday / dress / the

Section - 4

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- 28. Answer the following question. **A stranger asks you to direct him to Malar Hospital. Give instructions to help him.**



Section - 1

2 x 5 = 10

- Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.**
- 29. Highlight the factors responsible for all-women Indian Navy crew to carryout their expedition.
- 30. Narrate the extensive search operation made by the policemen in the house.
- 31. "Man does change with time" - What were the various changes that came about in Aditya?
- 32. Describe the struggles underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.

Section - 2

2 x 5 = 10

- Answer any two of the following.**
- 33. What qualities have made women powerful?
- 34. Write a paragraph on "The Grumble Family" and their attitude towards other folks.
- 35. "My heart was so light
That I sang day and night,
For all nature looked gay"
"For all nature looked gay"
"You sang, sir, you say?"
 - a) Pick out the rhyming words from the given stanza.
 - b) Give the rhyme scheme for the given stanza.
 - c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the third and fourth line of the given stanza.
 - d) Pick out the alliterating words in the last line.

36. **Paraphrase the following stanza.**

Still seeking what I sought when but a boy,
New friendship, high adventure, and a crown,
My heart will keep the courage of the quest,
And hope the road's last turn will be the best.

Section - 3

1 x 5 = 5

37. **Answer any one of the following.**

Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

- The road was long and steep.
- He ordered to put to death all aged people.
- The poor farmer who loved his mother was struck with grief.
- The country shining was governed by a despotic leader.
- He carried his old mother to the mountain.

38. **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

Gone was Zigzag's bored and grumpy expression. Instead the bird looked happy and alert as it went about the job it had been trained for, first with the African witch doctor and then with Dr.Somu. Dr.Krishnan's clinic, usually a noisy sea of tears and tantrums, was transformed into a calm, orderly place as Zigzag efficiently soothed the frightened patients, scolded the naughty ones and made the crying ones smile. And best of all, Zigzag never slept, Or snored. Even for a second!

Questions :

- Who was zigzag?
- Who trained zigzag ?
- How did Dr.Krishnan's clinic transform into ?
- Whom did zigzag scold in the clinic?
- Did zigzag sleep again?

Section - 4

4 x 5 = 20

Answer any four of the following.

39. **Prepare an advertisement using the hints given below.**

Shoe World - shoes for all - leading brands - suits your heels and toes - Attractive offers - No.40, Long Bazaar, Vellore.

- Write a letter to the manager of a famous daily, ordering newspapers and magazines for your school library.
- You are Harish / harini, School Pupil leader of GHSS, Ranipet. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school inviting the grandparents of the students to celebrate World Elders' Day in your school Auditorium on the 20th of next month.
- Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.**

43. **Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.**

The cell phone has arrived to India. The cell phone has proved to be a boon for maintaining one's personal and social connectivity. There hardly any activity that cannot be handled by this tiny gadget. The cell phone is a combination of phone, camera, radio and internet. Letter writing has lost its charm and sending an SMS is easier and faster. Cell phones have been a boon to us, as every minute a person has an important thing to convey or receive.

It is a big question, to what extent is the cell phone relevant. Does our preoccupation with the cell phone contribute to the quality of time we spend with it? Cell phones pose a great health risk. The signals emitted by the cell phone, heats up the tissues and is a health hazard. Keeping in mind the merits and demerits of the cell phone, one can control himself to use it only for the good, it is the best companion. Otherwise it is a destroyer.

44. **Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.**
- a) His uncle is a MLA.
 b) His son-in-laws have come.
 c) My son is fond to music.
 d) I and my friend attended the function.
 e) Cat drink milk.

Section - 5

- 45.
- Quote from memory :**

"A woman is
 see in spring"

1 x 5 = 5

Part - IV

- 46.
- Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.**
- 2 x 8 = 16

- a) China - emperor - ordered - one from - family - join army - Mulan's father - very old
 - Mulan - joins army - Kungfu art - leaves village - fights bravely - became General
 - sick - doctor - reveals - identity - soldiers quarrel - Mulan ignores - commands -
 wins war - Emperor pleased - offers position - Mulan wishes - returns village - people
 happy. (OR)
- b) Prospero - Duke of Milan - fond of Magic books - Antonio - usurped - Dukedom - left
 at sea - landed island - released good spirits - sycorax - Miranda - Kind hearted -
 loved Ferdinand - Ariel storm - enemies repented - reconciliation - restored dukedom.

- 47.
- Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below.**

- a) For a man of ease, John Mathew kept an arduous schedule. On Wednesdays, for example, he was awakened at 9.00 and served breakfast in bed by Emanuel, his chef. Next came a quick fitness session with Basky, his personal trainer. Then, at 10.30, John Mathew answered his mail, returned phone calls and rearranged his social calendar helped by Louise, his secretary. At noon, John Mathew drove his Jaguar to the station and took a commuter train into Guindy for his weekly lunch with Lalli and Lolly his two oldest and dearest friends. Then, on to a little shopping. The 4:05 nonstop would bring him back to his place. As John Mathew drove up to the house at 5:00, Basky would have already set up the massage table and warmed the scented oils for a soothing herbal wrap. It was a gruelling life but John seemed to thrive on it. On this Wednesday, however, there was an unexpected change of plans. Today John's shopping errand involved taking his diamond bracelet to the jeweller for cleaning. He threw the expensive jewel into his purse and proceeded on to lunch.

- a) When did John Mathew wake up?
 b) Where did he have his weekly lunch?
 c) Who were John Mathew's friends?
 d) Name the ornament John took to the Jeweller. (OR)

- b)
- Read the following poem and answer the questions below.**

The English language is quite odd,
 It must've been a different sort of sod,
 Who thought this mess all out,
 He really didn't know what talking was all about!

After all more than one mouse is mice,
 But on my block we have houses not hice!
 A goose can fly with a bunch of geese,
 But in Canada I have not seen a herd of meese.

One man and a male friend make men,
 Then you know as well as I that pan ain't ever pen.
 I put a foot down and stand on both feet,
 But I wear some boots and definitely not beet!

I pull a tooth and have a gap in my teeth,
 But at the fair they have booths not beeth.

This is one and two or more are these,
 And I get one kiss but I don't get several kese!

- a) Which grammar aspect of English is ridiculed here?
 b) Where did the poet see the moose?
 c) The poet calls English language a _____
 d) What does the poet wear?
