



Sivagangai - District

COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION – 2023

Standard X

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ENGLISH

Time: 3.00 hrs.

Part - I

Marks: 100

- i) Answer all the questions.
ii) Choose the most suitable answer and write the code with the corresponding answer.

14 x 1 = 14

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words.

- Everybody knows that his actions are not in consonance with his words.
a) conflict b) advantage c) agreement d) opposition
- The young seagull screamed with fright, when his legs sank into water.
a) joy b) fear c) rapture d) dejection
- It seems clear that he is affluent.
a) insane b) rogue c) wealthy d) industrious

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words.

- The sun was soothing.
a) disturbing b) pleasing c) burning d) ascending
- The police yanked open the door.
a) broke b) pulled c) dragged d) pushed
- We were always entertained.
a) bored b) pleased c) curtained d) co operative
- Choose the correct plural form of 'radius' from the following.
a) radium b) radius c) radiusa d) radii
- Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word 'normal'.
a) dis b) ab c) en d) hyper
- Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation IMF.
a) Indian Monetary Fund b) International Monetary Fund
c) International Mutual Fund d) Indian Mutual Fund
- Fill in the blank by choosing the **most appropriate prepositional** phrase from the given options.
Children are given toys _____ sweets on Children's day.
a) due to b) in spite of c) on behalf of d) in addition to
- Choose the suitable option to pair with 'under' to form a compound word.
a) glasses b) note c) world d) wall
- Complete the following sentence by choosing **the correct tense form** from the given options.
Surya _____ to school regularly.
a) is going b) willgo c) hasgone d) goes
- The meaning of the idiom 'lend an ear' means _____.
a) mentally agile b) listen c) competent d) the secret is out
- Choose the most **appropriate linker** from the given four alternatives.
Scarcely had I stepped outside, _____ it started raining.
a) as b) when c) though d) since

Part - II Section - I (Prose)

Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two. 3 x 2 = 6

- How did the Bodwells react, when a shoe was thrown into their house?
- What was the condition of the attic?
- Where did the crew undergo their basic training?
- Why did the young bird utter a joyful scream?

Section - II (Poetry)

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of them. 3 x 2 = 6

- There's a family nobody likes to meet,
They live, it is said, on Complaining Street
a) Where does the family live?
b) Why do you think the street is named as complaining Street?

20. Not a crumb to be found
On the snow - covered ground.
a) Why was the ground covered with snow?
b) What couldn't the cricket find on the ground?
21. Still seeking what I sought when but a boy,
New friendship, high adventure and a crown.
a) What does 'crown' mean here? b) What did the poet seek as a boy?
22. Strong is she in her faith and beliefs.
"Persistence is the key to everything".
a) What is she strong about? b) How does she deal with the adversities in life?

SECTION - III (Grammar)

3 x 2 = 6

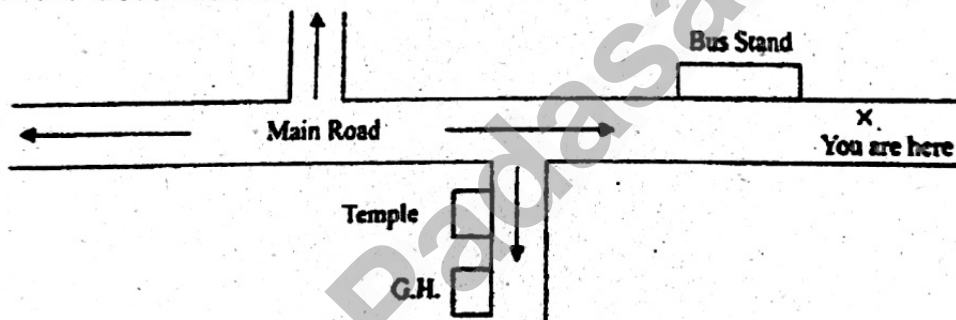
Answer any three of the following.

23. Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice.
The doctor revealed the truth.
24. Rewrite the following sentence using indirect speech.
Arun said to her, "I will meet your father tomorrow."
25. Punctuate the following sentence.
thats my delicate ariel said prospero
26. Transform the following sentence into a simple sentence.
As he was young, he recovered quickly.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.
(i) the / reluctant / cops / were/ leave/ to / place / the
(ii) frank / decided / be / with / I / him/ to

SECTION - IV (Writing)

1 x 2 = 2

28. **A stranger wants to go to the government Hospital .Guide him properly to reach the destination.**



Part - III Section - I (Prose)

2 x 5 = 10

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.

29. Describe the struggles underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.
30. Give a brief character sketch of Sasanka Sanyal.
31. Highlight the factors responsible for the all- women Indian Navy crew. to carry out their expedition.
32. Narrate the extensive search operation made by the policemen in the house.

Section - II (Poetry)

Answer any two of the following.

2 x 5 = 10

33. Compare and contrast the attitude of the ant and the cricket.
34. Write a paragraph on 'The Grumble family' and their attitude towards the other folks.
35. **Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below. :**
The weather is always too hot or cold;
Summer and winter alike they scold.
Nothing goes right with the folks you meet
Down on that gloomy Complaining Street.
a) Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line?
b) Pick out the alliterating words in the second line?



- c) Give the rhyme scheme for the given stanza.
- d) Pick out the rhyming words from the given stanza.

36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

So let the way wind up the hill or down,
O'er rough or smooth, the journey will be joy:
Still seeking what I sought when but a boy,
New friendship, high adventure, and a crown.

Section - III (Supplementary)

1 x 5 = 5

Answer any one of the following.

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

- (i) The son made up his mind to take back his mother home.
- (ii) A farmer decided to leave his old mother on top of a mountain.
- (iii) Once in Shining, a cruel ruler declared that all the old people must be put to death.
- (iv) When the farmer bade farewell, she advised him to return home with the aid of twigs.
- (v) The mother dropped the small twigs as markers on the way to help her son return.

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

Ariel was the chief of all spirits. He took delight in tormenting an ugly monster called Caliban, because he was the son of his old enemy Sycorax. Caliban was employed like a slave, to fetch wood, and do the most laborious offices; and Ariel had the charge of compelling him to these services. With the help of these spirits, Prospero could command the winds, and the waves of the sea. By his orders they raised a violent storm, in the midst of which, he showed his daughter a fine large ship, which he told her was full of living beings like themselves.

- a) Who is Caliban?
- b) Why did Ariel take delight in tormenting Caliban?
- c) What did Prospero show to his daughter?
- d) What was Caliban employed to do?
- e) Was the ship full of human beings?

Section -IV (Writing)

Answer any four of the following.

4 x 5 = 20

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

Footwear for all - all sizes - endless variety - all brands - under one roof - attractive offers - shoes and heels - 175, Anna Nagar, Madurai.

- 40. Write a letter to the Commissioner of Police to enquire about the bag that you lost in an over crowded train.
- 41. You are the School Pupil Leader. You have been asked to write a report on the Inaugural Ceremony Of English Literary Association of your school which was held recently. Write a report on the same in not more than 120 words.
- 42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in five sentences.



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

Elephant is the biggest land animal found on earth. It is a wild animal but after giving training it becomes a useful animal for man. It is a huge animal and its colour is grey. All the four legs of an elephants are as huge as thick pillars of a huge building. It has two big ears which go on moving to and fro like a huge fan. Its eyes

are small. It has a short tail but trunk is long. It is a wonderful thing. It can pick up even a small needle with its help. The elephant has long white tusks. Elephants live in herds. They eat small twigs, straw and wild fruits. An elephant also eats bananas, bread and sugarcane. Elephants are pure vegetarians. They are used in felling trees and lifting logs. In olden time, kings and dukes used to keep elephants for wars and battles. In circus also elephants play very important roles. An elephant is useful even after its death. Bangles are made of its bones and tusks. Thus an elephant is really a boon to mankind.

44. **Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.**

1. Each of the students were given a prize,
2. The teacher entered into the class.
3. He is an one eyed man.
4. If i had studied well, I would become a doctor.
5. The boy has been ill from Monday.

Section - V

45. **Quote from memory.**

She's a lioness Today's woman, dear.

Part - IV (Supplementary)

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

2 x 8 = 16

Dr Somu to Alaksha - request to take care of Zigzag - harmless, lovable - 21 African languages - praised by Visu - Zigzag with grumpy expression - fruits and nuts on fan and chandelier - snoring on the curtain rod - disturbance to all - over ripe papaya spoiling Mr. Krishnan's painting - angry with Zigzag - taken to the hospital - Zigzag's command - noisy clinic - very quiet - all surprised - Zigzag - treasure realized by Dr Krishnan. (OR)

Chinese emperor's order - one man from each family - join the army - news heard by Mulan - teen age girl - joining the army for her old father - proved to be a brave soldier - in charge of more soldiers - General of the entire army soon - her identity - revealed by the doctor - some soldiers

Part - V (General Comprehension)

47. a) **Read the following Paragraph and answer the questions given below. -**

Pollution is undesirable change in physical, chemical and biological characteristics of our land, air and water caused by excessive accumulation of pollutants. The pollutants like carbon-di-oxide, sulphur -di-oxide produces acid rain. Due to acid rain the buildings and plant materials are damaged. The increases of these causes global warming also. The average increase in the temperature of - atmosphere is called global warming. This is otherwise known as 'green house effect'. This leads to rise of sea levels due to the melting of the glaciers. The expansion of the water will engulf many parts of the country. July 1988 was the hottest month world over.

Questions:

- a) What is pollution?
- b) Name a few pollutants?
- c) What is global warming?
- d) What is the significance of July 1988?

(OR)

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

The sun descending in the west,
The evening star does shine,
The birds are silent in their nest,
And I must seek for mine,
The moon, like a flower
In heaven's high bower
With silent delight,
Sits and smile on the night.

Questions:

- a) Where are the birds?
- b) How is the moon during the night?
- c) What is the time referred to here?
- d) What is the moon compared to?