

## COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2023

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## ENGLISH

Time : 3.00 hrs

Part - I

Marks : 90

20 x 1 = 20

Answer all the questions :

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences.

1. Her silver locks puckered her face.
  - a) stretched out
  - b) saddened
  - c) wrinkled
  - d) stitched
2. The greatest disadvantage for me was my loss of appetite.
  - a) hunger
  - b) anger
  - c) drowsiness
  - d) happiness
3. I am always reluctant to trust a departing visitor.
  - a) certain
  - b) definite
  - c) unwilling
  - d) confident

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences.

4. We had to persuade her to stop.
  - a) compel
  - b) dissuade
  - c) entice
  - d) urge
5. She was happy that fear vanished.
  - a) disappeared
  - b) appeared
  - c) proved
  - d) concluded
6. Modern man remembers telephone numbers.
  - a) latest
  - b) outdated
  - c) recent
  - d) stylish
7. Choose the word from the options given below to form a compound word with bee.
  - a) piece
  - b) lash
  - c) gate
  - d) hive
8. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word obedient.
  - a) dis\_
  - b) un\_
  - c) in
  - d) non\_
9. Form a derivative by adding a suitable suffix to the root word peace.
  - a) \_ly
  - b) \_able
  - c) \_ful
  - d) \_ment
10. Fill in the blank with a suitable **homophone**.  
We have a short \_\_\_\_\_ between the sessions. (brake / break)
11. Fill in the blank with a suitable **confusable word**.  
He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ information from the boot legger. (illicit / elicit)
12. Fill in the blank with a suitable **article**.  
Today computers are found to be \_\_\_\_\_ most useful knowledge providers. (a/an/the)
13. Fill in the blank with **appropriate determiner**.  
Anand invited \_\_\_\_\_ (few / a few) friends for the birthday party.
14. Fill in the blanks with the **correct tense form**.  
They firmly \_\_\_\_\_ (believe) in the Existence of God.
15. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation **GPS**.
  - a) Global Participant Scheme
  - b) Global Public Service
  - c) Global Positioning System
  - d) Global Patent System
16. Choose the correct **meaning of the idiom** used in the given sentence.  
The disappointed player was about to throw in the towel.
  - a) to start
  - b) to lose
  - c) to give up
  - d) to win
17. Fill in the blank with a suitable **modal auxiliary verb**.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I have some more juice, please?

18. Fill in the blank *suitable preposition*.  
I saw the cat sitting \_\_\_\_\_ the table.  
a) on                      b) in                      c) of                      d) at
19. Choose the clipped form of *Influenza*.  
a) influ                      b) fluenza                      c) lunza                      d) flu
20. Choose the right definition for the given term *Orthnologist*.  
a) one who studies insects                      b) one who studies birds  
c) one who studies diseases                      d) one who studies earthquakes

## Part - II

## Section - 1

Answer any four of the following :

4 x 2 = 8

Read the following poetic lines given and answer the questions that follows.

21. "But now they only laugh with their teeth,  
While their IC-block-cold eyes ...."  
a) Who are "They"?                      b) Explain Ice-block-cold eyes.
22. "With all my heart I do admire  
Athletes who sweat for fun or hire"  
a) Whom does the poet admire?                      b) For what reasons do the athletes sweat?
23. "One infant grows up and becomes jockey  
Another plays basket ball or hockey"  
a) Who is a jockey?                      b) Pick out the rhyming words in the given lines.
24. Cocktail face, with all their conforming smiles  
Like a fixed portrait smile. **BE CONFIDENT**  
a) What do you mean by "Cocktail face"?                      b) Mention the figure of speech.
25. "If this belief from heaven be sent,  
If such be Nature's holy plan"  
a) What does 'heaven' refer to?                      b) Why does the poet call it 'holy'?
26. And its my faith that Every flower  
Enjoys the air it breathes .....  
a) What is the poet's faith?                      b) What trait of Nature do we see here?

## Section - 2

Answer any three of the following questions.

3 x 2 = 6

27. Jayanthi said, "I have already finished my work" (change into indirect speech)
28. Mala asked Balu what he was doing then. (change into direct speech)
29. Magdalene is singing the prayer. (change into passive form)
30. If I had car, I would drop you. (begin with "Had")

## Part - III

## Section - 1

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

2 x 3 = 6

31. "Once upon a time, son  
They used to laugh, with their hearts"
32. Athletes, I'll drink to you or eat with you,  
Or anything except compete with you .....

33. "Have I not reason to lament  
What man has made of man"

## Section - 2

2 x 3 = 6

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

34. How was Mary Kom felicitated on her return to India?  
35. What kind of absent-mindedness is regarded as a virtue by Lynd.  
36. What was the happiest time of the day for grand mother?

## Section - 3

Answer any three of the following.

3 x 3 = 9

37. Write a notice about the inauguration of English Literary Club in your school.  
38. You are the Sports captain of your school. Write a message to the Physical Director, requesting him to be present during Basket ball team selection scheduled for tomorrow.  
39. **Expand the following new headline in a sentence.**  
Telephone customers to get video phone.  
40. Describe the process of opening a bank account.

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## Part - IV

7 x 5 = 35

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

- a) The grand mother played a vital role in the author's formative years. - Explain.

(OR)

- b) How does Robert Lynd analyse the various reasons for forgetfulness in humans.

42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

- a) How does Ogden Nash try to explain that he is very happy being a mere spectator?

(OR)

- b) Explain the things Gabriel Okara has learnt when he grew into an adult.

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

- a) A Dentist's clinic - tensed patients - one woman - showed photographs - Joe - first patient - dentist arrived - nurse took - hammer - large pair of pliers - loud screech - patients left - one by one - Joe's wife wept - dentist located the key - Joe tells - woman with photographs - called in - all others had left.

(OR)

- b) Two friends - made a pact - meet after twenty years - Bob arrived - spoke to police man on beat - tall man came - claimed to be Jimmy Wells - Bob realized - not his friend - police man in plain clothes - arrested Bob, a noted criminal - police on beat - real Jimmy Wells - hesitated to arrest friend - sent another with a note.

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

Pollution is an 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 and nitrogen oxide cause air pollution. The gas sulphur-di-oxide produces acid rain. Due to acid rain, building and plant materials are damaged. The increase 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 the rise of sea level as a consequence of the melting of glaciers.

(OR)

- b) Write a paragraph of about 150 words on the hazards of using mobile phone

45. a) Write a letter to Editor of a Newspaper on the dangerous effects of Rash Driving.  
(OR)
- b) Write a letter to a bookseller placing an order for some books for your school library.
46. a) **Read the following sentences, spot the errors in them and correct them.**
- i) I saw many geoses in the park.      ii) Ravi is one of the tallest boy.  
iii) He is my cousin brother.      iv) They discussed about the matter.  
v) If I had known this yesterday, I will have helped him.      (OR)
- b) **Read the following sentences and classify them according to their fields.**
- i) Dr.Rahim is an Orthopaedic surgeon.  
ii) My father owned a fertile land.  
iii) A.R.Rahman is a great Pianist.  
iv) The programme will be telecasted next week.  
v) It was a thrilling neck to neck finish.  
**(Agriculture, Music, Medicine, Sports, Media)**
47. a) **Fill in the blanks as instructed.**
- i) Rita will be at \_\_\_\_\_ only when you give her the \_\_\_\_\_ of paper.  
(piece / peace)
- ii) Seema \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) for her NEET classes shortly.  
(use the appropriate tense form of the verb)
- iii) I prefer coffee \_\_\_\_\_ tea. (fill in the blank with a suitable preposition)
- iv) Raghav \_\_\_\_\_ take tea, but now he doesn't. (use a semi modal verb)  
(OR)

- b) **Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.**

The most of us the most fascinating thing about spiders is the web they spin. First of all spiders are not insects. They belong to group known as 'archnids' and differ from insects in such a way that they have eight legs, eight eyes, wings and only two parts in their bodies.

They can live on any type of climate and are found in every part of the world. They can live on water, on the ground, depending on the species. They vary in size from eight centimeters to that which are so small, that they are barely visible. Some spiders can live for a whole year without water. One of the spiders the large tarantula eats birds and can live for as long as fifteen years, some on the other land, live just for a year.

The silk in spider's web is secreted in abdominal glands. The silk is forced through long tiny holes from the spinning organs at the tip of the abdomen. It comes out as a liquid which becomes solid on contact with air.

**Questions :**

- i) Why are spiders not considered insects?  
ii) What is the most fascinating aspect of spiders?  
iii) Describe the special features of tarantulas.  
iv) How does the silk in the spider's abdomen change into solid state?  
v) Pick out the word that is equivalent to 'produced'.

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**XI ENGLISH – QUARTERLY EXAM – SEP 2023**

**DATE : 19.09.23 ENGLISH – SCORING KEY**

PART – I		
1.	<b>Answer all the questions:</b>	<b>20 x 1 = 20</b>
	<b>Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given.</b>	
01	(c) wrinkled	<b>3 Marks</b>
02	(a) hunger	
03	(c) unwilling	
	<b>Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given.</b>	
04	(b) dissuade	<b>3 Marks</b>
05	(b) appeared	
06	(b) out dated	
07	(d) Hive	<b>1 Mark</b>
08	(a) dis	<b>1 Mark</b>
09	(c) ful	<b>1 Mark</b>
10	Break	<b>1 Mark</b>
11	Elicit	<b>1 Mark</b>
12	The	<b>1 Mark</b>
13	a few	<b>1 Mark</b>
14	Believe	<b>1 Mark</b>
15	(c) Global Positioning System	<b>1 Mark</b>
16	(c) to give up	<b>1 Mark</b>
17	would / could / will	<b>1 Mark</b>
18	(a) on	<b>1 Mark</b>
19	(d) flu	<b>1 Mark</b>
20	(b) one who studies birds	<b>1 Mark</b>

<b>PART - II</b>		
<b>SECTION - 1</b>		
	<b>Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following.</b>	<b>4 x 2 = 8</b>
21	(a) modern people / people of modern days (b) eyes lacking a feeling of warmth / endearing expression	<b>1 Mark 1 Mark</b>
22	(a) athletes / sports persons / sports (b) fun or hire / money	<b>1 Mark 1 Mark</b>
23	(a) horse rider (b) jockey, hockey	<b>1 Mark 1 Mark</b>
24	(a) face showing mixed emotions / feelings (b) simile	<b>1 Mark 1 Mark</b>
25	(a) God, the creature of nature / God / the place of the creator of nature / the place of God (b) Because it is related to God, the creator / God's plan / work of God from heaven / creation of God / Nature's divinity seen in its creation	<b>1 Mark 1 Mark</b>
26	(a) Every flower enjoys the air it breathes. (b) We see beautiful work of nature.	<b>1 Mark 1 Mark</b>
<b>SECTION - 2</b>		
	<b>Answer any three questions.</b>	<b>3 x 2 = 6</b>
27	Jayanthi said that she had already finished her work.	<b>2 Marks</b>
28	Mala said to Balu, "What are you doing now?"	<b>2 Marks</b>
29	The prayer is being sung by Magdalene.	<b>2 Marks</b>
30	Had I a car, I would drop you.	<b>2 Marks</b>
<b>PART - III - Section - 1</b>		
(i)	<b>Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.</b>	<b>2 x 3 = 6</b>
	<b>Name of the poem</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
	<b>Name of the poet</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
31	<b>Poem : Once upon a time Poet : Gabriel Okara</b>	
32	<b>Poem : Confessions of a born spectator Poet : Ogden Nash</b>	
33	<b>Poem : Lines written in the early spring Poet : William Wordsworth</b>	

<b>SECTION – 2</b>		
	<b>Answer any two of the following in not more than 30 words.</b>	<b>2 x 3 = 6</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>Mary Kom was given a warm welcome at Delhi airport. In Imphal, a victory March was taken. People showered praises on her.</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>Anglers forget their fishing rod and the poet forgets to post the letter appears virtue for the author.</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>Feeding the sparrows</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>SECTION – 3</b>		
	<b>Answer any three of the following.</b>	<b>3 x 3 = 9</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>Notice writing.</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>Message Writing.</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>Expand the headlines.</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>Describe the process of opening a bank account.</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
<b>PART – IV</b>		
	<b>Answer the following:</b>	<b>7 x 5 = 35</b>
<b>41</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Content – (60%), Language, style and organisation (40%)</b></li> </ul>	
<b>(a)</b>	➤ <b>Exceptionally good paragraph</b>	<b>5 Marks</b>
<b>or</b>		<b>4 Marks</b>
<b>(b)</b>	➤ <b>Correct answer with all points with no mistakes</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
	➤ <b>Correct answer with a few mistakes</b>	<b>2 Marks</b>
	➤ <b>Answer with a few points</b>	<b>2 Marks</b>
	➤ <b>Answer with a few points and many mistakes</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>

<b>42</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Content – (60%), Language, style and organisation (40%)</b></li> </ul>	
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<b>or</b>		<b>4 Marks</b>
<b>(b)</b>	➤ <b>Correct answer with all points with no mistakes</b>	<b>3 Marks</b>
	➤ <b>Correct answer with a few mistakes</b>	<b>2 Marks</b>
	➤ <b>Answer with a few points</b>	<b>2 Marks</b>
	➤ <b>Answer with a few points and many mistakes</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>
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	➤ <b>Correct answer with a few mistakes</b>	<b>2 Marks</b>
	➤ <b>Answer with a few points</b>	<b>2 Marks</b>
	➤ <b>Answer with a few points and many mistakes</b>	<b>1 Mark</b>

44 (a)	<p><b>Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.</b>  <b>Summarising – Format</b>  <b>Rough copy / Rough Draft / First copy / First Draft</b>  <b>Fair copy / Fair Draft / Final copy / Final Draft</b>  <b>Suitable title</b>  <b>(An exceptional summary can be awarded Maximum marks.</b>  <b>The number of words in the Fair Draft need not be taken into account)</b>  <b>(or)</b></p>	<p><b>1 mark</b>  <b>3 Marks</b>  <b>1 Mark</b></p>
(b)	<p><b>Note making : Format</b>  <b>Title</b>  <b>Sub-titles</b>  <b>Key points under each sub-titles</b></p>	<p><b>1 Mark</b>  <b>2 Marks</b>  <b>2 Marks</b></p>
45 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From</li> <li>• To</li> <li>• Salutation</li> <li>• Subject</li> <li>• Body of the letter</li> <li>• Subscription</li> <li>• Superscription / Address on the envelope</li> </ul>	<p><math>\frac{1}{2}</math> mark  <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> mark  <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> mark  <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> mark  <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> mark  <b>2 marks</b>  <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> mark</p>
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From</li> <li>• To</li> <li>• Salutation</li> <li>• Subject</li> <li>• Body of the letter</li> <li>• Subscription</li> <li>• Superscription / Address on the envelope</li> </ul>	<p><math>\frac{1}{2}</math> mark  <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> mark  <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> mark  <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> mark  <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> mark  <b>2 marks</b>  <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> mark</p>
46	<p>i) <b>Spot the errors and correct them.</b>  a) I saw many geese in the park.  b) Ravi is one of the tallest boys.  c) He is my cousin.  d) They discussed the matter.  e) If I had known this yesterday, I would have helped them.  <b>(or)</b></p>	<p><b>1 Mark</b>  <b>1 Mark</b>  <b>1 Mark</b>  <b>1 Mark</b>  <b>1 Mark</b></p>
ii)	<p>a) medicine  b) agriculture  c) music  d) media  e) sports</p>	<p><b>1 Mark</b>  <b>1 Mark</b>  <b>1 Mark</b>  <b>1 Mark</b>  <b>1 mark</b></p>

47.	i) peace, piece a) ii) leaves iii) to iv) used to	2 Marks 1 Mark 1 Mark 1 mark
b)	<b>Comprehension passage.</b> i) Belong to groups known as archnids and differ from insects such a way they have eight legs, eight eyes, wings and only two parts in their bodies. ii) the web they spin iii) tarantulas eat birds and can live for as long as fifteen years iv) silk becomes solid on contact with air v) secreted	1 Mark  1 Mark 1 Mark 1 mark 1 mark

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