

STD: XI

## QUARTERLY EXAMINATION- 2023

Time: 3.00 Hrs.

ENGLISH

Marks: 90

Note: i) Answer all the questions.

PART - I

Choose the most appropriate synonyms for the underlined words.

20 X 1 = 20

- We treated it like the fables of Prophets she used to tell us.  
 a. stories       b. verses       c. songs       d. proverbs
  - Mary Kom had a strong conviction in her passion for boxing.  
 a. struggle       b. belief       c. thought       d. affinity
  - I am no great delinquent in such matter.  
 a. creator       b. offender       c. guardian       d. half-wit
- Choose the most appropriate antonyms for the underlined words.
- The grains were scattered all over the place.  
 a. picked       b. distributed       c. shared       d. gathered
  - There was no sound but a curious smothered noise from my friend.  
 a. suppressed       b. stifled       c. expressed       d. suffocated
  - I ate enough to sate my appetite.  
 a. satisfy       b. dissatisfy       c. equalize       d. compensate
  - Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the base word 'honest'.  
 a. in \_\_\_\_       b. dis \_\_\_\_       c. ir \_\_\_\_       d. mis \_\_\_\_
  - Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation 'RSC':  
 a. Railway Staff Commission       b. Referee stopped Contest  
 c. Regional Security Commission       d. Reference Staff Contest

9. Choose the word that can be added after "bee" to form a compound word:

- a. hive       b. live       c. five       d. house

10. Add a suitable suffix to the word "beauty" to form a new word:

- a. able       b. ful       c. ism       d. ity

11. Fill in the blanks with suitable homophones.

Please \_\_\_\_\_ a minute and I want to check my \_\_\_\_\_ ( weight / wait ).

12. Choose the correct combination for the compound word ball pen:

- a. noun+verb       b. noun+noun       c. noun+adjective       d. verb+noun

13. Choose the appropriate idiomatic expression for the underlined phrase:

The Players were facing each other at the beginning of the match.

- a. square off       b. on the ropes       c. in our corner       b. taking an account

14. Choose the clipped form of the word "University":

- a. unity       b. varsity       c. union       d. sity

15. One who studies the human mind and behavior is a

- a. physicist       b. psychologist       c. seismologist       d. pathologist

16. Choose the most appropriate answer for the following question:

"Tight Corner" means a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. difficult situation       b. crowded corner       c. tragic incident       d. fierce fight

17. Fill in the blank with the suitable phrasal verb:

My father always \_\_\_\_\_ truth and honesty.

- a. stands up       b. stands for       c. stands by       d. stands out

18. Fill in the blank with appropriate determiner:

Vijay had taken \_\_\_\_\_ photos during the programme.

- a. any       b. many       c. much       d. little

19. Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition:

The angry champion broke the crystal cup \_\_\_\_\_ million pieces.

- a. into       b. with       c. against       d. upon

20. Fill in the blank with the suitable tense form of the verb:

- She always \_\_\_\_\_ (make) excuses for coming late.  
 a. made                      *b. makes*                      c. making                      d. will make

**PART-II**  
**SECTION - 1**

**Answer any four of the following:**

**Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any FOUR of the following:**

**4 x 2 = 8**

21. 'Shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs!'

- a. What do the snake's bare fangs denote?  
 b. Identify the figure of speech employed here. *simile*

22. 'And I have learned too

To laugh with only my teeth'.

- a. Who is the speaker talking to here?  
 b. Explain in the second line.

23. 'But zealous athletes play so rough

They do not ever in their dealings

Consider on another's feelings'.

- a. How do the athletes play?  
 b. Why don't they consider the feelings of others?

24. 'Buy tickets worth their radium,

To watch you gambol in the stadium'.

- a. What is meant by 'gambol'?  
 b. Pick out the rhyming words.

25. "In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts

Bring sad thoughts to the mind".

- a. Where is the poet seated?  
 b. How does he feel while enjoying the beauty of Nature?

26. 'And I must think, do all I can,

That there was pleasure there'.

- a. What did the poet notice about the twigs?  
 b. Pick out the word in alliteration.

**SECTION - 2**

**Answer any three of the following questions.**

**3 x 2 = 6**

27. Mani said, "I can write a story", ( **Change into Indirect speech** )

28. This novel was written by Jane Austen. ( **Change into Active voice** )

29. If I were the Headmaster, I would appoint you as teacher.

( **Begin the sentence with 'were'** )

30. Though my neighbour was an influential person, he refused to help me.

( **Change into a Compound sentence** )

**PART-III**  
**SECTION - 1**

**Explain any two of the following with reference to the context:**

**2 x 3 = 6**

31. 'I am just glad as glad can be

That I am not them, that they are not me'.

32. 'Now they shake hands without hearts'.

33. 'And much it grieved my heart to think

What Man has made of Man'.



**SECTION - 2****2 x 3 = 6****Answer any two of the following briefly:**

34. Describe Khushwant Singh's grandfather as seen in the portrait.
35. What made Mary Kom feel that she was fortunate, soon after she reached the arena at Pennsylvania?
36. How do Psychologists interpret forgetfulness?

**SECTION - 3****3 x 3 = 9****Answer any three of the following:**

37. Frame a dialogue of minimum three exchanges between bus conductor and a passenger.
38. Describe a process of making apple-juice.
39. **Expand each of the followings News Headlines into a sentence:**

- Onion price goes up.
- Passengers injured in bus accident.
- Jewels stolen from a house in Salem.

**40. Complete the proverbs choosing the right words:**

- A \_\_\_\_\_ light others and consumes itself. ( matchstick, candle, torch )
- Doubt is the key to \_\_\_\_\_. ( Knowledge, wisdom, invention )
- Out of sight, out of \_\_\_\_\_. ( place, memory, mind )

**PART-IV****41. Answer any one of the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:****7 x 5 = 35**

- Give an account of the author's relationship with his grandmother.
- 'It is the efficiency rather than the inefficiency of human memory that compels my wonder', Elucidate.

**(OR)****42. Answer any one of the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.**

- Summarize the poem 'Once upon a Time'.
- Explain the views of Ogden Nash as expressed in his poem 'Confessions of a Born Spectator'.

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

Jimmy Wells and Bob – friends – lived in New York – parted – fixed a meeting after 20 years – Bob went to the West – Wells settled there – Bob changed a lot – a criminal – Wells, a policeman – Bob arrived at the spot – appointed time – couldn't recognize – Wells identified – respected friendship – sent another policeman – arrested Bob.

**(OR)**

'The First Patient' by C.V.Burgers – dentist's waiting -room – dentist arrives – first patient enters – nurse carries hammer, pair of pliers, a hacksaw – surgical room – strange sounds – reaction of patients – dentist tries to open tool cabinet – everyone leaves – except one.

**44. 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, buildings 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.

45. a). Write a letter to the Headmaster of your school requesting him to help you obtain a duplicate marksheet of class XI which you lost while travelling.

**(OR)**

b). Write a newspaper article on 'Water Conservation'.

46. Read the following sentences, spot the error and correct them:

- i. My friends and I were sitting in a café and to talk.
- ii. The children is very happy today.
- iii. The blue Frock was most expensive that the pink one.
- iv. Mahatni sings very well yesterday.
- v. My brother gifted a expensive watch for my birthday.

(OR)

Fill in the blanks appropriately:

- i. Sheela has pain in the \_\_\_\_\_. So she went to a doctor to \_\_\_\_\_ it. (heal / heel)
- ii. My grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ wark up early in the morning when she was young.  
(use a semi-modal) *would*
- iii. \_\_\_\_\_ Aristotle. Man is a social animal. (Use a Phrase)
- iv. If I were a lion, I \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in a forest.

47. Write an article on the following.

During the summer vacation, your school organized a 10-day trip to Kulu-Manali. You were taken to different places. Write an article for your school magazine.

(OR)

Read the following poem and answer the questions below in your own words:

I was sittin; I was Knittin'  
 On a sweater, I could were.  
 When I finished, I said proudly,  
 "Hey, I've done some weaving 'there'.  
 But O' spider on the wall said,  
 "Can you do it in the air?  
 Can you spin it out of gossamer.  
 From the ceiling to the star?  
 Can you let the wind below through it  
 So it sways but doesn't tear?  
 Then can you grab on to it  
 And swing lightly on a hair?  
 When you can-than you may truly say,  
 When you can - than you may truly say.  
 I've done some weavin' there".

Questions:

- i. What did the poet knit?
- ii. What made the poet feel proud?
- iii. Where does the spider spin its web?
- iv. Guess the meaning of the word 'Gossamer'
- v. Give a suitable title of the poem.