

SALEM DISTRICT.

QUARTERLY EXAMINATION – SEPTEMBER 2023

ENGLISH

Standard : XI

Marks : 90

Time : 3.00 Hours

PART – I

(i) Answer all the questions. (ii) Choose the **most appropriate** from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer. 20 x 1 = 20

Choose the **most appropriate synonyms** of the words underlined in the following sentences.

1. She was like the winter landscape in the mountains, an expanse of pure white serenity.
a) costly b) extract c) limitation **(d) widespread**
2. I ate enough to sate my appetite and my palate.
a) pacify **(b) satisfy** c) clarify d) verify
3. I am always reluctant to trust a departing visitor to post an important letter.
a) anxious b) eager **(c) unwilling** d) voluntary

Choose the **most appropriate antonyms** of the underlined words in the following sentences.

4. The other teams had already completed their weight in, which is compulsory for all players.
(a) optional b) natural c) critical d) occasional
5. She said her morning prayer in a monotonous sing-song.
a) boring b) tedious **(c) interesting** d) unchanging
6. It is because of their antipathy to pills and potions.
a) aversion b) sympathy c) empathy **(d) liking**
7. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the base word 'audible'.
a) be b) un **(c) in** d) dis
8. Replace the underlined phrasal verb with the suitable meaning.
My sister is on cloud nine after getting the job.
(a) extremely happy b) very high position c) very sad d) with a lot of money
9. Choose the right definition for the word 'cardiologist'.
a) one who treats stomach disorders **(b) one who treats heart problems**
c) one who treats kidney disease d) one who specializes in lung problems
10. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation 'IIM'.
(a) Indian Institute of Management b) Indian Institute of Mechanics
c) Indian Industries of Management d) International Institute of Management
11. Choose the suitable idiom for the underlined phrase.
All of a sudden the boxer decided to stop fighting.
a) to square off b) to hit below the belt c) to be on the rop **(d) to throw the towel**
12. Fill in the blanks with a suitable prepositional phrase.
_____ the bad weather, we continued our journey.
a) In case of b) With reference to **(c) In spite of** d) According to
13. Choose the word from the options given below to form a compound word with 'toll'.
a) coin b) wheel c) hive **(d) gate**
14. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word 'regular'.
a) -ance b) -able c) -ful **(d) -ity**
15. Choose the word that has been spelt correctly.
(a) restaurant b) restorent c) resturant d) restuorent
16. Fill in the blanks with the suitable article.
_____ cow is a useful animal.
(a) the b) an c) a d) none of these

17. Choose the tri syllabic word.
a) laughter b) auction c) interesting d) banana
18. Find out the clipped word of 'cafeteria'.
a) caf b) cafe c) cafeter d) caferia
19. Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition.
The temple is _____ the bank
a) besides b) between c) into d) near
20. Fill in the blank with the suitable determiner.
_____ of my friends called me yesterday.
a) Any b) Little c) Many d) Third

PART - II
SECTION - 1

Read the following set of poetic lines answer any four sets.

4x2=8

21. *I have learned to wear many faces
Like dresses...*
a) Whom does 'I' refer to? *The poet*
b) Identify the figure of speech used here. *Simile*
22. *One infant grows up and becomes a jockey,
Another plays basketball or hockey,*
a) Who is a jockey? *Horse rider*
b) What are games mentioned here? *Basket ball, hockey*
23. *I heard a thousand blended notes
While in a grove I sat reclined*
a) What is meant by 'a thousand blended notes'?
b) Where was the poet sitting?
24. *But zealous athletes play so rough
They do not ever in their dealings
Consider one another's feelings*
a) How do the athletes play? *They play roughly*
b) Pick out the rhyming words. *dealings, feelings*
25. *While their ice - block - cold eyes
Search behind my shadow*
a) Explain 'ice - block - cold eyes'. *Eyes without warmth*
b) Mention the figure of speech used here. *metaphor*
26. *But the least motion which they made?
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.*
a) Who are 'they'? *Birds*
b) Pick out the words in alliteration in the first line. *motion, made.*

SECTION - 2

Do as directed.

Answer any three questions.

3x2=6

27. Mani said to Kumar, "I need your help." (Change into indirect speech)
28. It rained (rain) suddenly while we _____ (play). *were playing*
(Fill in the blanks with suitable tense form of the verbs given in brackets)
29. ~~If~~ I were you, I would accept the challenge. (Begin the sentence with 'were')
30. I posted the letter. (Change into the other voice)

The letter was posted by me

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PART – III
SECTION – 1

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

2x3=6

31. *I am just glad as glad can be
That I am not them, that they are not me.....*
32. *Have I not reason to lament
What Man has made of Man?*
33. *There will be no thrice*

SECTION – 2

B. Answer any two of the following questions.

2x3=6

34. Why did Mary Kom think that she should not return empty - handed?
35. Where did the author study in his childhood?
36. Name a few things that a person remembers easily.

SECTION – 3

C. Answer any three of the following.

3x3=9

37. **Expand the following headlines into a sentence.**
 - a) Breakfast scheme expanded to more schools
 - b) Tomato price on the rise every week
 - c) Parliament elections expected in April 2024
38. Describe the process of making a cup of coffee.
39. Write a notice about the inauguration of the book fair in your school.
40. Complete the proverbs by choosing the right words from the list.
 - a) Work is _____. (work shop / worship / friendship)
 - b) _____ speaks louder than words. (Action / Silence / Anger)
 - c) Make hay while the _____ shines. (moon / gold / sun)

PART – IV

Answer the following.

7x5 = 35

41. **Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.**
 - (a) Describe the author's relationship with his grandmother as narrated in 'The Portrait of a Lady'.

(OR)

 - (b) What does Robert Lynd try to convey through his essay "Forgetting"?
42. **Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.**
 - (a) Explain the poet's views expressed in the poem 'Once Upon A Time'.

(OR)

 - (b) How does Ogden Nash justify his being a born spectator?
43. **Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words, by developing the hints.**
 - (a) Philip Sletherby – travels – train – Brill Manor – meets Bertie – second son left – purse – four guids – needs money – requests Philip to lend him – two pounds – Philip – did not help – true son – mistaken for a fraud.

(OR)

 - (b) A group - patients- wait- the dentist- Joe- first- patient- go- inside- nurse- brings- hammer- other- tools- all- other patients- afraid- tools- think- dentist- use- tools- remove- tooth- some- patients- leave- clinic- out of fear- Children- tell- their- tooth ache- drama- cut- school- Joe- comes- out –well- He- says- tools- used- open- cabinet- Finally- misunderstanding-cleared

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

The aim of education is the overall development of the personality of man. It means the development of not only the mind but also the body. Games keep the body fit. Swami Vivekananda was of the view that only a healthy mind can realise God. But a healthy mind can dwell only in a healthy body. For this reason, Swami Vivekananda has advised that all young men and women should play games regularly. Games help to build a muscular body. They help in sound sleep which is a sign of good health. Therefore, games are food for the body as knowledge is food for the mind. In fact, all work and no play make Jack a dull boy. Games help us to keep our body active and vigorous. When a person plays games his blood circulation increases and his digestive system improves. He does not fall prey to any disease. Games foster the qualities of fair play. Good players maintain equanimity in the event of victory or defeat.

45. (a) Write a letter to a book seller placing order for some books for your school library.
(OR)
(b) Write a letter to your cousin describing the science exhibition held in your school recently.
46. a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them.
- One of my books are missing. *is*
 - Where is the scissor? *scissors*
 - I have taken much photos during the tour. *more*
 - He gave me an one rupee coin.
 - James is sitting among Kannan and Rahim. *between*

(OR)

b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- shall I have some more juice, please? (Use a modal verb)
 - You need not read every chapter for the test. (Use semi-modal verb)
 - Sam watches (watch) TV every night. (Use the correct tense form of the given verb)
 - Have you ever seen such a beautiful scene? (scene / seen)
47. a) Identify each of the following sentences with the fields given below :
- In a democracy, we have the right to express our views. *Politics*
 - The price of tomatoes shot up suddenly. *Business*
 - He updated his CPU with the latest version. *Computer*
 - Alcaraz halted Djokovic's dream run at the Wimbledon. *Sports*
 - A lot of movies are released through OTT every week. *Entertainment*
- (Entertainment, Sports, Politics, Computer, Business)**
(OR)

b) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

The pearl is considered as one of the most beautiful jewels. It is the one gem that is not dug up from a mine in the earth. It is grown in the shell of an oyster. The oyster does not make the pearl for the purpose of adorning the necks of women. It makes it only as a means of self-protection. To protect itself from the object like a grain of sand, the oyster begins to cover the object with a thick fluid which is secreted in its own body. When this layer hardens, an irritation begins, and another layer is formed.

Questions:

- Which is considered as one of the most beautiful jewels?
- What is unique about the pearl?
- Where is it grown?
- How does the oyster protect itself?
- Suggest a suitable title to the given passage.