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## COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2023

Std - XI

ENGLISH

Time : 3.00 Hours

Marks: 90

Part - I

Answer all the questions. Write the correct answers along with the corresponding option codes: 20 x 1 = 20

Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words

1. We treated it like the fables of the prophets she used to tell us.  
a) storys                      b) songs                      c) hymns                      d) stories
2. The greatest disadvantage for me was my loss of appetite.  
a) hunger                      b) hope                      c) memory                      d) alertness
3. I am always reluctant to trust a departing visitor.  
a) uninterested                      b) un willing                      c) forced                      d) persuaded

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words:

4. The other teams ..... weight in, which is compulsory for all players.  
a) optional                      b) natural                      c) critical                      d) occasional
5. The staff looked so prosperous and unsympathetic.  
a) rich                      b) poor                      c) wealthy                      d) luxurious
6. Thousands of sparrows sat scattered on the floor.  
a) Picked                      b) found                      c) distributed                      d) gathered
7. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix for the word 'comfort'.  
a) de                      b) un                      c) dis                      d) under
8. Choose the unclipped form of the word 'champ'.  
a) Chamberlain                      b) chimpanzee                      c) champagne                      d) champion
9. Choose the right combination for the blended word 'sitcom'.  
a) site+ commerce                      b) situation + comedy  
c) sisterly+community                      d) sitting+compartment
10. Choose the tri-syllabic word  
a) control                      b) civility                      c) movement                      d) physical
11. A Person who is capable of using both hands with equal ease is an .....  
a) occultist                      b) ambidexter                      c) antiquarian                      d) imbecile
12. Choose the correct expanded form of "CV"  
a) Computer Virus                      b) Circular Velocity                      c) Central Vigilance  
d) Curriculum Vitae
13. Choose the American English word for "tap"  
a) faucet                      b) pipe                      c) tank                      d) rod
14. Choose the correct sentence pattern  
Gopi gave Aruna a book. a) SVOC b) SVOA c) SVIDDO d) SVAA
15. Fill in the suitable preposition.  
We walked ..... the river bed. a) over b) along c) into d) beside
16. Fill in the blanks with the suitable phrase.  
..... heavy rain, the orchestra was cancelled.  
a) Due to                      b) In spite of                      c) Being                      d) In order to

17. Choose the appropriate article to the sentence:  
The Himalayas is one of ..... highest mountains.      d) a  
a) an      b) the      c) many
18. Add suitable question tag to the following sentence.  
Raman is not a Lawyer.....  
\* a) doesn't he?      b) has he?      c) hasn't he?      d) is he?
19. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the given sentence  
I got my resume neatly typed.  
a) An overall plan      b) an urgent message      c) brief summary  
d) a detailed description
20. Fill in the blank with the right word.  
A Peaceful ..... Spread on her face and we knew that she was dead.  
a) Prowler      b) polar      c) parlour      d) pallor

Part - II  
Section - 1

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four from it:  $4 \times 2 = 8$

21. Cocktail face, with all their confirming smiles  
Like a fixed portrait smile.  
a) What do you mean by "Cocktail face"?  
b) Mention the figure of speech in the second line.
22. "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?
23. "But zealous athletes play so rough  
They do not ever in their dealings  
Consider one another's feelings"  
a) How do athletes play?  
b) Why don't they consider the feelings of others?
24. There never was a Cat of such  
Deceitfulness and suavity.  
a) Which cat is being talked of here?  
b) How is he different from the rest?
25. "But now they only laugh with their teeth,  
While their ice-block cold eyes....."  
a) Who are 'They'?  
b) Explain 'ice-block-cold eyes'.
26. "Buy tickets worth their radium,  
To watch you gambol in the stadium"  
a) What is meant by 'gambol'?  
b) Pick out the rhyming words.

Section - 2

Answer any three of the following questions:

$3 \times 2 = 6$

27. Jayanthi said, "I am working in a school". (Change in to indirect speech)  
28. If I had seen the signal, I would have stopped my car. (Begin with Had)  
29. I like tea I prefer coffee. (combine the sentence using 'though')  
30. They are constructing a bridge ( change the voice)



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Part - III  
Section - 1

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context:  $2 \times 3 = 6$

31. "I have learned to wear many faces.  
Like dresses....."
32. "The birds around me hopp'd and played  
Their thoughts I cannot measure"
33. "I am just glad as glad can be  
That I am not them, that they are not me"

Section - 2

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words:  $2 \times 3 = 6$

34. What did Mary Kom consider her greatest achievement? Why?
35. Describe the grandfather as seen in the portrait?
35. What are our memories filled with?

Section - C

Answer any three of the following :  $3 \times 3 = 9$

37. Write a notice about the inauguration of the literary club in your school.
38. Describe the process of making lemon juice.
39. Complete the following proverbs
  - a) ..... lies in the eyes of the beholder (magic, problem, beauty)
  - b) Every cloud has a ..... lining. (silver, bronze, golden)
  - c) ..... was not built in a day. (Greece, Rome, Italy)
40. Write a message to your sister reminding her about the coaching class that evening after school hours.

Part - IV

$7 \times 5 = 35$

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
  - a) The grandmother 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) Describe the appearance and qualities of Macavity the mystery cat.
43. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.
  - a) Two friends - made a pact - meet after twenty years - Bob arrived - spoke to the patrol man - on beat - tall man came - claimed to be Jimmy Wells - Bob realized - not his friend - plain clothes man - arrested Bob - Jimmy wells - hesitated to arrest - sent another with a note. (OR)
  - b) The dentist's clinic - many patients wait - tensed - tooth to be extracted - the arrival of the dentist - Joe the first patient - called in - the nurse goes - with hammer - reaction of patients - loud sound of sawing and screeching - other patients fear - go away - joe comes out - hammer, pliers - to open tool box.

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

Languages are of different kinds -spoken language written language, sign language, code language, body language, Braille or language of the blind, and the more recent ones being the machine language and the computer language. Many languages have long history. The Greeks, the Romans, the Egyptians, the Chinese and the Indians are among those, languages which are centuries old. The number of languages used

in verbal communication is extremely large. It is said that there are as many as 3500 identified languages throughout the world. Although this is true of the spoken language, the number of written languages is much lower, with one estimate placing it at not more than 500. Within a language there are sub languages that are called dialects. A dialect is a form of speech peculiar to a district, class or persons. It is a subordinate variety of a language with distinguishable vocabulary, pronunciation or idioms

45. a) Respond to the following advertisement considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified (write xxx for your name and yyy for address)

**WANTED**

Qualified nurses for a multi-speciality hospital, attractive salary.  
Flexible working hours, Age below 30.

Apply to:

Post box NO: 1234, C/o The Times of India, Chennai-600028.

**(OR)**

- b) Write a letter to a sports company ordering sports items for the physical education department of your school.

46. a) Read the following sentences spot the errors and correct them:

- i) Sun rises in the East.
- ii) Balaji is junior than me.
- iii) Radha went to abroad.
- iv) she kept the book in the table.
- v) We bought a lot of furnitures.

- b) Fill in the blanks appropriately:

- i) He ..... the book ..... the window. (through, threw)
- ii) ..... of my friends called me yesterday. (any/little/many) (use a suitable determiner)
- iii) If I ..... a pilot, I would fly high. (am/were/had been) (use correct tense form)
- iv) I ..... sing well. (use a modal verb)

47. a) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Charles Dickens is one of the most famous of all English writers. He was born on 7th February 1812, in a shabby little house in Portsea, on the south coast of England. His father was an under paid civilian clerk to the Navy, and the family was always poor, always in debt. Charles was taken out of school when he was 11, since there was no money to pay the fees. When his father went to prison for not paying debts, the 12 year old boy had to work in a factory. Working for 12 hours a day, Charles Dickens earned a pound a week. The miseries and hardships of his childhood are described in his novel David Copperfield, whose early chapters are largely his own story.

- a) when was Charles Dickens born?
  - b) Why did he discontinue his studies?
  - c) How old was Dickens when he went to work in a factory?
  - d) How much did he earn a week?
  - e) Name the novel written by Charles Dickens?
- b) Build a dialogue with a minimum of 5 exchanges between a teacher and a student who has come late to school.

**(OR)**