

QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2023

CLASS : XII

ENGLISH

Reg.No :

TIME : 3.00 Hrs.

TOTAL MARKS : 90

PART - 1

20x1=20

Answer all the questions.

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

1. Nicola was staring at his younger brother in vexation.
a) angry b) annoyance c) tranquility d) calmness
2. They only drink in order to be warmed and stimulated.
a) motivated b) discouraged c) passive d) admired
3. They have their home on this lofty summit.
a) below b) down c) medium d) peak

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

4. Our cautious driver warned us.
a) alert b) incautious c) careful d) bold
5. Predicting the arrival of visitors...
a) visiting b) departure c) migration d) persual
6. He tried to disguise his voice on the phone.
a) act b) false c) reveal d) fake
7. Choose the correct American English equivalent for the British English 'Wind screen'.
a) windshield b) wind sail c) wind sheet d) wind glass
8. Choose the expanded form of "IIT".
a) International Information Technology b) Indian Info Tech
c) Indian Institute of Technology d) Indian Information Technology
9. Choose the word that cannot be placed after 'Wood' to form a compound word.
a) work b) model c) free d) text
10. Choose the right combination of the blended word 'Telephone + Conference'.
a) Teleconference b) Phoneference c) Teleference d) Telence
11. Choose the meaning of the foreign word "Alias".
a) as a family b) also known as c) summary d) report
12. Choose the right definition for the term "Psychologist".
a) one who studies animal behaviour b) one who studies human mind and behaviour
c) one who studies physical behaviour d) one who studies diseases
13. Replace the underlined phrasal verb in the sentence below with a single word.
His uncle passed away last night.
a) left b) returned c) died d) quit
14. Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word '___circle'.
a) pan b) fore c) semi d) dis
15. Add suitable question tag to the following sentence.
We have finished the work ___?
a) didn't we b) have we c) haven't we d) had we
16. Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition.
It belongs ___ the next apartment.
a) at b) to c) for d) on

17. The plural form of 'Aquarium' is _____
 a) aquariums b) aquarias c) aquaria d) aquariumae
18. Fill in the blank with the suitable relative pronoun.
 The book _____ you gave yesterday, was very useful.
 a) which b) where c) whom d) who
19. Choose the clipped form of the word 'Introduction'.
 a) introduct b) intro c) introtion d) duction
20. Choose the polite alternative for the underlined word.
 My mother is a housewife.
 a) housemaker b) homemaker c) home wife d) home guard

PART – II (SECTION – I)

Answer any four of the following.

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

4x2=8

21. "Our only enemy was gold.
 And we had no arms to fight it with"
 a) Who was their enemy? b) Did they have arms to fight against gold?
22. "The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung
 In crimson clusters all the bough among-----!"
 a) Who is the giant here? b) Why is the scarf colourful?
23. "Seeking the bubble reputation
 Even in the cannon's mouth"
 a) Which stage is referred here? b) Explain 'bubble reputation'.
24. "matched with an aged wife, I mete and dole
 Unequal laws unto a savage race"
 a) Whom does the word 'I' refer to? b) Whom does the savage race refer to?
25. "Then the whining school – boy with his satchel
 And shining morning face, creeping like snail.
 a) What is a satchel? b) Who walks like a snail?
26. "A gray baboon sits statue-like alone"
 a) How does the baboon sit? b) Mention the figure of speech.

SECTION – 2

Answer any three questions.

3x2=6

27. The manager said, "I will speak to you on Friday". (Change into Indirect speech)
28. If he had played well, they would have won the match. (Begin the sentence with 'Had')
29. The Governor inaugurated the exhibition. (Change into passive voice)
30. My grandmother told me a story. It was about a lion (Combine the sentences into a Complex)

PART – III (Section – 1)

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

2x3=6

31. "It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech....."
32. "I cannot rest from travel: I will drink
 Life to the lees"
33. "The wizened warder let them through."

Section -2**Answer any two of the following.****2x3=6**

34. What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys?
35. What does the phrase 'A Nice Cup of Tea' refer to?
36. How did the mountaineers belay?

Section - 3**Answer any three of the following.****3x3=9**

37. Describe the process of preparing mixed vegetable salad.
38. Write a notice about the inauguration of English Literary Club in your school.
39. Write a dialogue with three utterances each between the fruit seller and customer.
40. Complete the proverbs.
 - a) _____ is the best policy. (Punctuality/Honesty/Sincerity)
 - b) Charity begins at _____. (Home/temple/Church)
 - c) Birds of same _____ flock together. (weather/feather/mother)

PART - IV**Answer the following.****7x5=35**

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
 - a) Justify the title of the story "Two Gentlemen of Verona".

(OR)

- b) How did Hillary and Tenzing prepare themselves before they set off to the summit?

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

- a) Describe the reminiscences of the poet when she sees the casuarina tree.

(OR)

- b) Describe the various stages of a man's life in the poem "All the world's a stage".

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

- a) Aksionov – merchant – Russia – decides- business venture- wife – bad dream – Aksionov – disregards – meets another merchant – stopped by police- sentence – Siberia – new prisoners came– discloses the facts – Makar admits – Aksionov dies.

(OR)

- b) Robert Baldwin an honest man – fraud in a bank -Gresham arrested – pressurized Baldwin – to false statement – offered huge bribe – Baldwin refused – family members tempted – ashamed of good – stood for justice -Gresham confessed – Baldwin rewarded.

44. a) Make **notes or summarize** the following passage.

The government is taking seriously the issue of road safety and is committed to reducing the number of people killed in accidents. Discussions are being conducted regularly to bring law-makers and law enforcement officers and road users together to discuss ways to tackle the rise in road accidents. Everyone agrees that more needs to be done on road safety in its determination to curb the rate of road accidents in the country. The government is making serious efforts to install proper road culture in children, young adults and the public in general. Within 10 months, the traffic police issued 1,43,077 summonses to motorists for traffic light related offences. The traffic police, however, have taken a tough stand against traffic light defaulters by making them pay hefty fines. Typical reasons given for beating traffic lights include rushing to an urgent appointment or even worse, to be completely oblivious of changing of the lights. Usual punishments include a fine, a ban on driving for a specified time and may even be a prison sentence. Sometimes, the court may order to pay out compensation if death occurs as a result of the accident.

45. a) Write a letter to the Head master of your school requesting him to help you obtain a duplicate mark sheet of class XII, which you lost while travelling.

(OR)

- b) Write a paragraph about "My Dream India".

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

- i) He told to me a story.
- ii) If I were rich, I will help the needy.
- iii) She is my cousin sister.
- iv) Though he was poor, he was able to launch his dream carrier.
- v) The books are not suitable for children down five years.

(OR)

- b) Fill in the blanks as instructed.

- i) We _____ to _____ more money. (earn/year)
- ii) I _____ go to temple every Friday during my school days. (Use semi-modal verb)
- iii) I _____ like to have a cup of coffee. (Use a modal verb)
- iv) My uncle came when we _____ (discuss) for a trip to Ooty. (Use a suitable tense form)

47. a) Write a dialogue between two friends discussing their higher studies after twelfth.

(OR)

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

The victory of the small Greek democracy of Athens over the mighty Persian Empire in 490 B.C. is one of the most famous events in history. Darius, king of the Persian Empire, was furious because Athens had interceded for the other Greek city-states in revolt against Persian domination. In anger the king sent an enormous army to defeat Athens. He thought it would take drastic steps to pacify the rebellious part of the empire.

Persia was ruled by one man. In Athens, however, all citizens helped to rule. Ennobled by this participation, Athenians were prepared to die for their city-state. Perhaps this was the secret of the remarkable victory at Marathon, which freed them from Persian rule. Tiny Athens stood alone against Persia. The Athenian people went to their sanctuaries. There they prayed for deliverance. They asked their gods to expedite their victory. The Athenians refurbished their weapons and moved to the plain of Marathon, where their little band would meet the Persians. At the last moment, soldiers from Plataea reinforced the Athenian troops. The Athenian army attacked, and Greek citizens fought bravely. Greek soldiers seized Persian ships and burned them, and the Persians fled in terror.

Questions :

- a) Which is considered to be one of the most famous events in history?
- b) Why was the Persian king Darius furious?
- c) What was the secret behind the victory of Athenians from Persian rule?
- d) Where did the Athenians move to meet the Persians?
- e) Finally, what happened to the Persians?

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