

Class : 12

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COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION 2023 - 24

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

ENGLISH

[Max. Marks : 90

Part - I

1. Answer all the questions. Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer. 20x1= 20
Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given:
- They were childish enough, and in many ways quite artless.
a) Strange b) Innocent c) Gentle d) Wicked
 - This is curious, not only because tea.
a) Interesting b) Laborious c) Dull d) Furious
 - I experienced not only agony and fear but also anger.
a) Delight b) Excitement c) Anxiety d) Pain
- Choose the correct Antonyms for the underlined words from the options given.
- He shrugged his shoulders to convey his disapproval
a) Hope b) Denial c) Approval d) Argument
 - One does not feel wise, braver or more Optimistic.
a) Opportunistic b) Cheerful c) Realistic d) Pessimistic
 - We made Frequent changes of lead.
a) rare b) special c) strange d) gradual
 - Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation 'TNPSC'
a) Tamil Nadu Public Science Council b) Tamil Nadu People Service Commission
c) Tamil Nadu Public Service Council d) Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission
 - Replace the underlined word with a suitable Phrasal verb.
The fire was Extinguished.
a) put up b) put in c) put out d) put off
 - Choose the correct plural form of 'Genius'
a) geniuses b) genii c) geniusis d) geni
 - Replace the underlined Idiom with its suitable meaning:
The examinations are round the corner.
a) not to be avoided b) not in the near future
c) very near d) to be postponed
 - Fill in the blank with the suitable Preposition.
The tea should be put straight ----- the pot.
a) into b) on c) in d) over
 - Choose the appropriate question tag and complete the sentence:
Don't commit this mistake again, -----?
a) do you b) would you c) don't you d) will you
 - Choose the disyllabic word
a) benefit b) again c) strength d) weight
 - Choose the word that can be placed after the word 'soft' to form a compound word.
a) pen b) ic c) ware d) wear
 - Form a new word by adding suitable prefix to the root word 'respect'
a) dis b) ir c) mis d) re
 - Choose the right definition for the term 'Bibliophile'
a) One who studies birds b) One who loves books
c) One who loves to read the Bible d) One who studies insects

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17. Fill in the suitable Prepositional phrase given below:
 ----- rain, take an umbrella.
 a) according to b) instead of c) favour of d) incase of
18. Identify the sentence pattern of the following:
 I played Football yesterday
 a) SVCA b) SVOA c) SVOC d) SVAA
19. Choose the appropriate linker and complete the sentence.
 ----- you book in advance, you cannot witness the show.
 a) unless b) otherwise' c) If d) Although
20. Choose the word that has been spelt correctly from the options given.
 a) awefully b) awfully c) awefuly d) awfully

PART - II

SECTION - 1

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

4x2=8

21. *A creeper climbs, in where embraces bound
 No other tree could live.*

- (a) Which tree is referred to in the above lines?
 (b) How does the tree survive the tight hold of the creeper?

22. *The wizened warder let them through*

- a) Who had let the enemies in?
 b) Pick out the words in alliteration.

23. *Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
 Seeking the bubble reputation.*

- a) What is the soldier ready to do?
 b) Explain 'Bubble reputation'.

24. *The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung
 In crimson clusters all the bough among.*

- a) Why is the scarf colourful?
 b) Identify the figure of speech used here?

25. *..... for my purpose holds*

*To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths
 Of all western stars, until I die.*

- a) What was Ulysses' purpose in life?
 b) How long would his venture last?

26. *All the world's a stage.*

- a) What is the world compared to?
 b) Identify the figure of speech used here.

SECTION - 2

Do as directed (Any three)

3x2=6

27. Shanthi said to Baskar, "What are you doing now"? (Change into indirect speech)
 28. Unless you go for a walk regularly, you cannot reduce your weight.
 (Rewrite the sentence using 'If')
 29. Prizes were being given by the chief guest. (Change the voice)
 30. As he was ill, he could not do his work. (Change into compound sentence)

PART - III (SECTION - 1)

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

2x3=6

31. And all the men and women merely players;
 They have their exits and their entrances;
 32. How can this shameful tale be told?

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33.You and I are old;
Old age hath yet his honour and his toil;

SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following briefly.

2x3=6

34. When and where did the accident occur?
35. How did the narrator help the boys on Sunday?
36. What did Hillary find in a tiny hollow?

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following questions.

3x3=9

37. Identify each of the following sentences with the field in the list given below.

- a) Too much intake of spicy food leads to acidity.
b) Shakespeare's plays are read by many people.
c) The number of dropouts has reduced drastically.

(Education, Commerce, Health, Literature)

38. Describe the process of preparing a cup of Coffee.
39. Write an email to your uncle thanking him for the gift that he had sent from abroad.

40. Complete the Proverbs with the right option:

- a) ----- is not a bed of roses.
b) ----- once lost is lost forever.
c) ----- was not built in a day.

(Rome, Money, Time, Life)

PART - IV

Answer the following:

Answer the following in a paragraph in about 150 words.

7x5=35

41. a) What was the driving force that made the boys do various jobs? (OR)
b) How did Tenzing and Hillary prepare themselves before they set off to the summit?
42. a) Describe the Reminiscences of the poet when she sees the casuarina tree. (OR)
b) Describe the various stages of a man's life picturised in the poem "All the world's a stage".
43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints.
a) Ausable - spy - never looked like - fat - sloppy man - Fowler - young writer - enter room - Max - gun trotting documents - Fowler thrilled - Ausable spins story - about balcony - Max believes there is balcony - knock on door - Ausable says - it is police - Max nervous - jumped out - dies - door opens - waiter - no police - no balcony.
(OR)
b) Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov - young merchant - Vladimir Nizhny fair - wife - had dream - at inn - met another merchant - murdered - Aksionov arrested - sent - mines of Siberia - 26 years - old - Makar confessed - Aksionov forgave - died in peace - before order - for release.
44. a) Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.

The aim of education is to enable human personality to grow to its full stature. We have a body, a mind and spirit. Accordingly, education aims Physical, Intellectual, Spiritual and moral development. Games are a means of keeping the body healthy and fit. Physical fitness and freedom from all kinds of ailments are the desire and ambition of every human being. Indeed, good health is the first condition of happiness in life. Those who play game generally maintain good health. Games are an excellent means of bodily exercise. Whether it is sophisticated game like Hockey, Football, and Tennis or simple games like Kabbadi, they provide the much needed exercise to the body and thus keep the body healthy and strong. Players always have a better appetite and a better digestion than those who play no games or do exercises. Games not only make the body healthy and strong. but also make it muscular.

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45. a) Write a letter to the manager of waves furniture company ordering furniture for a coaching centre Include the following details: Description of the furniture, number of pieces, mode of payment, time and delivery options.

(OR)

- b) You had been to your Grandfather's house during the summer holidays. You enjoyed your stay in his company. Write a letter to your Grandfather stating how much you miss him after returning to your home.
46. (a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them:
- He gave me a lot of advices.
 - They discussed about politics.
 - Though he is ill but he attends the class.
 - If they had contacted me, I would help them.
 - The earthquake caused many damage.

(OR)

(b) Fill in the blanks appropriately:

- The birds ----- to god for their daily ----- (prey / pray)
 - I ----- play hockey when I was a student. (use a semi - modal)
 - Yusuf ----- (go) to the movies once in a while. (use the verb in the correct form)
 - The boy ----- got the first prize is my brother. (use an appropriate relative pronoun)
47. a) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

Bottlenose dolphins are the most common members of the dolphin family. They are the favourites of many people. They are known for being graceful, friendly and intelligent. Bottlenose dolphins are grey. They are usually 2 - 4 meters long. The Bottlenose dolphin get its name from its snout that is shaped like a bottle. It has blowholes on the top of its head for breathing. Bottlenose dolphins use sounds to communicate they squeak and whistle to each other. They also use body language to communicate. Bottlenose dolphins are very smart. Their intelligence is close to humans and apes. They are also very emotional animals. Bottlenose dolphins are fascinating mammals. We still have a lot to learn about these intelligent creatures.

Questions:

- What are the special qualities of Bottlenose dolphins?
- How does the Bottlenose dolphin get its name?
- What enables the Bottlenose dolphin to breathe?
- How do Bottlenose dolphins Communicate?
- Mention two qualities of humans that are found in Bottlenose dolphins.

(OR)

b) Develop the hints into a story of 150 words.

Once a bee - fell into a pond - pigeon flew past - dropped leaf - bee climbed on leaf - escaped - a hunter - aimed at pigeon - the bee stung - lost his aim - pigeon escaped.