

# KANCHIPURAM DT

## COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2023

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Standard XII

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ENGLISH

Time : 3.00 hrs

Part - I

Marks : 90

20 x 1 = 20

Answer all questions.

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

1. .... then as trade slackened we went over.
  - a) increased
  - b) reduced
  - c) started
  - d) stopped
2. But atleast four others are acutely controversial.
  - a) contracted
  - b) agreeble
  - c) disputable
  - d) harmful
3. In those days they did not have sophisticated surgery.
  - a) strong
  - b) weak
  - c) serious
  - d) advanced

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

4. From here the ridge narrowed to a knife edge.
  - a) broadened
  - b) neared
  - c) bettered
  - d) shortened
5. I experienced not only agony ....
  - a) sadness
  - b) ecstasy
  - c) gloominess
  - d) pain
6. China tea has virtues which are not to be despised nowadays.
  - a) hated
  - b) liked
  - c) disliked
  - d) vexed

Fill in the blank with the suitable homophone.

7. Turtles should be \_\_\_\_\_ in healthy environment. (bread / bred)
8. Form a new word by choosing the correct prefix to the word tour.
  - a) non
  - b) de
  - c) co
  - d) mis
9. Form a new word by choosing the correct suffix to the word regular.
  - a) \_ance
  - b) \_able
  - c) \_ity
  - d) \_ful
10. I was angry that I \_\_\_\_\_ (make) such a mistake.  
(use suitable tense form of the verb given in bracket)
11. I \_\_\_\_\_ like to have a cup of coffee. (use suitable modal)
12. My dad \_\_\_\_\_ play hockey when he was in college. (use a suitable quasi / semi modal)

Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition.

13. There was a skirmish \_\_\_\_\_ my brother and sister.
  - a) between
  - b) among
  - c) in
  - d) on
14. \_\_\_\_\_ my father my mother will go for shopping. (use suitable phrasal preposition)
15. This is \_\_\_\_\_ (how / what) it must be done. (use correct linker)
16. Vani is not only a singer \_\_\_\_\_ a good dancer.  
(fill up with a part of correlative conjunction)
17. Choose the correct combination for the compound word showroom from the options.
  - a) verb + noun
  - b) adj + noun
  - c) adverb + noun
  - d) noun + verb
18. Choose the correct question tag and fill up.  
I am always the winner, \_\_\_\_\_?  
  - a) am not I?
  - b) aren't I?
  - c) don't I?
  - d) am I?







c) Answer any three of the following.

37. Complete the proverbs choosing the right word from the options.

- a) Burnt child \_\_\_\_\_ fire.  
 i) likes            ii) dreads            iii) hates
- b) Doubt is the key to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 i) knowledge    ii) invention            iii) discovery
- c) An idle man's brain is the \_\_\_\_\_ workshop.  
 i) God's            b) devil's            c) friend's

38. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences correctly.

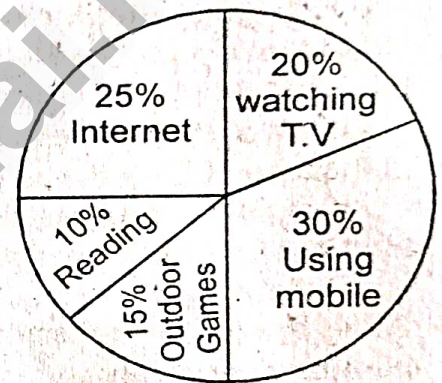
- a) always / his tools / work man / a bad / blames  
 b) louder / words / actions / speak / than  
 c) his cigar / In the doorway / the man / a match / and / lit / struck

39. Describe the process of making tea.

40. Study the pie chart and answer the following.

Residents' choice of entertainment in an apartment.

- a) What is the most sought entertainment by the residents?  
 b) Name the activity preferred by the least number of residents  
 c) Which activity is chosen by half the number of residents who use mobile phones



#### Part - IV

Answer all choosing one from each.

7 x 5 = 35

41. a) Summarise the eleven golden rules of making a nice cup of tea according to Orwell.

(OR)

b) How did the two boys with disability impress the author in the hospital? Answer in about 150 words.

42. a) How was the strong castle conquered by the enemies? Answer in about 150 words.

(OR)

b) Answer in a paragraph the seven stages of man according to the poet.

43. Develop the following hints into two or three small paragraphs of about 150 words.

a) Aksionov live with wife and children - decide to make a trip to fair - wife warns him - ignores her cautioning - local police arrest - charge of murder - petition of mercy turn down - vexed - sent to work in mines of Siberia - becomes old - gain good name - buys 'The Lives of Saints' - one day new prisoners - Makar is one - Makar's escape attempt - not betrayed - Makar repents - confesses - but Aksionov dies - before release order.

(OR)



- b) Baldwin an honest man since childhood - Secretary of a bank - Struggles economically - Gresham his boss and friend a rich man - Gresham arrested - misappropriation of funds in bank Baldwin - only witness against him - Gresham pressurised Baldwin - does not remember - Gresham offered a huge bribe - one hundred thousand dollars - Baldwin refused - Family members pestered - Baldwin shocked - ashamed - Gresham understood his friend - Gresham admitted his fault - Gresham told Marshal the truth - complimented his friend - Baldwin offered job by Marshall - honesty rewarded.

44. a) **Make notes (OR) b) Summarise the following.**

Language are of different kinds - spoken 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 a long history. The Greeks, the Romans, the Egyptians, the Chinese and the Indians are among those, whose languages 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 languages, The number of written languages, is much lower, with one estimate placing it at 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 people. It is a subordinate variety of a language with distinguished vocabulary, pronunciation or idioms.

45. a) Write a letter to your friend asking him to join your birthday party. (OR)  
 b) Write a letter to a Sports Company order for sports materials being the sports captain.
46. **Read the following, spot the error and rewrite each sentence correctly.**  
 a) Mr.Kamaraj was an unique leader of the people.  
 b) We have been awaiting for your sanction.  
 c) One of these car is defective.  
 d) Though she is rich but she is humble.  
 e) I have met him last night. (OR)

**Identify each of the following sentences with the fields given below.**

**{Commerce, Sports, Literature, Computer, Politics}**

- i) In democracy We have the right to criticise anyone.  
 ii) The price of gold is soaring high.  
 iii) The passenger sat down to check his e-mails.  
 iv) It was a thrilling neck and neck finish.  
 v) John Milton wrote both Paradise Lost and Paradise regained.
47. a) Write a General paragraph in about 150 words about **Rain water harvesting**. (OR)

b) **Do as directed :**

- i) Explain the \_\_\_\_\_ cut your \_\_\_\_\_ according to your cloth.  
 (use coat and quote appropriately)
- ii) You \_\_\_\_\_ wear your ID card. (use quasi modal)
- iii) The guests arrived when we \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the T.V.
- iv) \_\_\_\_\_ (Most of / Many of) the water overflowed from the tank.  
 (use appropriate determiner)

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