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COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2023

Std - XII

ENGLISH

Time : 3.00 Hours

Marks: 90

Part - I

Answer all the questions.

20 x 1 = 20

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

1. We watched for a few moment; then as trade slackened we went over.
a) reduced b) improved c) loosened d) ended
2. Suffering was something basic that was full of solace for me.
a) distress b) anguish c) comfort d) boredom
3. It was a great thrill to look straight down this enormous rock face.
a) rough b) sleep c) lofty d) huge

Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words in the following questions.

4. Their selfless action brought a new nobility to human like.
a) genuine b) honest c) selfish d) sincere
5. One doesn't feel wise, brave or more optimistic.
a) realistic b) pessimistic c) pragmatic d) naturalistic
6. We came upon in a deserted square.
a) crowded b) abandoned c) secured d) desolate
7. Choose the correct combination for the compound word sleeping-bags.
a) Noun+Noun b) Noun+verb c) Gerund+Noun d) Noun+Adjective
8. Form a new word by adding suitable prefix to the root word 'lucky'.
a) on b) in c) dis d) un
9. Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.
The fire was extinguished by the fire brigade.
a) put off b) put on c) put out d) put in
10. Replace the underlined idiom with its suitable meaning.
The examinations are round the corner.
a) not to be avoided b) very near c) not in the near future
d) to be postponed
11. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation TNPSC.
a) Tamilnadu Public Service Commission
b) Tamilnadu National People Service Commission
c) Tamilnadu Pupil Service Commission
d) Tamilnadu Public Service Council
12. Choose the right combination for the blended word 'sensitive issue'.
a) Sense+issue b) Sensi+issue c) Sensify+issue
d) Senseless + issue
13. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement.
Let's go to the beach,?
a) don't we b) do we c) shall we d) didn't we
14. Fill in the blank with suitable preposition.
The tea should be put straight the pot.
a) over b) on c) of d) into
15. Fill in the blank with the right verb.
We Ooty last month.
a) visit b) visited c) will visit d) visits

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16. Fill in the blank with suitable prepositional phrase.
The foot ball match continued heavy rain.
a) in spite of b) on behalf c) because of d) instead of
17. Complete the sentence choosing an appropriate linker.
..... my father arrived home, I narrated the incident.
a) Besides b) If c) Though d) As soon as
18. Choose the suitable modal verb to complete the sentence.
Students submit the record notebook on time.
a) should b) may c) can d) would
19. Choose the mono syllabic word from the following.
a) forceps b) queue c) stupid d) detect
20. Choose the verb form of **creation**.
a) creative b) creatively c) creatable d) create

Part - II
Section - A

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

21. This is my son, my own Telemachus,
To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle.
Well-loved of me.
a) Who is Telemachus?
b) Bring out the significance of the 'sceptre'.
22. Then the whining school-boy with his satchel
And shining morning face creeping like a snail.
a) Which stage of life is being referred to here by the poet?
b) What are the characteristics of this stage?
23. Therefore I fain would consecrate a lay
Unto thy honor, Tree, beloved of those
a) Which tree is referred in the above lines?
b) What does the expression 'fain' convey here?
24. Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
Seeking the bubble reputation.
a) Explain "bubble reputation"
b) What is the figure of speech used in the second line?
25. Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,
So smooth and high, no man could win.
a) How safe was the castle?
b) What was the firm belief of the soldiers?
26. The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung
In crimson cluster all the bought among.
a) Who is the giant here?
b) Pickout the alliteration words in the second line.

Section - B

Do as directed. Answer any three:

3 x 2 = 6

27. The teacher asked, "Have you done your homework?" (Change into indirect speech)
28. If I had come earlier, I would have attended the interview. (Begin with 'Had')
29. I have lost the watch that you gave me. (Change into Compound sentence)
30. Divya plays the piano. (Change into passive voice)

Part - III

Section - A

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

2 x 3 = 6

31. Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.



- 32. Our captain was brave and we were true.
- 33. Dear is the Casuarina to my soul.

Section - B

Answer any two of the following questions in more than words each: $2 \times 3 = 6$

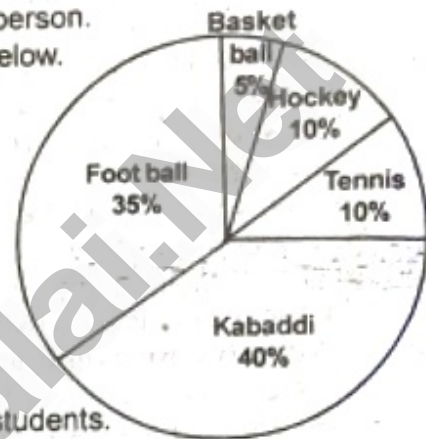
- 34. What made the boys work so hard?
- 35. What does the phrase 'a nice cup of tea' refer to?
- 36. What roles did the due take up?

Section - C

$3 \times 3 = 9$

Answer any three of the following :

- 37. Write a dialogue of minimum six utterances between a customer and a bank manager.
- 38. Describe the process of preparing lemon tea for two person.
- 39. Study the pie-chart and answer the questions given below.
Favourite sports of students.



- i) Which two games have equal number of students?
 - ii) Which is the most favourite game of the students?
 - iii) Name the game preferred by the least number of students.
40. Complete the following proverbs:
(spice, tide, truth)
- a) alone triumphs.
 - b) Variety is the of life.
 - c) Time and wait for none.

Part - IV

$7 \times 5 = 35$

Answer the following:

Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

- 41. a) What message is conveyed through the story "Two Gentlemen of Verona"? (OR)
b) Describe the "Grand prix" at cape town's Red cross children's hospital.
- 42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:
a) Describe the various stages of a man's life picturised in the poem 'All the world's a stage'. (OR)
b) How safe was the castle? How was it conquered?
- 43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words, by developing the hints.
A usable - clever - secret agent - entered - his room - max - pistol - lose - courage - quick - witted man - complained - balcony - window - management did not block - police - extra protection - important paper - max - hid - balcony - fell - to death - no police - no balcony - Ausable's plan - to get rid of max. (OR)
Pi-survived shipwreck - life boat - gets - stranded in the pacific - Bengal tiger - Richard parker - on board - pi searched for water - found stacks of cans - drinking water - elixir of life - gave him energy - managed to overcome fear - realized that alive - because of parker - scared him earlier - brought peace - purpose - helped him survive for - 227 days - left parker in a Jungle - reunited - family.
- 44. Write a summary of the following passage.
a) The earth goes round the sun and the moon goes round the earth. There are several other bodies, which like the earth, go round the sun. All these, including our

earth, are called the planets of the sun. The moon is called a satellite of the earth, because it hangs on to it. The other planets have also got their satellites. The sun and the planets with their satellites form a happy family. This is called the solar system. Solar means belonging to the sun, and the sun being father of all the planets, the whole group is called the solar system.

At night you see thousands of stars in the sky. A few of these are the planets and these are really not called stars at all. Can you distinguish between a planet and a star? The planets are really quite tiny, like our earth compared to the stars, but they look bigger in the sky, because they are nearer to us. But the real way to distinguish the stars from the planets is to see if they twinkle or not. Stars twinkle, planets do not. That is because the planets only shine because they get the light of our sun. It is only the sunshine on the planets or the moon that we see. The real stars are like our sun. They shine themselves because they are very hot and burning. In reality, our sun itself star, only it looks bigger, as it is nearer and we see it as a great ball of fire. (OR)

- b) Write a paragraph on the topic "The importance of personal Hygiene"
45. a) Write an application for the post of personal secretary to the Managing Director of a company. Include the following details:

Educational qualifications, experience, various other qualifications required for the post. (OR)

- b) Write a letter to a friend thanking him/her for a present sent to you on your birthday.
46. a) Read the following sentences, spot the error and correct them.

- i) The dog jumped in the well.
ii) His luggage are missing.
iii) Everyone know that smoking is injurious to health.
iv) Let's change the curtains today, can we?
v) If they had contacted me, I would help them.

(OR)

- b) Fill in the blanks as instructed:

- i) He told us as about a donkey's (tail / tale)
ii) He play foot ball in his college days. (Use a semi-modal)
iii) Jim (play) cricket every sunday. (Use a suitable tense form)
iv) The boy got the first prize is my brother. (use a relative pronoun)

47. a) Identify each of the following sentences with the fields given below:

- i) Rice contains more carbohydrates.
ii) The monitor displays the menu.
iii) We go by train to Mysore.
iv) Newspapers bring news from all parts of the world.
v) Michael Jackson was known as king of pop.

(Travel, Music, Nutrition and Dietetics, Computer, Media) (OR)

- b) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The Mettur dam is a large dam in India built in 1934. It was constructed on a gorge. Where the river Kaveri enters the plains. The dam is one of the oldest in India. It provides irrigation facilities to a part of Salem, the length Erode, Namakkal, Karur, Truchirappalli and Thanjavur. The Mettur Hydro Electric Power Project is also quite large. The dam, the park, power stations and hills make Mettur a tourist attraction.

Questions:

- i) What are the districts which get irrigation from the dam?
ii) Is the Mettur Dam a place of tourist attraction?
iii) What is a gorge? a) town b) village c) valley d) church
iv) When was the Mettur Dam built?
v) Say True or False : Coal is used to generate Hydro Electric Power.