

TIRUVANNAMALAI DISTRICT

QUARTERLY EXAMINATION – SEP 2023  
ENGLISH

Standard : XII

Marks : 90

## PART – I

(i) Answer all the questions. (ii) Choose the most appropriate from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

20 x 1 = 20

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

1. Yet their devotion had touched me deeply.  
a) dedication    b) information    c) satisfaction    d) vexation
2. ....under the spout to catch the stray leaves  
a) fresh    b) loose    c) gathered    d) harmful
3. I had eleven broken ribs and a perforated lung.  
a) weak    b) swollen    c) sticky    d) punctured

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

4. I imagined that our destinations would be some humble dwellings.  
a) meek    b) yielding    c) mild    d) proud
5. The cylindrical type of cup, not the flat, shallow type.  
a) strong    b) hollow    c) deep    d) direct
6. I literally crumpled backwards up the crack.....  
a) upward    b) forward    c) onward    d) wayward
7. Choose the **correct compound** word that can be placed before "knife"  
a) edge    b) down    c) cut    d) kitchen
8. Replace the underlined **phrasal verb** with suitable meaning.  
War broke out on 15th September.  
a) started suddenly    b) spread all over  
c) ended suddenly    d) damaged entirely
9. Choose the suitable meaning for the underlined **idiom**.  
a) at one corner    b) very near    c) in round shape    d) at a long distance
10. Choose the appropriate **Question tag**.  
She rarely absent herself, \_\_\_\_\_?  
a) doesn't she    b) does she    c) will she    d) willn't she
11. Pick out the right option for the phrase 'Interpol'.  
a) International + police    b) Internal + politics  
c) International + politics    d) Internal + police
12. Fill in the blank with suitable **homophone**.  
I have a scar on my \_\_\_\_\_ hand.  
a) rite    b) riot    c) right    d) write
13. Pick out the adjective form of the word 'appreciation'.  
a) appreciation    b) appreciate  
c) appreciative    d) appreciatively
14. Find the clipped word of gasoline.  
a) Gas    b) gasline    c) gasol    d) None of the above
15. Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition.  
The bank is \_\_\_\_\_ the temple.  
a) besides    b) between    c) into    d) near

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16. Fill in the blank with the appropriate **prepositional phrase**.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ rain, take an umbrella  
 a) Instead of    b) According to    c) Because    d) In case of
17. Write the expansion of the abbreviation '**CIA**'  
 a) Central Intelligence Agency    b) Central Institute of Ahmedhabad  
 c) Central institute of Aligarh    d) Central Investigation Agency
18. Fill in the blanks with proper **relative pronoun**.  
 Mr. Alex, \_\_\_\_\_ son is my class mate, is a celebrity.  
 a) who    b) which    c) whom    d) whose
19. Identify the Sentence Pattern of the following sentence.  
 My friend returned the dictionary yesterday.  
 a) SVO    b) SVC    c) SVIDO    d) SVOA
20. Choose the correct British English word for '**candy**'  
 a) sweet    b) toffee    c) chocolate    d) cand

**PART - II**  
**SECTION - 1**

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

4x2=8

21. *All through the summer at ease we lay,  
 And daily from the turret wall  
 We watched the mowers in the hay*  
 a) Who does 'we' refer to?  
 b) How did the soldiers spend the summer days?
22. *A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound  
 No other tree could live*  
 a) Which tree is referred to in the above lines?  
 b) Identify the figure of speech used in the lines.
23. *"Jealous in honour and sudden and quick in quarrel  
 Seeking the bubble reputation"*  
 a) Who is sudden and quick in quarrel?  
 b) What is the meaning of 'bubble reputation'?
24. *All the world's a stage  
 And all the men and women merely players*  
 a) What is the world compared to?  
 b) Pick out the words in alliteration from the second line.
25. *Thro' scudding drifts the rainy Hyades  
 Vext the dim sea.....*  
 a) What is the meaning of 'Hyades'?  
 b) Mention the figure of speech employed here.
26. *LIKE a huge python, winding round and round  
 The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars*  
 a) What is compared to a python?  
 b) Mention the figure of speech employed here.

**SECTION - 2**

3x2=6

Do as directed. Answer any three questions.

27. Mani said, "I have completed my work". (Change into Indirect speech)
28. Open the windows. (Change into passive voice)
29. If I were a bird, I would fly. (Begin with 'were')
30. Prizes were being given away by the chief guest. (Change into the other voice)

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**PART – III**  
**SECTION – 1**

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

2x3=6

31. *Is second childishness and mere oblivion  
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything".*
32. It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles  
And see the great Achilles, whom we knew
33. Dear is the Casuarina to my soul

**SECTION – 2**

Answer any two of the following questions.

2x3=6

34. The boys did not spend much on clothes and food. Why?
35. What does Dr. Barnard compare the entertainment of the boys to?
36. What did Hillary find in a tiny hollow?

**SECTION – 3**

Answer any three of the following.

3x3=9

37. Expand the following newspaper headlines into a complete sentence.
  - i) Plastic carry-bags banned in shops
  - ii) Earthquake in Indonesia – nearly hundred dead
  - iii) India wins Asian Championship Trophy Hockey
38. Write a dialogue of at least 3 exchanges between the Customer and Bank Manager.
39. Describe the process of booking cinema tickets online.
40. Complete the proverbs by choosing the right word from the list. (*Manners, Honesty, Rome*)
  - (i) is the best policy
  - (ii) was not built in a day
  - (iii) makes a man

**PART – IV**

Answer the following.

7x5 = 35

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
  - a) Give an account of the medical problems for which the two boys were hospitalized  
(OR)
  - b) Summarize George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice Cup of Tea".
42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
  - a) How does Edwin Muir describe the fall of the castle?  
(OR)
  - b) What makes Ulysses seek newer adventures?
43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words, by developing the hints.
  - a) Pi stranded in life boat - left with a leopard - hyena - thirsty - search water - close to tiger - finds water cans - after drinking water - elixir of life - tiger - scared - bought peace - Pi reunites with family.  
(OR)
  - b) Baldwin – secretary of the national bank – loyal employee – Gresham – President – National Bank – corrupt and selfish – misappropriated – arrested – offers one hundred thousand dollars – give false testimony – Baldwin's family wonder-struck – family insisted – rejected his offer – ashamed of moral corruption – confessed his crime – Marshall – rewarded him with a job.

44. (a) Summarize the following passage.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is making a difference to how legal work is done, but it isn't the threat it is made out to be. AI is making impressive progress and shaking up things all over the world today. The assumption that advancements in technology and artificial intelligence will render any profession defunct is just that, an assumption and a false one. The only purpose this assumption serves is creating mass panic and hostility towards embracing

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technology that is meant to make our lives easier. The ambit of AI includes recognizing human speech and objects, making decisions based on data, and translating languages. Tasks that can be defined as 'search-and-find' type can be performed by AI.

Introducing AI to this profession will primarily be for the purpose of automating mundane, tedious tasks that require negligible human intelligence. The kind of artificial intelligence that is employed by industries in the current scene, when extended to the law will enable quicker services at a lower price. AI is meant to automate a number of tasks that take up precious working hours lawyers could be devoted to tasks that require discerning, empathy, and trust-qualities that cannot be replicated by even the most sophisticated form of AI.

(OR)

(b) Write an essay of about 150 words on the topic "Need for Moral Education in schools".

45. a) Write an application for the post of Personal Secretary to the Managing Director of **ALFA Mobile Company, Chennai - 30.**

Include the following details: Educational qualification, Experience, other qualifications, languages known.

[Write XXXX for your name and YYYY for your address.

(OR)

b) Write a letter to your friend inviting him / her to spend the Quarterly Exam holidays with you.

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

(i) Neither Kala nor Kamala are intelligent.

(ii) I bought a blue colour shirt and a tie.

(iii) Peter brought many luggages with him.

(iv) Asha is senior than Radha.

(v) Though she is weak but she is active

(OR)

b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

(i) My friend looks very \_\_\_\_\_ for the past one \_\_\_\_\_. (weak ; week)

(ii) If I were a bird, I \_\_\_\_\_ fly. (Use a suitable Modal verb)

(iii) \_\_\_\_\_ my hard work, I became successful. (Use a suitable linker)

(iv) Ravi \_\_\_\_\_ ( live) in Chennai for the past ten years

47. a) Build a conversation between two friends about the movie they recently watched.

(OR)

b) Read the following passage and the questions given below.

In modern world, honesty has lost its meaning. Wealth plays an important role in man's life today. Value of money has gone high. All religions lay down great stress on honesty. Honesty should be maintained everywhere, at home, in school, among friends and even in the playground. An honest person always obeys the laws, so he is free from trouble. Honesty gives rise to spiritual strength. The life of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of our nation is an example. Since his childhood, he tried to remind honest and truthful. Dishonesty gives benefits sometimes but those benefits are temporary. It kills our soul and snatches away our peace of mind. It is not an easy job to remain honest in this world.

Questions

i) What is being ignored a lot in today's world?

ii) How can we practice honesty in life?

iii) How is an honest person free from trouble?

iv) How did Gandhi exhibit honesty in his life?

v) State whether the following statement is true or false:

Honesty kills our soul and snatches away our peace of mind.