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COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION 2023 - 24

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

ENGLISH
Part - I

[Max. Marks : 90

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:

- Tenzing kicked steps in a long traverse back towards the ridge.
a) enormous b) exhausted c) through d) adventure
- My thoughts have turned to the consideration of why people should suffer.
a) sophisticated b) careful thought c) motivation d) cruelly
- But because the best manner of making it is the subject of violent disputes.
a) agreements b) applause c) conflicts d) discussions

Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the underline the words in the following sentences.

- But they are sufficient to show how subtilized the whole business has become.
a) suffocative b) inadequate c) enough d) submissive
- We watch the for a few moments then as trade slackened and we went over.
a) reduced b) increased c) omitted d) avoided
- I experienced not only agony and fear but also a anger.
a) suffering b) happiness c) fruitfulness d) restless
- Identify the correct combination of the word "playground"
a) noun+ noun b) verb+ noun c) verb + verb d) noun + verb
- Choose the best pair of the word 'muscle'
a) system b) disorder c) idea d) pain
- Replace the phrasal verb with suitable meaning
The governor cut off the old pension scheme.
a) identified b) included c) removed d) renounced
- Formal new word by adding a suitable suffix to the route word "patient".
a) -ly b) -ness c) -al d) -ness
- Fill the blank with the suitable tense.
Where _____ your last holidays?
a) have spent b) spend c) did spend d) did you spend
- Choose the correct modals.
People who live in glass houses _____ not throw stones.
a) should b) will c) would d) may
- Fill the blanks with the suitable preposition.
My friend will meet me _____ his brother tomorrow.
a) within b) with c) by d) on
- Fill the blanks with the suitable prepositional phrase.
The assignment will be completed _____
a) with a week b) on a week c) in a few weeks d) in a week
- Choose appropriate linker and fill the blank.
----- you register your name you cannot participate in the competitions.
a) if b) unless c) or d) as
- Right proper question tag.
Mr Ranjit is a great scholar
a) isn't he b) is he c) does he d) does n't he.

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17. Choose a suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence.
Department should get the ducks in a row before the audit.
a) be will connected b) be will joined c) be will advanced d) be will organized
18. Fill the blanks with proper conjunction.
Mary had lend the umbrella to me _____ she had it.
a) if b) though c) unless e) otherwise
19. Choose the word which has spelled correctly.
a) miscellaneous b) misscelianous c) miscellaneous d) miscillinous.
20. Fill the blanks with proper quasi-modal
How _____ you ask such a question?
a) need b) used c) should d) dare

PART - II
SECTION - 1

4X2=8

Answer any four of the following:

Read the sets of poetic lines given and answer the question that follow.

21. *Then the whining school - boy, with his satchel
And shining morning face, clipping like a snail
Unwilling me to school.*
a) How does the boy go to school?
b) Mention the figure of speech in the second line?
22. *Jealous and honor sudden and quick in quarrel
Seeking the bubble reputation
Even in the cannon's mouth.*
a) Explain bubble repetition.
b) What are the distinguishing features of this the stage?
23. *Death closes all but something ere the end,
Some work of noble note, may yet be done,
Not unbecoming men that strove with Gods.*
a) The above lines convey the underlying spirit of Ulysses .Explain.
b) Pick out the words in alliteration in the above lines.
24. *For my purpose holds
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths
Of all the Western stars, until I die.*
a) What was ulysses' purpose in life?
b) How long would his venture last?
25. *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?
26. *We could do nothing, being sold.*
a) Why could not they do anything?
b) Why did they feel helpless?

SECTION - 2

Do as directed.

Answer any three of the following questions.

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27. I am very busy (Change into indirect speech)
28. The smuggler has been napped by the police.
(Change the voice of the sentence)

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29. If I had come earlier, I would have attended the interview.
(Begin with 'Had')
30. Unless you have a valid passport you cannot leave the country.
(Rewrite compound sentence)

PART - III
SECTION - 1

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

2x3=6

31. *They have their exit and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts,"*
32. *I cannot rest from travel: I will drink
Life to the lees:*
33. It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech;

SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words each.

2x3=6

34. What message is conveyed through the story 'Two Gentleman of Verona'?
35. What did Hillary do with his wet boots?
36. What was the profound lesson that Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?

3x3=9

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following.

37. Complete the proverbs choosing the right word from the list:

- a) Brevity is the ___ of wit.
i) base ii) soul iii) route
- b) One ___ does not make a summer.
i) eagle ii) swallow iii) owl
- c) Necessity is the mother of ____.
i) adventure ii) innovation iii) invention

38. Describing the process of making vegetable salad.
39. Write a dialogue between teacher and student about NEET preparation, with three exchanges.
40. Rearrange the jumbled sentences.
a) every hope / there is / walk and sing / that / she will.
b) ennobles you / suffering / a better person/ and makes you.
c) a personal / liberty is not / but a social contract / affair /only.

PART - IV

7x5=35

Answer the following.

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

(a) Summarize the distinctive ideas of a George Orwell in the essay 'A Nice Cup of Tea'.

(OR)

(b) How did a casual incident in a hospital help Dr. Bernard perceive and new dimension of life?

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

(a) Describe the various stages of a man's life a picturised in the poem "All the World's a Stage".

(OR)

(b) Describe the capture of the Castle.

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

(a) Pi-survived -shipwreck- lifeboat- gets stranded in the Pacific- Bengal tiger -Richard Parker- on board -Pi search for water found stacks of cans -drinking water -elixir of life -gave him energy - manage to overcome fear- realise that alive -because of Parker -scared him earlier- brought peace- purpose -helped him survive for 227 days -left Parker in a jungle- reunited - family.

(OR)

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- (b) Baldwin -honest- loyal to boss- Gresham arrested -for fraud in bank -Baldwin- advises- to return money- Gresham refuses He offers 100 thousand dollars - to tell three words -I don't remember Baldwin refuses -family members ask him to accept bribe Baldwin refuses -awarded in the end- new bank job- Gresham confesses his fault.

44. Write summary or make note the following passage:

The aim of education is to enable the human personality to grow to its status in full. Man has a body, mind and spirit. Accordingly ,education aims at the physical, the intellectual, the spiritual and the moral development of a man. Games are the 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 games regularly maintain good health. Games are excellent means of body exercise. Keep the body healthy and strong. There are many games like Hockey, Football, Tennis etc. And other games like Kabaddi Hide and Seek etc. If a man wants to develop his personality he has to keep his body healthy. Players always have a better appetite and a better digestion. So work and play should be fairly balanced.

45. (a) write a letter to AZ company requesting them to replace the defective juice here that you brought recently. Include the following details: the problem ,date of purchase ,receipt number, model and warranty. (OR)

(b) You had been to your Grandma's house during the summer holidays . You enjoyed your stay in her company. Write a letter to your Grandma stating how much you miss her after returning to your home.

46. (a) Answer the questions:

i) The doctor advised his patient to take out the _____ of cigarette he had in his _____ and throw it in the dustbin. (Pocket / Packet)

ii) If we had had time, we _____ (visit) the exhibition. (Use the correct tense form of the verb)

iii) The sisters _____ meet everyday, when they lived in the same town.

(Fill in the blanks with a suitable semi modal verb)

iv) Don't talk _____ you are eating.

(Fill in the blank with the suitable conjunction)

(OR)

(b) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.

i) Neither of the boys are guilty.

ii) Balaji is junior than me

iii) Our teacher gives us a lot of advices.

iv) The quality of the mangoes are good.

v) The tourists took much photos during their trip.

47. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

The earth is losing its forest. Trees cover about 30% of the earth surface, but they are being destroyed at an alarming rate especially in the tropics. Timber harvesting is a major reason for the destruction of the forest. Trees are used for building houses, making furniture and providing pulp for paper products, such as newspapers and magazines . At least 40 hectares of rain forest are being felled every minute , mostly in order to extract the valuable timber.

i) What is the major reason for the destruction of forest?

ii) Mention any two uses of trees?

iii) Why are rain forest being destroyed?

iv) How much of the year surface is occupied by trees?

v) Pick out the word from the passage that means the same as "wood"?

(OR)

(b) Write a paragraph of 150 words on "My ambition in life".

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Answer Key

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- 1.d) adventure
2. b) careful thought
3. c) conflicts
4. b) inadequate
5. b) increased
6. b) happiness
7. b) verb+ noun
8. d) pain
9. c) removed
10. a) ly
11. d) did you spend
12. a) should
13. b) with
14. c) in a few weeks
15. b) unless
16. a) isn't he
17. d) be well organized
18. a) if
19. c) miscellaneous
20. d) dare

21. a) The boy goes to school unwillingly
b) Simile

22. a) Bubble reputation means short lived glory

b) It is the fourth stage of life. He seeks reputation and ambitious. He promises to guard his country and becomes a soldier

23. a) Ulysses opinion that death is end to all but before his death he wants to do great things

b) quick - quarrel,

24. a) Ulysses' purpose in life is to sail new places beyond the sunset and to gain knowledge

b) His venture would last till his death

25. a) The Casuarina tree is the giant here

b) Scarf refers to creepers' flowers. They are so colourful because they winding up the tree

26. a) They could not do anything because the warder was disloyal and the castle was captured

27. He/she was busy

28. The police have snapped the smuggler

29. Had I come earlier, I would have attended the interview

30. You should have a valid passport or/or else/ otherwise you can not leave the country

31. Poem: All the World' a Stage

Poet: William Shakespeare

32. Poem: Ulysses

Poet: Alfred Tennyson

33. Poem: Our Casuarina Tree

Poet: Toru Dutt

37. a) ii. Soul

b) ii. Swallow

c) iii. Invention

40. a) There is every hope that she will walk and sing

b) Suffering enables you and makes you a better person

c) Library is not only a personal affair but a social contract

46. a) i. Packet/ pocket

ii. Would have visited

iii. Used to

iv. While

b)i. Neither of the boys is guilty

ii. Balaji is junior to me

iii. Our teacher gives us a lot of advice

iv. The quality of the mangoes is good

v. The tourists took many photos during their trip

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