

12 - STD QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2023

ENGLISH

Reg. NO.

12413

TIME : 3.00 Hours

MARKS : 80

- I) Choose the correct answer for each of the following from the options given. (20 x 1 = 20)
- A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined lexical item in each of the following sentences (3 x 1 = 3)
- In some countries, teapots are fitted with little dangling baskets.
(a) colouring (b) hanging freely (c) twisting (d) brimming
 - The trolley was commandeered by an intrepid of the two.
(a) hijacked (b) escaped (c) ordered (d) requested
 - My progress, although slow, was steady.
(a) weak (b) firm (c) worse (d) bad
- B) Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite to the usage of the underlined word in the following sentences. (3 x 1 = 3)
- Nicola was glaring at his brother in voxation.
(a) surprise (b) confusion (c) happy agreement (d) anger
 - We can't appreciate light if we haven't known darkness.
(a) gloomy (b) dreary (c) brightness (d) dreamy
 - Far away across the clouds, the great bulk of Kanchenjunga loomed on the horizon.
(a) emerged (b) appeared (c) loosened (d) vanished
- C) Answer all the questions.
- Choose the correct expansion of the acronym of Mi6
a) Military Intelligent Section 6 b) Military Intellectual Section 6
c) Military Intelligence Section 6 d) Military Individual Session 6
 - Choose the correct combination for the compound word "Jet black"
a) Noun+ Verb b) Noun + Adjective c) Noun + Noun d) Noun + Adverb
 - Choose the correct combination for the blended word "Intercom"
a) Interactive + Communication b) Interval + Communication
c) Internal + Communication d) Individual + Commission
 - Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the following poetical line :
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything
a) including b) within c) without d) excluding
 - Choose the right definition for the given term "Zoomania"
(a) abnormal love of food (b) abnormal love of birds
(c) abnormal love of God (d) abnormal love of animals
 - Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence
Robert Baldwin let his name rest "Under a cloud"
a) viewed with suspicion b) analyze deeply c) understand beyond doubt d) sleep in the shade
 - Replace the underlined phrasal verb into a single word
War broke out on 15th September.
a) spread all over b) started suddenly c) moved away d) ended suddenly
 - Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word- 'position'
a) mal b) pre c) post d) tri
 - Identify the sentence pattern of the following
Chandrayaan 3 mission Lander was captured
a) SVO b) SVC c) SV d) SAV
 - Choose the correct syllabification of the word 'emigrant'
a) emi-grant b) e-mi-grant c) emig-rant d) em-l-gra-nt
 - Choose the clipped form of the word Umpire
a) Umpy b) ump c) plre d) mpire
 - Fill in the blanks with a suitable relative pronoun:
Trichy is the townI had my schooling.
a) which b) where c) when d) none of these

19. Choose the correct meaning of the cliché 'Kith and Kin'
 a) kitbag b) bat and ball c) friends and relatives d) ladies and gentlemen
20. Choose the correct British English words for the given American English word „pal“
 a) enemy b) friend c) alliance d) alley

Part – II

Answer any seven of the following:

(7 × 2 = 14)

11. a) Read the given sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow (Answer any four out of six)
21. For what, we thought, had we to fear
 With our arms and provender, load on load
 (a) Whom does „we“ refer to?
 (b) Pick out the alliterated words.
22. Unknown, yet well known to the eye of faith Ah, I have heard that wail far, far away
 In distant lands, by many a sheltered bay
 a) From where did the poet hear the wail?
 b) What is the poetic device employed here?
23. All the world's a stage
 And all the men and women merely players
 (a) What is the world compared to?
 b) Which figure of speech has been used in the second line?
24. Like a huge python, winding round and round The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars
 a) What is python?
 b) What is the figure of speech employed here?
25. Thro' scudding drifts the rainy Hyades Vext the dim sea: I am become a name
 a) What is meant by Hyades?
 b) Identify the figure of speech employed here.
26. Little remains; but every hour is saved From that eternal silence, something more
 a) What do you mean by 'eternal silence'?.
 b) Mention the figure of speech employed in the above lines.
- b) Do as Directed: (Answer any three out of four)
27. Report the dialogue:
 Gogila : What type of movies do you like?
 Sundari : I like horror movies
28. Jeyarani attended the interview. She secured the job. (Combine using If in the third conditional clause)
29. Rewrite the sentence making an inversion in the conditional clause.
 If you should be late once again, you will lose your job.
30. Raga is a student who is very intelligent. (Rewrite into simple sentence)

Part – III

Answer any seven of the following:

(7 × 3 = 21)

- a. Explain any two of the following with Reference to the Context:
31. Dear is the Casuriana to my soul ,
32. All the world's a stage
33. This is my son, mine own Telemachus
- b. Answer any two of the following questions briefly:
34. Who did the narrator meet at the outskirts of Verona ?
35. Does the author like drinking tea with sugar? Give reasons.
36. How did the mountaineers belay?
- c. Answer any three of the following: (any three out of four)
37. Rearrange the jumbled sentence :
- a) ennobles you / suffering / a better person / and makes you
- b) went / we / a / on / May / trip / to / last / Kashmir
- c) foolish / penny / wise / pound
38. Write a dialogue between a vegetable vendor and a home maker regarding the price rise of tomatoes. (Minimum of three exchanges)

39. Describe the process of preparing fruit salad.
40. Complete the proverbs using the words given below:
-is not a bed of roses
 -was not built in a day..
 - Barking _____ seldom bites.
- (Rome, Dog, Life)

Part – IV

Answer the following:

(7 × 5 = 35)

41. Summarize Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice Cup of Tea".

(OR)

How did Hillary and Tenzing prepare themselves before they set off the summit.

42. Critically analyze the poem "The Castle"

(OR)

Describe the various stages of man's life.

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

Pi – from Pudhucherry – stranded in life boat – left with a leopard – hyena – very thirsty – look for water – close to tiger – overpowers – finds water cans – comes to life after drinking water – elixir of life – learnt – tiger who scared him brought peace – wholeness – after 227 days – Pi reunites with family.

(OR)

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 a summary or make notes of the following passage

Loyalty is a noble quality and gesture, and one should be loyal to his nation, family, institution and friends. Unfortunately business units are also forcing their way in, to join this elite club that deserves our loyalty. About a year ago, I was welcomed into a newly opened departmental store in my locality, with a promise that if I continue to make purchases from them, they will reward me with a gift at the end of the year, proportionate to the purchase that I have made. I fell for this gimmick, giving a temporary leave to my sanity. They took my name and phone number. After every purchase, an entry was made against my phone number and points were added. Enthused by the promise, even if I was in emergent need of a product that was readily available at a shop just opposite my house, to earn my "Points", I would use my two wheeler, wasting my time and energy and fuel, and get the product only from that particular store. True to their word, at the end of the year, they gave me a gift; a plastic lunch box appreciating my loyalty.

45. a) You have got a job offer for the post of clerk at Chella Softwares Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai but cannot join on time due to some urgent work at home. Write a letter to the HR (Human Resource) Manager of that company, and in your letter, state why are you writing, explain your situation, what you want to request from Manager. (Write XXX for your name and YYY for your address)

(OR)

Write a letter to your friend informing him about the postponement of your trip to Trichy, since your father is ill.

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

- I like coffee, but she gave me too many.
- Mary works like a waitress on Sundays.
- We made a meeting yesterday.
- Abinaya came in the room and sat down.
- Though Keerthi is weak but she is active.

(OR)

- ii) Fill in the blanks appropriately

- Theis on his way to the castle duringtime. (night/ Knight)
- Howyou check my bag?. (Fill in with a Semi - Modal verb)
- He read many books during his school days (Fill in with a -modal)
- you have an entry pass, you cannot get in (Use a suitable link word)

47. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

(I was five years old when a teacher slapped me on the face for accidentally breaking a flower vase in the class room) I remember it was a hot day and we had just come back from our lunch break. The class room was dark and cool. The teacher had not arrived yet and most of the students were still trying to settle down. I was standing by the window trying to work out how it could be so hot outside and so cool inside when my elbow accidentally jostled the flower vase and it fell. A few seconds later the teacher walked in. I told her immediately. Before she asked me any questions, she slapped me and it stung. 'Why did you break the vase, you stupid'? She hissed.

'I didn't miss, it was an accident' I replied through a mixture of tears and snot.

'Get out of my class'. I was told and sent to stand outside for the rest of the day. The teacher called my mother and in the late afternoon my Mom came to pick me up. I don't know what the teacher said to her but my Mom was visibly angry and wouldn't speak to me on the way home or even later.

Questions :

- a) How old was the author at the time of breaking the flower vase?
- b) How did the author justify his / her action of breaking the Vase?
- c) Describe the weather in the class room.
- d) How did the mother react with her son / daughter?
- e) Do you think the attitude of the teacher is right and just? Write Yes or No.

(OR)

A "Clean India" campaign was organized in your school. Write a report in about 50 words highlighting the main features of the campaign.

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XII ENGLISH – QUARTERLY EXAM ⇒ SEP 2023

DATE : 19.09.23 ENGLISH – SCORING KEY

ANSWERS WRITTEN ONLY IN BLACK OR BLUE SHOULD BE EVALUATED

PART – I		
1.	Answer all the questions:	20 x 1 = 20
	Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given.	
01	(b) hanging freely	3 Marks
02	(a) hijacked	
03	(b) firm	
	Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given.	
04	(c) happy agreement	3 Marks
05	(c) brightness	
06	(d) vanished	
07	(c) Military Intelligence Section 6	1 Mark
08	(b) Noun + Adjective	1 Mark
09	(c) internal + communication	1 Mark
10	(c) without	1 Mark
11	(d) abnormal love of animals	1 Mark
12	(a) viewed with suspicion	1 Mark
13	(b) started suddenly	1 Mark
14	(b) pre / (c) post	1 Mark
15	(c) SV	1 Mark
16	(b) e-mi-grant	1 Mark
17	(b) ump	1 Mark
18	(b) where	1 Mark
19	(c) friends and relatives	1 Mark
20	(b) friend	1 Mark

PART - II		
SECTION - 1		
	Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following.	4 x 2 = 8
21	(a) soldiers (b) load, load	1 Mark 1 Mark
22	(a) unknown land (b) personification	1 Mark 1 Mark
23	(a) stage (b) metaphor	1 Mark 1 Mark
24	(a) a poisonous snake (b) zoomorphism / simile	1 Mark 1 Mark
25	(a) a group of stars in the constellation Taurus often associated with rain (b) personification	1 Mark 1 Mark
26	(a) death (b) metaphor	1 Mark 1 Mark
	SECTION - 2	
	Answer any three questions.	3 x 2 = 6
27	Gogila asked Sundari what type of movies she liked. Sundari replied that she liked horror movies.	2 Marks
28	If Jeyarani had attended the interview, she would have secured the job. / If Jeyarani had not attended the interview, she would not have secured the job.	2 Marks
29	Should you be late once again, you will lose your job.	2 Marks
30	Raga is a very intelligent student.	2 Marks
	PART - III - Section - 1	
(i)	Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.	2 x 3 = 6
	Name of the poem	1 Mark
	Name of the poet	1 Mark
	Explanation	1 Mark
31	Poem : Our Casuarina Tree Poet : Toru Dutt	
32	Poem : All the world's a stage Poet : William Shakespeare	
33	Poem : Ulysses Poet : Alfred Lord Tennyson	

SECTION - 2		
	Answer any two of the following in not more than 30 words.	2 x 3 = 6
34	Nicola and Jacopo / two small boys	3 Marks
35	No, the author doesn't like drinking tea with sugar because sugar destroys the flavour of tea and we merely taste sugar instead of tea.	3 Marks
36	The mountaineers moved one at a time. One would cut a 40-foot line of steps and the other belayed him. Then one would sink his shaft and put a few loops around it. The other would move up. Like this the mountaineers belayed working in turns.	3 Marks
SECTION - 3		
	Answer any three of the following.	3 x 3 = 9
37	Rearrange the jumbled sentences. a) Suffering ennobles you and makes you a better person. b) We went on a trip to Kashmir last May. c) Penny wise pound foolish.	3 Marks
38	Dialogue between a vegetable vendor and a home maker regarding the price rise of tomatoes.	3 Marks
39	Describe the process of preparing fruit salad.	3 Marks
40	Complete the proverbs. a) life b) rome c) dog	3 Marks
PART - IV		
	Answer the following:	7 x 5 = 35
41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Content - (60%), Language, style and organisation (40%) ➤ Exceptionally good paragraph 	5 Marks
(a)		4 Marks
or		3 Marks
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Correct answer with all points with no mistakes ➤ Correct answer with a few mistakes ➤ Answer with a few points ➤ Answer with a few points and many mistakes 	2 Marks
		1 Mark

46	<p>i) Spot the errors and correct them.</p> <p>a) I like coffee but she gave me too <u>much</u>.</p> <p>b) Mary works <u>as</u> a waitress on sundays.</p> <p>c) We <u>had</u> a meeting yesterday.</p> <p>d) Abinaya came <u>into</u> the room and sat down.</p> <p>e) Though Keerthi is weak, she is active, / Keerthi is weak but she is active.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(or)</p> <p>a) knight / night</p> <p>b) dare</p> <p>c) could</p> <p>d) unless</p>	<p>1 Mark</p> <p>1 Mark</p> <p>1 Mark</p> <p>1 Mark</p> <p>1 Mark</p> <p>2 Marks</p> <p>1 Mark</p> <p>1 Mark</p> <p>1 Mark</p>
47.	<p>Comprehension passage.</p> <p>b) a) The author was five years old</p> <p>b) The author said to the teacher, " It was an accident".</p> <p>c) The classroom was dark and cool</p> <p>d) The mother was visibly angry</p> <p>e) No</p>	<p>1 Mark</p> <p>1 Mark</p> <p>1 Mark</p> <p>1 Mark</p> <p>1 Mark</p>

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