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Tenkasi District

Common Quarterly Examination - September 2023



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Standard 8

Time: 2.30 hrs

ENGLISH

Marks: 100

## SECTION - I [VOCABULARY]

1. Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined words: **3×1=3**
- a) You are always self-centred.  
 i) egotic                      ii) generous                      iii) heroic  
 b) Ajay started to paint happily.  
 i) depressed                      ii) joyfully                      iii) unhappily  
 c) He cared little for earthly fame and honors.  
 i) attraction                      ii) proud                      iii) popularity
2. Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words: **3×1=3**
- a) Issac possessed a wonderful faculty of acquiring knowledge.  
 i) owned                      ii) controlled                      iii) lacks  
 b) Ajay mastered the techniques of painting.  
 i) skilled                      ii) proficient                      iii) unskilled  
 c) His Grandmother was very kind to him.  
 i) affectionate                      ii) loving                      iii) cruel
3. Choose the correct homophones: **2×1=2**
- a) Chennai is the \_\_\_\_\_ of TamilNadu.  
 i) capitol                      ii) capital  
 b) The \_\_\_\_\_ rises in the east.  
 i) son                      ii) sun
4. Expand the following: **2×1=2**
- a) PAN                      b) NEWS
5. Choose the best answer to make a compound word: **2×1=2**
- a) Which can be placed after 'blue'?  
 i) cane                      ii) print                      iii) see  
 b) Which can be placed before 'mark'?  
 i) cut                      ii) book                      iii) box
6. Write the plural form of the given words: **2×1=2**
- a) foot                      b) sister-in-law
7. Syllabify the following words: **2×1=2**
- a) Teacher                      b) School
8. Pick a suitable prefix and suffix from the given box and complete the following words: [ful, tri, ly, mis, im] **4×½=2**
- a) proper                      b) colour                      c) success                      d) equal

## SECTION - II [GRAMMAR]

9. Fill in the blanks with correct prepositions: **3×1=3**
- a) Buy me a present \_\_\_\_\_ my birthday.  
 b) I met John \_\_\_\_\_ 1987.  
 c) Her shift finished \_\_\_\_\_ 7 p.m.
10. Fill in the blanks with appropriate modal verbs: **3×1=3**
- a) \_\_\_\_\_ I ask a question, please?  
 b) \_\_\_\_\_ you like a cup of tea?  
 c) I \_\_\_\_\_ be home late.
11. Change the possessive adjective into possessive pronoun: **3×1=3**
- a) This is my pen.  
 b) My bike is costly.  
 c) Shenbah missed her purse.
12. List out the transitive and intransitive verbs: **3×1=3**
- a) I think that you are correct.  
 b) I threw the ball.  
 c) The sun shines.
13. Fill in the blanks with suitable degrees of comparison: **3×1=3**
- a) A horse is \_\_\_\_\_ (strong) than a monkey.  
 b) Sita is the \_\_\_\_\_ (beautiful) girl in the class.  
 c) The Tajmahal is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ (famous) monuments.

## SECTION - III [PROSE]

14. Fill in the blanks: **5×1=5**
- a) The diamond jewel belonged to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 b) Ajay mastered the techniques of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 c) Mani imagined a world with \_\_\_\_\_.  
 d) Issac Newton was born at \_\_\_\_\_.  
 e) Grand mother was advised to apprentice him to a \_\_\_\_\_.

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**15. Answer ANY THREE of the following questions:****3×2=6**

- Where did the sparrows build the nest?
- What is Ajay's current goal?
- Why is writing beneficial according to Mani?
- How did the young boy find the strength of the wind?
- How was Newton honoured by the king?

**16. Answer any one of the following in about 100 words:****1×5=5**

- Why did the sparrow throw the nose jewel into Ramayya's house? **(OR)**
- Why did Newton's friends advice his grandmother to apprentice him to a clockmaker?

**17. Say the following statements are True or False:****4×1=4**

- Two sparrows built a nest on a tree top.
- Hobbies are unique to people.
- Ajay Garg is an artist.
- Mani's habby is playing cricket.

**SECTION - IV [POETRY]****18. Quote from memory:****5×1=5**

From : Every soul .....

To : ..... yet unfelt.

**19. Read the following poetic lines and answer the questions that follow:****5×1=5**

- "There is something special about a father's love"**
  - Who is the special hero mentioned in the poem?
  - Identify the alliteration.
- If all the children could read, In constructing a vigorous society Then we shall succeed.**
  - Identify the rhyming words.
  - What can the children do to the society if they read?
  - What is the hobby of the poet?

**20. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100 words:****1×5=5**

- Write a paragraph on the father's love as described in the poem. **(OR)**
- Write a short note on "Making Life worthwhile" by George Eliot.

**SECTION - V [SUPPLEMENTARY READER]****21. Identify the character / speaker:****5×1=5**

- He is one of my friends.
- How can I learn to do the right thing at the right time?
- "Now rest a while - and let me work a bit"?
- He camped in the Kumaon District, and started tracking the tigress.
- Are you all alone, my son?

**22. Choose the best answer:****5×1=5**

- The king wanted to know the answers for \_\_\_\_\_ questions.
  - three
  - five
  - nine
- \_\_\_\_\_ widely renowned for his wisdom.
  - Hermit
  - Messengers
  - Warriors
- \_\_\_\_\_ was the first man eater shot by Corbett.
  - Malayan Tiger
  - Bengal Tiger
  - The Champawat Tiger
- Jim Corbett died on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 19th April
  - 25th April
  - 17th April
- The train would come at \_\_\_\_\_.
  - one o'clock
  - twelve o'clock
  - two o'clock

**23. Answer ANY ONE of the following question:****1×5=5**

- According to Corbett, why a tiger turns into a man-eater? **(OR)**
- What were the answers to the three questions? What is the message of the hermit?

**24. Match the following:****5×1=5**

- |                   |   |                   |                   |
|-------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| a) Woman in white | - | Arun              | SIVAKUMAR.M,      |
| b) Bowler         | - | Champawat         | Soi Ram Matic HSS |
| c) Spectacles     | - | three questions   | VALLAM. 622809    |
| d) Chataar Bridge | - | dressed simply    | Tenkasi Di-st.    |
| e) The King       | - | mother of Sathish |                   |

**SECTION - VI [COMMUNICATIVE SKILL]****25. Write a letter to your father asking permission to go on a educational tour.****4****26. Write a dialogue between a conductor and a passenger.****4****27. Develop the following hints:****4**

Akbar - Birbal - courtries jealous of Birbal - ask Akbar - test Birbal wiseness  
 - courtier puts a question - How many crows in Agra - Birbal asks for a week -  
 everyday sitting on the terrace - looking at the crows - after a week - courtier  
 asks - Birbal says 156757 crows - asks the courtier to check - Akbar laughs.