

## COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2023

## ENGLISH – ANSWER KEY

12 - Std

Marks: 90

## PART I

Answer **all** the questions.

20x1=20

Q.no	Answer		Marks
Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.			
1	(a)	Bold	1
2	(c)	Guileless	1
3	(b)	enough	1
Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.			
4	(c)	Benign	1
5	(a)	Relaxation	1
6	(a)	diffidence	1
7	(c)	on account of	1
8	(b)	favourite activity	1
9	(b)	separated	1
10	(d)	among	1
11	(b)	strength	1
12	(a)	fibrous tissue	1
13	(d)	in	1
14	(c)	80-89	1
15	(b)	do they?	1
16	(a)	Imminent	1
17	(a)	went	1
18	(b)	Gerund + Noun	1
19	(c)	Indian Mountaineering Foundation	1
20	(d)	would lend	1

## PART II

## Section – 1

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any **four** sets.

4x2=8

Q.no	Answer		Marks
21	(a)	The casuarina tree / the tree.	1
	(b)	Personification / Imagery.	1
22	(a)	Short lived fame / Glory that is short lived / Short lived glory. Ready to die for his country / ready to quarrel / ready to face	1
	(b)	death.	1
23	(a)	The gates were strong, the walls were thick, smooth and high.	1
	(b)	No man could ever win / enter / conquer the castle.	1

24	(a)	To his son Telemachus.	1
	(b)	Signify the power of a king / authority.	1
25	(a)	The garden overflows with the sweet song.	1
	(b)	Sweet, song, seems.	1
26	(a)	Simile.	1
	(b)	Shoulder bag.	1

**Section – 2**Answer **any three** of the following questions.**3x2=6**

Q.no	Answer	Marks
27	The teacher informed the students that he/she would take them to the museum the next day.	2
28	Let a lie not be told / Let a lie be not told.	2
29	Were I a spider, I would weave webs.	2
30	When the work was over, we went home.	2

**PART III****Section – 1**Explain **any two** of the following with reference to the context.**2x3=6**

31	Poem: Our Casuarina tree	1
	Poet: Toru Dutt	1
	Any relevant explanation	1
32	Poem: The Castle	1
	Poet: Edwin Muir	1
	Any relevant explanation	1
33	Poem: All the world's a stage	1
	Poet: William Shakespeare	1
	Any relevant explanation	1

**Section – 2**Answer **any two** of the following questions in not more than **30** words.**2x3=6**

Q.no	ANSWER	Marks
34	Tea should be made in small quantities – that is in tea pot.	3
35	The profound lesson that Dr Barnard learnt from the boys was “The business of living is the celebration of being alive”.	3
36	Nicolo had a worn Jersey and a cut off khaki pants. Jacopo had a shortened army tunic. Both had brown skin, tangled hair, and dark earnest eyes./ They had a shabby appearance with brown skin, tangled hair but earnest eyes.	3

**Section – 3**Answer **any three** of the following.**3x3=9**

Q.no	ANSWER	Marks
37	(a) waste	1
	(b) work	1
	(c) reap	1

38	(a) A stitch in time saves nine.	1
	(b) Suffering ennobles you and makes you a better person.	1
	(c) Empty vessels make much noise.	1
39	• Three meaningful exchanges without mistakes.	3
	• Three meaningful exchanges with a few mistakes	2
	• Three meaningful exchanges with many mistakes	1
40	Complete meaningful step by step descriptions without mistakes.	3
	With few mistakes.	2
	With many mistakes.	1

**PART IV**

Answer the following.

**7x5=35**

Q.no	ANSWER	Marks
<b>41(a) or b)</b>	<b>Answer any one of the following in a paragraph of about 150 words</b>	<b>5 Marks</b>
	Content 60% Language, style and organisation – 40%	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceptionally good paragraph</li> <li>• Correct answer with all points and with no mistakes</li> <li>• Correct answer with a few mistakes</li> <li>• Answer with a few points with mistakes</li> <li>• Answer with a few points with many mistakes</li> </ul>	5 4 3 2 1
<b>42(a) or (b)</b>	<b>Answer any one of the following in a paragraph of about 150 words</b>	<b>5 Marks</b>
	Content 60% Language, style and organisation – 40%	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceptionally good paragraph</li> <li>• Correct answer with all points and with no mistakes</li> <li>• Correct answer with a few mistakes</li> <li>• Answer with a few points with mistakes</li> <li>• Answer with a few points with many mistakes</li> </ul>	5 4 3 2 1
<b>43(a) or (b)</b>	<b>Answer any one of the following in a paragraph of about 150 words</b>	<b>5 Marks</b>
	Content 60% Language, style and organisation – 40%	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceptionally good paragraph</li> <li>• Correct answer with all points and with no mistakes</li> <li>• Correct answer with a few mistakes</li> <li>• Answer with a few points with mistakes</li> <li>• Answer with a few points with many mistakes</li> </ul>	5 4 3 2 1
<b>44 (a)</b>	<b>Write the summary of the following passage</b>	<b>5 Marks</b>
	Format Rough Draft ----- 1 Mark Suitable Title ----- 1 Mark Fair Draft ----- 3 Marks	

	(An exceptional summary can be given maximum marks. Number of words in the Fair Draft may not be taken into account)	
	<b>(OR)</b>	
<b>44 (b)</b>	<b>Answer any one of the following in a paragraph of about 150 words</b>	<b>5 Marks</b>
	Content 60% Language, style and organisation – 40%	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceptionally good paragraph</li> <li>• Correct answer with all points and with no mistakes</li> <li>• Correct answer with a few mistakes</li> <li>• Answer with a few points with mistakes</li> </ul>	5 4 3 2
	Answer with a few points with many mistakes	1
<b>45(a)</b>	<b>Write a letter to the head master of your school</b>	<b>5 Marks</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date</li> <li>• From</li> <li>• To</li> <li>• Salutation</li> <li>• Subject</li> <li>• Body of the letter</li> <li>• Subscription</li> </ul>	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
<b>45(b)</b>	<b>Write a letter to your friend</b>	<b>5 Marks</b>
	Maximum Marks can be awarded for good response	
	Place and Date	$\frac{1}{2}$
	Salutation and subscription	1
	Body of the letter	<b>3</b>
	Address on the envelope	$\frac{1}{2}$
<b>46(a)</b>	<b>Spot the errors in the following sentences</b>	<b>5 Marks</b>
	(i) I am always the winner, aren't I?	1
	(ii) After the complicated surgery, the patient hoped for complete recovery.	1
	(iii) Though he practised well he did not win the prize / He practised well but he did not win the prize.	1 1
	(iv) One of the machines is not working.	1
	(v) Children prefer sweets to fruits.	1
<b>46(b)</b>	<b>Fill in the blanks appropriately</b>	<b>5 Marks</b>
	(i) threw, through	1
	(ii) dare	1
	(iii) was sleeping	2
	(iv) the	1

<b>47(a)</b>	<b>Read the following passage carefully and answer the question that follow.</b>	<b>5 Marks</b>
	(i) By minding our thoughts. (ii) Our thoughts. (iii) Our thoughts, will and feeling. (iv) By observing ourselves. (v) Any suitable title.	1 1 1 1 1
<b>47(b)</b>	<b>Build a dialogue with a maximum of five exchanges.</b>	<b>5 Marks</b>
	Five meaningful exchanges without mistakes Five meaningful exchanges with a few mistakes Five meaningful exchanges with many mistakes Exchanges with many mistakes	5 4 3 2