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COMMON FIRST REVISION EXAMINATION - 2024

Std - XII

Time : 3.00 Hours

ENGLISH

Marks: 90

Part - I

Answer all the questions:

20 x 1 = 20

Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the words underlined in the following sentences:

- One is liable to put in too much milk.
a) likely b) certain c) eager d) responsible
- After several hundred feet, we came to a tiny hollow and found there the two oxygen bottles
a) big b) large c) small d) heavy
- Her face lit up; she opened the door to admit me.
a) refuse b) hide c) return d) allow

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

- but they are sufficient to show how subtilized the whole business has become.
a) enough b) inadequate c) suffocative d) submissive
- One night, we came upon them in the windy and deserted square, resting on the stone pavement
a) occupied b) vacated c) cleaned d) cold
- We made frequent changes of lead.
a) quick b) neadymade c) rare d) free
- Form a new word for the given word from the options given 'patient'.
a) dis b) mis c) un d) im
- Match the suitable suffix given for the word 'manage'.
a) less b) ment c) ness d) ous
- Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb from the options.
My mother was tired yesterday because she well the night before.
a) had not slept b) has not selpt c) did not sleep c) had not been sleeping
- Pick out the suitable modal verb and fill in the blank.
..... you wait a moment, please?
a) Should b) Must c) Could d) May
- Pick out the correct noun form of derivative for the underlined word.
My brother is wise.
a) wiseful b) non-wise c) wisely d) wisdom
- Complete the sentence by using the suitable preposition.
There is usually a garden a bungalow.
a) in b) under c) between d) since
- Fill in the blank with suitable prepositional phrase.
....., I had a happy childhood.
a) In favour of b) According to c) On the whole d) Instead of
- Choose the appropriate linker from the options and complete the sentence.
..... (As/If) I got up early, I managed to reach school on time.
- Match a suitable word from the option for the given word "fibre" to form a meaningful compound word.
a) system b) tissue c) song d) issue
- Add suitable question tag to the following sentence by choosing the right one from the options given.
There is a pharmacy near that bus stand, ?
a) is it b) is there c) isn't it d) isn't there
- Fill in the blank with the right idiom from the given idioms.
The team carefully so as to reach the summit successfully.
a) fetch and carry b) wait for the dust to settle

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- c) do the match d) round the corner
18. The inaugural ceremony, scheduled today is to next Monday due to torrential rain.
- a) put on b) put up with c) put out d) put off
19. An extremely large mass of ice floating in the sea is called
- a) ice-berg b) ice-cap c) ice-floe d) ice-sheet
20. Choose the appropriate '.....ics' word from the options to match its meaning given. The study of speech sound is
- a) Genetics b) Aesthetics c) Linguistics d) Phonetics

Part - II

Section - 1

Choose any four of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow:

 $4 \times 2 = 8$

21. Yet all experience is an arch where thro'
Gleams that untravell'd world whose margin fades
For ever and forever when I move.
- i) What is experience compared to?
ii) Pick out the alliteration words from the above lines.
22. His youthful hose, well sav'd a world too wide
For his shrunk shank
- i) What is the stage referred to?
ii) How is the old man described?
23. Beneath it we have played though years may roll,
O sweet companion, loved with love intense,
- i) Who does 'we' refer to?
ii) Where did they play?
24. Oh then our maze of tunneled stone
Grew thin and treacherous as air.
The castle was lost without a groan,
The famous citadel overthrown,
- i) Bring out the contrast in the first two lines.
ii) Pick out the rhyming words of the given stanza.
25. A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound
No other tree could live.
- i) Which tree is referred to in the above lines?
ii) How does the three survive the light hold of the creeper?
26. Then the whining school-boy, with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like snail
Unwillingly to school.
- i) How does the boy go to school?
ii) Which figure of speech has been employed in the second line.

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Section - 2

Do as directed. Answer any three questions:

 $3 \times 2 = 6$

27. The teacher said to the students, "I shall take you to the museum tomorrow"
(Change into Indirect speech)
28. Sweets have not been distributed to children by the organisers.
(Change into Active voice)
29. Despite being a celebrity, Ravi mingles easily with everyone.
(Change into complex sentence)
30. Saravanan did not play well. He did not win the match.
(Combine the sentences using 'if')

Part - III

Section - 1

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

 $2 \times 3 = 6$

31. You and I are old;
Old age hath yet his honour and his toil;
32. Is second childishness and mere oblivion;
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.

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: $2 \times 3 = 6$

34. What made the boys work so hard?

35. What were the problems the trolley driver suffered from?

36. How did the hospitalization of Dr. Barnard and his wife affect their routine?

Section - 3

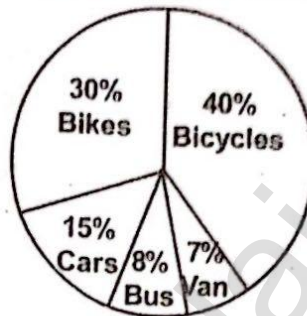
Answer any three of the following:

$3 \times 3 = 9$

37. Build a conversation for the following situation with a minimum of three exchanges.
A salesman and a customer at an electronic shop.

38. Write three instructions for the following situation - A doctor instructing a patient regarding a healthy diet and proper care after a surgery.

39. Study the pie chart given and answer the questions that follow.



Questions:

i) Which two vehicles show 45% of movement during peak hours?

ii) What is the difference in percentage between bicycles and bus?

iii) Which shows the least percentage of movement during peak hours?

40. Complete the proverbs with suitable option:

i) does not live by bread alone. (Beggar/Man/Child/Woman)

ii) is the best medicine. (Moral/Fable/Joke/Laughter)

iii) In the of the blind the one eyed man is king. (kingdom/city/state/country)

Part - IV

Answer the following:

$7 \times 5 = 35$

41. Write a paragraph on the factual points and the author's personal opinions on the preparation of tea in about 150 words. (OR)

Give an account of the journey to the summit.

42. Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel. Explain in 100 to 150 words. (OR)

What does Shakespeare say about the different stages in the life of man.

43. Develop the following hints into a paragraph of about 150 words.

Ivan Dmitrich-merchant-decides business venture - wife - bad dream - Ivan disregards

- starts journey - meets another merchant - travel together - retrieve separately -

police stops - finds guilty - sentences - to siberia - new prisoners come - fact discloses

- makar admits - Aksionov dies.

(OR)

Ausable - a stout secret agent - reached room in sixth floor - flower - a reporter

accompanied - opened the door - thrilled - max - with pistol - demanded that important

paper - expected secret report - fabricated balcony story - knocking heard - cooked up

another story - max jumped out - died.

44. Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.

Women education is very important for the proper social and economic growth of the

country. Both men and women are like two sides of the coin and run equally like two

wheels of the society. Hence both are important elements for the growth and development

of the country. Thus they required equal opportunity for education. If anyone is

neglected social progress is not possible. The female education in India is highly

necessary for the future of the country as women are the first teachers of their children,

the future of the nation. If education of women is ignored, it would be a deterrent to the

bright future of the nation. An uneducated woman cannot handle the family, give proper

care for the children and thus cannot guide the future generation. An educated woman

may easily handle her family, make each family member responsible, infuse good qualities

in children, and participate in social work. All these would lead towards a socially and economically healthy nation. By educating a man, only a man be educated however by educating a women, a whole country can be educated. Lack of women education weakens the society. So women should have full rights for education and should not be treated as inferior to men. India is now a leading country in the field of women education. History of India is replete with brace women philosophers like Gargi, Vishwabara, Maritreyi and other famous women like Mirabai, Durgabeti, Ahalyabi, Laxmibai etc. All the famous historical women in India are inspiration for the women of this age. We should never forget their contributions to the society and country.

45. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper stating the motor cycle race in your locality and to take immediate action. (OR)

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46. a) **Spot the errors, correct them and rewrite the sentences:**

- i) My grandfather is well-known in the village for his nobel deeds.
- ii) I had my evening meals in a restaurant near my office.
- iii) Inspite of his poverty and setbacks, he was able to launch his dream carrier.
- iv) The childrens are very happy today. v) Kaviya is senior than kavinaya. (OR)

b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- i) Karishma acted in a few films. (Add a suitable question tag)
- ii) If she had complete the work, she (help) you. (Use a suitable tense form)
- iii) Suji's marks are so low that shee not to show her progress report to her father. (Use a quasi modal verb)
- iv) Homophones are words that sound but different in spelling and meaning. (Use a suitable word 'like/alike')
- v) Darkness sets in the sun sets. (Use a suitable link word)

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

The students at the higher secondary level in schools start thinking of suitable courses to take up at the university level based on their aptitude, ability and interests. While considering the higher education options, they should also plan the career path they wish to take. In today's complex job scenario, there is a mismatch between demand and supply. On one hand we have qualified professionals desperately trying to find a job, while on the other hand, there are many professions that need suitable talented employees. But such skilled employees are unavailable. Therefore, the need of the hour is that students have an understanding of the emerging career options.

Schools should take the initiative to organise career guidance and counselling sessions for students. However, students need to remember that to build a strong career, they must understand the prospective field and their primary interest. It is also important for students to focus on overall personality development and hone their communication skills as these are important for the success of their career. Students ar also advised that in order to build a solid career foundation, they need to qualify suitably by pursuing a degree course in the chosen area of interest and also consider post graduate education. Diploma/short-term courses may help one find a job in the short run but may not promise career progression. Rapid advancement in science and technology and globalisation has widened the scope of career options in the twenty-first century.

- a) What does the term 'mismatch' explain?
- b) What is the need of the hour for the job seekers?
- c) How can schools help the students?
- d) Why is a degree/postgraduate education is advised?
- e) Compare degree and diploma. (OR)

- b) **Develop the following hints into a story:**

Birbal - courtiers jealous of him - ask Akbar to test - one courtier questions Birbal - how many crows in Agra - a week time given - Akbar seen in terrace - after a week - replies - as many as hairs in the courtier's head - Akbar laughs - moral.