

**B****FIRST REVISION EXAMINATION - 2024**

Standard - XII

ENGLISH

Part I

Marks:90

Time: 3.00 hrs

Note: (i) Answer all the questions  
(ii) Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

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

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- 1 They are childish enough and in many ways artless  
a) selfless                      b) artistic                      c) guileless                      d) foolish
- 2 I had eleven broken ribs and a perforated lung  
a) Fragile                      b) Congested                      c) Swollen                      d) Punctured
- 3 Individual liberty would have become social anarchy  
a) lawlessness                      b) order                      c) control                      d) lawfulness

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

- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ felt what your liberty has been outraged  
a) hate                      b) slavery                      c) pacify                      d) modern
- 5 China tea has virtues which are not to be despised now a days  
a) hated                      b) cured                      c) liked                      d) motivated
- 6 Far away across the clouds, the great bulk Kanchenjunga loomed on the horizon  
a) emerged                      b) loosened                      c) appeared                      d) vanished

Choose the meaning of the foreign word "faux pas".

- a) wonderful incident                      b) social behaviour
- c) good decision                      d) false pass

Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation OPEC.

- a) Organization of proper Education Committee
- b) Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
- c) Oil and Petroleum Exporting Countries
- d) Oil, Petrol and Ethanol Committee

Choose the correct American English word for 'full stop'

- a) hash                      b) dot                      c) period                      d) end

Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom "indeep waters"

- a) under the water                      b) under the ocean
- c) in trouble                      d) wealthy condition

Choose the correct plural form of 'Calf'.

- a) Calfs                      b) Calve                      c) Calves                      d) Calf

Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.

- You should go through the instructions carefully before you fill in the form.
- a) Study                      b) read                      c) listen                      d) watch

Replace the underlined word with its polite form.

- Ausable was a secret agent, a spy, dealing in espionage and danger.
- a) Public Investigator                      b) Covert Investigator
  - c) Open Investigator                      d) Honest Investigator

Choose the word that has been spelt correctly from the options given.

- a) amatuer                      b) amatuere                      c) amateur                      d) amatuer

Complete the sentence choosing an appropriate linker.

- We fail to harness the rain water \_\_\_\_\_ we suffer.
- a) never theless                      b) consequently                      c) until                      d) since

Choose the correct combination of the compound word. Overstep

- a) Noun + verb                      b) Preposition + Adverb
- c) Adverb + Noun                      d) Adverb + Verb

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17. Choose the correct question tag for the following Statement  
Anita Seldom speaks in English.  
a) does she?      b) doesn't she?      c) didn't she?      d) didn't he?
18. Fill in the blank choosing the correct preposition.  
There was a Skirmish \_\_\_\_\_ my brother and sister.  
a) with      b) on      c) between      d) among
19. Identify the Pattern of the following sentence.  
The child hid his toy car under the cot.  
a) SVOC      b) SVCA      c) SVOA      d) SVIOOO
20. Fill in the blank with appropriate article.  
I am \_\_\_\_\_ eldest in the family.  
a) an      b) a      c) the      d) none of the above

## Part II

## Section - 1

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow.

4x2=8

Choose any four sets:

21. "A gray baboon sits statue - like alone"  
a) Where does the baboon sit?  
b) Mention the figure of speech employed here
22. And then the justice  
In fair round belly with good capon lin'd  
a) What does the phrase 'Capon lin'd' mean?  
b) Whom does justice refer to?
23. Life is a soft loam; be gentle; go easy"  
a) Explain the comparison made here.  
b) Pick out words in alliteration
24. "The Marshal's in the market - place  
And you'll be there anon."  
a) Where does the soldier ask Napoleon to go?  
b) Why does he want the emperor to go there?
25. This is my son, mine own Telemachus,  
To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle.  
a) Who does Ulysses entrust his kingdom to, in his absence?  
b) Bring out the significance of the sceptre
26. "We could do nothing, being sold"  
a) Why couldn't they do anything?  
b) Why did they feel helpless?

## Section - 2

Do as directed. Answer any three questions:

3x2=

27. Report the dialogue  
Sibi : Could I open an account here?  
Manager : Sure. Get the application form and fill it up.
28. Besides being a singer, she is also a dancer.  
(Rewrite as a compound sentence)
29. By whom will the new stadium be built?  
(Change the voice)
30. If you should need my help, just call me.  
(Begin with 'Should')

## Part III

## Section - 1

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

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31. I cannot rest from travel; I will drink  
Life to the lees.
32. "Brutes have been gentled where failed"

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33 "They seemed no threat to us at all"

## Section - 2

2x3=6

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

- 34 What did Tenzing and Edmund Hillary gift to the Gods of lofty summit?  
 35 Describe the appearance of Nicola and Jacopo  
 36 What does the 'rule of the road' mean?

## Section - 3

3x3=9

Answer any three of the following

- 37 Describe the process of planting a Sapling in a pot  
 38 Prepare an exam checklist for a student appearing for the Public Exam  
 39 Rearrange the following jumbled sentences correctly  
 a) went / we / a / on / year / trip / to / last / Kanyakumari  
 b) heath / exercise / key / to / regular / the / is / good  
 c) take / will / a / the / off / plane / few / minutes / in

40 Complete the proverbs with right option.

- a) People who live in glass houses should not throw \_\_\_\_\_  
 (i) garbage (ii) marbles (iii) stones  
 b) Cruelty deserves no \_\_\_\_\_  
 (i) enemy (ii) mercy (iii) friend  
 c) A cat has \_\_\_\_\_ lives  
 (i) one (ii) four (iii) nine

## Part - IV

7x5=35

Answer the following.

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

- a) Enumerate the eleven golden rules to be followed to prepare a perfect cup of tea as suggested by George Orwell

(OR)

- b) Write a character sketch of Maamannaar and Pedanna

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

- a) How does Shakespeare describe the seven different roles played by man during his life - time?

(OR)

- b) The young soldier matched Napoleon in courage and Patriotism. Elucidate your answer

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

- a) Robert Baldwin - honest man - fraud in a bank - Gresham arrested - pressurised Baldwin - to falsely declare - offered huge bribe - Baldwin refused - family members tempted - ashamed of greed - stood for justice - Gresham confessed - Baldwin rewarded

(OR)

- b) Life on Venus - other planet - raining for seven years - school children - nine years old - forgotten the sun - appeared once in 7 years - Margot from Earth - came five years before - children hated her - locked her in a room - sun came - only for two hours - rained again - unlocked the door - let Margot out - missed the chance.

44 Make notes or summarise the following passage.

a) 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 element in the growth and development of the country. Thus, they require 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 the education of the women is ignored, it would be a deterrent of bright future of the nation. An educated women can handle the family, give proper care for children and they can 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 works. All these would lead her towards the

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socially and economically healthy nation. India is now a leading country in the field of women education. History of India is replete with brave women philosophers like Gargi, Viswambara, Maitreyi (of Vedic age) and other famous women are like Mirba, Durgabai, Ahalya, 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.

(OR)

- b) Write a paragraph on the topic "Effective uses of good Communication."
45. a) Write a letter to EZ company requesting them to replace the defective juicer that you bought recently. Include the following details: the problem, date of Purchase, receipt number, model and warranty.

(OR)

- b) Write an application for the post of personal secretary to the Managing Director of a company. Include the following details such as educational qualification, Experience and various other details required for the Post.
46. a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them.
- Neither the children nor the father were aware of the rules.
  - The workers decided to form an union.
  - This is the most least mark I have ever scored.
  - It will be a waste throwing the food away.
  - Professor Usha is not only a writer but an orator.

(OR)

- b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.
- The priest wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (altar / altar)
  - My sister \_\_\_\_\_ dance so well, when she was in school. (use a semi-modal verb)
  - My parents \_\_\_\_\_ never \_\_\_\_\_ (beat) me so far. (use the correct tense form of the verb)
  - The manager congratulated the team members \_\_\_\_\_ the Management. (use a suitable prepositional phrase)
47. a) Develop the following hints into a story.
- Birbal - Courtiers jealous of him - ask Akbar to rest - one Courtier questioned him - how many crows in Agra - a week's time given - Akbar seen in terrace - after a week - replied - as many as hairs in the courtier's head - Akbar laughs

(OR)

- b) Identify the each of the following sentences with fields given below.
- Taxis are mobile spaces that enable strangers to be physically proximate for a short time.
  - The police traced his belonging to the taxi and retrieved them within two days.
  - A baby less than a month old has received a pacemaker.
  - Tirunelveli city has less vegetation and more buildings all just in one decade.
  - With plastics out, old newspaper fetch more. (Environment, Medicine, Investigation, Urbanisation, Transportation, Industrialization)

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