

# COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2024

## Standard X

Reg.No. 102013

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## ENGLISH

Time : 3.00 hrs

Part - I

**Marks : 100**  
14 x 1 = 14

**Choose the appropriate synonyms for the italicised words.**

1. The mother Seagull *swooped* upwards.  
a) jumped      b) flew      c) walked      d) marched
2. INSV Tarini has an *array* of satellite systems.  
a) collection      b) arrangement      c) platform      d) dress
3. He was the spoilt child of *affluent* parents.  
a) nice      b) wealthy      c) anxious      d) poor

**Choose the appropriate antonyms for the italicised words.**

4. Herman *slammed* the door.  
a) closed      b) locked      c) banged      d) opened
5. It was a *blissful* experience.  
a) exciting      b) gleeful      c) unhappy      d) joyful
6. He leads a *cursed* life.  
a) fortunate      b) unfortunate      c) blessed      d) beautiful
7. Choose the correct plural form of *radius* from the following.  
a) radius      b) radiusus      c) radii      d) radises.
8. Form a derivative by adding right suffix to the word *hand* \_\_\_\_  
a) ful      b) un      c) ish      d) im
9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation **SIM**.  
a) Subscriber Information Module      b) Subscriber Identification Module  
c) Student Identification Module      d) School Identification Module
10. Complete the following sentence with the **most appropriate phrasal verb** given below.  
Walking helps to \_\_\_\_\_ the calories.  
a) burn in      b) burn on      c) burn out      d) burn off
11. Choose the suitable option to pair with the word **house**.  
a) keeping      b) clean      c) cook      d) man
12. Fill in the blank with the **most appropriate preposition** given below.  
Ramani hails \_\_\_\_\_ a good family.  
a) from      b) on      c) into      d) at
13. Complete the following sentence using the **most appropriate tense form** of the verb given below.  
If I were a bird, I \_\_\_\_\_ around the world.  
a) would have flown      b) would fly      c) flew      d) can fly
14. Choose the **most appropriate linker** from the given four alternatives.  
\_\_\_\_\_ you work hard, you cannot secure good marks.  
a) When      b) But      c) Unless      d) Whenever

Part - II

Section - 1

**Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two.**

3 x 2 = 6

15. What happened to the young Seagull when it landed on the green sea?
16. Who used the Zither and how?
17. What does the term circumnavigation mean?
18. Who were Aditya's ancestors?

Section - 2

3 x 2 = 6

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

19. Let me but live my life from year to year,  
With forward face and unreluctant soul;

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- a) Whom does the word 'me' refer to?  
 b) What kind of life does the poet want to lead?
20. There's a family nobody likes to meet;  
 They live, it is said, on the complaining street.  
 a) Where does the family live?  
 b) Why do you think the street is named as "Complaining Street"?
21. She's today's woman. Today's woman dear.  
 Love her, respect her, keep her near .....
- a) Is the poet talking about the woman of the previous generation?  
 b) How should a woman be treated?
22. At last by starvation and famine made bold,  
 All dripping with wet, and all trembling with cold.  
 a) What made the cricket bold?      b) Why did the cricket drip and tremble?

Section - 3

Answer any three of the following.

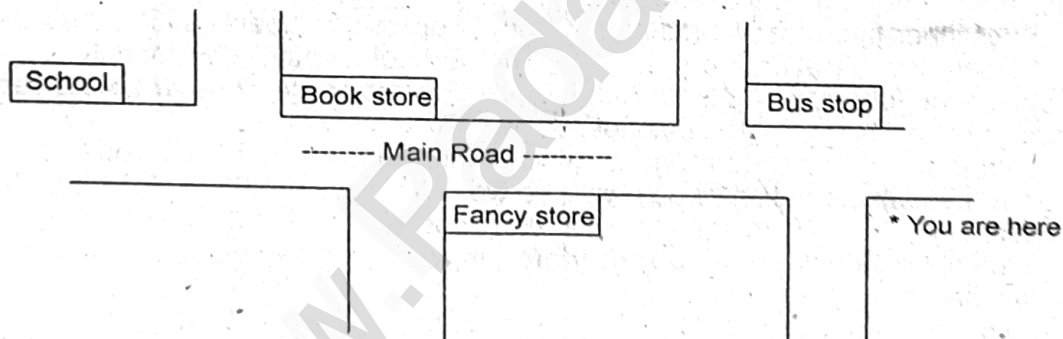
23. Rewrite the following sentence in other voice: Work hard 3 x 2 = 6
24. Rewrite the sentence in reported speech:  
 Maya said, "When is zigzag coming here?"
25. Punctuate the following sentence : shes a lioness dont mess with her
26. Change the following into simple sentence : He is sick but he attends the school.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.  
 a) an / is / drawing / activity / artistic  
 b) speaks / Ruben / besides / German / languages / two

Section - 4

28. Answer the following question.

Guide the girl to her school.

1 x 2 = 2



Part - III

Section - 1

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph:

2 x 5 = 10

29. 'Man does change with time' - What were the various changes that came about in Aditya?
30. Highlight the factors responsible for the all-women Indian Navy crew to carry out their expedition.
31. Describe the funny incident that caused the confusion in the house.
32. Describe the struggles underwent by the young Seagull to overcome its fear of flying.

Section - 2

Answer any two of the following.

2 x 5 = 10

33. What are the positive aspects mentioned in the poem "Life"?
34. How are today's women portrayed by the poet?
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.  
 A silly young cricket, accustomed to sing  
 Through the warm sunny months of gay summer and spring,  
 Began to complain when he found that, at home,  
 His cupboard was empty, and winter was come.

- i) Pick out the rhyming words in the above lines.
- ii) Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.
- iii) Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line of the given stanza.
- iv) Pick out the alliterated words in the second line.

36. **Paraphrase the following stanza.**

They growl at the rain and they growl at the sun;  
Infact, their growling is never done  
And if everything pleased them, there isn't no doubt  
They'd growl that they'd nothing to grumble about !

**Section - 3**

1 x 5 = 5

37. **Answer any one of the following.**

**Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.**

- i) Zigzag began to command the patients at Mr.Krishnan's clinic.
- ii) The family decided to keep it at home.
- iii) Mrs.Krishnan annoyed and called Mr.Krishnan to complain about zigzag.
- iv) Scmu replied that zigzag hardly ever sleeps.
- v) It surprised Krishnan's family.

38. **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

Long, long ago there (lived at the foot of the mountain) a poor farmer and his aged widowed mother. They owned a bit of land which supplied them with food, and they were humble, peaceful and happy. The country shining was governed by a despotic leader who though a warrior, had a great and cowardly shrinking from anything suggestive of failing health and strength.

**Questions:**

- i) Where did they live?
- ii) What supplied them food?
- iii) How did they live?
- iv) What was the name of the country?
- v) How was the leader?

**Section - 4**

**Answer any four of the following.**

4 x 5 = 20

39. **Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.**

Zee Fine Arts Academy - admission open - Carnatic, Vocal, Veena, Violin, Guitar, Keyboard classes - Drawing and Art classes - Contact No. - For duration of course and fees.

40. Ms.Deepa an NGO writes a letter to the wholesale bookshop dealer, placing order for 100 copies of medium size English Oxford dictionary.
41. You are Kiran / Keerthi school pupil leader of GHSS, Pattukottai. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school inviting all the students of your school to take part in the "English Literary Club" inauguration which is to be held in your school on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month.
42. **Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.**



43. **Make notes (OR) Write a summary of the following passage.**

Family is where we all belong to and from where our identity comes from. A person is valued based on his family and upbringing. Family is a bond., a long lasting relationship that holds a bond with each other. There are many values that one has to learn to get

the family bonding in the right manner. Bonding does not happen overnight. It forms with every second, every minute that you spend with your loved ones. The understanding, the acceptance the belonging and the security all enclosed together is how a family bond is formed. A close family bond is like a safe harbor, where we feel secure and where we trust that we have someone always there to whom we could turn to when we need them most. It is through a family that we learn the values of love, trust, hope, belief, cultures, morals traditions and every little matter that concerns to us. A strong foundation for any individual comes from being with the supertive family.

44. **Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.**
- She bake the cake.
  - I prefer coffee than tea.
  - One of the students are affected by Corona
  - This is the pen where I lost.
  - She is beautiful. Is she?

## Section - 5

45. **Quote from memory :**  
A woman is .....  
..... in spring

1 x 5 = 5

## Part - IV

46. **Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.** 2 x 8 = 16
- The Tempest - magic - betrayed - set on an island - Prospero - daughter Miranda - sets good spirits free - Ariel - torment - the inmates - ship - Ferdinand - test - Antonio - repents - Prospero restores Kingdom. (OR)
  - Many years ago - China - the emperor ordered - one man from - family - Join army - Mulan heard - told father - she join army - a wore - father's robes cuts her hair - Mulan positions - court - Mulan refused - went back - village - royal - gifts.

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

In China, in about 1200 BC, people traded shells for the things they wanted. Chinese people also traded metal tools for the things they wanted. For example, they traded metal knives and shovels for the things they wanted. Later in China, people made metal money. In about 100 BC, the Chinese made money of animal skin. The first paper money was made from white coloured deer skin. It came from China about 9000 years later. In about 700 BC., people similar to the coins we use today. After people made coins in Lydia, people in Rome, Iran and Greece also began making coins. Coins were very durable - they use strong and could ask a long time without becoming damaged.

**Questions:**

- What did the Chinese trade for the things they wanted?
- How was the first paper money made?
- Where was Lydia?
- When did people make the first round metal coins? (OR)

- b) **Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.**

Summer comes	Spring is pretty
in a blaze of heat	But short and sweet
With sunny smiles	When you can smell the grass
And dusty feet	From your garden seat
Then season change	Autumn is English
To muddy roads	In red, yellow and brown
Monsoons and mangoes	Autumn is Indian
Leap frogs and toads	Whenever leaves fall down.

**Questions:**

- How does the poet describe the spring season?
- Which line tells you that the garden is fresh?
- Does the poet welcome the summer? How do you know?
- How is autumn in India?

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