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Virudhunagar District  
Common Quarterly Examination - September 2024

## Standard 10

Time: 3.00 Hrs.

## ENGLISH

Marks: 100

## PART - I

14×1=14

Choose the appropriate **SYNONYMS** for the italicised words:

- 1) His older brother caught a hearing and *devoured* it.  
a) threw                      b) cut                      c) ate                      d) shared
- 2) Women's accomplishments were *tremendous* in many fields.  
a) awful                      b) feeble                      c) marginal                      d) enormous
- 3) Trying to *revive* old childhood memories may prove disappointing.  
a) review                      b) revitalize                      c) restore                      d) rescue

Choose the appropriate **ANTONYMS** for the italicised words:

- 4) The sun was *soothing*.  
a) pleasing                      b) relaxing                      c) disturbing                      d) burying
- 5) What was the *selection* process?  
a) rejection                      b) extension                      c) termination                      d) collection
- 6) The steps had *ceased*.  
a) crippled                      b) stopped                      c) sadly                      d) continued
- 7) Choose the correct **PLURAL** form of *lady*:  
a) ladiies                      b) ladyes                      c) ladeis                      d) ladies
- 8) Attach a suitable **PREFIX** to the word "*large*":  
a) en                      b) non                      c) de                      d) dis
- 9) Choose the correct expansion of the **ABBREVIATION "INSV"**:  
a) Indian Navy Ship Vessel                      b) Indian National Ship Vessel  
c) India and Navy Ship Vessel                      d) Indian Naval Ship Vessel

10) Complete the following sentence with most appropriate **PHRASAL VERBS** given below:

My uncle will \_\_\_\_\_ from England next week.

- a) come back                      b) come in                      c) come on                      d) come up

11) Choose the correct **compound word** for '**Adjective+Adjective**':

- a) after life                      b) scare crow                      c) two-storeyed                      d) heart beat

12) Fill in the blank with most appropriate **preposition** given below:

May I take zigzag \_\_\_\_\_ school, papa?

- a) over                      b) into                      c) to                      d) onto

13) Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate **TENSE** form of the verb given below:

I \_\_\_\_\_ to her place on foot.

- a) goes                      b) went                      c) gone                      d) going

14) Choose the most appropriate **LINKER** from the given options:

\_\_\_\_\_ he was honest, he was punished.

- a) Though                      b) But                      c) Or                      d) That

## PART - II

## Section - I

3×2=6

Answer any **THREE** of the following questions in a sentence or two:

- 15) What prompted the young seagull to fly finally?
- 16) Why did Herman and the author Slam the doors?
- 17) Who is Tara-Tarini?
- 18) What was the daily routine of Sanyal?

## Section - II

3×2=6

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any **THREE** of the following:

- 19) So let the way wind up the hill or down  
O'er rough or smooth, the journey will be you  
a) How is the way of life?  
b) How should be the journey of life?

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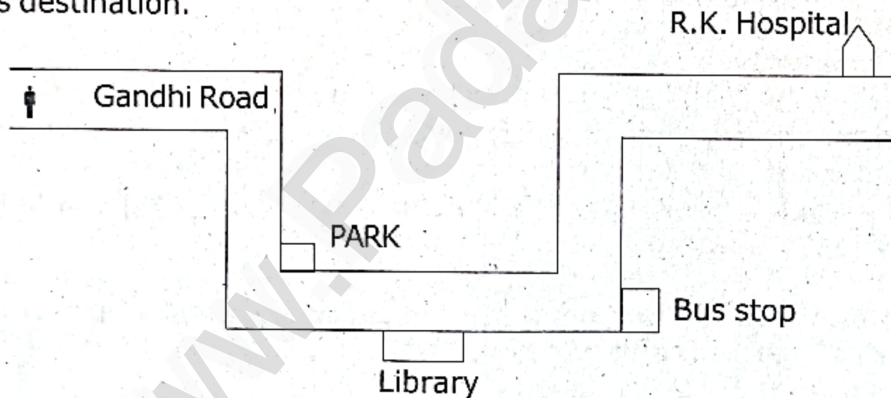
- 20) **And if everything pleased them, there isn't a doubt  
They'd growl that they'd nothing to grumble about!**  
a) What do they do, if everything pleased them?  
b) Does their growl end?
- 21) **A woman is beauty innate,  
A symbol of power and strength.**  
a) Who is beauty innate?  
b) What is meant by 'innate'?
- 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 trembled?

**Section - III****3×2=6****Answer any THREE of the following:**

- 23) **Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice:**  
No one is borrowing the novels from the library.
- 24) **Rewrite into Direct speech:**  
He said he wished to visit the teashop of Nagen uncle.
- 25) **Rewrite the following sentences as directed:**  
Consult a doctor. You can recover. **[into compound]**
- 26) **Punctuate the following sentence:**  
oh i am so happy to meet you sir
- 27) **Rearrange the words in to correct order to make meaningful sentence:**  
a) Della / shocked / when he / Jim was / looked at  
b) heard / from / tent / her / this / Mulan / inside

**Section - IV****Answer the following questions:****1×2=2**

- 28) A stranger wants to go to a hospital. Write the steps to guide him to reach his destination.

**PART - III****Section - I****2×5=10****Answer any TWO of the following in a paragraph:**

- 29) Describe the struggles underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.
- 30) Narrate the extensive search operation made by the policemen in the house.
- 31) Give a brief character sketch of Sasanta Sanyal.
- 32) Write in detail about the selection and training process which the crew underwent.

**Section - II****2×5=10****Answer any TWO of the following:**

- 33) What are the positive aspects mentioned in the poem 'Life'?
- 34) Compare and contrast the attitude of the Ant and the Cricket.
- 35) **Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:**  
Still seeking what I sought when but a boy,  
New friendship, high adventure, and a crown,  
My heart will keep the courage of the quest,  
And hope the road's last turn will be the best.

- a) Identify the rhyming words of the given lines.  
 b) Identify the rhyme scheme of the given lines.  
 c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the second line of the given stanza.  
 d) Pick out the alliterating words in the first line.
- 36) **Paraphrase the following stanza:**  
 There's a family nobody likes to meet,  
 They live, it is said, on complaining street.  
 In the city of Never-Are-satisfied,  
 The river of discontent beside.

**Section - III**

1×5=5

**Answer any ONE of the following:**

- 37)
- Rearrange the sentences in coherent order:**

- a) The son made up his mind to take back his mother home.  
 b) The mother dropped the small twigs as markers on the way to help her son return.  
 c) A farmer decided to leave his old mother on top of a mountain.  
 d) Once in shining, a cruel ruler declared that all old people must be put to death.  
 e) When the farmer bade farewell, she advised him to return home with the aid of twigs.

- 38)
- Read the following passage and answer the questions that follows:**

The Emperor was so glad that Mulan had ended the long war, he set aside the rule about being a woman. "Mulan, stay with me in the palace," he said. "Someone as smart as you would be a fine royal adviser".

Mulan bowed deeply. "You are too kind, sire," she said. "But if you please, what I wish most of all is to return home to my family". Then at least take these fine gifts," said the Emperor. "So everyone at your home and village will know how much the Emperor of China thinks of you". Mulan returned to her village with six fine horses and six line swords. Everyone cheered that she was safe. The person who had saved China was their very own Mulan!

- i) Why was the emperor so glad?  
 ii) What did the emperor ask Mulan?  
 iii) What made the emperor to see aside the rule about being a woman?  
 iv) What were the fine gifts given by the emperor to Mulan?  
 v) How did the villagers celebrate the return of Mulan?

**Section - IV**

4×5=20

**Answer any FOUR of the following:**

- 39) Fruits and vegetables - organic - fresh from farm - free home delivery - 63, MRC Road, Salem.  
 40) You are Raja. The street lights of your area do not work properly. As a responsible citizen, write a letter to the newspaper enlightening them about the problem and also suggest ways to brighten the area.  
 41) You are Akash / Anita. Head of the sports club in your school. Your school is participating in the National Chess Championship next month. Write a Notice to the students inviting them to participate.  
 42) **Look at the following pictures and express your views on it in about five sentences:**



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- 43) **Make notes or write a summary of the following passage:**

Travelling is a means of education. The real aim of education is character building. When we travel, we have to put things in order. We have to buy our tickets and catch the train at the right time. The rich men, can indeed, get all this done by their servants, but India is a country of the poor. In journey we have to help ourselves. We learn many new things by seeing different places and by conversing with people of all kinds. In Europe, education without travelling is considered incomplete. In ancient India great importance was given to Pilgrimage Travelling in this country is a great pleasure.

- 44) **Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly:**

- Where I can find a bank?
- I live in United States.
- She love her father.
- He is taller than me.
- One of the boys are missing.

**Section - V**

- 45) **Quote from memory:**

The summer of .....  
..... faith and beliefs.

**1×5=5**

**PART - IV**

- 46) **Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints:**

**2×8=16**

- Prospero was - Milan - reading - exiled by - landed on an island - magical powers - not know - twelve years - Antonio - Naples - raised - storm - enemy's ship - Ariel - realise - sorrow - forgiveness - marriage - noble person.

**(OR)**

- Mulan - Chinese - Emperor ordered - join the army - hair short - a boy - bravely - Army General - bad fever - a woman attack of enemies - meritorious victory - in the war - royal advisor - return to her family - her country.

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

A patriot is a man who loves his country, works for it, and is willing to fight and die for it. Every soldier is bound to do his duty, but the best soldiers do more than this. They risk their lives because they love the country they are fighting for. They love its hills and valleys, its cities and villages its people and their way of life and they are willing to defend it to the last against enemies who try to conquer it and destroy it.

- Who is a Patriot?
- What do the best soldiers do?
- Why do they risk their lives?
- What do they love? **(OR)**

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

A Bird, came down the walk -  
He did not know I saw  
He bit an Angle worm in halves  
And ate the fellow, raw,  
And then, he drank a Dew  
From a convenient Grass -  
And then hopped sidewise to the wall  
To let a Beetle pass - He glanced with rapid eyes,  
That hurried all abroad -  
They looked like frightened Beads, I thought,  
He stirred his velvet Head.

- What did the poet see?
- How did the bird eat the worm?
- Did the bird drink water? How?
- What are the eyes compared to?