

VILLUPURAM DIST.

CLASS : 10

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## COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2024-25

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

ENGLISH  
PART - I SECTION - I

[Max. Marks : 100

Note : Answer all the question

Choose the most appropriate answers from the four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer. 14x1=14

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the Italicised words.

1. He even *gnawed* at the dried pieces of eggshell.  
a) chewed                      b) gathered                      c) smiled                      d) hunted
  2. Burglars shouted *intuitively*.  
a) instinctively                      b) indignantly                      c) fearfully                      d) awfully
  3. It is a 55-foot sailing vessel built *indigenously* in India.  
a) spuriously                      b) safely                      c) globally                      d) natively
- Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicised words.
4. The young seagull kept calling *plaintively*.  
a) sadly                      b) loudly                      c) joyfully                      d) silently
  5. They were the steps of a man walking *rapidly* around the dining table downstairs.  
a) swiftly                      b) quickly                      c) fast                      d) slowly
  6. The attic has always been a *favourite* place with children.  
a) disliked                      b) praised                      c) valued                      d) liked
  7. Choose the correct plural form of the word '*furniture*'.  
a) furnitures                      b) furniture                      c) furnitures                      d) furniturea
  8. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word '*fail*'.  
a) en                      b) ure                      c) ment                      d) ion
  9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation **EMIS**.  
a) Educational Management and Incentive System  
b) Educational Management and Instructional System  
c) Educational Management and Information System  
d) Educational Manager and Informatics System
  10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate idioms given below.  
Lalitha takes a late-night walk on the beach -----  
a) once in a blue moon                      b) most frequently  
c) sharp as a tack                      d) over the moon
  11. Choose the suitable option which does not pair with the word '*life*' to form a compound word.  
a) skill                      b) path                      c) match                      d) boat
  12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition.  
Keep the books ----- the table.  
a) on                      b) in                      c) above                      d) over
  13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.  
His mother ----- as an ITK volunteer.  
a) is being worked                      b) had worked                      c) works                      d) will work
  14. Choose the appropriate linker from the given alternatives.  
----- he was poor, he is happy.  
a) Unless                      b) Though                      c) But                      d) When

## PART - II (20 Marks)

## Section - I

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

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15. Did the mother bird offer any food to the young bird?
16. What woke up the mother?
17. What does INSV stand for?
18. Where was Nagen uncle's shop?

## PART - II (6 Marks)

## Section - II

Read the following set of poetic lines and answer any THREE of the following.

3x2=6

19. *In the dim past, nor holding back in fear  
From what the future veils; but with a whole*  
a) What does the poet mean by the phrase "In the dim past"?
- b) Is the poet afraid of the future?

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20. *Let us learn to walk with a smile and a song,  
No matter if things do sometimes go wrong;*  
a) What does the poet expect everyone to learn?  
b) What should we do when things go wrong sometimes?
21. *Despite the sighs and groans and moans,  
She's strong in her faith, firm in her belief!*  
a) Is she complaining about the problems of life?  
b) Pick out the words that show her grit.
22. *But we ants never borrow; we ants never lend.*  
a) Why do you think ants neither borrow nor lend?  
b) Who says these lines to whom?

## Section - III (6 Marks)

Answer any THREE of the following.

3x2=6

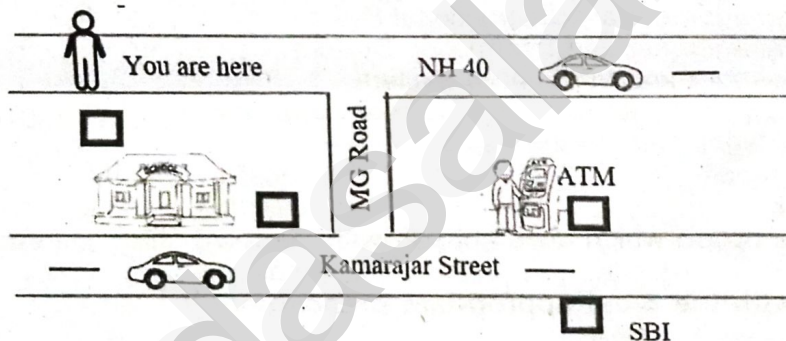
23. Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice:  
My uncle gave me a watch on my birthday.
24. Rewrite into direct speech:  
Muthu wanted to know if tickets are available for the cricket match.
25. Punctuate the following:  
be not so amazed daughter miranda said prospero.
26. Rewrite the following sentences, replacing the modals with the appropriate ones:  
a) Make me a cup of tea, shall you?  
b) You may speak politely to the elders.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences:  
a) loan/apply/you/if/for/you/a/get/will/immediately/it/  
b) Storytelling/an art/is/which/planning/research/and/involves/skill.

## Section - IV (2 Marks)

Answer the following question.

1x2=2

28. You are near the school. An old man asks you to direct him to the nearby ATM. Guide him with your directions to reach his destination.



## PART - III (50 Marks)

## Section - I (10 Marks)

Answer any TWO of the following in utmost ten lines.

2x5=10

29. Give a brief character sketch of Sasanka Sanyal.
30. Describe the funny incident that caused the confusion in the house.
31. Describe the struggles undergone by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.
32. Write in detail about the selection and training process which the crew underwent.

## Section II (10 Marks)

Answer any TWO of the following in utmost ten lines.

2x5=10

33. From the poem 'The Grumble Family' what kind of behaviour does the poet want the readers to possess?
34. How are today's women portrayed by the poet?
35. Read the following poetic lines and answer the questions given below:  
*In the dim past, nor holding back in fear  
From what the future veils; but with a whole  
And happy heart, that pays its toll  
To Youth and Age, and travels on with cheer.*  
i) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.  
ii) Write the rhyme scheme of the poem.  
iii) Identify the figure-of speech employed in the first line of the given stanza.  
iv) Pick out the alliterating words the second line.

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**36. Paraphrase the following stanza:**

*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.*

Section - III (5 Marks)

1x5=5

Answer any ONE of the following.

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

- (i) After Visu left, the bird snored loudly, causing chaos.
- (ii) Dr. Krishnan realized Zigzag was a valuable asset, trained to help patients.
- (iii) Dr. Krishnan took Zigzag to his clinic, where the bird calmed the environment.
- (iv) Zigzag refused to speak and made a mess with fruit and nuts.
- (v) Somu sent the Krishnan family a strange, pink bird named Zigzag.

Section IV

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

This Japanese folktale is also known as 'The Story of the Aged Mother.' It highlights that the aged are sharp-witted and describes the love and affection between a son and his mother. Long ago, there lived a poor farmer and his aged, widowed mother at the foot of a mountain. The country Shining was governed by a despotic leader who issued a cruel proclamation ordering the death of all aged people. Although filled with sorrow, the farmer obeyed the order. He carried his mother up the mountain to abandon her but was touched by her love when she secretly left a trail of twigs to guide him back safely. Moved by her devotion, he decided not to leave her and hid her at home. Later, the governor issued an impossible command to make a rope of ashes, which the aged mother cleverly solved. This led to the abolition of the cruel law.

**Questions**

- (a) What is another name for this Japanese folktale?
- (b) What was the cruel proclamation?
- (c) How did the aged mother help her son find his way back?
- (d) What impossible command did the governor issue?
- (e) What was the result of the farmer revealing the truth to the governor?

Answer any four of the following:

4x5=20

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

Fresh Produce - Vegetables and Fruits - Local and Organic - Wide Selection - Seasonal Discounts  
- Buy 2 Get 1 Free - Special Offers on Bulk Purchases - Open Daily from 8 AM to 8 PM - Visit us  
at Green Market, Nehruji Street, Villupuram.

40. Write a letter to the Municipal Corporation requesting them to repair the damaged roads in your locality.
41. You are the Cultural Secretary of your school. Write a notice for the school notice board informing students about the 'Inter-School Quiz Competition' to be held in the school auditorium on 10.10.24
42. Look at the following picture and describe what you think is happening in it in about five sentences.

**43. Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.**

Yoga is an ancient practice that originated in India thousands of years ago. It combines physical postures, breathing exercises, and meditation to improve mental and physical health. Yoga has gained popularity worldwide as a means to reduce stress, improve flexibility, and enhance overall well-being. Different forms of yoga, such as Hatha, Vinyasa, and Ashtanga, offer various approaches to the practice, catering to different needs and fitness levels. Regular practice of yoga is believed to promote a balanced and harmonious lifestyle, benefiting both body and mind.

**44. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences:**

- (a) She is good in playing the piano.
- (b) Each of the boys have completed their homework.
- (c) He will go to the market yesterday.

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- (d) She is the most tallest girl in the class.  
 (e) we are planning a trip to paris next summer.

Section - V

45. Quote from memory:

Strong is she ..... don't mess with her.

1x5=5

PART - IV (16 Marks)

46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing any ONE the following hints. 8

- a) Young-girl Mulan - lived - in ancient - China - worried - about her aging - father being - conscripted - disguised - herself as a man - secretly - joined the army in - her father's - place - trained - hard and overcame - challenges - fought - bravely in several - battles - saved - her comrades with intelligence - and - courage - earned - the respect of fellow - soldiers and commanders - true - identity revealed - Emperor - honored her for - bravery - returned - home as a hero - reunited - with family

(OR)

- b) Dr. Krishnan - received a peculiar bird - named Zigzag - from his friend Somu - Zigzag was noisy - and uncooperative - caused chaos - with fruit and nuts - family struggled - to handle the noise - Dr. Krishnan took Zigzag - to his clinic - transformed it into a calm place - helped patients efficiently - family initially upset - eventually appreciated Zigzag - Dr. Krishnan's wife sold painting - for a good price - agreed to keep Zigzag - at home and clinic - Dr. Krishnan acknowledged Zigzag's talent.

47. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

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Plastic pollution is a growing global issue. Every year, millions of tons of plastic waste end up in oceans, harming marine life and ecosystems. Marine animals can become entangled in plastic debris, ingest plastic particles, and suffer from other detrimental effects on their health. This pollution comes from various sources, including single-use plastics, packaging, and discarded fishing gear. Efforts to reduce plastic use and improve recycling have increased, but the problem persists. Some countries have implemented bans on plastic bags and straws, while others promote biodegradable alternatives. The fight against plastic pollution requires collective action at both individual and governmental levels.

**Questions:**

- (i) What are the main sources of plastic pollution?  
 (ii) How does plastic waste impact marine life?  
 (iii) What actions have some countries taken to reduce plastic use?  
 (iv) What is needed to effectively combat plastic pollution?

(OR)

b) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below:

*How do you like to go up in a swing,  
 Up in the air so blue?  
 Oh, I do think it the pleasantest thing  
 Ever a child can do!*

*Up in the air and over the wall,  
 Till I can see so wide,  
 Rivers and trees and cattle and all  
 Over the countryside—*

*Till I look down on the garden green,  
 Down on the roof so brown—  
 Up in the air I go flying again,  
 Up in the air and down!*

**Questions:**

- (i) What is the speaker's favourite activity in the poem?  
 (ii) What can the speaker see from the swing?  
 (iii) How does the speaker feel about swinging?  
 (iv) What are the two things mentioned that the speaker looks at from the swing?