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QUARTERLY EXAMINATION – SEPTEMBER 2024**XI STANDARD****ENGLISH**

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 90

PART – I

20 x 1 = 20

Answer all the questions.

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

- This championship was the conviction, that I could face on any boxer.
a) faith. b) faithless c) confusion d) consideration
- That seemed quite absurd and undignified on her part.
a) logical b) illegible c) illogical d) legible
- What was her vexation, however when just before lunch her husband came smiling.
a) interesting b) happy c) ambition d) annoyance

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

- She was like the winter landscape in the mountains, an expanse of pure white serenity.
a) anxiety b) simplicity c) absurdity d) stupidity
- Memories prevent them from remembering to do such small prosaic things as take the ball.
a) interesting b) dull c) ordinary d) simple
- My fear of facing new opponents quickly vanished.
a) disappeared b) appeared c) destroyed d) gone
- Choose the clipped form of 'demarcate'.
a) market b) mart c) marc d) mark
- Choose the word that can be placed after the word 'toll' to form a compound word.
a) wheel b) gate c) piece d) proof
- Replace the underlined idiom with its suitable meaning.
The renowned boxer's act is considered hitting below the belt by the referees.
a) unsporting behaviour b) sportsmanship c) unexpected act d) humorous gesture
- The expanded form of the abbreviation GPS is _____.
a) Government Power System b) Global Positioning System
c) Global Product Service d) Global Power Supply
- Fill in the blank with the appropriate article.**
I saw _____ one-eyed animal in the forest.
a) an b) the c) a d) no article
- The teacher gave _____ student a separate assignment.
a) all b) every c) many d) much
- Add a suitable prefix to the root word 'legitimate'.
a) il_____ b) dis_____ c) im_____ d) un_____
- Choose the right definition and fill in the blank.**
A person who studies insects is known as a / an _____.
a) seismologist b) entomologist c) linguist d) ornithologist
- Choose the correct preposition from the given options.**
We should fight _____ injustice.
a) between b) before c) with d) against
- Choose the right definition for the underlined word in the given sentence.**
My sister always looks at the brighter side of life. She is called a / an _____.
a) pessimist b) atheist c) optimist d) feminist
- Form a derivative by adding a suitable suffix to the root word 'narrate'.**
a) _____ment b) _____ful c) _____ion d) _____tion

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narration

18. Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate prepositional phrase from the given options.
 _____ my team, I thank everyone who supported the project.
 a) On behalf of b) In spite of c) In the event of d) In case of
19. Choose the expanded form of the abbreviation 'ICU'.
 a) International Coaching University b) Intensive Care Unit
 c) International Collection Unit d) Insurance Coverage Utility
20. Choose the correct tri syllabic word.
 a) vintage b) seclusion c) antique d) biology

PART – II (SECTION – 1)

4 x 2 = 8

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

21. "Cocktail face, with all their conforming smiles
 Like a fixed portrait smile"
 a) What is meant by 'cocktail face'?
 b) What is the figure of speech used here?
22. "Well, ego it might be pleased enough
 But zealous athletes play so rough"
 a) What pleases the ego?
 b) Why are the athletes often rough during the play?
23. "And it is my faith that every flower
 Enjoys the air it breathes"
 a) What is the poet's faith?
 b) Pick out the alliterated words in the first line.
24. "Most of all, I want to relearn
 How to laugh, for my laugh in the mirror
 Shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs".
 a) How does the poet's laugh look like?
 b) Whom does the poet want to relearn from?
25. "One infant grows up and becomes a jockey
 Another plays basketball or hockey"
 a) Who is a jockey?
 b) Pick out the rhyming words.
26. "If this belief from heaven be sent
 If such be Nature's holy plan"
 a) What does 'heaven' refer to? b) Why does the poet call it 'holy'?

SECTION – 2

Do as directed

Answer any THREE questions.

3 x 2 = 6

27. When they _____ (visit) us last Sunday, we _____ (eat) our breakfast.
 (Fill in the blanks with the correct tense form of the verbs given in brackets.)
28. A house is being constructed by them. (Change into Active Voice)
29. If I were a billionaire, I would buy a Rolls Royce car. (Begin with 'Were')
30. I speak English everyday. (Change into Passive Voice)

PART – III (SECTION – 1)

Explain any TWO of the following with reference to the context.

2 x 3 = 6

31. "They do not ever in their dealings
 Consider one another's feelings"
32. "The birds around me hopp'd and play'd
 Their thoughts I cannot measure"
33. "I have learned to wear many faces
 Like dresses"

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SECTION – 2

Answer any TWO of the following questions in not more than 30 words each. $2 \times 3 = 6$

34. Describe the appearance of the author's grandmother.
35. Who are the citizens of 'dreamland'? Why?
36. How was Mary Kom felicitated on her return to India?

SECTION – 3

Answer any THREE of the following. $3 \times 3 = 9$

37. Write a notice about the inauguration of a laughter club in your school.
38. Describe the process of wrapping a gift to be presented in a function.
39. Write a dialogue between two friends about their preparation for the Quarterly Examination.
40. Expand the following headlines.
 - (i) Tamil Pudhalvan scheme to benefit over 3 lakh students
 - (ii) Manu Bhaker wins second medal
 - (iii) Ooty getting ready for second season in September

PART – IV

Answer the following.

$7 \times 5 = 35$

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
 - (a) Why was Mary Kom named the 'Queen of Boxing' and 'Magnificent Mary'?

(OR)

 - (b) What does Robert Lynd try to convey in his essay on 'Forgetting'?
42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
 - (a) Explain the poet's views expressed in the poem 'Once Upon A Time'.

(OR)

 - (b) Write the summary of the poem "Lines Written in Early Spring" by William Wordsworth.
43. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.
 - (a) Bob and Jimmy - two best friends - agreement - meet after - twenty years - Bob waiting - hardware store - policeman - patrol duty - Bob tells - about agreement - Bob - confident - Jimmy will be come - the policeman walks away - Twenty minutes later - a tall man - introduced himself - Jimmy - both walked together - near drug store - Bob realised - he is not his friend - tall man - police officer - in plain clothes - to arrest Bob - gives a note - from Jimmy - Bob learns - the patrolman - the real Jimmy

(OR)

 - (b) A few patients - waiting room - dentist clinic - Woman 5 - interested - showing photos - dentist arrives - Joe - first patient - nurse comes out - turns left - brings hammer - loud noise hear - again - nurse comes out - enters the with hacksaw - patients hearing - noise of sawing - everyone leave the dentist room - Joe's wife scared - weep - other patients - go out in a hurry - Joe comes out - tells that dentist - lost his keys - Woman 5 surprised - queue had moved quickly - next patient - go in
44. (a) Write a summary Or make notes of the following passage.

Leadership does not exist without followership. A leader has to be accepted by the group which the former is supposed to lead. To gain acceptability, the leader should cause an emotive impact on the group members. The strength of character exhibited by the leaders makes them dear to the followers. A leader is one who effectively inspires followers to achieve worthwhile things. What character of the leader motivates the followers? It is not pomp and show, neither flattery nor sanctioning more incentives. Pomp and show creates a sense of awe and the leader is deified rather than emulated. Flattery is unrealistic and cannot serve as long term motivational tool. A leader's style should be one that can be emulated by all irrespective of cadre, class and calibre. Simplicity in one's day-to-day conduct is the only thing that can be adopted by all. When leader is simple, he is counted as one belonging to the group of which he is the leader. That is enough to motivate the people. Motivation is the innate quality that enables an individual or group to contribute unlimitedly with limited means. It is proud prerogative of enlightened human beings.

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45. (a) Write a letter to your friend describing the Kalaitiruvizha Competitions held in your school.

(OR)

(b) Respond to the following advertisement considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified [Write XXXX for your name and YYYY for your address.]

WANTED

Manager for a publishing company, Male / Female with at least 2 years experience.

Apply to : **THE MANAGING DIRECTOR**, ABC Publications, Adyar, Chennai – 600 013.

46. (a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them.

- (i) My uncle is a L.I.C. agent.
- (ii) Economics are my favourite subject.
- (iii) If you play well and you will win the match.
- (iv) Which is the most easiest way to solve the problem?
- (v) The police want to keep law and order with control.

(OR)

(b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- (i) When the pole vaulter cleared 28 _____, it was declared a record _____. (feet / feat)
- (ii) There is a lot of time left, so you _____ not panic. (Fill in the blank with a suitable semi-modal verb)
- (iii) The computer shop _____ (open) at 10 a.m. every morning. (Fill in the blank with the right tense form of the verb)
- (iv) I _____ like to have a cup of coffee. (Use a suitable modal verb)

47. (a) Read the following questions and answer the questions below.

Helen Keller is renowned for defying all odds to accomplish great things despite being deaf and blind. After an illness in her childhood robbed her of her ability to see and hear, Helen Keller miraculously taught how to communicate by her instructor Anne Sullivan. She went on to become the first deaf and blind person to earn a bachelor's degree and during her years at college published her famous autobiography "The Story of My Life". As an author, she published 12 books apart from writing numerous articles.

She co-founded Helen Keller International in 1915 and worked for the American Foundation for the Blind for more than 40 years. An inspiration to millions of people around the world, Helen Keller received numerous awards and honors including the 'Presidential Medal of Freedom' and the 'Legion of Honour'.

Questions

- (i) Who was the instructor of Helen Keller?
- (ii) What is the famous autobiography of Helen Keller?
- (iii) Name at least two awards received by Helen Keller?
- (iv) When was Helen Keller International found?
- (v) Is Helen Keller inspirational to the people around the world?

(OR)

(b) Identify each of the following sentences with the field in the list given below, understanding the word or words as clue.

- (i) Fast food is a growing health hazard.
- (ii) ISRO has successfully launched a new satellite.
- (iii) My brother is planning to go to the U.S.
- (iv) Neeraj Chopra won the Silver medal at Paris Olympics.
- (v) Organic pesticides increase the produce of the land.

[Sports / Space / Agriculture / Travel / Nutrition and Diets]

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