

# QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2024

Class : 11

Reg.No 

Time : 3.00 Hours

## ENGLISH

Total Marks : 90

### PART - I

20x1=20

Answer all the questions.

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences.

- That seemed quite absurd and undignified on her part.  
(a) logical (b) illogical (c) absolute (d) wonderful
- With this princely sum, and a little more that had been collected from people, I left for the U.S.  
(a) meagre (b) very small (c) very little (d) very large
- The absent-minded man is often a man who is making the best of life and therefore has no time to remember the mediocre.  
(a) medicine (b) marvelous (c) ordinary (d) good

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences.

- She was like the winter landscape in the mountains, an expanse of pure white serenity breathing peace and contentment.  
(a) anxiety (b) absurdity (c) stupidity (d) simplicity
- I was presented with a traditional shawl.  
(a) modern (b) ancient (c) religious (d) costly
- Each of two statesmen will tell you that the other's story is so inaccurate that either he has a memory like a sieve or is an audacious perverter of the truth.  
(a) bold (b) daring (c) timid (d) amazing
- Choose the most suitable word to complete the following sentence.  
Sona likes to have toasted \_\_\_\_\_ for breakfast.  
(a) breed (b) bread (c) bred (d) braid
- Fill in the blank with a suitable article.  
Laughter is \_\_\_\_\_ best medicine.  
(a) some (b) a (c) an (d) the
- Choose the expanded form of 'AIBA'.  
(a) Agreement Internationale de Boxe Amateur  
(b) Arrangement Internationale de Boxe Adventure  
(c) Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur  
(d) Association Internationale de Boxe America
- Form a derivative by adding a suitable prefix to the root word 'relevant'.  
(a) ir (b) dis (c) in (d) un

11. Fill in the blank with a suitable determiner.

\_\_\_\_\_ girls who attended the class informed the others about the test.

- (a) Much (b) Any (c) Few (d) Some
- Choose the word that can be placed after the word 'door' to form a compound word.  
(a) proof (b) knob (c) wheel (d) gate
- Form a derivative for the underlined word.  
Siva can manage all this work on his own.  
(a) ment (b) full (c) ness (d) ity
- Choose the clipped form of the word 'demonstration'.  
(a) demon (b) demo (c) mon (d) stra

15. Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition.  
Kavitha climbed up the stairs to get \_\_\_\_\_ the terrace.  
(a) into (b) on (c) within (d) off
16. Choose the unclipped form of the word 'fan'.  
(a) fantastic (b) fantabulous (c) fanatic (d) fanfare
17. One who studies atmosphere, weather and climate is called a / an \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Archaeologist (b) Sociologist (c) Meteorologist (d) Geologist
18. Fill in the blank with a suitable modal verb.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ not believe my eyes. Is Vetri the one who is standing over there?  
(a) may (b) can (c) will (d) dare
19. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom used in the given sentence.  
The boxer was on the ropes at the end of the third round of the match.  
(a) state of near win (b) state of joy (c) state of rest (d) state of near defeat
20. Fill in the blank with the correct tense form.  
Yesterday a landslide \_\_\_\_\_ our path.  
(a) will block (b) blocked (c) blocking (d) has blocked

### PART - II SECTION - 1

Answer any four of the following.

4x2=8

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

21. 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) Whom does the poet want to relearn from?  
(b) Identify 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 athletes often rough during play?
23. If this belief from heaven be sent,  
If such be Nature's holy plan,  
(a) What does 'heaven' refer to?  
(b) Pick out the words in alliteration.
24. I have learned to say "Goodbye"  
When I mean "Good-riddance"  
(a) What does the poet mean when he says 'good bye'?  
(b) Identify the figure of speech used here.
25. And I must think, do all I can,  
That there was pleasure there.  
(a) What did the poet notice about the twigs?  
(b) What was the poet's thoughts about then?
26. My limp and bashful spirit feeds  
On other people's heroic deeds.  
(a) Is the poet satisfied just watching the heroic deeds of others?  
(b) What does the word 'bashful' mean?

**SECTION - 2****Answer any three of the following questions.****3x2=6**

27. Michael has completed the course. (Change into the other voice.)  
 28. A house is being constructed by them. (Change into the other voice)  
 29. If I were you, I would help them. (Begin the sentence with 'Were')  
 30. Nathiya said, "I play chess." (Change into indirect speech)

**PART - III SECTION - 1****Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.****2x3=6**

31. In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts  
 Bring sad thoughts to the mind  
 32. I want to be what I used to be  
 33. They do not ever in their dealings  
 Consider one another's feelings

**SECTION - 2****Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words.****2x3=6**

34. Describe the author's grandfather as seen in the portrait.  
 35. What did Mary Kom consider her greatest achievement? Why?  
 36. What are the articles the writer Lynd forgot most often?

**SECTION - 3****Answer any three of the following.****3x3=9**

37. Complete the proverbs with the suitable words given.  
 (a) \_\_\_\_\_ waters run deep. (Still, Clean, Fast)  
 (b) Strike while the iron is \_\_\_\_\_ (cold, hot, small)  
 (c) Time and \_\_\_\_\_ waits for none. (money, thunder, tide)  
 38. Describe the process of making tea.  
 39. Write a notice about Kalai Thiruvizha to be held in your school.  
 40. Expand the news headlines in a sentence each.  
 (a) Three children of a farmer couple in Dharmapuri studying in Govt. Medical colleges.  
 (b) CBSE planning to record exam sessions using CCTV cameras.  
 (c) Avani Lekhara bags India's first gold in Paris Paralympics in 10m air rifle.

**PART - IV****Answer the following.****7x5=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) How does Robert Lynd analyse the fundamental reasons for forgetfulness in humans?  
 42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.  
 (a) According to the poet what contributes most to the injuries sustained by the athletes? (OR)  
 (b) Wordsworth says man is unhappy because he has lost link with nature. Justify his view.  
 43. Answer in a paragraph of about 150 words developing the following hints.  
 (a) Two friends – made a pact – meet after twenty years – Bob arrived – spoke to policeman on beat – tall man came – claimed to be Jimmy Wells – Bob realized – not his friend – policeman in plainclothes – arrested Bob, a noted criminal – policeman on beat – real Jimmy Wells – hesitated to arrest friend – sent another with a note. (OR)

(b) Philip Sletherby – politician – travels – Brill Manor – to meet – Mrs Saltpen Jago – London – re-election – meets young man – Bertie – second son of Mrs. Saltpen Jago – needs three pounds – mistaken – fraud – Jago crest – demilion – does not help – true son – “Seeing is believing”.

44. (a) Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.

P. R. Sreejesh is affectionately called the “Great Wall of Indian Hockey. He has played over 300 international matches. He has been one of India’s most consistent players. He has helped India win several tournaments, including the Olympic bronze medals at the Tokyo and Paris Olympics. Hailing from Kerala, a non-traditional hockey state, 36-year-old Sreejesh has seen it all - from India’s failure to qualify for the Olympics in 2008, to not winning a single match in 2012, to reaching the quarterfinals in 2016, and finally securing bronze medals in both 2020 and 2024. He poured his heart and soul into the sport. Sreejesh was the saviour in the third-place match against Germany in Tokyo, where India secured an Olympic medal after 41 years. Three years later, he thwarted Spain’s late charge to secure another bronze in Paris. Former India captain and Hockey India (HI) president Dilip Tirkey hailed Sreejesh as the “God of Indian hockey.” A player who continuously evolved throughout his career, Sreejesh urged the younger generation to learn from the struggles of past hockey players and to appreciate the current success. As Indian hockey’s beloved goalkeeper Sreejesh calls it a day, Hockey India has decided to retire his iconic No. 16 jersey. He has also been appointed head coach of the junior men’s team. (OR)

(b) Frame a dialogue between two friends about the benefits of Naan Mudhalvan Scheme.

45. (a) Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about the need to wear seatbelts while driving. (OR)

(b) Write a letter to the Commissioner of the Corporation complaining about the sanitary conditions of the streets in your locality.

46. (a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.

(i) Nirmala and her sisters watches television everyday.

(ii) The cattles are grazing in the field.

(iii) One of the cookies are missing.

(iv) Arif do not like sports.

(v) They used scissor to cut off the shirt. (OR)

(b) Fill in the blanks as instructed.

(i) The \_\_\_\_\_ carried the \_\_\_\_\_ of the dead soldier. (corpse / corps)

(ii) My son \_\_\_\_\_ go abroad to pursue his higher studies next year. (Use a modal verb)

(iii) Chitra \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in Namakkal since 2019. (Use the correct form of the verb)

(iv) \_\_\_\_\_ of my friends wished me on my birthday. (Use a suitable determiner)

47. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.

Ms. A. Sabeena, a nurse from the Nilgiris who saved over 35 human lives after the Wayanad landslides, was on 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebrations honoured with the Tamil Nadu government’s Kalpana Chawla Award for Courage and Daring Enterprise. Chief Minister Mr. M.K. Stalin presented the award to Ms. Sabeena at the Independence Day celebrations held on the ramparts of Fort St. George in Chennai. She volunteered to be sent across a raging river through a zip-line to reach patients needing treatment on July 30, 2024. “As the rescue team was hesitant, the courageous and committed Ms. Sabeena came forward to go to the other side. In spite of continuous rain, by wearing a raincoat and tightly holding the first aid kit, she travelled without any fear,” the citation read.

**Questions:**

(i) Who presented the Kalpana Chawla Award to Ms. Sabeena?

(ii) When was Ms. Sabeena awarded?

(iii) Who is Ms. Sabeena?

(iv) What was the daring act of Ms. Sabeena?

(v) For what purpose the Kalpana Chawla Award is given? (OR)

(b) Write a report in about 100 words on the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of your school.