

COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2024 XI - B

Standard XI

Reg.No. 011061

ENGLISH

Time : 3.00 hrs

Part - I

Marks : 90

20 x 1 = 20

Answer all the questions.

Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given below.

- The grandmother hobbled about the house in spotless white.
 - walked straight
 - walked quickly
 - walked unsteadily
 - walked happily
- The greatest disadvantage for me was my loss of appetite.
 - hunger
 - anger
 - happiness
 - faith
- It is the efficiency rather than the inefficiency of human memory that compels my wonder.
 - goodness
 - quantity
 - ability
 - inability

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given below.

- She said her morning prayer in a monotonous sing-song.
 - boring
 - dull
 - loud
 - interesting
- They consoled me and lauded me on the silver win.
 - appreciated
 - praised
 - criticised
 - admitted
- He can tell the name of the provincial hotel at which he had a vile meal during the summer.
 - costly
 - pleasant
 - cheap
 - dark
- Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'mark' to form a compound word.
 - wheel
 - gate
 - post
 - sheet
- Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word 'honest'.
 - dis
 - de
 - un
 - il
- Form a derivative by adding a suitable suffix to the root word 'peace'.
 - __ly
 - __ful
 - __ment
 - __er
- Choose the correct expansion of 'CPU'.
 - Central Care Unit
 - Critical Care Unit
 - Central Processing Unit
 - Critical Pulmonary Unit
- Choose the clipped form of 'laboratory'.
 - lab
 - lap
 - labo
 - labor
- Choose the right definition for the given term 'Polyglot'.
 - One who studies diseases
 - One who is arrogant and proud
 - One who is fluent in several languages
 - One who performs many tasks
- Select the correct definition for 'Anglophobia'.
 - Fear of meeting strangers
 - Fear of playing outdoor games
 - Fear of using English
 - Fear of drinking alcohol
- Fill in the blank with suitable 'phrasal verb'.
My father always _____ truth and honesty.
 - stands for
 - stands on
 - stand up
 - stand by

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15. Choose the correct meaning of the 'idiom' used in the given sentence.
The players were **facing each other** at the beginning of the match.
a) on the ropes
b) square off
c) below the belt
d) in our corner
16. Fill in the blank with suitable **homophones**.
Your ring is _____. Don't _____ it. (loose / lose)
17. Fill in the blank with the **suitable modal verb**.
Students _____ come with their parents tomorrow to collect their mark sheet.
a) can
b) may
c) will
d) must
18. Complete the following sentence with the **most appropriate preposition**.
The cat is hiding _____ the table.
a) under
b) with
c) into
d) for
19. Fill in the blanks with **appropriate determiner**.
_____ of the water overflowed from the tank. (Many / Most)
20. Fill in the blank with the **correct tense form**.
Madhu knew this place so well because she _____ (live) here for five years.

Part - II
Section - 1

4 x 2 = 8

Answer any four of the following.

Read the following poetic lines given and answer the question that follows.

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) Mention the figure of speech used here.
22. "With all my heart I do admire
Athletes who sweat for fun or hire"
a) For what reasons do the athletes sweat?
b) Write the words in alliteration.
23. 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'?
24. "But now they only laugh with their teeth,
While their ice-block-cold eyes ..."
a) Who are 'they'?
b) Identify the figure of speech used here.
25. When officialdom demands,
Is there a doctor in the stands?
a) Why are doctors called from stands by the sponsors?
b) Pick out the rhyming words.
26. "And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes....."
a) What is the poet's faith?
b) Pick out the words in alliteration.

Section - 2

Answer any three of the following questions.

3 x 2 = 6

27. If you were a teacher, you would know the difficulties. [Begin with 'Were']
28. I speak English everyday. (Change the voice)
29. The teacher said to the students, "Bring your test note tomorrow".
(Change into indirect speech)
30. The team was trained by the coach. (Change the voice)

Part - III

Section - 1

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

2 x 3 = 6

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

Section - 2

Answer any two of the following.

2 x 3 = 6

34. Why did the grandmother accompany the author to school?
35. Name a few things that a person remembers easily.
36. What did Mary kom consider her greatest achievement?

Section - 3

Answer any three of the following.

3 x 3 = 9

37. You are student secretary of your school. Prepare a **Notice** asking the students of class XI to give their name for participation in various cultural program to be held in the month of October.
38. Expand the following **news headlines**.
Cost free Bicycles for higher secondary, first year students to be issued.
39. Describe the process of making lime juice.
40. Complete the **proverbs** using the words given below.
 - a) A bad workman always blames his _____.
 - b) Every cloud has a silver _____.
 - c) An idle _____ is a devil's workshop.
 (*lining, mind, tools, body, walls*)

Part - IV

Answer the following.

7 x 5 = 35

41. a) Attempt a character sketch of Khushwant Singh's grandmother.
(OR)
b) Why was Mary Kom named "The Queen of Boxing"?
42. Write a short summary of the poem
a) "Once Upon a Time".
(OR)
b) Bring out William Wordsworth's thoughts while comparing Nature with human behaviour.
43. Write a paragraph by 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 - respected friendship - hesitated to arrest friend - sent another with a note.
(OR)
b) The dentist's clinic - many patients - wait - tensed - tooth - to be extracted - the arrival of the dentist - Joe, the first patient - called in - the nurse goes - with hammer - reaction of patients - loud sound of sawing and screeching - other patients fear - go away - Joe comes out - hammer, pliers - to open the tool box.

44. Write a Summary OR Notes of the following passage.

Preethi Srinivasan is a former cricketer from Tamil Nadu, who played domestic cricket in the 1990's at the age of eight. She was the youngest girl to play in the state cricket team. At the age of 17, she captained the Tamil Nadu Women's under 19 cricket team in a national tournament in 1997 and registered its only victory ever. She was also a state level gold winner in 50 m breast stroke swimming event. But the following year, she suffered a spinal cord injury in an accident in Puducherry that left her quadriplegic. Her own trauma inspired her to create 'Soul-Free', a foundation that aims to help Indian youth to cope with disabilities related to spinal cord injuries and how suitable precautions can help them out. Instead of the term 'differently-abled' 'Soul-Free' employs the term 'Positively -abled' for those suffering from a disability. She is active in social life and earned many honours too. In 2018, she received the Kalpana Chawla Award for Courage and Daring Enterprise.

45. a) Write a letter to your friend congratulating him / her on having been selected for the semifinals of the state-level chess tournament. (OR)

b) Write a paragraph on the "Value of games and sports" in our lives.

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

- i) He gave me a lot of advices. ii) One of my uncle lives in Delhi.
 iii) My older brother is living aborad iv) We discussed about this matter.
 v) Harish is my cousin brother. (OR)

b) Identify each of the following sentences with the fields given below.

- i) Satellites are helpful in weather forecast.
 ii) India bags a gold medal in Boxing.
 iii) Hybrid variety of Tomato gives a good harvest.
 iv) Snow-storms occur only at low temperature.
 v) Data can be easily transferred by using floppies.

(Agriculture, Space, Media, Computer, Sports, Weather)

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

The pearl is considered as one of the most beautiful jewels. It is the gem that is not dug up from a mine in the earth. It is grown in the shell of an oyster. The oyster does not make the pearl for the purpose of adorning the necks of women. It makes it only as a means of self-protection. To protect itself from the object like a grain of sand, the oyster begins to cover the object with a thick fluid which is secreted in its own body. When this layer hardens, an irriation begins and another layer is formed.

Questions :

- i) Which is considered as one of the most beautiful jewels?
 ii) What is unique about the pearl?
 iii) Where is it grown?
 iv) How does the oyster protect itself?
 v) Pick out the word which means to 'decorate' from the passage. (OR)

b) Write a *dialogue* of at least 10 utterances between a teacher and a student regarding "Kalai Thiruvizha" celebration in the school.
