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**COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2024**

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Standard XI

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**ENGLISH**

Time : 3.00 hrs

Marks : 90  
20 x 1 = 20

1. Answer all questions.

Choose the correct synonym for the underlined word from the options.

- The culprits were hiding in the dilapidated building.  
a) damaged b) new c) fresh d) undamaged
- Words of praise and adulation were showered on her.  
a) chocolates b) gifts c) appreciation d) flowers
- He has a memory like a sieve or is an audacious perverter of the truth.  
a) bold and daring b) fearful c) polite d) timid

Choose the correct antonym for the underlined word from the options.

- The students are reluctant to sit for hours to study.  
a) unwilling b) eager c) hesitant d) discouraged
- I am hopeful of scoring above 500 in the public exams.  
a) desperate b) confident c) anxious d) curious
- Grandma fed the sparrows with frivolous rebukes.  
a) harmless b) funny c) serious d) decent
- Choose the word from the option given below to form a **compound word** with "eye".  
a) knob b) gate c) lashes d) wheel
- Find the combination of the compound word heartbreaking from the options.  
a) noun + verb b) verb + gerund c) noun + gerund d) noun + adj
- Form a new word by adding a suitable **prefix** to the base word manage.  
a) re b) un c) mis d) dis
- Form a derivative by adding a suitable **suffix** to the root word "regular" from the options.  
a) \_ity b) \_al c) \_ment d) \_ful
- Choose the meaning of the idiom "below the belt".  
a) sporting behaviour b) fair behaviour  
c) unfair behaviour d) common behaviour
- Choose the meaning of the idiom "in a nice pickle".  
a) in a pleasant situation b) in a difficult situation  
c) in a easy way d) in a jolly mood
- Choose the right definition of the term "teetotaler".  
a) a person who believes that good things will happen  
b) a person who never drinks alcohol  
c) a person who speaks different languages  
d) a person who travels all over the world
- Pulmonologist is one who treats problems of  
a) teeth b) skin c) lungs d) kidneys
- Select the correct expansion of USB.  
a) Universal Serial Bus b) Universal Service Bus  
c) Universal Strong Bus d) University Service Bus
- Choose the correct expansion of BCCI.  
a) Board of Council for Cricket in India b) Board of Cricket Control in India  
c) Board of Cricket Council in India d) Board of Control for Cricket in India
- Fill in the blank with the suitable **article**.

Computer is \_\_\_\_\_ electronic extension of human brain. (a / an)

18. Fill in the blank with the appropriate **determiner**.

\_\_\_\_\_ [Many / Most] the water overflowed from the tank.

19. Fill in the blank with the suitable **preposition**.

He congratulated me \_\_\_\_\_ my success.

a) on                                      b) for                                      c) at

20. Choose the clipped word of "**University**" from the options.

a) Unity                                      b) Versity                                      c) Varsity                                      d) Universe

**II.A) Read the following poetic lines and answer any four sets.**

4 x 2 = 8

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 learn from?

b) Mention 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. And 'tis my faith that every flower

Enjoys the air it breathes .....

a) What is the poet's faith?                      b) What trait of Nature do we see here?

24. For he's a fiend in feline shape

a monster of depravity.

a) How is the cat described in this line?

b) Explain the phrase "monster of depravity".

25. With all my heart I do admire

Athletes who sweat for fun or hire

a) Whom does the poet admire?                      b) For what reasons do the athletes sweat?

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"?

**B) Do as directed. (Any three)**

3 x 2 = 6

27. The teacher said to his students, "Have you all submitted your record note books".

(Change into indirect speech)

28. Magdalene is singing the prayer. (Change the voice)

29. By whom was this complaint written? (Change the voice)

30. If I were you I would accept this offer. (Begin with Were and rewrite)

**III. A) Explain any two passages with reference to the context.**

2 x 3 = 6

31. I want to be what I used to be.

32. They do not ever in their dealings

Consider one another's feelings.

33. In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts

Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

**B) Answer any two questions in two or three sentences.**

2 x 3 = 6

34. What was the happiest time of the day for grandma?

35. What did Mary Kom consider her greatest achievement? Why?

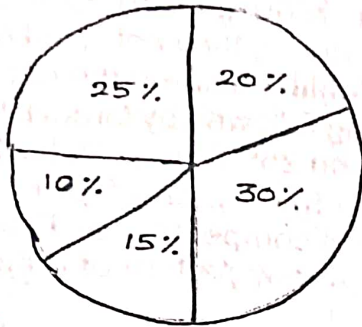
36. What is the difference between a physical and mental tight corner?

**C) Answer any three.**

3 x 3 = 9

37. Describe the process of making tea for two.

- 3C. Study the pie-chart and answer the questions that follow.  
Residents' choice of entertainment in an apartment



Reading	10%
Outdoor games	15%
Watching TV	20%
Internet	25%
Mobile phone	30%

- a) What is the most sought entertainment activity in the apartment?  
b) Name the activity preferred by the least number of residents.  
c) Which activity is chosen by half the number of people who use mobile phones?
39. Prepare a notice to be on the school notice board for the students of XI of informing them about the Educational Tour to Sriharikota during quarterly holidays.
40. Expand the following news headlines in a sentence each.  
a) Heavy rains expected in September.  
b) High Court supports teachers punishing students for their welfare.  
c) Rash driving riders reprimanded by police.
- IV. Answer all questions choosing any one from each.
41. Answer in a para of about 150 words any one. 7 x 5 = 35  
a) Khuswant Singh's grandmother played a vital role in his formative years. - Explain.  
(OR)  
b) It is the efficiency rather than the inefficiency of human memory that compels Lynd's wonder. - Explain.
42. Answer in a para of about 150 words any one.  
a) Summarise the poem, "Once Upon a Time". (OR)  
b) Describe the appearance and qualities of Macavity.
43. Answer in about 150 Words by developing the following hints (Any one)  
a) Two friends - made a pact - met after twenty years - Bob arrived - spoke to police man on duty - Tall man came - claimed to be Jimmy Wells - Bob narrated his success - Bob realized the change - arrested for being a criminal - shocked to read the note from Jimmy. (OR)  
b) Eight men - eight women with couple of children - waited for the dentist - First patient Joe entered - Nurse came out - carrying hammer, pliers, saw - sounds of hammering, sawing - terrified the other - left one by one - Joe came out - Dentist misplaced the key of tool cabinet - sounds were his efforts to open the tools cabinet.
44. Write a summary (OR) Make notes of the following.

The Rome 1960 Paralympic Games was a tremendous steps in sports for athletes with physical impairment. The founder of the Paralympic movement, Sir Ludwig Guttmann and the director of the spinal centre in Rome. Antonio Maglio, started preparations for the games two years ago. It would be called the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual International Stoke Mandeville Games. Now regarded as the Rome 1960 Paralympic Games, the competition took place for six days following the closing ceremony of the XVII Olympic Committee and the Italian Institute for Disabled workers.

A total of eight different sports events, deputed at the first-ever Paralympic Games, all of which were considered beneficial and suitable for athletes with spinal cord injury;

archery, IPC athletics dart, snooker, IPC swimming, table tennis, wheelchair basket ball and wheel chair fencing.

The opening ceremony on 18<sup>th</sup> September 1960 generated a crowd of 5000 spectators, which greeted the wheel chair athletes during their colourful entry into Acquo Acetosa Stadium. The Italian Minister for Public Health declared the games open to the world. The host Italy finished atop the medal standing followed by Great Britain, Germany, Austria and the USA. Closing ceremony was held on 25<sup>th</sup> Sep. in Palazetto Dello in the Olympic Village in the presence of Sir Guttmann, the patron of games. Sir Guttman summed up the games saying; "The vast majority of competitors and escorts have fully understood the meaning of the Rome Games as a new pattern of reintegration of the paralysed into society, as well as the whole of Sport"

45. a) Write a letter to your uncle who presented a mobile phone on your birthday. (OR)  
b) Write a letter to a Sports Company ordering sports materials for your school as sports captain.
46. a) **Spot the errors and rewrite the following sentences.**  
i) The colour of the curtains are very bright.  
ii) I saw an uniformed soldier hiding behind the wall.  
iii) One of these cycles are defective.  
iv) John along with his friends are expected shortly.  
v) My mother goes seldom to theatres for movies, doesn't she? (OR)
- b) **Identify each of the following sentences with the respective fields given below.**  
i) The monitor displays the menu.  
ii) The hybrid variety of paddy was a failure.  
iii) There is no drop-out in schools now.  
iv) Every physician understands that negative report contributes to diagnosis.  
v) Two women ministers were appointed in the first cabinet after independence.  
**[Politics, Computer, Agriculture, Education, Medicine]**
47. a) **Read the following passage and answer the following questions.**  
After the meal, the way we place our eating tools, our knives, forks, spoons or chopsticks is also culturally defined. In Australia, when we have finished eating the main course, we put the knife and fork across the middle of the plate parallel to each other with the handles facing towards us. When we are resting during the meal, we place the knife and fork across each other in the middle of the plate. In China, the chopsticks go crossways across the top of the plate with the handles facing towards the right. In Indonesia, some people place the fork and spoon like the Australians do but not at all. Indonesia is a multi-cultural society. So there may be a number of customs practised within the country.  
i) Which table manners reveal one's culture?  
ii) Is a table-manner important? Why?  
iii) What do you know about table manners observed by the Australians?  
iv) How do Chinese practise their table manners?  
v) Explain the Indonesian culture? (OR)
- b) **Fill in the blanks using appropriate words.**  
i) The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ a piece of chalk \_\_\_\_\_ the window. (through / threw)  
ii) After I \_\_\_\_\_ (complete) my homework I went to play.  
(Use the correct tense form)  
iii) Students \_\_\_\_\_ put on their ID cards. (Use suitable modal)  
iv) My grandma \_\_\_\_\_ tell me stories when I was young. (Use Quasi modal)

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