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Virudhunagar District
Common Quarterly Examination - 2024

Standard 11 ENGLISH

Marks: 90

Time: 3.00 Hours

Instructions: i) Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall supervisor immediately.
ii) Use Blue or Black ink to write and underline

PART - I

20x1=20

Answer all the questions:

Write the correct answers along with the corresponding option codes:

Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given:

- 1) She smiled but never shooed them away.
a) frightened b) shouted c) drove d) chased
- 2) Words of praise and adulation were showered on me.
a) appreciation b) wish
c) greetings d) encouragement
- 3) They are abstracted from the world outside them.
a) continued b) absent minded c) sample d) small

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given:

- 4) After a few hours of mourning, we left.
a) happy b) glorifying c) celebrating d) rejoicing
- 5) We were confined to the sports arena.
a) kept b) released
c) free d) accommodated
- 6) The very prospect of a new cure delights me.
a) pleases b) displeasure c) attracts d) repels
- 7) Choose the word that can be added after "good" to form a compound word.
a) sense b) time c) form d) will
- 8) Form a new word by adding prefix to the base - word 'regular'.
a) de b) in c) ir d) dis
- 9) Add a suitable suffix to the word 'portray'.
a) ment b) el c) al d) ic
- 10) Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation of 'PTA'.
a) Parents Teachers Association b) Personal Technology Associate
c) Party Terminal Associate d) Parts Technical Awareness
- 11) Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom used in the following
They acknowledged that this campaign was 'below the belt'.
a) to give up b) prepare for a conflict
c) on your side in an argument or dispute d) unfair or unsporting behavior
- 12) Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition
He climbed up the stairs to get the terrace
a) for b) into c) in d) up
- 13) Choose the clipped form of the word 'Cafeteria'.
a) caferia b) cafet c) cafe d) cateria
- 14) Fill in the blanks with suitable phrase - preposition
..... his poverty, he is helping others
a) in the event b) in accordance c) in favour of d) inspite of
- 15) One who treats the disorder of the nervous system is called a
a) gynaecologist b) gastroenterologist
c) pulmonologist d) neurologist
- 16) Fill in blanks choosing the correct option
The chair person of our company keeps travelling all over the world to attend conferences and we call her a
a) sadist b) teetotaler c) globetrotter d) polyglot
- 17) 'Herpetology' is the study of
a) birds eggs b) insects
c) reptiles and amphibians d) artefacts and physical remains

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- 18) Choose the correct form of 'fungus'
 a) fungi b) fungae c) funguss d) fungusesses
- 19) Choose the clipped form of the word 'public house'
 a) pub b) public c) house d) pub house
- 20) Choose the word that is spelt correctly
 a) magazine b) magezine c) megazine d) megegine

PART - II
SECTION - A

Choose any four of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow: 4x2=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) Why does the poet want to relearn how to laugh?
 b) Mention the figure of speech used here
- 22) "So show me, son/How to laugh; show me how
 I used to laugh and smile"
 a) What does the poet ask his son to show?
 b) What does the passage reveal?
- 23) "Well, ego it might be pleased enough
 But zealous athletes play so rought"
 a) What pleases the ego?
 b) Pick out the rhyming words in the given lines.
- 24) "I am just glad as glad can be
 That I am not them, that they are not me",
 a) Who is glad?
 b) Why is he glad?
- 25) "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'?
- 26) "The budding twigs spread out their fan
 To catch the breezy air"
 a) What do the budding twigs spread out?
 b) Why do the budding twigs spread out their fan?

SECTION - B

Answer any three of the following:

3x2=6

- 27) They are constructing a house (Change the voice)
 28) I saw him opening the box. (Change the voice)
 29) If you should need my help again, just give me a call. (Begin with 'should')
 30) Rewrite the sentence making an inversion in the conditional clause
 If I had walked fast, he might have reached the station early

PART-III
SECTION - A

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

2x3=6

- 31) "I want to be what I used to be"
 32) "My limp and bashful spirit feeds
 On other people's heroic deeds"
 33) "The birds around me hopp'd and play'd their thoughts I cannot measure"

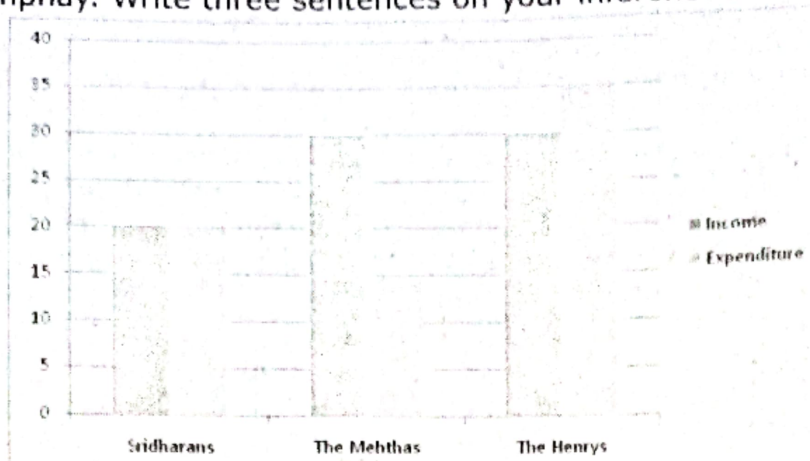
SECTION - B

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

- 34) Why did the grandmother accompany the author to school?
 35) Why did she call herself 'lucky'?
 36) What does the author mean when he says that the letter in his pocket leads an unadventurous life?

Answer any three of the following.

- 37) Study the following Bar graph which gives the details about the yearly sales of a company. Write three sentences on your inference about the date.



- 38) You are Rani, head girl of Convent school. Your school is going to organize an inter-school singing competition. Write a notice for your school notice board inviting names of all the interested students.
- 39) Build a dialogue of minimum three exchanges between a fruit vendor and a customer
- 40) Describe the process of making a cup of coffee.

7x5=35

PART-IV

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

- a) The grandmother played a vital role in the author's formative years. Give your own example of how elders have a positive influence on the younger generation. Include examples from the story also.

(OR)

- b) Kahlil Gibran states "Forgetfulness is a form of freedom". Write an article for your school magazine, linking your ideas logically and giving appropriate examples

42) Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

- a) The poet does not wish to exchange places with athletes. How does he justify his view?

(OR)

- b) 'Nature can nurture'. Describe how this process happens

43) Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints.

- a) Philip Sletherby - Politician - Brillmanor - meet - Mrs. Saltpen Jago - London - Re-election - young man - Bestie - Needed three pounds - Mistaken - fraud - Jago Crest - demillion - "Seeing is believing".

(OR)

- b) A dentist's clinic - tensed patients - one woman - showed photographs - Joe - first patient - dentist arrived - nurse took - hammer - large pair of pliers - loud screech - patient's left - one by one - Joe's wife wept - dentist located the key - Joe tells - woman with photographs - Called in - all others had left.

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

One of the most baffling, puzzling and intriguing mysteries that has bewildered the world so far, is the famous Bermuda Triangle. No other mystery is so well known, yet so little is known about it. Situated in the Western Atlantic, it has seemingly swallowed up hundreds of ships and thousands of human beings. Yet no scientist has been able to detect the reason for its being a death trap, and more so why its victims have left so little evidence of their unpredicted and untimely ill fate?

This dangerous Bermuda lies between Florida, Bermuda and Puerto Rico. In the beginning the sudden and unexpected disappearance of these ships and human beings was considered to be just coincidental. But gradually the number of victims increased so unexpectedly that people became curious to know the reason. And they could not arrive at any conclusion. The victims had not left any evidence behind. The case became interesting and the scientists took it as a challenge.

Every possible imaginable theory has been put forward. Some observers think that it may be due to the extreme gravitational and magnetic deviation that radios fail and compasses provide wrong readings. Others suppose that extraordinary modern

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machinery of the lost Atlantic Civilisation is still functioning and Bermuda triangle is the base of it. Overlooking all scientific explanations, the third group proposes that the triangle may be hunting ground for predatory visitors from outer space.

There is no end to hypotheses and suppositions. No wonder, almost all hypotheses have failed to impress or satisfy rationality of the human mind. The question arises then; What is the truth about the triangle?

45) a) Write an paragraph of about 150 words about the topic 'Road safety'

(OR)

b) To promote healthy eating habits amongst school children your school recently organized a 'Nutritious Food and Snacks Competition'. As Adhavan, the student editor of your school magazine, write a report about this event in 100 words.

46) a) **Read the following sentences. Spot the errors and correct them**

- Measles are very serious.
- Despite of being old, yet he is active
- I purchased furnitures from the shop
- Where does the deer and the antelope play
- He met concerned officer

(OR)

b) **Fill in the blanks appropriately**

- The dancer turned after the final performance. (*weary/wiry*)
(Use the right word in the blank)
- Anand invited (few/a few) friends for the birthday party.
(Use appropriate determiner)
- As the shops, we could not buy anything for the children.
(close) (Use the correct verb)
- My inquisitive niece ask a number of questions, when she was a child. (Fill in the blanks with semi modal verb)

47) a) **Read the passage and answer the questions in your own words:**

The history of medicinal plants is as old as the history of human beings. Most medicines are obtained either directly or indirectly from plants. All the major systems of medicines such as Ayurveda Yoga, Unani, Siddha, Homeopathy are based on drugs obtained from plants and animals. These drugs obtained from medicinal plants are called secondary metabolites. Plants produce primary metabolites for their own living eg. Carbohydrates amino acids, etc., and secondary metabolites for protection competition and species-interaction, (e.g) alkaloids, terpenoids, flavonoids etc. Phytochemistry is the study of phytochemicals which are chemical substances derived from various parts of the plant. Few plant derived drugs are Tulsi Nannari, Nilavembu, Pappali etc.

Questions

- Name any two major systems of medicines?
- What are secondary metabolites?
- Carbohydrates, amino acids etc are
- What is phytochemistry?
- Did you come across the word 'Nilavembu' in recent years? For which disease was it recommended?

(OR)

b) **Develop the hints into a paragraph of 150 words.**

Two kings - ruled - neighbouring kindoms, King Arya - great warrior - looked after - subjects - very well - People loved him - looking - thier safety and welfare - all his subjects - very happy - healthy life - King Vaishal on the other hand - very lazy man - spent his time - entertaining - dancing - ignoring - needs or developmental people - His people - angry - never came out of the palace - listen to their woes.

Powerful Sultan attacked - with his strong army - King Arya's army - alert - ready - preparedness - enemy - more powerful - love for King - even women and children - come to the war front - fight - protect thier King - a different story - King Vaishal - impending war - people started fleeing - King all by himself - not interested to protect - King - did nothing for their welfare

King Vaishal - realized his foolishness - too late - defeated in the war and fled for his life - King Arya - defeated the Sultan - people to live in peace - King Arya - welfare of his people at heart at all times - subjects- returned his love - loyal and supportive - during testing times.