

**WIN ENGLISH GUIDE***(Achievers' companion)***XII ENGLISH – QUARTERLY MODEL QUESTION PAPER–1 (2024-2025)**

Std: XII

PART – 1

Total Marks: 90

Subject: English

Time : 3.00 hours

Answer all the questions.

20x1=20

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

1. They built with their own hands amidst the rubble.

- a) assets                      b) bundle                      c) debris                      d) cleanliness

2. Orwell wrote literary criticism, poetry, fiction and polemical journalism.

- a) neutral                      b) informative                      c) argumentative                      d) entertaining

3. Scrambling on the rocks, we were able to shuffle past these difficult portions.

- a) crawling                      b) climbing                      c) walking                      d) striding

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

4. Their selfless action brought a new nobility to human life.

- a) grandeur                      b) refinement                      c) dishonor                      d) excellence

5. My gloomy thoughts probably stem from an accident.

- a) cheerful                      b) sad                      c) dark                      d) melancholic

6. The tents flapped and shook under the perpetual South Col gale.

- a) endless                      b) temporary                      c) continuous                      d) unceasing

7. Identify the correct combination of the compound word 'ice-axe'.

- a) Adjective + Noun                      b) Noun + verb                      c) Noun + Noun                      d) Noun + Preposition

8. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the underlined word. *He is a cautious driver.*

- a) dis                      b) un                      c) in                      d) mis

9. Choose the right expansion of the abbreviation 'CIA'.

- a) Central Innovative Agency                      b) Central Intelligence Agency  
c) Central Inspire Award                      d) Central Important Agency

10. Choose the Tri-syllabic word from the given options.

- a) family                      b) tree                      c) adventurous                      d) individual

11. Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.*The news shocked us.*

- a) take after                      b) take down                      c) take aback                      d) take away

12. Choose the suitable meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.*The teacher coached the late-bloomers to save their skin from failing the test.*

- a) to prevent from negative consequence                      b) to wait for  
c) to think carefully                      d) to view suspiciously

13. Choose the correct word from the options given and complete the sentence.

*A winner always makes \_\_\_\_\_ decisions.*

- a) judicial                      b) judicious                      c) judged                      d) judicative

14. Choose the right term for the definition. *A person who is 100 years old is called \_\_\_\_\_*

- a) denarian                      b) quadragenarian                      c) quinquagenarian                      d) centenarian

15. Identify the right pattern of the following sentence. *The business of living is the celebration of being alive.*

- a) SVO                      b) SVA                      c) SVC                      d) SVOC

16. Fill in the blank with a suitable prepositional phrase.

*The teacher assessed the students' understanding \_\_\_\_\_ a comprehensive quiz.*

- a) by means of                      b) in lieu of                      c) in favour of                      d) on behalf of

17. Choose the appropriate question tag and complete the sentence. **Nothing goes wrong, \_\_\_\_?**  
 a) does n't it?      b. does it?      c. does they?      d. do they?
18. Fill in the blank with the appropriate linker.  
*The school has improved its facilities significantly. \_\_\_\_\_, it has introduced new initiative to enhance students' learning experiences.*  
 a) besides      b) moreover      c) as well as      d) but
19. Fill in the blank with the correct tense form. **He \_\_\_\_\_ a letter to his friend every month.**  
 a) write      b) writes      c) is writing      d) wrote
20. Fill in the blank with a suitable modal verb using the clue given in brackets.  
**The maths teacher explained the problem in such a way that everyone \_\_\_\_\_ understand it clearly.**  
 a) can      b) could      c) must      d) may

### PART – II (SECTION – I)

Answer any four of the following.

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following. **4x2=8**

21. ***“We could do nothing, being sold.”***

- a) Why couldn't they do anything?      b) Why did they feel helpless?

22. ***“A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound***

***No other tree could live.”***

- a) Which tree is referred to?      b) How does the tree survive the tight hold of the creeper?

23. ***“All the world's a stage,***

***And all the men and women merely players;***

***They have their exits and their entrances;”***

- a) What is the world compared to?      b) What do the words 'exits' and 'entrances' mean?

24. ***“Is second childishness and mere oblivion;***

***Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.”***

- a) Why is the last stage called second childhood?      b) What is the figure of speech used in the second line?

25. ***“I cannot rest from travel: I will drink***

***Life to the lees:”***

- a) Who cannot rest from travel?      b) What does 'drink life to the lees' mean? -

26. ***“Yet all experience is an arch wherethro'***

***Gleams that untravell'd world whose margin fades***

***For ever and for ever when I move”***

- a) What is experience compared to?      b) How do the lines convey that the experience is endless?

### SECTION – 2

Answer any three questions.

**3x2=6**

27. The motorist said to me, “Can you direct me to the post office?”(Change into Indirect speech)

28. Don't touch the electric wire with bare hands. (Change into the other voice)

29. Smita carried out the survey and presented her report. (Rewrite as a simple sentence)

30. If I were a spider, I would weave webs. (Begin with 'Were')

### PART – III (Section – 1)

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

**2x3=6**

31. ***“It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech,...”***

32. ***“With our arms and provender, load on load”***

33. ***“ To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.”***

**Section -2****Answer any two of the following.****2x3=6**

34. What seems 'curious' to George Orwell?  
 35. Dr. Barnard couldn't find any nobility in suffering. Why?  
 36. Why was the original zest fading away?

**PART – III (Section – 1)****Answer any three of the following.****3x3=9****37. Unscramble the sentences.**

- a. become/my/is/a responsible citizen/duty/to  
 b. divine/is/to forgive  
 c. eight years/ to win/ it/ took/ the world cup

**38. Describe the process of obtaining a demand draft from a bank by using the imperative.****39. Build a dialogue between a passenger and a railway staff regarding the cancellation of the reserved tickets with a minimum of five interactions.****40. Complete the proverbs from the options.**

- a. Paddle your own \_\_\_\_\_. (cycle, canoe, boat)  
 b. Curiosity killed the \_\_\_\_\_ (cat, dog, lion)  
 c. The squeaky wheel gets the \_\_\_\_\_. (attention, fix, grease)

**PART – IV****Answer the following.****7x5=35****41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.**

- a) Justify the title of the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'. (OR)  
 b) Describe the 'Grand Prix' at Cape Town's Red Cross Children's Hospital.

**42. Answer the following in a paragraph of 150 words.**

- a) Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel. Explain. (OR)  
 b) In what manner does the poem "All the World's a Stage" articulate the progression of human life through its distinct stages?

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

Pi Patel - survives a shipwreck - stranded on a lifeboat - the Pacific Ocean – companion, Richard Parker- cans of drinking water- his fear of the tiger- keeps him motivated- 227 days at sea- releases the tiger into a jungle- reunited - transforms - the bond between humans and animals.

**(OR)**

Robert Baldwin – an honest man – works in a bank – fraud in bank – Gresham is arrested – offers huge bribe – to witness –his family dissuades –ashamed of his honesty - Baldwin refuses – money corrupts - stands for justice – Gresham confesses – Baldwin gets reward.

**44. a) Make notes or summarise the following passage.**

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's famous addresses to youth were marked by his passion for inspiring and empowering young minds. He urged students to dream big and set ambitious goals, believing that a clear vision is essential for success. Kalam famously said, "Dream, dream, dream. Dreams transform into thoughts, and thoughts result in action." He emphasized the importance of hard work, perseverance, and resilience, stating that failures are merely stepping stones to success. Kalam also highlighted the value of education and continuous learning, encouraging students to embrace knowledge and skills that contribute to personal and societal growth. He stressed that maintaining a positive attitude and learning from setbacks are crucial for overcoming challenges. Furthermore, Kalam called upon the youth to develop leadership qualities and actively contribute to nation-building. His messages were practical and motivational, aiming to inspire students to become proactive leaders who uphold integrity and contribute positively to their communities. His words continue to resonate as a source of inspiration and guidance for young people striving to make a difference.

**(OR)**

b) Write a paragraph of about 150 words about the importance of reading a newspaper.

45. a) Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about the nuisance created by the roadside vendors blocking the pavements and occupying the parking zone.

(OR)

b) Write a letter to your relative who is admitted in hospital for treatment of jaundice. Advise him/her not to worry about the illness and be positive. Assure him/her of your psychological and financial help during the crisis.

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

- i) The cricketer is conscious about his health.
- ii) If I would have known about the issue, I would have resolved it sooner.
- iii) He doesn't know where did she go after the meeting.
- iv) The offer applies to everyone except for those who are already benefited.
- v) Despite of his best efforts, he couldn't meet the official.

(OR)

b) Fill in the blanks as instructed.

- i) Many big shots lead a \_\_\_\_ life in the \_\_\_\_ estate. (luxuriant, luxurious)
- ii) I wish she \_\_\_\_\_ (be) more careful with her decisions. (Use the correct tense form)
- iii) Walk slowly on the ice, \_\_\_\_ you will fall. (Use an appropriate link word)
- iv) My teacher \_\_\_\_ speak three languages fluently. (Use a suitable modal verb)

47. a) Write an article of about 150 words about the indiscriminate use of plastic and its danger.

(OR)

b) Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.

In today's rapidly advancing world, computer literacy has become an essential skill for students. Understanding how to use computers effectively is crucial as it impacts various aspects of their academic and professional lives. Computer literacy encompasses knowledge of basic software applications, such as word processors and spreadsheets, as well as familiarity with internet research and online communication tools. Students with strong computer skills are better equipped to handle complex tasks, collaborate on projects, and access a wealth of information available online. Furthermore, computer literacy is vital for preparing students for future job markets, where technological proficiency is often a prerequisite. As education systems continue to integrate technology into their curricula, ensuring that students achieve a high level of computer literacy will be key to their success. Therefore, investing time and resources into teaching computer skills is not just beneficial but necessary for equipping students with the tools they need to thrive in a digital age.

**Questions**

1. Why is computer literacy considered essential for students?
2. What are some components of computer literacy mentioned in the passage?
3. How does computer literacy impact students' future job prospects?
4. What role do education systems play in enhancing computer literacy according to the passage?
5. What is the main purpose of investing in teaching computer skills to students?

**All the best - WIN**

**“Success is when your signature changes to autograph” – Dr. APJ**

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| 2.c) argumentative | 9.b) Central Intelligence Agency           | 15.c) SVC          |
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| 6. b) temporary    | 13. b) judicious                           | 19.b) writes       |
| 7.c) Noun + Noun   |  | 20. b) could       |
21. a. The soldiers were captured by the enemies due to the disloyalty or betrayal of the warder.  
b. The castle was captured cunningly by the enemies.
22. a. Casuarina tree                      b. through its inherent strength and resilience
23. a. a stage                                b. exits – death; entrance – birth
24. a. This stage is marked by a return to innocence of childhood.    b. anaphora / repetition
25. a. Ulysses                                b. 'live life to the fullest'
26. a. an arch                                 b. There is still a lot to explore in the unknown world. So,...
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28. Let the electric wire not be touched with bare hands.
29. Having carried out the survey, Smita presented her report.
30. Were I a spider, I would weave webs.
37. a. It is my duty to become a responsible citizen.                      b. To forgive is divine.  
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46. b. i. Luxurious, luxuriant    ii. She were    iii. Otherwise    iv. Can
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