

# COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2024

Standard XII

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ENGLISH

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Time : 3.00 hrs

Part - I

Marks : 90

20 x 1 = 20

Answer all questions.

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

1. Nicola was glaring at his young brother in vexation.  
a) annoyance      b) calm      c) vaccum      d) annex
2. One is liable to put in too much milk.  
a) eager      b) likely      c) forced      d) certain
3. .... his shoulder and arm were amputated.  
a) cut in      b) cut off      c) wounded      d) cured

Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences from the options.

4. They brought her here, persuaded us .....  
a) dissuaded      b) requested      c) guided      d) forced
5. Not the flat, shallow type .....  
a) narrow      b) wide      c) deep      d) direct
6. Something basic that was full of solace for me.  
a) discomfort      b) consolation      c) praise      d) scolding

Fill in the blanks with suitable homophone.

7. Oxygen is the \_\_\_\_\_ element present in the earth crust. (principle / principal)
8. Form a new word by choosing the **correct prefix** to the root word "prison".  
a) un      b) im      c) dis      d) in
9. Form a new word by choosing the **correct suffix** to the root word "Cease".  
a) age      b) less      c) hood      d) ness
10. We \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a wonderful film at the cinema last night.  
(Use suitable tense form of the verb given in bracket)
11. I \_\_\_\_\_ like to meet you in person and discuss the matter.  
(Use the suitable modal verb)
12. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ dance so well, when she was in school.  
(Use a suitable Quasi / Semi modal)

Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition.

13. The sun faded \_\_\_\_\_ a stir of mist.  
a) upon      b) behind      c) among      d) during
14. The match was cancelled \_\_\_\_\_ rain. (Use suitable prepositional phrase)
15. **Complete the sentence choosing an appropriate linker.**  
\_\_\_\_\_ you register your name, you cannot participate in the competitions.  
a) If      b) Otherwise      c) As      d) Unless
16. Manoj is not only rich \_\_\_\_\_ generous. (Fill up with a part of co-relative conjunction)
17. Choose the correct combination for the compound word "whitewash" from the options.  
a) verb + noun      b) adverb + noun      c) adjective + verb      d) noun + verb
18. Choose the correct **question tag** and fill up:  
Let's Close our eyes and meditate for some time, \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
a) Shall we ?      b) Can't we ?      c) Shan't we ?      d) Can we ?



19. Choose the suitable *meaning of the idiom "In our corner"*.
- a) with no response  
b) deciding the corner  
c) on your side in an argument  
d) on your opposite side in an argument
20. Replace the underlined word with a *suitable phrasal verb*.  
The meeting was postponed as the chairman was on an official tour.  
a) put off  
b) put forward  
c) put up with  
d) put out

## Part - II

- A) Choosing any four of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow. 4 x 2 = 8

21. All through the summer at ease we lay  
and daily from the turret wall  
We watched the mowers in the lay.  
a) Who does 'we' refer to?  
b) What work do the mowers do?
22. Like a huge python, winding round and round  
The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars,  
Up to its very summit hear the stars.  
a) What is the creeper compared to?  
b) Identify the figure of speech in the first line.
23. All the world's a stage and all men and women are merely players ;  
They have exits and entrances :  
a) What is the world compared to?  
b) What does the poet mean by the terms "Exits and Entrances"?
24. This is my son, mine own Telemachus  
To whom I leave the Sceptre and Isle  
a) What does Ulysses entrust to his son?  
b) Bring out the significance of "Sceptre".
25. A gray baboon sits statue like alone  
Watching the sun rise ; While on lower boughs.  
a) What is sitting like a statue?  
b) Mention the figure of speech used in the above lines.
26. Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,  
So smooth and high, no man could win  
a) How safe was the castle?  
b) What was the firm belief of the soldiers?  
3 x 2 = 6

## B) Answer any three as directed.

27. Arun said, "I want to give my sister a present". (Into indirect speech)
28. Who has broken the chair? (Into passive voice)
29. If I had come earlier, I would have attended the interview. (Begin with 'Had')
30. In spite of his illness, he attended the meeting. (Change into compound sentence)

## Part - III

- A) Explain any two of the following with reference to the context. 2 x 3 = 6

31. How can this shameful tale be told?
32. It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech.
33. And Shining morning face, creeping like a snail  
unwillingly to school.

- B) Answer any two of the following in about two or three sentences. 2 x 3 = 6

34. What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys?
35. What is the second golden rule in the preparation of tea?
36. What did Hillary find in a tiny hollow?



C) Answer any three of the following.

37. Complete the proverbs choosing the right words from the options.

- a) Cruelty deserves no \_\_\_\_\_  
 i) enemy      ii) friend      iii) mercy
- b) Care and diligence bring \_\_\_\_\_  
 i) bane      ii) juck      iii) curse
- c) Necessity is the mother of \_\_\_\_\_  
 i) adventure      b) innovation      iii) invention

38. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences correctly.

- a) delayed / denied / justice / is / justice.  
 b) spoil / and / rod / spare / the / child.  
 c) time / a / nine / stitch / saves / in.

39. Describe the process of making a glass of lemonade.

40. Expand the following new headlines in a sentence each.

- a) Municipal elections in December.  
 b) Onion price goes up.  
 c) Plastic carry bags banned in shops.

Part - IV

7 x 5 = 35

Answer all choosing one from each.

41. a) Justify the title of the story "Two Gentlemen of Verona".

(OR)

b) Summarize George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice Cup of Tea".

(Answer in about 150 words)

42. a) How was the strong castle conquered by the enemies. (Answer in about 150 words)

(OR)

b) Answer in a paragraph the seven stages of man according to the poet.

43. Develop the following hints into two or three small paragraphs of about 150 words.

a) Aksionov live with wife and children - decide to make a trip to fair - wife warns him - ignores her cautioning - local police arrest - charge of murder - petition of mercy turn down - vexed - sent to work in mines of Siberia - becomes old - gain good name - one day new prisoners - Makar is one - Makar's escape attempt - not betrayed - Makar repents - confesses but - Aksionov dies - before release order.

(OR)

b) Baldwin an honest man since childhood - Secretary of a Bank - struggles economically - Gresham his boss and friend a rich man - Gresham arrested - misappropriation of funds in bank Baldwin - only witness against him - Gresham Pressurised Baldwin - does not remember - Gresham offered big bribe - one hundred thousand dollars - Baldwin refused - Family members pestered - Baldwin shocked - ashamed - Gresham understood his friend - Gresham admitted his fault - Gresham told Marshal the truth - compliments his friend - honesty rewarded.

44. Make notes (OR) Summarise the following.

The aim of education is the overall development of the personality of man. It means the development of not only the mind but also the body. Games keep body fit. Swami Vivekananda was of the view that only a healthy mind can realize God. But a healthy mind can dwell only in a healthy body. For keeping a body, healthy,



games are dispensable. For this reason Swami Vivekananda has advised that all young men and women should play games. Games help us to keep our body active and vigorous. They enable us to face dangers boldly. When a person plays games, his blood circulation increases and his digestive system improves. He does not fall prey to diseases.

45. a) Write a letter to your friend sharing your travel experience to Delhi. (OR)  
 b) Write a letter to the Headmaster of your school requesting him to help you obtain a duplicate Mark sheet of class XII, which you lost while travelling.

46. a) **Read the following, spot the error and rewrite each sentence correctly.**  
 i) I have finished my meals.                      ii) They discussed about politics.  
 iii) Though he is ill but he attends the class  
 iv) Ramesh is junior than me                      v) One of my uncle lives in Canada.

(OR)

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

- i) Heavy rains claims six lives.  
 ii) Many records were broken at the Olympics.  
 iii) I received an E-mail.  
 iv) There is no drop-outs in school now.  
 v) On our way to Ooty, we stayed in a motel for a night.  
 (Sports, Computer, Weather, Education, Travel)

47. a) **Read the following passage and answer the question in your own words.**

A majority of Indians prefer to use the internet for accessing banking and other financial services than shopping online, shows a survey. Almost 57% of Indian respondents using the internet prefer to bank online and use other financial services due to hassle free access and time saving features of online banking, checking information on products and services online comes a close second at 53% while 50% shop for online products. The fourth in the list around 42% of respondents surfed online to look for jobs. Online banking has made things easier for the people and it saves a lot of time.

**Questions :**

- i) How do a majority Indians use the internet?  
 ii) What is the second preference for internet users?  
 iii) How many people in the list use internet for job search?  
 iv) How is online banking useful?  
 v) Why do a majority of Indians use the internet for banking services? (OR)

- b) **Do as directed.**

- i) Our \_\_\_\_\_ always insists on discipline which is the \_\_\_\_\_ virtue.  
 (Use principle and principal appropriately)  
 ii) How \_\_\_\_\_ you oppose me? (Use semi modal verb)  
 iii) If they had tried hard, they \_\_\_\_\_. (win) the trophy.  
 (Use the verb in correct form)  
 iv) He is foolish \_\_\_\_\_ he is loved by other. (Use a suitable link word)

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