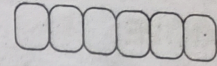


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Kanniyakumari District
Common Quarterly Examination - 2024



Standard 12
ENGLISH

Time: 3.00 Hours

Instructions: 1) Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness inform the Hall supervisor immediately. Marks: 90
2) Use Blue or Black ink to write and underline.

PART - I

Answer all the questions

Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer. 20×1=20

Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences:

- 1) No more humps to tantalize us with hopes of success
a) please b) tease c) assist d) reinforce
- 2) that they only drink it in order to be warmed and stimulated
a) motivated b) discouraged c) passive d) admired
- 3) She led me through a cool, tiled vestibule into the hospital
a) exit b) outlet c) lobby d) avenue

Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences:

- 4) He had a malignant tumour of the bone
a) cancerous b) diseased c) mortal d) harmless
- 5) Our first partly - full bottle of oxygen was exhausted
a) dried b) emptied c) ran out d) filled
- 6) These are not only controversial points
a) polemical b) arguable c) agreeable d) contentious
- 7) Choose the correct compound word that can be placed before the word "fast"
a) run b) break c) walk d) sit
- 8) Choose the correct combination for the compound word 'note-making'
a) Noun + Gerund b) Noun + Adjective c) Adverb + Noun d) Verb + Noun
- 9) Choose the right expansion of NOC
a) National Optical company b) Name of the company
c) No objection certificate d) Nation oriented company
- 10) Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence
The government offers funds to support elite athletes in this country
a) the best b) uneducated c) rural d) urban
- 11) Choose the right combination for the blended word 'diploconomics'
a) Diplo + economics b) Diplomacy + economy
c) Diplo + economy d) Diplomacy + economics
- 12) Choose the clipped word for "pianoforte"
a) Fort b) Piano c) Pite d) Piaforte
- 13) Choose the correct meaning for the phrasal verb 'bank on'
a) to find b) to start c) to depend on d) to become
- 14) 'Study of codes' is called
a) Cryptology b) Cynology c) criminology d) cytology
- 15) Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word 'prison'
a) un- b) dis- c) in- d) im-
- 16) Fill in the blank with suitable preposition
The temple is the SBI bank
a) along b) beside c) between d) with
- 17) Choose the correct question tag for the following statement
I haven't answered your questions,?
a) haven't I b) don't I c) have I d) did I
- 18) Choose the suitable meaning of the idiom
The police are in hot pursuit of the smuggler
a) chasing b) neglecting c) retarding d) retreating

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- 19) **Substitute the underlined word with the appropriate polite alternative**
Misfortunes have rained heavily upon the old man.
a) senior fellow b) senior citizen c) old fellow d) old chap
- 20) **Choose the correct sentence pattern**
Meenu is a doctor in London.
a) SVAA b) SVJODO c) SVOC d) SVCA.

PART - II**Section - 1****Read the following sets of a poetic lines and answer any four.****4x2=8**

- 21) **"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?
- 22) **"Like a huge Python, winding round and round
The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars",**
a) What is the creeper compared to?
b) Identify the figure of speech used in this line.
- 23) **"All the world's a stage"**
a) What is the world compared to?
b) Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line.
- 24) **"That ever with a frolic welcome took
The thunder and the sunshine, and opposed"**
a) What do 'thunder' and 'sunshie' refer to?
b) What do we infer about the attitude of the sailors?
- 25) **"Our only enemy was gold"**
a) Identify the figure of speech used in this line.
b) Who was the real enemy?
- 26) **"The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung
In crimson clusters all the bough among!"**
a) Who is the giant here?
b) Why is the scarf colourful?

Section - 2**Do as directed. Answer any three questions.****3x2=6**

- 27) **Change into reported speech.**
Ambika : What type of movies do you like?
Deepa : I like horror movies
- 28) The Governor inaugurated the exhibition at ten O'clock. (*Change into passive voice*)
- 29) If I were a spider, I would weave webs. (*Rewrite the sentence making an inversion in the conditional clause*)
- 30) The culprit was caught. Immediately, he was taken to the police station. (*combine the sentences using 'as soon as'*)

PART - III**Section - 1****Explain any two of the following with reference to the context:****2x3=6**

- 31) "How can this shameful tale be told?"
- 32) "Is second childishness and mere oblivion;
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything"
- 33) "He works his work, I mine".

Section - 2**Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words each:****2x3=6**

- 34) What happened when the doctor couple were crossing the street?
- 35) What are the author's views on China tea?
- 36) How did the narrator help the boys on Sunday?

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Section - 3

Answer any three of the following:

- 37) Build a dialogue of minimum three exchanges between vegetable vendor and a customer 3x3=9
- 38) Describe a process of making apple juice

39) **Rearrange the Jumbled proverb:**

- a) a pound/prevention/of cure/on ounce of/is better than
 b) before/don't/chickens/hatch/your/count/they
 c) another/meat/man's/is/one/poison/man's

40) **Expand each of the following news headlines into a sentence:**

- a) Wayanad landslides: All survivors shifted from relief camps
 b) Committee to monitor new policy on Education.
 c) India wins top chess prize

PART - IV

Answer the following:

41) **Answer the following in a paragraph about 150 words.** 7x5=35

- a) Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in 'A Nice cup of Tea' **(OR)**

b) "These two children had given me a profound lesson..." Elucidate

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

- a) Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel. Explain **(OR)**

b) What makes Ulysses seek newer adventures?

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

- a) Aksionov - young merchant - sets out to fair - against wife's warning - stays inn - morning - arrested - supposed to have killed the merchant - Siberia - Makar Semyonich - finally learns - makar the murderer - Aksionov forgives - release order - Aksionov is dead. **(OR)**

b) Ausable - secret agent - important report - new missiles - Fowler - writer - Max - another - secret agent - demand - to complain - hotel authorities - to close balcony - loud knocking - that was police - Max asked Ausable - to sent the police back - wait on the balcony - Max jumped through the window - door opened - waiter came - with drinks - Ausable to fowler - no police - Max would not return - no balcony over there.

44) **Make note or summarise the following passage**

- a) Pollution is the introduction of contaminants into the environment that cause harm to the ecosystem. The different kinds of pollution are air pollution, water pollution and land pollution. The release of various gases, finely divided solid particles, or liquid droplets that escape into the atmosphere to disperse and dilute in the environment is called air pollution. Modern society is also concerned about specific types of pollutants, such as noise pollution, light pollution, and plastic pollution. Particulate Matter (PM), also known as particle pollution, is a complex mixture of extremely small particles and liquid droplets that get into the air. These particles if inhaled can affect health. The impact of PM 2.5 is particularly high in South Asia. Outdoor pollution is caused by a variety of pollutants like public and private vehicles, waste burning in the open, power production industries and construction and even cigarette smoking

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in public places. Delhi is one of the most air polluted cities in India. This year's pollution level is the worst in four years. We have to take active measures to control pollution and protect ourselves to lead a healthy and pollution free life.

(OR)

b) Write a paragraph of 150 words on "The advantages of social media network".

45) a) You wish to become a pilot. Write a letter to a college enquiring about the details of the pilot training course offered by the college. Include the following details in your enquiry: duration of the course, fee structure, scholarships, hostel facilities and placement details

(OR)

b) You had been to your Grandma's house during the summer holidays. You enjoyed your stay in her company. Write a letter to your Grandma stating how much you miss her after returning to your home.

46) a) **Read the following sentences, spot the error and correct them.**

- i) The Chief Guest spoke a few words, did he?
- ii) In spite of his poverty and setbacks, he was able to launch his dream carrier.
- iii) Nobody know when the power supply will resume.
- iv) She is my cousin sister
- v) She wants to continuing her studies abroad

(OR)

b) **Fill in the blanks appropriately**

- i) (As, If) I got up early, I managed to reach school on time
- ii) rain, take an umbrella, (In case of, in spite of)
- iii) You will be rewarded by the wise, if you (stand) for truth
- iv) If you are you will get job in organisations (industrious/ industrial)

47) a) **Develop the following hints into a story.**

Bavatharani - domestic help - natural singer - often sings while at work - visitor noticed - made a video of her song - uploaded it - becomes viral - singing sensation overnight.

(OR)

b) **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions.**

The Mettur dam is a large dam in India built in 1934. It was constructed on a gorge, where the river Kaveri enters the plains. The dam is one of the oldest in India. It provides irrigation facilities to a part of Salem, the length of Erode, Namakkal, Karur, Tiruchirapalli and Thanjavur. The Mettur Hydro Electric Power Project is also quite large. The dam, the park, power stations and hills make Mettur a tourist attraction.

Questions

- i) What is a gorge?
 - a) town
 - b) village
 - c) valley
 - d) church
- ii) What are the districts which get irrigation from the dam?
- iii) Is the Mettur Dam a place of tourist attraction?
- iv) When was the Mettur dam built?

v) **Say True or False**

Coal is used to generate Hydro Electric Power.
