

QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2024

Class : 12

Reg.No

Time : 3.00 Hours

ENGLISH

Total Marks : 90

PART - I

Answer all the questions.

20x1=20

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

- She led me through a cool, tiled vestibule into the hospital.
(a) laundry (b) vehicle (c) villa (d) lobby
- I was missing something basic that was full of solace for me.
(a) suffering (b) celebration (c) comfort (d) support
- There were no more humps to tantalize us with hopes of success.
(a) visualize (b) taunt (c) tempt (d) teach

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

- They were childish enough, and in many ways quite artless.
(a) cunning (b) innocent (c) guileless (d) helpful
- This is curious to know that tea is one of the mainstays of civilization in many countries.
(a) uninteresting (b) interesting (c) eager (d) controversial
- We can't appreciate light if we haven't known darkness.
(a) welcome (b) acknowledge (c) criticize (d) depreciate
- Identify the correct combination of the compound word 'icefall'.
(a) Noun + Noun (b) Noun + Verb (c) Verb + Noun (d) Noun + Adjective
- Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the underlined word.

Sasikala is very patient with her students.

- (a) ir (b) un (c) il (d) im
- Fill in the blank with the correct tense form.
The plane _____ off in a few minutes.
(a) are taking (b) took (c) have taken (d) will take
- Choose the correct word from the options given and complete the sentence.
Mpox is an infectious disease that can _____ anyone.
(a) effect (b) affect (c) fact (d) pact
- Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.
Devaraj met his friend by chance at the airport.
(a) come upon (b) come up with (c) come over (d) come out
- Choose the appropriate question tag and complete the sentence.
Let's close our eyes and meditate for some time, _____?
(a) can we (b) will we (c) shall we (d) don't we
- Fill in the blank with a suitable prepositional phrase.
The boy studied well _____ many obstacles.
(a) in case of (b) on behalf of (c) in spite of (d) instead of
- Choose the suitable meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.
The new manager is under a cloud after the leakage of the important emails.
(a) suspected (b) unexpected (c) trusted (d) protected
- Fill in the blank with the appropriate linker.
Vasuki will certainly clear the NEET; _____ she works very hard.
(a) but (b) yet (c) though (d) for
- Choose the word that has been spelt correctly.
(a) tuberculolosis (b) tuberculosis (c) tuburculosis (d) tuberculolusis
- Fill in the blank with a suitable modal verb using the clue given in brackets.
Shanmugam _____ come today. (Remote possibility)
(a) might (b) will (c) may (d) must
- Choose the word that can be placed after the word 'foot' to form a compound word.
(a) rock (b) route (c) mountain (d) hill

19. Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition.
Her head was _____ the level of the table. So, nobody noticed her,
(a) besides (b) below (c) without (d) onto
20. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word 'resemble'.
(a) ity (b) ness (c) tion (d) ance

PART - II SECTION - 1

4x2=8

Answer any four of the following.

Read the sets of poetic lines given and answer the questions that follow.

21. All through the summer at ease we lay,
And daily from the turret wall
We watched the mowers in the hay
(a) How did the soldiers spend the summer days?
(b) What could they watch from the turret wall?
22. A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound
No other tree could live.
(a) Which tree is referred to in the above lines?
(b) How does the tree survive the tight hold of the creeper?
23. And far and near kokilas hail the day;
And to their pastures wend our sleepy cows;
(a) Name the bird that sings in the poet's garden.
(b) Pick out the words in alliteration in the given lines.
24. Then the whining school - boy, with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like snail
Unwillingly to school
(a) Which stage of life is referred to here by the poet?
(b) Which figure of speech has been employed in the second line?
25. All the world's a stage
And all men and women merely players;
They have their exits and their entrances;
(a) What is the world compared to?
(b) What do the words 'entrances' and 'exits' mean?
26. This is my son, mine own Telemachus,
To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle,
(a) Who does Ulysses entrust his kingdom to, in his absence?
(b) Bring out the significance of the 'sceptre'.

SECTION - 2

Answer any three of the following questions.

3x2=6

27. Priya said, "I want to give my sister a present." (Change into indirect speech)
28. Please open the door. (Change into the other voice)
29. Rajesh did not know Spanish, so he wanted a translator. (Rewrite as a complex sentence)
30. If I had won the prize money, I would have donated it to the flood victims. (Begin with 'Had')

PART - III SECTION - 1

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

2x3=6

31. Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
Seeking the bubble reputation
32. To follow knowledge like a sinking star,
Beyond the utmost bound of human thought.
33. Our only enemy was gold,
And we had no arms to fight it with.

SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words.

2x3=6

34. What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys?
35. Why does Dr. Barnard find suffering of children heartbreaking?
36. When did Hillary feel a sense of freedom and wellbeing?

SECTION - 3

3x3=9

Answer any three of the following.

37. Build a dialogue between a father and his daughter about the advantages of the habit of newspaper reading with a minimum of six utterances.
38. Rearrange the following jumbled proverbs correctly.
 (a) of / best / is / revenge / the / forgiveness / form
 (b) need / in / friend / a / indeed / is / friend / a
 (c) sees / but / god / the / waits / truth /
39. Read the following sentences and classify them according to their fields.
 (a) Light to moderate rain is likely to occur at isolated places over Tamil Nadu tomorrow.
 (b) Tamil Nadu para-shuttlers Thulasimathi and Manisha won the silver and bronze medal respectively in Paris Paralympics 2024.
 (c) Slum tourism is a hit in Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru.
 (Travel, Music, Weather, Medicine, Sports).

40. Study the following table and write three sentences based on your inference about the data.

India's Medals Table in Paris Olympics and Paralympics - 2024

S. No	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1. India in Olympics	-	1	5	6
2. India in Paralympics	3	7	10	20

PART - IV

7x5=35

Answer the following.

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
 (a) Discuss how the essay 'A Nice Cup of Tea' reveals the factual points and the author's personal opinions on the preparation of tea. (OR)
 (b) How did a casual incident in a hospital help Dr. Barnard perceive a new dimension of life?
42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
 (a) Describe the reminiscences of the poet when she sees the casuarina tree. (OR)
 (b) Explain the various stages of a man's life picturised in the poem "All the World's a Stage."
43. Answer in a paragraph of about 150 words developing the following hints.
 (a) Aksionov - young merchant of Vladimir - small family - trip to Nizhny Fair - meets merchant friend - stays at inn - Aksionov arrested - murder case - shifted to mines of Siberia - innocent convict for 26 years - grows old and weak - spends time in prayers - life of saint - respected by inmates - meets Makar and saves him - Makar feels guilty - confesses his crime - Aksionov forgives criminal - dies peacefully - order for release. (OR)
 (b) Ausable - clever secret agent - Fowler - a young writer - came to interview Ausable - both of them - entered Ausable's room - found Max - aimed pistol - Fowler - lose courage - Ausable - quick-witted man - complained balcony - intruder through window - management did not block - knocking door - police - extra protection - important paper - Max asked to hide in balcony - fell to death - no police - no balcony - Ausable's plan - to get rid of Max.
44. (a) Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.

The landslide that devastated a few villages of Wayanad a month ago is the biggest in India's recorded history, according to a study commissioned by the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority. The July 30 landslide resulted in a debris flow of nearly six million cubic metres - capable of filling 2,400 Olympic-sized swimming pools stretching eight kilometres downhill, the study found. Previously, the 1998 Malpa landslide in Uttarakhand held the record for the largest debris flow in the country. The Wayanad landslide was five times larger than Malpa and 300 times the size of the 2020 Pettimudi landslide in Munnar. The origin of the landslide has been pinned to the upstream area of Punnapuzha, deep within the forest on the eastern slope of the Western Ghats. The scale of the debris avalanche, which travelled eight kilometres from the landslide's crown, underscores its enormity. The generation of 5-6 million cubic metres of sediment is significantly larger than the Malpa landslide. Intense rain triggered the landslide and

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the area's geology contributed to its scale. The landslide started as a rock slide and transformed into a debris flow. It was obstructed at Seethamma Kund, creating a damming effect before it burst into a debris avalanche. The debris' force was so powerful that it filled the entire riverbed, causing rocks the size of two trucks to be displaced 50 metres. These rocks, formed 250 crore years ago, had been weathered by water and sun over the years. Landslides since 1984 had already removed the topsoil, making these rocks vulnerable. Typically, landslides halt at the surface of the rock. But here, the weathered rocks under the riverbed, oriented against the water flow, allowed the water to infiltrate and exacerbate the weathering, the study said. (OR)

- (b) Write a paragraph of about 150 words about the teacher you like most.
45. (a) Write a letter to AZ Company requesting them to replace the defective juicer that you bought recently. Include the following details: the problem, date of purchase, receipt number, model and warranty. (OR)
- (b) Write a letter to your friend 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 errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.
- (i) Rekha had her evening meals in a restaurant near her office.
- (ii) My grandfather is well-known in the village for his noble deeds.
- (iii) If I were a spider, I will weave webs.
- (iv) After the complicated surgery, the patient hoped of complete recovery.
- (v) George Orwell was a English essayist: (OR)
- (b) Fill in the blanks as instructed.
- (i) Tajdeen had to _____ a difficult _____ when he started a new school. (face / phase)
- (ii) I think Sakthidevi _____ (leave) for Pudukkottai next morning. (Use the correct tense form)
- (iii) The evil doers cannot cross the path of truth. (Add a suitable question tag)
- (iv) You _____ be joking. (Use a suitable modal verb)
47. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.

Mr. V. Irai Anbu is a 1988 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, writer, educator, social activist, and motivational speaker. He is the former Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu Government. Born on September 16, 1963 in Salem district, Irai Anbu holds multiple degrees and doctorates in the fields of agriculture, literature, psychology, administration etc. Self-confidence, willpower and untiring work have been the guideposts of his life. Irai Anbu started his career as the deputy collector in Nagapattinam district in 1990. Since then, he has held many significant positions in various departments covering economics and statistics, pollution control board, environment, tourism, etc. He served as the special officer for the World Tamil Conference in Thanjavur in 1995. During his tenure as a collector of the Kancheepuram district, he organized moonlight schools for children who worked in silk looms. Besides, he took an active part in ending child labour.

Questions:

- (i) When and where was Irai Anbu born?
- (ii) To which IAS batch did he belong?
- (iii) Where did he start his career?
- (iv) What did he organize in Kanchipuram during his tenure as a collector?
- (v) What are the guideposts of his life? (OR)
- (b) Write a set of 10 instructions for the following situation – A traffic police personnel to the public, as to how to move around in safety, in crowded public places during festival seasons.

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