

<b>QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2024</b>	<b>Exam No.</b>					
<b>Time : 3.00 Hours</b>	<b>XII - ENGLISH</b>					<b>Marks : 90</b>

**PART - I****Note: i) Answer all the questions.****(20x1=20)****ii) Write the correct answers along with the corresponding option codes.****Choose the appropriate Synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.**

- "Don't buy" warned Luigi our cautious driver  
a) anxious                      b) nervous                      c) careless                      d) careful
- Suffering seems so true early prevalent in the world today  
a) prevail                      b) foreclosure                      c) common                      d) prevention
- The other, a shortened army tunic gathered in losse folds about his skinny frame  
a) bony                      b) tiny                      c) fat                      d) lean

**Choose the appropriate Antonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences.**

- I imagined that our destinations would be some humble dwellings  
a) meek                      b) yielding                      c) mild                      d) proud
- Suffering ennobles you, makes you a better person  
a) flatters                      b) humiliates                      c) honours                      d) exalts
- Tenzing collapsed at the top like and joined fish  
a) refreshed                      b) fell down                      c) gave away                      d) fainted
- 7. Choose the correct compound word that can be placed before the word 'fast'**  
a) run                      b) walk                      c) break                      d) sit
- 8. From a new word by adding suitable prefix to the root word 'lucky'**  
a) on                      b) in                      c) dis                      d) un
- 9. Identify the pattern of the following sentence**  
They elected him chairman  
a) SVIDO                      b) SVCA                      c) SVOA                      d) SVOC
- 10. Choose the tri-syllabic word**  
a) father                      b) intelligent                      c) september                      d) derivative
- 11. Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition**  
Meet me \_\_\_\_\_ the class  
a) after                      b) from                      c) to                      d) since
- 12. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom used in the given sentence**  
His name is under cloud for the theft to case  
a) on suspicion                      b) convicted                      c) acquitted                      d) not in the list
- 13. Fill in the blank with the correct tense form**  
Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ when the earthquake hit the small town.(sleep)  
a) slept                      b) was sleeping                      c) had slept                      d) will be sleeping
- 14. Choose the right term for the given phrase**  
One who studies about the disorder of heart  
a) orinthologist                      b) cardiologist                      c) entomologist                      d) anthropologist
- 15. Choose the word that has been wrongly spelt**  
a) attendance                      b) intelligent                      c) twelth                      d) journalist
- 16. Choose the appropriate question tag for the following sentence**  
Raja submitted his assignment \_\_\_\_\_?  
a) does he?                      b) did he?                      c) didn't he?                      d) doesn't he?
- 17. Replace the underlined the word in the sentence below with a phrasal verb**  
The enemies stopped the water supply to the city  
a) put out                      b) broke in                      c) cut off                      d) let in
- 18. Choose the expanded form of NCC**  
a) National Candidate corps                      b) National Cadet Corps  
c) Native Cadet Corpse                      d) National Cadet Crops

19. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the given sentence  
The project was rejected in toto  
a) partially.                      b) slightly                      c) partly                      d) totally
20. Add a suitable prefix to form the opposite of the word audible  
a) non                      b) un                      c) di                      d) in

**PART - II**  
**SECTION - I**

**ANSWER ANY FOUR OF THE FOLLOWING.**

**(4x2=8)**

**Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any FOUR of the following.**

21. *All through that summer at ease we lay,  
And daily from the turret wall  
We watched the mowers in the hay*  
a) Who does 'we' refer to?  
b) How did the soldiers spend the summer days?
22. *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?
23. *The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung  
In crimson clustes all the bough among!*  
a) Who is the giant here?  
b) Pick out the words in alliteration in the given lines.
24. *Then a soldier,  
full of strange oaths, and bearded like the pard,  
Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,  
Seeking the bubble reputation  
Even in the cannon's mouth*  
a) What is the soldier ready to do?  
b) Mention the figure of speech used in the second line.
25. *Then the whining school boy, with his satchel  
And shining morning face,  
Creeping like snail unwilling to school.*  
a) What is a 'satchel'?  
b) Which stage of life is being referred to here by the poet?
26. *Little remains: that every hour is saved  
From that eternal silence, something more,  
A bringer of new thing; and vile it were*  
a) What does the term 'little remains' convey?  
b) Mention the figure of speech employed in the above line.

**SECTION - II**

**Do as directed.**

**Answer any THREE questions.**

**(3x2=6)**

27. Rewrite the following sentence making an inversion in the conditional clause.  
If I were a lion, I would kill all animals in the forest.
28. If you should need my help just call me (**Begin with 'should'**)
29. Unless you go for a walk regularly. You cannot reduce your weight.  
(**Rewrite the sentence using 'if' without changing the meaning of the sentence**)
30. I read the Hindu daily. (**Change the voice**)

**PART - III**

**Section - I**

**Explain any TWO of the following with reference to the context.**

**(2x3=6)**

31. *It is the tree's lament, and eerie speech....*

32. "Is second childishness and mere oblivion sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste and sans everything".
33. "I cannot rest from travel: I will drink Life to the less:

**Section - II****(2x3=6)****Note: Answer any TWO of the following questions in not more than 30 words:**

34. What was Lucia your suffering from?
35. According to the author, what does the phrase 'a nice cup of tea' refer to?
36. What did Gresham want Baldwin to do?

**Section - III****(3x3=9)****Note: Answer any THREE of the following.**

37. Describe the process of preparing fruit salad for two persons.
38. Write a slogan for each of the following.
- i) to advertise a mask.
- ii) to create an awareness on the importance of staying at home.
- iii) to advertise and Air conditioner.
39. **Study the following diagram and write three sentences on your inference about the data.**

Average Annual rainfall in the Southern States of India in the year 2021

Sl.no.	States of India	Average rainfall in mm
1	Tamil Nadu and Puducherry	1996
2.	Andhra Pradesh	3580
3.	Karnataka	5160
4.	Kerala	3055

40. **Complete the proverbs using the words given below.**

(barely, fears, dreads, sympathy, day)

- i) A burnt child \_\_\_\_\_ fire.
- ii) Every dog has its \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii) Bare words buy no \_\_\_\_\_.

**PART - IV****Note: 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) How did Hillary and Tenzing prepare themselves before they set off to the Summit?

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

a) The poet, immortalizes the tree - Elucidate.

**(OR)**

b) Describe the various stages of man's life picturised in the poem "All the world's a stage".

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

a) Ausable - secret agent - criminal enters - holds a pistol - Ausable turns anxious - wants to save - important documents - spins a clever story - uses presence of mind - makes Max believe - presence of balcony - someone knocks door - Ausable says - called police to safeguard papers - Max gets terrified - jumps out - gets killed.

**(OR)**

b) Richard Parker - influences Pi - ship wreck at Pacific Ocean - Pi's fear of Richard Parker - great beast - behaviour great - calms Pi - alive because of Richard Parker - searches water finds - gains strength - understands Parker - leaves Parker in jungle.

44. **Summarise or make notes of the following passage.**

a) Red Cross is basically a Swiss Organisation. In 1863 Jean Henri Dunant brought together a small group of Swiss citizens to provide humanitarian aid. Dunant saw the battle of Solferino and was horrified by the number of French and Austrian soldiers hurt and wounded in the battle. In 1862, organisation for treatment of the wounded was started. The next year, the Red Cross was born.

The idea caught on, and soon, the Red Cross became one of the biggest organisations of its kind in the world. Thus, for more than the 100 years the Red Cross has collected money, medicine, food and clothes etc. and sent them to people in need. Today, over a hundred Red Cross societies exist all over the world, the headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The organisation was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1917, 1944 and 1963.

(OR)

45. a) Write a paragraph of about 150 words on the hazards of using mobile phone.  
 a) You are the head of the English department in your renowned institution. You are invited to preside over the inauguration of the English literary club in your alma mater. Respond to the letter you have received either accepting the invitation or expressing your inability to attend the function.

(OR)

- b) Write a letter to your friend sharing your travel experience to Ooty.  
 46. a) **Read the following sentences, for the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.**

- i) Raja give me an one rupee coin.  
 ii) Raman lives in Rajagopalapuram in Pudukottai.  
 iii) He is my cousin brother.  
 iv) If I was a bird I would fly.  
 v) Neither my brother nor I are happy. (OR)

**b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.**

- i) Ramya \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) a laptop recently. She \_\_\_\_\_ (use) it at the moment.  
 ii) My sister \_\_\_\_\_ dance so well, when she was in school.

(Use a modal verb)

- iii) The \_\_\_\_\_ stored the unsold grain bags in the \_\_\_\_\_ (seller, cellar)  
 iv) Darkness sets in \_\_\_\_\_ the sun sets. (Use a suitable link word)  
 47. a) **Read the poem and answer the following questions.**

*"For oh," say the children, we are weary  
 And we cannot run or leap  
 If we cared for any meadows, it were merely  
 To drop down in them and sleep  
 Our knees tremble sorely in the stopping  
 We fall upon our faces, trying to go  
 And underneath our heavy eye lids drooping  
 The reddest flower would look as pale as snow.*

- i) What do the children do all the day?  
 ii) What do they cry for?  
 iii) Who does 'we' refer to?  
 iv) Give the meaning of 'stooping'.  
 v) What would they do if they saw any meadows? (OR)

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

Manager of a firm - advertised - night watchmen - applicants interviewed - manager not satisfied - one applicant - Raju sat in a corner - patiently waiting - his turn came - manager questioned - about his health - suffering from sleeplessness - replied Raju - manager - happy - appointed Raju.