

SALEM DISTRICT

QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - SEPTEMBER 2024 LANGUAGE - PART II - ENGLISH

XII STD

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 90

PART - I

I. Answer all the questions.

Choose the synonyms of the underlined word in the following sentences.

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- They are childish enough and in many ways artless.
a) selfless b) artistic c) guileless d) foolish
- In some countries teapots are fitted with little dangling baskets
a) shining brilliantly b) dancing nicely c) held tightly d) hanging freely
- This trolley was commandeered by an intrepid crew of two ...
a) bold and daring b) interesting c) beautiful d) annoying

Choose the antonyms of the underlined word in the following sentence:-

- but they are sufficient to show how subtilized the whole business has become.
a) enough b) suffocative c) submissive d) inadequate
- I experienced not only agony and fear but also anger.
a) dejection b) ecstasy c) pain d) panic
- I dragged our oxygen sets into the tent:
a) pulled b) pushed c) damaged d) stimulated
- Choose the word that can form a derivate with the prefix "patient".
a) out___ b) un___ c) in___ d) im___
- Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word 'respect'
a) ___ty b) ___ful c) ___tion d) ___sion
- Choose the correct compound word that can be placed after "wind".
a) proof b) pane c) brake d) craft
- Fill in the blank with suitable preposition.
The tea should be put straight _____ the pot.
a) up b) in c) to d) into
- Choose the correct question tag for the given sentence.
I am a very honest and humble being, _____?
a) aren't I b) isn't it c) am I d) amn't I
- Choose the appropriate phrase for the given pair of nouns. "Muscle + pain"
a) muscle pain b) muscular pain c) muscle pane d) muscular painful
- Choose the suitable prepositional phrase to fill in the blank.
Many tourists visited Ooty _____ heavy rains.
a) instead of b) in spite of c) in favour of d) in case of
- Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.
We bought their biggest basket and then started toward town.
a) set up b) set by c) set off d) set on
- Fill in the blank with the suitable correlative conjunction.
I would _____ fail _____ copy.
a) rather than b) both and c) not only but also d) so that
- Choose the correct question tag for the given sentence.
She wants to go to Germany, _____?
a) does she b) do she c) doesn't she d) don't she
- Pick out the adjective form of the word 'success'.
a) successor b) succeed c) successful d) successfully

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18. Choose the right meaning of the idiom in the given sentence.
The team did the math to reach the summit successfully.
19. Pick out the word that has three syllables.
20. Choose the correct word and complete the sentence The news was _____ surprising.

PART - II

SECTION - 1

II. Choose any four of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow. 4x2 =8

21. *How can this shameful tale be told?
I will maintain until my death
We could do nothing being sold
Our only enemy was gold*
22. *A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound
No other tree could live.*
23. *Jealous in honour and sudden and quick in quarrel
Seeking the bubble reputation*
24. *All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players;*
25. *This is my son, mine own Telemachus,
To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle.*
26. *One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will*

SECTION - 2

Do as directed.

Answer any three questions.

27. He said to me, "Where are you going now?" (Change into Indirect speech)
28. Though he walked fast, he could not reach on time. (Rewrite as a simple sentence)
29. If we had asked him, he would have helped us. (Begin the sentence with 'were')
30. Rani sold her car to Veni. (Change into the other voice)

PART - III

SECTION - 1

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

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31. *I cannot rest from travel:
I will drink Life to the lees*
32. *They seemed no threat to us at all.*
33. *And one man in his time plays many parts*

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SECTION - 2

- Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words each.
34. What did Hilary do with his wet boots?
35. Does the author like drinking tea with sugar? Give reasons.
36. What was the profound lesson that Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?

2 x 3 = 6

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following.

37. Write a dialogue of at least 3 exchanges between a mother and her daughter about the advantages of the habit of reading newspaper regularly.
38. Complete the proverbs choosing the right word from the options given.
- i) Every _____ has a silver lining. (star / cloud / planet)
- ii) Where there is a will, there is a _____. (way / road / route)
- iii) _____ is the mother of invention. (Necessity / Creativity / Scarcity)
39. Write any three instructions to prevent Dengue and Malaria in your area.

3 x 3 = 9

40. Study the pie diagram and choose the best answer given below Books in the School Library.

	a. The library gives most importance to
	a) Novels and short stories b) Reference books c) History and Geography d) Biographies
	b. The least percentage of books stored in this library is those on
	a) Science b) History and Geography c) Arts d) Novels and Short stories
c. There are as many books on science as there are on	
a) Biographies b) Arts c) Novels and short stories d) Reference	

PART - IV

V. Answer the following.

7 x 5 = 35

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
- (a) What message is conveyed through the story "The Two Gentlemen of Verona"?
- (OR)
- (b) How did a casual incident in a hospital help Dr. Barnard perceive a new dimension in life?
42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
- (a) Write an appreciation of the poem "Our Casuarina Tree".
- (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 given hints.
- (a) Life of Pi - fantasy adventure - describes - incredible experience of Pi in the Pacific Ocean - Pi's journey to Canada on a ship - with family and some zoo animals - the ship wrecked - Pi escaped in a lifeboat - tiger, orangutan, zebra and hyena - hyena killed orangutan and zebra - tiger killed hyena - at the end - Pi left with the tiger - it gave Pi the will to live. (OR)
- (b) Baldwin - secretary of the national bank - loyal employee - Gresham - President - National Bank - corrupt and selfish - misappropriated - arrested - offers one hundred thousand dollars - give false testimony - Baldwin's family wonder-struck - family insisted - rejected his offer - ashamed of moral corruption - confessed his crime - Marshall - rewarded him with a job.

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44. (a) Write a summary of the following passage.
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 the body fit. Swami Vivekananda was of the view that only a healthy mind can realise God. But a healthy mind can dwell only in a healthy body. For this reason, Swami Vivekananda has advised that all young men and women should play games regularly. Games help to build a muscular body. They include sound sleep which is a sign of good health. Therefore, games are food for the body as knowledge is food for the mind. In fact, all work and no play make Jack a dull boy. Games help us to keep our body active and vigorous. When a person plays games his blood circulation increases and his digestive system improves. He does not fall prey to any disease. Games foster the qualities of fair play. Good players maintain equanimity in the event of victory or defeat.

(OR)

(b) Write a paragraph of about 150 words on the evil impacts of using mobile phones.
45. (a) Write a letter to the Health Officer of your city complaining about the insanitary conditions in your locality.

(OR)

(b) Write a letter to your cousin congratulating him / her on having been selected for the National Hockey Team.

46. (a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them.

- (i) Our teacher gave us some valuable advices.
- (ii) I drew the picture of an unicorn.
- (iii) That incident made me to cry.
- (iv) This shirt is superior than that shirt.
- (v) Though it was raining but we continued our journey.

(OR)

(b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- (i) The boy put the _____ of snacks into his trouser _____. (Fill in with 'packet / pocket').
- (ii) In the army, soldiers _____ obey their officers. (Use Modal verb)
- (iii) I _____ go for long walk, when I was young. (Use a semi - modal verb)
- (iv) Emperor Raja Raja Chozhan _____ (build) the Grand Anicut. (Use the correct tense form)

47. a) Build a conversation between two friends about their career after XII standard.

(OR)

b) Read the following passage and answer in your own words, the questions given below.
Mr. Bean is a television series created by Rowan Atkinson and Richard Curtis. The series was aired from 1990 - 1995. It was first released in U.K. as a live action comedy. It was also made into an animated series later for children. Atkinson plays the role of the protagonist 'Mr. Bean' with great comic timing. He admits to having conceived the character within a span of 48 hours while he was studying in Oxford. Following the style of old silent films, Mr. Bean rarely speaks, but his facial expressions and physical gestures convey the plot of each episode. As language is not an issue, this series has been broadcast in about 200 countries around the world.

Questions

- (i) Who created the television series Mr. Bean?
- (ii) When and how was it first aired?
- (iii) Who plays the role of Mr. Bean?
- (iv) What conveys the plot of each episode?
- (v) What has made the series possible to be broadcast in 200 countries?

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