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Virudhunagar District

Common Quarterly Examination - 2024



Standard 12

Time: 3.00 Hrs.

LANGUAGE PART-II - ENGLISH

Marks: 90

Instructions:

- i) Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the hall supervisor immediately.
- ii) Use Blue or Black ink to write and underline.

PART - I

Answer all the questions.

20×1=20

Write the correct answers along with the corresponding option codes:

Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given:

- 1) We saw our friends in the public square, doing brisk business.
a) quick b) real c) regular d) routine
- 2) One is liable to put in too much milk.
a) likely b) certain c) eager d) responsible
- 3) My gloomy thoughts probaly stem from an accident.
a) lovely b) sorrowful c) agony d) happy

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given:

- 4) One night we came upon them in the windy and deserted square.
a) crowded b) secured c) fertile d) desolate
- 5) What is important is what you have left.
a) crucial b) unimportant c) essential d) vital
- 6) Cornice would remain attached to the rock.
a) unattached b) broken c) ruined d) detached

7) **Replace the underlined phrasal verb with a single word:**

- They raw off the opposition.
a) support b) defeat c) motivate d) preponed
- 8) **From a new word by adding prefix to the underlined word 'Power':**
a) in b) em c) mal d) dis
- 9) **Choose the suffix that can be added to the root word 'Recollect':**
a) ate b) er c) ity d) ion

10) **Fill in the blanks choosing the correct preposition:**

- _____ the interview, he was on cloud nine.
a) after b) among c) in d) about

11) **Fill in the blanks choosing the correct prepositional phrase:**

- _____ I had a happy childhood.
a) In case of b) according to c) on the whole d) Inspite of

12) **Complete the sentence choosing the appropriate linker:**

- A library is a public place _____ we see a number of books for reading.
a) unless b) although c) as d) where

13) **Choose the word that has been spelt correctly:**

- a) confidence b) perforeted c) profound d) amusement

14) **Choose the correct question tag for the following statement:**

- You do a lot of social service, _____.
a) do you? b) don't you? c) aren't you? d) doesn't you?

15) **Choose the right meaning of the Idiom:**

- As the only supplies in the region, they have the whip hand and can set prices as they please.

16) **Choose the word that can be added before 'edge' to form a compound word:**

- a) public b) water c) coat d) knife

17) **Choose the best option that is the expansion of the abbreviation 'IMF':**

- a) Indian Mountaineering Foundation b) Indian Medical Foundation
c) International Military Force d) International Manpower Force

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- 18) Choose the clipped form of 'fanatic':
 a) natic b) fan c) fana d) fane
- 19) Choose the tri-syllabic word from the following:
 a) lady b) picture c) government d) agreeable
- 20) Choose the right plural form of the word 'child':
 a) childrens b) childs c) childes d) children

PART - II
SECTION - A

Choose any four of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow: 4×2=8

- 21) "A foothold there, no clever trick
 Could take us dead or quick,
 Only a bird could have got it".
 a) What was challenging?
 b) Which aspect of the castle's strength is conveyed by the above line?
- 22) "And far and near Kokilas hail the day
 And to their pastures wend our sleepy cows"
 a) Which bird welcomes the day?
 b) Why are the cows sleepy?
- 23) "All the world's a stage
 And all the men and woman merely players"
 a) What is the world compared to?
 b) What figure of speech has been used in the second line?
- 24) "This is my son, mine own Telemachus, To whom
 I leave the sceptre and the isle well-loved of me"
 a) Who does Ulysses entrust his kingdom to, in his absence?
 b) Bring out the significance of the 'sceptre'.
- 25) "The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung
 In crimson clusters all the bough among!"
 a) Who is the giant here?
 b) Pick out the words in alliteration in the given lines.
- 26) "Then the whining school boy, with his satchel
 And shining morning face, creeping like snail"
 a) Which stage of life is being referred to here by the poet?
 b) Identify the figure of speech used here?

SECTION - B

Answer any three of the following:

3×2=6

- 27) Reena said that she was learning French. [Change into direct speech]
- 28) They advised to help the poor and needy. [Change the voice]
- 29) When the day broke, the birds came out their nests.
 [Rewrite as a simple sentence]
- 30) Rewrite the sentence making an inversion in the conditional clause:
 If I had a car, I would drop you.

PART - III
SECTION - A

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

2×3=6

- 31) "They seemed no threat to us at all".
- 32) "Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel seeking the bubble reputation".
- 33) "Is second childhood and mere oblivion: Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything".

SECTION - B

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

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- 34) The boys did not spend much on clothes and food. Why?
- 35) How was Dr. Barnard's attitude to suffering different from that of his father's?
- 36) The soft snow was difficult and dangerous. Why?

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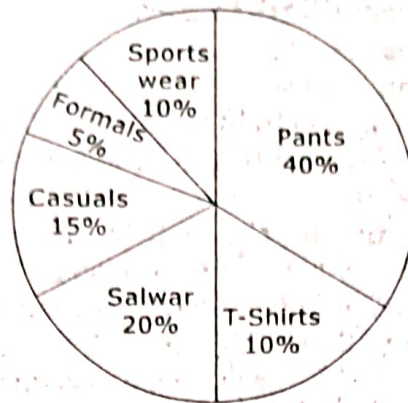
SECTION - C

Answer any three of the following:

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3×3=9

37) Study the pie chart given and answer the questions that follow:



- Name of the dress which is the least in the store?
 - How many types of dresses are being sold at the store?
 - Which dress is twice the sale of the salwar?
- 38) Frame the dialogue of minimum three utterances between a customer and a Bank Manager.
- 39) Complete the proverb with the right option:
- Prevention is _____ then cure.
 - good
 - poor
 - better
 - Variety is the _____ of life.
 - source
 - spice
 - need
 - Time and _____ wait for none.
 - tide
 - rice
 - ride
- 40) Rearrange the following words into sentences:
- divine / is / to forgive
 - Friendly / They / greeted / faces / with / us
 - take / one / should / the teapot / to /the kettle

PART - IV

7×5=35

- 41) Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:
- Write a character sketch of Nicola and Jacopo.
(OR)
 - Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in 'A Nice Cup of tea'.
- 42) Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:
- How safe was the castle? How was it conquered?
(OR)
 - Describe the various stages of a man's life pictured in the poem, "All the World's a stage".
- 43) Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints:
- Pi was stranded in the - lifeboat - As he - around. He was shocked - Richard Parker - board. He was pinned - having had - food water or - for - three days. A little boat - he successful - when he found - on drinking water. Then, - realized - who scored - brought him peace, - and wholeness. He - that it was - who helped him - for - days. Pi left - In a jungle and - reunited - family.
(OR)
 - Gresham - arrested for - misappropriation of Bank fund - Baldwin's wife and son - wrong act - Then they came to know - Greshman tried - offer a hundred dollars - telling a lie - They said that - would - lose any cent - want Greshman - to jail - His wife Martha - insisted that Gresham - always good - Thus the - family members - Baldwin - tell a lie.

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44) **Make notes or Summarize the following passage:**

The aim of the education is the overall development of the personality of the 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 realize God. But a healthy mind can dwell only in a healthy body. For keeping a body healthy, games are indispensable. For this reason Swami Vivekananda has advised that all young men and women should play games. People who have developed the habit of playing games regularly can maintain good health. 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. Everybody likes games because these keep them physically fit and mentally alert. Games help us to keep our body active and vigorous. They instill in us the spirit of adventure. They enable us to face danger boldly. When a person plays games, his blood circulation increases and his digestive system improves. He does not fall prey to any diseases. Games inculcate in us the spirit of sportsmanship. They also teach us courage and perseverance. Games foster the qualities of fair play. Good players maintain equanimity in the event of victory or defeat.

45) a) 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. **(OR)**

b) Write a paragraph of about 150 words on the topic 'The Profession you would like to choose'.

45) a) **Read the following sentences. Spot the errors and correct them:**

- a) In spite of his poverty and setbacks, he was able to launch his dream carrier.
- b) After the complicated surgery, the patient hoped of complete recovery.
- c) I do not understanding the problem.
- d) Dolphins are regarded as the friendliest between the sea creatures.
- e) Vimala has attended the party yesterday.

(OR)

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

i) The _____ at the _____ of the coconut. **(Kernel / Colonel)**

ii) Our team did not _____ (won) any games last year.

(Use the correct tense of the verb)

iii) I wish you _____ tell me the truth.

(Use the suitable modal verb)

iv) He is an honorable man _____ you can trust.

(Use an appropriate relative pronoun)

47) a) **Identify each sentence with the field in the list given below:**

[Commerce, Sports, Computer, Politics, Media]

a) In a democracy, we have the right to criticize anyone.

b) The price of vegetables shot up suddenly.

c) It was a thrilling neck and neck finish.

d) The programme will be telecast next week.

(OR)

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

Big cotton - merchant - owned a factory - many employees - one day a heap of cotton stolen - no clue - merchant's secretary assured to find out - asked him to host dinner - invite all workers - merchant agreed - middle of feast - secretary suddenly shouted - cotton sticking to hair of thieves - the guilty dusted their heads - tired to clear - caught in the trap - punished.
