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## COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION 2024 - 25

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

ENGLISH

[Max. Marks : 90

Part - I

1. Answer all the questions. Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer. 20x1= 20  
Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given:
- What is important is what you have left.  
a) Suitable      b) Significant      c) Impulsive      d) Motivating
  - She led me through a cool, Vestibule into the hospital.  
a) Lobby      b) Outlet      c) Garden      d) Room
  - But because the best manner of making it is the subject of violent disputes.  
a) Agreement      b) Conflicts      c) Applauses      d) Praise
- Choose the correct Antonyms for the underlined words from the options given.
- Far away across the clouds the great bulk kanchenjunga loomed on the horizon  
a) Appeared      b) Vanished      c) Emerged      d) Loosened
  - The business of living is the celebration of being alive.  
a) Jubilation      b) Triumph      c) Success      d) Failure
  - She paused took a quick breath.  
a) Stopped      b) Waited      c) Rushed      d) Continued
  - Form a new word by adding a suitable Prefix to the underlined word.  
Don't treat the elders with respect.  
a) dis      b) ir      c) in      d) un
  - Choose the trisyllabic word from the given option.  
a) further      b) weight      c) environment      d) charity
  - Fill in the blank with a suitable phrase.  
----- the form, please.  
a) Fill out      b) Fill up      c) Fill in      d) Fill into
  - Choose the appropriate question tag and complete the sentence.  
Vivek hardly comes late -----?  
a) doesn't he      b) is he      c) isn't he      d) does he
  - Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence.  
The things in his room are always at sixes and seven.  
a) neat      b) arranged  
c) complete disorder      d) kept on the floor
  - The expansion of the abbreviation SMS.  
a) Simple Message Service      b) Smart Message Scheme  
c) Short Message Service      d) Short Memory Service
  - Choose the unclipped form of Phone.  
a) Homophone      b) Telephone      c) Microphone      d) Gramophone
  - Identify the correct combination of the word 'dutyfree'.  
a) Adjective + Noun      b) Verb + Noun      c) Noun + Adjective      d) Noun + Noun
  - Choose the word that has been spelt correctly.  
a) etiquette      b) treacharous      c) tantalize      d) malignant

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30. Varshini said, "I'll see you later." [Change into Indirect speech]

**PART - III (SECTION - 1)**

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

2x3=6

31. To Strive, to Seek, to find and not to yield.  
 32. Our only enemy was gold.  
 33. Turning again toward childish treble, pipes and whistles in his sound.

**SECTION - 2**

Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words each.

2x3=6

34. What are the author's views on China tea?  
 35. When did Hillary feel a sense of freedom and well being?  
 36. The boys did not spend much on clothes and food. why?

**SECTION - 3**

Answer any three of the following questions.

3x3=9

37. Build a conversation with a minimum of three exchanges. A father and his son about the advantages of the habit of Early rising.  
 38. Describe the process of cleaning a flask.  
 39. Complete the proverbs using the words given.  
 a) Like ----- like son.  
 b) Variety is the spice of -----  
 c) A cat has ----- lives.

[Life, Nine, Father, Mother]

40. Rearranged the Jumbled sentence.  
 a) delayed / denied / justice / is / justice.  
 b) carry / plastic / are / shops / bags / in / banned.  
 c) childhood / town / this / the / where / is / my / I / spent.

**PART - IV**

Answer the following in a paragraph in about 150 words.

7x5=35

41. a) Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A nice cup of Tea".  
 (OR)  
 b) Describe the journey of Edmund Hillary to the summit.  
 42. a) Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel. Explain.  
 (OR)  
 b) 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.  
 a) Ausable - Secret agent - important paper - fowler thrilled - max - pistol - wanted report - Ausale - fabricated story - balcony - knocking heard - befooled max - jumps - died.  
 (OR)  
 b) Robert Baldwin - an honest man - fraud in a bank - Gresham arrested - pressurised Baldwin - to falsely declare - offered huge bribe - Baldwin refused - family members tempted - ashamed of greed - stood for justice - Gresham confessed - Baldwin rewarded.  
 44. a) Make notes of the following passage.

Languages are of different kinds-spoken language, written language, sign language code language, body language, Braille or language of the blind, and the more recent ones being the machine language and the computer language. Many languages have a long history. The Greeks, the Romans, the Egyptians, the Chinese and the Indians are among

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those, whose languages are centuries old. The number of languages used in verbal communication is extremely large. It is said that there are as many as 3500 identified languages throughout the world. Although this is true of the spoken languages, the number of written languages is much lower, with one estimate placing it at more than 500. Within a language, there are sub-languages that are called dialects. A dialect is a form of speech peculiar to a district, class or people. It is a subordinate variety of language with distinguishable vocabulary, pronunciation or idioms.

(OR)

b) Write a paragraph on "The importance of Gardening".

45. a) Write a letter to your friend telling him / her how you celebrated your birthday.

(OR)

b) Write an application for the post of Accountant to the Managing Director of ABC company

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

- (a) I will be there in a hour.
- (b) Jothee is wating since 5 p.m.
- (c) She prefers coffee than tea.
- (d) How did you wrote the exam?
- (e) They went back to home.

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(OR)

(b) Fill in the blanks:

- (i) The wound in his ----- took a long time to ----- [heel / heal]
- (ii) Water ----- (boil) at 100°C temperature. [Write the correct form of verb]
- (iii) You ----- not write on the wall. [Use a modal verb]
- (iv) ----- I got up early, I managed to reach school on time. [Use linker]

47. a) Develop the hints into a story of 150 words.

Once a bee - fell into a pond - pigeon flew past - dropped a leaf - bee climbed on leaf - escaped - a hunter - aimed at pigeon - the bee stung - lost his aim - pigeon escaped.

(OR)

b) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Discipline is the most essential virtue you should acquire when you are young. It is a complex quality. It shapes your mind to religious, social and economic patterns when you grow up to be an active citizen. At a young age, we do not realize the value of discipline, as children, we merely long for unlimited freedom, without understanding the meaning of discipline. An athlete disciplines himself and keeps himself fit. He refrains from smoking, observes good food habits and keeps good health. Discipline increases the human energy and implies control, resistance and adjustment. Our energy is saved and made vital for a good output.

Questions:

- (i) The word 'essential' means:
  - a) necessary    b) important    c) compulsory
- (ii) How does discipline aid a citizen?
- (iii) Why don't children want discipline?
- (iv) Mention some ways in which an athlete maintains discipline.
- (v) How is discipline beneficial to human beings?

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<b>Q.NO. 1 – 20 – 20 MARKS</b>		
1.	(b)	significant
2.	(a)	lobby
3.	(b)	conflicts
4.	(b)	vanished
5.	(d)	failure
6.	(d)	continued
7.	(a)	disrespect
8.	(d)	charity
9.	(c)	fill in
10.	(d)	does he
11.	(c)	complete disorder
12.	(c)	Short message service
13.	(b)	telephone
14.	(c)	Noun + adjective
15.	(c)	tantalise
16.	(a)	who
17.	(c)	SVA
18.	(a)	since
19.	(b)	The
20.	(a)	bonnet

<b>APPRECIATION QUESTIONS – 4 X 2 = 8</b>	
21.	a) Ulysses / The King / King of Ithaca b) to live life to the fullest
22.	a) fourth stage b) short lived glory / temporary fame
23.	a) creeper      b) simile / zoomorphism
24.	a) soldiers b) Trim grass and level the lawns / cutting
25.	a) seven      b) man - many
26.	a) three long years b) Ulysses / The King / King of Ithaca

<b>GRAMMAR – 3 X 2 = 6</b>	
27.	If you chase your dream, you will reach your goal. / If you do not chase your dream, you will not reach your goal.
28.	A warm welcome was given to the chief guest by them.
29.	He started late but / yet / still reached the spot.
30.	Varshini told that she would see him/her/ them later.

<b>ERC – 2 X 3 = 6</b>	
31.	<b>“To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield”</b> Poem Name : Ulysses Poet Name : Alfred Lord Tennyson
32.	<b>“Our only enemy was gold”</b> Poem Name : The Castle Poet Name : Edwin Muir
33.	<b>“Turning again toward childish treble”</b> Poem Name : All the world’s a stage Poet Name : William Shakespeare

<b>SHORT ANSWERS – 3 X 2 = 6</b>	
34.	China tea has many good qualities. It is also economical and we drink it without milk. But there is not much stimulation in it. One does not feel wiser, braver or optimistic after drinking it.

36.	Hillary’s apparatus was much lighter, weighing just over 20lb and as he cut steps down off the South Summit, he felt a sense of freedom and well-being.
36.	They save money for the treatment of their sister Lucia.
<b>THREE MARKS QUESTIONS 3 X 3 = 9</b>	
37.	Conversation between a father and his son.
38.	Describe the process of cleaning a flask.
39.	<b>Complete the proverbs.</b> a) father    b) life    c) nine
40.	<b>Rearrange the jumbled sentences.</b> a) Justice delayed is justice denied. b) Plastic carry bags are banned in shops. c) This is the town where I spent my childhood.
<b>FIVE MARKS QUESTIONS – 7 X 5 = 35</b>	
41.	a) A nice cup of tea / b) The summit
42.	a) The castle / b) All the world’s a stage
43.	a) The midnight visitor / b) The hour of truth
44.	<b>a) Note – Making.</b> Title –1, Sub –titles –2, key points under sub-titles – 2 <b>b) General Paragraph – The importance of Gardening</b>
45.	<b>Write a letter to your friend telling him/her how you celebrated your birthday.</b> Place & Date – ½ mark, Salutation – ½ mark Body of the letter – 3 marks, Subscription – ½ mark Superscription / Address on the envelope – ½ mark <b>(Application for the post of Accountant)</b> From – ½, To – ½ mark, Salutation – ½ mark Subject – ½ mark, Body of the letter – 2 marks Subscription – ½ mark, Superscription – ½ mark
46.	<b>Error spotting.</b> a) i) I will be in an hour. ii) Jothee has been waiting since 5 p.m. iii) She prefers coffee to tea. iv) How did you write the exam? v) They returned home / They went home. b) i) heel, heal b) boils c) need d) As
47.	<b>Developing Hints.</b> a) Title – 1, Expansion of outline – 3 marks, Moral - 1 b) <b>Comprehension passage.</b> i) necessary ii) Discipline shapes our mind to religious, social and economic patterns when we grow up to be an active citizen. iii) Children don’t want discipline because they merely long for unlimited freedom, without understanding the meaning of discipline. iv) An athlete disciplines himself and keeps himself fit. He refrains from smoking, observes good food habits and keeps good health. v) Discipline increases the human energy and implies control, resistance and adjustment. Our energy is saved and made vital for a good output.

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