

Class : 12

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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:
1. What is important is what you have left.
a) Suitable b) Significant c) Impulsive d) Motivating
 2. She led me through a cool, Vestibule into the hospital.
a) Lobby b) Outlet c) Garden d) Room
 3. 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.
4. Far away across the clouds the great bulk kanchenjunga loomed on the horizon
a) Appeared b) Vanished c) Emerged d) Loosened
 5. The business of living is the celebration of being alive.
a) Jubilation b) Triumph c) Success d) Failure
 6. She paused took a quick breath.
a) Stopped b) Waited c) Rushed d) Continued
 7. 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
 8. Choose the trisyllabic word from the given option.
a) further b) weight c) environment d) charity
 9. Fill in the blank with a suitable phrase.
----- the form, please.
a) Fill out b) Fill up c) Fill in d) Fill into
 10. 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
 11. 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
 12. The expansion of the abbreviation SMS.
a) Simple Message Service b) Smart Message Scheme
c) Short Message Service d) Short Memory Service
 13. Choose the unclipped form of Phone.
a) Homophone b) Telephone c) Microphone d) Gramophone
 14. Identify the correct combination of the word 'dutyfree'.
a) Adjective + Noun b) Verb + Noun c) Noun + Adjective d) Noun + Noun
 15. Choose the word that has been spelt correctly.
a) etiquette b) treacharous c) tentalize d) malignant

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16. Fill in the blanks with suitable relative pronoun.
 Most help those ----- help themselves.
 a) Who b) Whom c) Whose d) How
17. Choose the correct sentence pattern.
 Riya is playing now.
 a) SVC b) SVO c) SVA d) SVOC
18. Choose the correct preposition.
 Roshan has been studying ----- morning.
 a) Since b) From c) In d) by
19. Fill in the blank with suitable article.
 Kevin is ----- eldest Son.
 a) an b) the c) a d) No article
20. Choose the correct British English word for "hood".
 a) Bonnet b) Gun c) Canopy d) Helmet

PART - II

SECTION - 1

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following: 4x2=8

21. *I cannot rest from travel: I will
 drink life to the lees;*
 a) Whom does 'I' refer to?
 b) Explain 'drink life to the lees'.
22. *Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in
 quarrel, seeking the bubble reputation.*
 a) Which stage of life is being referred to here by the poet?
 b) What is meant by 'bubble reputation'?
23. *Like a huge python, winding round and round.*
 a) What does python refer to?
 b) Identify the figure of speech.
24. *We watched the mowers in the lay.*
 a) Who watched the mowers?
 b) What work do the mowers do?
25. *And one man in his time plays many parts.*
 a) How many stages are there in man's life?
 b) Pick out the words in Alliteration.
26. *For some three Suns to store and hoard myself
 And this gray spirit yearning in desire.*
 a) Explain "three suns"?
 b) Who says these words?

SECTION - 2

Do as directed.

Answer any Three questions:

3x2=6

27. You will not reach your goal, unless you chase your dream. [Rewrite using 'if' without changing the meaning]
28. They gave the chief guest a warm welcome. (Change the voice)
29. Though he started late, he reached the spot. [Change into compound sentence]

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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 - Ausable - 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)

45. b) Write a paragraph on "The importance of Gardening".
a) Write a letter to your friend telling him / her how you celebrated your birthday.

(OR)

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

(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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Key answers

PART-I

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. 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

Part II

21. a) I refers to King Ulysses b) to live life to the fullest
22. a) Fourth stage b) short lived glory
23. a. Python (a snake) refers to climber/ creeper b. Simile
24. a the soldiers b cut / trim grass
25. a seven stages b man many

26. a) three years b) Ulysses
27. If you don't 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 reached the spot
30. Varshini told that she would see him/her/ them later
31. Ulysses- Alfred Tennyson
32. The castle- Edwin muir
33. All the world's a stage - William Shakespeare
34. China tea needs no milk, it is economical
35. Hillary cut steps down off the South Summit. So, he felt a sense of freedom and well-being.
36. They save money for the treatment of their sister Lucia.
37. Conversation between a father and son
38. Cleaning a flask - we can use vinegar to clean flask. Just mix equal parts of white vinegar and warm water. Leave it in the flask for a few minutes then rinse thoroughly.
- 39 Father, life, nine
- 40 a) justice delayed is justice denied
- B plastic carry bags are banned in shops
- C this is the town where I spent my childhood
- 41-45 paragraphs
- 46 a) I will be in an hour
- B. Jothee has been waiting since 5 pm
- C she prefers coffee to tea
- D how did you write the exam
- E they returned home / they went home
- B) I heel heal
- Boils
- Need
- As

47 I) a) necessary b) discipline shapes your mind... c) children long for unlimited freedom d) refrains from smoking E) discipline increases human energy and implies control

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