

## QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2024

# 12 - STD

# ENGLISH

# BE CONFIDENT

MARKS : 90

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TIME : 3 Hrs + 15 Mts

Part - I

1) Choose the correct answer for each of the following from the options given. 20 x 1 = 20

A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined lexical item in each of the following sentences. (3 x 1 = 3)

1. Nicola was glaring at his brother in vexation.  
(a) willingness (b) annoyance (c) pleasing (d) happiness
2. These are not the only controversial points to arise in connection with tea drinking.  
(a) agreeable (b) arguable (c) unarguable (d) peaceful
3. Scrambling on the rocks and cutting hand holds on the snow.  
(a) retreating (b) climbing fast (c) stopping (d) tantalize

B) Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite to the usage of the underlined word in the following sentences. (3 x 1 = 3)

4. For a few moments I lay regaining my breathe.  
(a) achieving (b) reaching (c) losing (d) attaining
5. Suffering ennobles you, makes you a better person .  
(a) honors (b) humiliating (c) exalted (d) dignifying
6. One does not feel wiser, braver or more optimistic.  
(a) intelligent (b) cleverness (c) foolishness (d) strategic

C) Answer all the questions.

7. Choose the correct expansion of the acronym of "SIM".  
a) Subscribers Identity Module (b) Subscribers Identification Mark  
c) Special Identity Mark (d) Specifically Identity Mark
8. Choose the correct combination for the compound word "birth place"  
a) Noun+ Verb (b) Noun + Adjective (c) Noun + Noun (d) Noun + Adverb
9. Choose the correct combination for the blended word "Edutainment"  
a) Educate + Entertainment (b) Education + Entertainment  
c) Edu + Entertaining (d) Education + Entertaining
10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence :  
An Entrepreneur bears most of the risks and enjoys most of the rewards.  
a) a person who establishes business (b) a person who sets up business  
c) both a and b (d) neither a nor b
11. Choose the right definition for the given term "Hydrophobia".  
(a) Fear of food (b) Fear of water (c) Fear of God (d) Fear of hydrogen
12. Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence.  
The leader's death came like a bolt from the blue.  
a) unexpected event (b) expected happening (c) sudden happening (d) serious accident
13. Replace the underlined phrasal verb into a single word  
You must go by the rules of the institution  
a) follow (b) avoid (c) check (d) watch
14. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word: 'practice'  
a) mal (b) pre (c) post (d) tri
15. Identify the sentence pattern of the following  
My friend called me a wise man.

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- a) SVIDO b) SVOC c) SVOA d) SVCA
16. Fill in the blank choosing the correct preposition.  
He was born ..... Trichy.  
a) in b) at c) into d) to
17. Choose the clipped form of the word internet.  
a) intern b) net c) network d) tem
18. Replace the underlined word with a euphemistic expression  
She is not sick.  
a) under illness b) unwell c) under weather d) none of these
19. Choose the correct meaning of the cliché 'Kith and Kin' -  
a) kitbag b) bat and ball c) friends and relatives d) ladies and gentlemen
20. Fill in with a relative pronoun.  
Kumar ..... father is an engineer, constructed this building.  
a) who b) whose c) which d) whom

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## Part - II

Answer any seven of the following:

(7 × 2 = 14)

- II a) Read the given sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow :  
(Answer any four out of six)
21. *For what, we thought, had we to fear  
With our arms and provender, load on load*  
(a) What is the meaning of the word 'Provender'? (b) Pick out the alliterated words.
22. *Unknown, yet well known to the eye of faith  
Ah, I have heard that wail far, far away  
In distant lands, by many a sheltered bay*  
a) What does the 'wail' denote? b) What is the poetic device employed here?
23. *All the world's a stage  
And all the men and women merely players*  
(a) What is the world compared to?  
b) Which figure of speech has been used in the second line?
24. *Like a huge python, winding round and round  
The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars*  
a) What is python? b) What is the figure of speech employed here?
25. *Thro' scudding drifts the rainy Hyades  
Vext the dim sea I am become a name*  
a) What is meant by Hyades? b) Identify the figure of speech employed here.
26. *Then the whining school boy, with his satchel  
And shining morning face, creeping like Snail  
Unwillingly to school.*  
a) Which stage of life is being referred to here by the poet?  
b) What is a 'Satchel'?
- b) Do as Directed: (Answer any three out of four).
27. Rewrite in other form of speech:  
The Principal said, "You must prepare for the exam well".
28. The sun was bright. The pictures came out well. (Combine using if)
29. Rewrite the sentence making an inversion in the conditional clause.  
If you should be late once again, you will lose your job.

30. Venkat shared his lunch with the boy. He had only one sandwich.  
(Form a complex sentence using 'though' )

### Part – III

Answer any seven of the following:

(7 × 3 = 21)

a. Explain any two of the following with Reference to the Context:

31. To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield  
32. *They have their exits and their entrances*  
33. Our only enemy was gold

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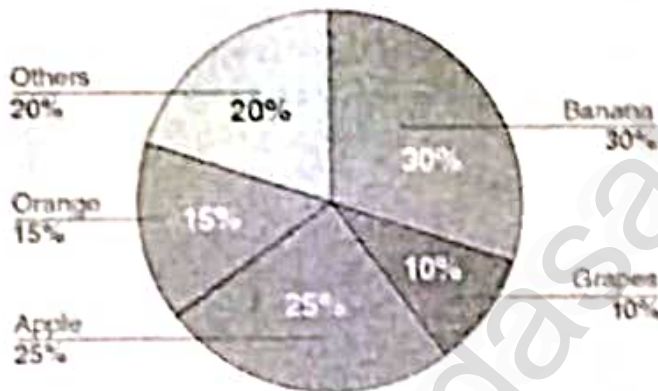
b. Answer any two of the following questions briefly:

34. Why did the two boys Nicola and Jacopo work hard?  
35. What was the profound lesson that Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?  
36. How did the mountaineers bely?

c. Answer any three of the following: (any three out of four)

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

The below pie chart shows the sale of different fruits in a day for a shop:



- a) Which is the most favorite fruit of the people?  
b) Name the fruit which is sold least.  
c) Which fruit is twice the sale of Orange?

38. You are Raja . Write an e-mail to your uncle thanking him for the gift that he had sent from abroad.  
39. Describe the process of making a nice cup of tea.  
40. Complete the proverbs using the words given below.  
a) All that glitters is not .....  
b) Make ..... while the sun shines.  
c) Barking ..... seldom bites.

(Hay, Dog, Gold)

### Part – IV

Answer the following:

(7 × 5 = 35)

41. Summarize Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice Cup of Tea".  
(OR)  
How did Hillary and Tenzing prepare themselves before they set off the summit.  
42. How did the enemy enter the castle?  
(OR)  
Describe the various stages of man's life.

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43. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints:

Pi – from Pudhucherry – stranded in life boat – left with a leopard – hyena – very thirsty – look for water – close to tiger - overpowers – finds water cans – comes to life after drinking water – elixir of life – learnt – tiger who scared him brought peace – wholeness – after 227 days – Pi reunites with family.

(OR)

Baldwin – honest – loyal to boss – Gresham arrested – for fraud in Bank – Baldwin advises – to return money – Gresham refuses – he offers 100 thousand dollars – to tell three words – I don't remember – Baldwin refuses – family members ask him to accept bribe – Baldwin – refuses – awarded in the end – new bank job – Gresham confesses his fault

44. Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.

South Indian Cuisine boasts a large variety of food in all tastes and manners. And as much as I love a hearty meal in the form of a sumptuous biriyani or rice with sambar and rasam, my comfort dish remains the simple and uncomplicated curd rice. Don't let its simplicity and preparation time fool you. It is highly versatile and customizable. If you are running short of time, you can mix curd and rice and let it be. If you want to elevate it or take it to the next level, some dressing in oil, curry leaves, mustard seeds and dried chillies will do the trick. Anyone who wants to add more variety and nutrients can mix in an assortment of vegetables, such as carrot and beetroot, giving it a pop of colour. Or if you have a sweet tooth like me, a handful of pomegranate seeds will suffice.

45. Write a letter to the Manager of Home Appliances requesting to replace the defective mixer grinder you have bought.

(OR)

Write a paragraph on "Honesty"

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

- Three fourths of the land have been ploughed.
- The USA are the richest country in the whole world.
- Nobody know the secret.
- A bunch of keys were missing.
- Though Ragavi is weak but she is active.

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(OR)

ii) Fill in the blanks appropriately

- Vandana's ..... daughter ..... to the new situation well. (*adopted/ adapted*)
- You ..... pay the fee now. (Fill in with a modal verb)
- He ..... read many books during his school days (Fill in with a semi-modal)
- ..... you have an entry pass, you can get in. ( Use a suitable link word)

47. Identify each of the following sentences with the fields given below:

- Novels of Chetan Baghat are read by many people.
- The yield of wheat has increased.
- Fast food is a growing health hazard.
- My brother is planning to go to the US.
- Hardik Pandya was declared the Man of the Match in the first T20 against Pakistan in Asia Cup.

(Sports, Nutrition and Dietetics, Travel, Literature, Agriculture)

(OR)

Construct a dialogue between a customer and a sales girl regarding the purchase of latest mobile phones. ( minimum of five exchanges)

