

COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2024

Reg. No.

TRICHY

XII - ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hrs.

Maximum Marks: 90

Part - I

BE CONFIDENT

Answer all the questions.

20 x 1 = 20

Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.

- I felt I could not bear to intrude.
a) interfere b) trespass c) incur d) disinter
- It would be equally reasonable.
a) justifiable b) unacceptable c) arguable d) supportive
- Suffering seems so cruelly prevalent in the world today
a) absent b) unique c) perfect d) common

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences.

- In the public square doing brisk business.
a) active b) slow c) continuous d) intermittent
- He took solace from a world he could not control.
a) comfort b) consolation c) relax d) torture
- The best manner of making tea is the subject of violent disputes.
a) rough b) gentle c) severe d) harsh
- Choose the **correct Tri-syllabic word**.
a) initial b) command c) property d) enthusiastic
- Choose the expanded form of "MRI".
a) Magnetic Resonance Imaging b) Magnetic Resonance Imaginary
c) Magnetic Reasoning Imaging d) Magnetic Reactive Imaging
- Choose the correct combination for the compound word **bus+stop**
a) noun + noun b) noun + verb c) noun + gerund d) preposition + noun
- Choose the right combination of the blended word 'biopic'.
a) biography + pic b) biography + picture
c) bio + pic d) biographical + picture
- Choose the meaning of the foreign word "in toto".
a) totally b) partially c) slightly d) partly
- Choose the right definition for the given term theophobia.
a) fear of light b) fear of God c) fear of devil d) fear of rain
- Replace the underlined phrasal verb in the sentence below with a single word.**
The sparrows took no notice of the bread.
a) pay attention b) pay no attention c) see the notice d) watch the notice
- Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word 'dispensable'.
a) en b) ir c) pre d) in
- Add **suitable question tag** to the following sentence.
Everybody welcomed to project?
a) do they b) don't they c) didn't they d) did they
- A cute cat emerged _____ the pot.
a) from b) across c) into d) over
- The plural form of 'Octopus' is
a) octopuses b) octopus c) octopii d) octopi

18. Fill in the blank with the **suitable relative pronoun**.
The is the town _____ I spent my childhood.
a) which b) where c) whom d) who
19. Choose the **clipped form** of the word '**facsimile**'.
a) faux b) smile c) fax d) facs
20. Choose the **correct sentence pattern**.
We called Gandhi Mahatma.
a) SVO b) SVOA c) SVOC d) SVAC

PART – II (SECTION – 1)

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following.

21. "Our only enemy was gold,
And we had no arms to fight it with"
a) Who was their enemy?
b) Did they have arms to fight against gold?
4 x 2 = 8
22. "The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung
In crimson clusters all the bough among-----!"
a) Who is the giant here?
b) Why is the scarf colourful?
23. "Seeking the bubble reputation
Even in the cannon's mouth"
a) Which stage is referred here?
b) Explain 'bubble reputation'.
24. "A foot hold there, no clever trick
Could take us dead or quick
Only a bird could have got in"
a) What was challenging?
b) Which aspect of the castle's strength I conveyed?
25. "Then the whining school – boy with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like snail."
a) What is the figure of speech used in the second line?
b) Pick out the alliteration words.
26. "A gray baboon sits statue-like alone"
a) How does the baboon sit?
b) Mention the figure of speech.

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SECTION – 2

Answer any three questions.

3 x 2 = 6

27. Kumar said to Karthi, "Please don't make too much noise."
(Change into Indirect speech)
28. If I were a millionaire, I would feed the poor. (Begin the sentence with 'Were')
29. **Combine the following sentences using If clause**
Raju may join us. We will win the game.
30. Sita is watering the plants. (Change the voice)

PART – III

SECTION – 1

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

2 x 3 = 6

31. "Dear is the Casuarina soul".
32. "..... Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel".
33. "The wizened warder let them through."

SECTION -2

BE CONFIDENT**Answer any two of the following.**

2 x 3 = 6

34. What made the boys work so hard?
 35. What are the author's views on China tea?
 36. How did the boy who played the mechanic lose his eye sight?

PART - IV (SECTION - 1)**Answer any three of the following.**

3 x 3 = 9

37. Describe the process of plant sapling.
 38. Write a notice about the inauguration of a laughter club in your school.
 39. Write a dialogue with three utterances each between the traffic police and a man.
1. _____ is the best policy (Punctuality / Honesty / Sincerity)
 2. _____ makes a man (Money / Power / Manners)
 3. _____ was not built in a day. (India / Rome / Italy)

PART - V**Answer the following.**

7 x 5 = 35

40. **Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.**
- a) Summarize George Orwell's golden rules in 'A Nice cup of tea'. (OR)
 - b) Justify the title of the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'?
41. **Answer the following in a paragraph of 150 words.**
- a) Describe the reminiscences of the poet when she sees the Casuarina Tree .
(OR)
 - b) Describe the various stages of a man's life in the poem "All the world's a stage".
42. **Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.**
- a) "Forgiveness is the best form of revenge". Substantiate this through Aksionov's story. (OR)
 - b) How did the presence of Richard Parker influence the attitude of Pi?
43. a) **Make notes or summarise the following passage.**

Flexibility and mobility are essential not only to reduce the risk of injuries but to generally feel better. Living a nine to five desk life can be demanding on health and wellness. Here is how you can keep the most common problems at bay. Even if you are not exercising you need to make sure that you maintain correct posture and sit at your desk in the right way. It is important that your chair is placed correctly and your legs are not left hanging. Proper alignment ensures that your neck and back are not strained. Exercises and abdominal crunches two to three times a week can strengthen the core. It will help take the pressure off your back and will make it easier to maintain good posture. Chairs with a back that support your upper back are preferable for those who work long hours in front of screens. Constant typing, writing reports, and answering e-mails can exert your wrists leading to long-term damage. Make sure that you rest your wrist at regular intervals. To relieve tension quickly fold your hands in a NAMASTE in front of your chest with elbows moving out and lower your hands till you feel a good stretch in your wrists. Also rotating your fists inside and outside provides much relief to strained wrists. Since those who work on desks spend a lot of time looking at a computer screen, they are at a risk of straining their eyes. This may also lead to dry eyes and fatigue. Poor eyesight is the result of continued

and improper exposure to screens. Keeping the computer screen at an optimal distance helps a lot in minimizing strain to eyes. The screen shouldn't be too close or too far. To ease eye strain, use good lighting and make it a point to look at a distance away from your screen every twenty to thirty minutes.

44. a) Write a letter to the Headmaster to your school requesting him to help to obtain a duplicate marksheet of class XII which you lost while travelling. (OR)
- b) Write a letter to your friend sharing your travel experience to Delhi.
45. a) **Read the following sentences, spot the error and correct them.**
- We bought a lot of furnitures.
 - Rajesh is one of the richest man in our village.
 - Ramesh is senior than Venkat.
 - The news are good.
 - The dog jumped in the wall.
- b) Fill in the blanks as instructed.
- The morning _____ is _____ to night rain (dew / dew)
 - You _____ not read every chapter (use a semi modal verb)
 - We _____ help the needy (use a modal verb)
 - I _____ (sleep) well last night. (Write the correct tense of the verb)
46. a) Write a dialogue between a shopkeeper and customer about exchanging a washing machine.

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- (OR)
- b) **Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.**

The victory of the small Greek democracy of Athens over the mighty Persian Empire in 490 B.C. is one of the most famous events in history. Darius, king of the Persian Empire, was furious because Athens had interceded for the other Greek city-states in revolt against Persian domination. In anger the king sent an enormous army to defeat Athens. He thought it would take drastic steps to pacify the rebellious part of the empire.

Persia was ruled by one man. In Athens, however, all citizens helped to rule. Ennobled by this participation, Athenians were prepared to die for their city-state. Perhaps this was the secret of the remarkable victory at Marathon, which freed them from Persian rule. Tiny Athens stood alone against Persia. The Athenian people went to their sanctuaries. There they prayed for deliverance. They asked their gods to expedite their victory. The Athenians refurbished their weapons and moved to the plain of Marathon, where their little band would meet the Persians. At the last moment, soldiers from Plataea reinforced the Athenian troops. The Athenian army attacked, and Greek citizens fought bravely. Greek soldiers seized Persian ships and burned them, and the Persians fled in terror.

Questions:

- Which is considered to be one of the most famous events in history?
- Why was the Persian king Darius furious?
- What was the secret behind the victory of Athenians from Persian rule?
- Where did the Athenians move to meet the Persians?
- Finally, what happened to the Persians?

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PRINTED FORMAT****9597292925****BE CONFIDENT** STUDY MATERIALS**(TRICHY DISTRICT)****+ 2 ENGLISH – QUARTERLY – SEP 2024****HIGHER SECONDARY (SECOND YEAR) – QUARTERLY EXAM – SEP 2024****(NEW SYLLABUS)****DATE :20.09.2024 ENGLISH – SCORING KEY****ANSWERS WRITTEN ONLY IN BLACK OR BLUE SHOULD BE EVALUATED**

PART – I		
1.	Answer all the questions:	20 x 1 = 20
	Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given.	
01	(a) interfere / (b) trespass	3 Marks
02	(a) justifiable	
03	(d) common	
	Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given.	
04	(b) slow	3 Marks
05	(d) torture	
06	(b) gentle	
07	(c) property	1 Mark
08	(a) Magnetic Resonance Imaging	1 Mark
09	(a) noun + noun	1 Mark
10	(b) biography + picture	1 Mark
11	(a) totally	1 Mark
12	(b) fear of God	1 Mark
13	(b) pay no attention	1 Mark
14	(d) in	1 Mark
15	(c) didn't they	1 Mark

16	(a) from	1 Mark
17	(d) octopi	1 Mark
18	(b) where	1 Mark
19	(c) fax	1 Mark
20	(c) SVOC	1 Mark

PART - II		
SECTION - 1		
	Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four of the following.	4 x 2 = 8
21	(a) gold (b) No	1 Mark 1 Mark
22	(a) casuarina tree (b) because of the crimson flowers	1 Mark 1 Mark
23	(a) fourth stage / soldier (b) short lived glory / Temporary fame	1 Mark 1 Mark
24	(a) entering the castle (b) The castle is firm strong and tall and only a bird could get in.	1 Mark 1 Mark
25	(a) simile (b) school, satchel, shining, snail	1 Mark 1 Mark
26	(a) like a statue (b) simile	1 Mark 1 Mark
SECTION - 2		
	Answer any three questions.	3 x 2 = 6
27	Kumar requested Karthi not to make too much noise.	2 Marks
28	Were I a millionaire, I would feed the poor.	2 Marks
29	If Raj joins us, we will win the game.	2 Marks
30	The plants are being watered by Sita.	2 Marks
PART - III - Section - 1		
(i)	Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.	2 x 3 = 6
	Name of the poem	1 Mark
	Name of the poet	1 Mark
	Explanation	1 Mark
31	Poem : Our casuarina tree Poet : Toru Dutt	
32	Poem : All the world's a stage Poet : William Shakespeare	
33	Poem : The castle Poet : Edwin Muir	

SECTION - 2		
	Answer any two of the following in not more than 30 words.	2 x 3 = 6
34	The boys worked hard to pay for their sister's medical treatment.	3 Marks
35	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.	3 Marks
36	The boy who played the mechanic became blind when his drunken mother threw a lantern at his drunken father. The lantern missed and broke on the boy's head and shoulder. He lost his both eyes in burn.	3 Marks
SECTION - 3		
	Answer any three of the following.	3 x 3 = 9
37	Describe the process of plant sapling.	3 Marks
38	Notice writing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of the Programme • Title • Date • Content • Subscription 	½ mark ½ mark ½ mark 1 mark ½ mark
39	Dialogue writing.	3 Marks
40	Complete the proverbs. 1. honesty 2. Manners 3. Rome	3 Marks
PART - IV		
	Answer the following:	7 x 5 = 35
	a) A nice cup of tea / b) Two Gentlemen of verona	
41	➤ Content - (60%), Language, style and organisation (40%)	5 Marks
(a)	➤ Exceptionally good paragraph	4 Marks
or	➤ Correct answer with all points with no mistakes	
(b)	➤ Correct answer with a few mistakes	3 Marks
	➤ Answer with a few points	2 Marks
	➤ Answer with a few points and many mistakes	1 Mark
	a) Our casuarina tree / b) All the world's a stage	
42	➤ Content - (60%), Language, style and organisation (40%)	5 Marks
(a)	➤ Exceptionally good paragraph	4 Marks
or	➤ Correct answer with all points with no mistakes	
(b)	➤ Correct answer with a few mistakes	3 Marks
	➤ Answer with a few points	2 Marks
	➤ Answer with a few points and many mistakes	1 Mark

	a) God sees the truth, but waits / b) Life of pi	
43	➤ Content – (60%), Language, style and organisation (40%)	
(a)	➤ Exceptionally good paragraph	5 Marks
or	➤ Correct answer with all points with no mistakes	4 Marks
(b)	➤ Correct answer with a few mistakes	3 Marks
	➤ Answer with a few points	2 Marks
	➤ Answer with a few points and many mistakes	1 Mark
44	Write a summary of the following passage.	
(a)	Summarising – Format	1 mark
	Rough copy / Rough Draft / First copy / First Draft	3 Marks
	Fair copy / Fair Draft / Final copy / Final Draft	1 Mark
	Suitable title	
	(An exceptional summary can be awarded Maximum marks.	
	The number of words in the Fair Draft need not be taken into account)	
	(or)	
(b)	Note making : Format	
	Title	1 Mark
	Sub-titles	2 Marks
	Key points under each sub-titles	2 Marks
45	Write a letter to the Headmaster to your school requesting him to help to obtain a duplicate marksheet of class XII which you lost while travelling.	
(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From • To • Salutation • Subject • Body of the letter • Subscription • Superscription / Address on the envelope 	1/2 mark 1/2 mark 1/2 mark 1/2 mark 2 marks 1/2 mark 1/2 mark
(b)	Write a letter to your friend sharing your travel Experience to Delhi.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From • To • Salutation • Subject • Body of the letter • Subscription • Superscription / Address on the envelope 	1/2 mark 1/2 mark 1/2 mark 1/2 mark 2 marks 1/2 mark 1/2 mark

46	Spot the errors and correct them.	
a)	i) We bought a lot of furniture. ii) Rajesh is one of the richest men in our village. iii) Ramesh is senior to venkat. iv) The news is good. v) The dog jumped over the wall.	1 Mark 1 Mark 1 Mark 1 Mark 1 Mark
	(or)	
b)	a) dew, due b) need c) must / should d) slept	5 Marks
47	Dialogue Writing.	5 Marks
a	Write a dialogue between a shopkeeper and customer about exchanging a washing machine.	
b	Comprehension passage.	
	i) The victory of the small Greek democracy of Athens over the mighty Persian Empire in 490 B.C	1 Mark
	ii) because Athens had interceded for the other Greek city-states in revolt against Persian domination	1 Mark
	iii) In Athens, all citizens helped to rule. Ennobled by the participation, Athenians were prepared to die for their city – state.	1 Mark
	iv) plain of marathon	1 Mark
	v) Greek soldiers seized Persians ships and burned them and the Persians fled in terror.	1 Mark

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