

NAMAKKAL DISTRICT QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2024

Class : 12

Time : 3.00 Hours

ENGLISH

Reg.No

12415

Total Marks : 90

PART - I

Answer all the questions.

20x1=20

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

1. She led me through a cool, tiled vestibule into the hospital.
(a) laundry (b) vehicle (c) villa (d) lobby
2. I was missing something basic that was full of solace for me.
(a) suffering (b) celebration (c) comfort (d) support
3. There were no more humps to tantalize us with hopes of success.
(a) visualize (b) taunt (c) tempt (d) teach

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

4. They were childish enough, and in many ways quite artless.
(a) cunning (b) innocent (c) guileless (d) helpful
5. This is curious to know that tea is one of the mainstays of civilization in many countries.
(a) uninteresting (b) interesting (c) eager (d) controversial
6. We can't appreciate light if we haven't known darkness.
(a) welcome (b) acknowledge (c) criticize (d) depreciate
7. Identify the correct combination of the compound word 'icefall'.
(a) Noun + Noun (b) Noun + Verb (c) Verb + Noun (d) Noun + Adjective
8. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the underlined word.
Sasikala is very patient with her students.
(a) ir (b) un (c) il (d) im

9. Fill in the blank with the correct tense form.
The plane _____ off in a few minutes.
(a) are taking (b) took (c) have taken (d) will take

10. Choose the correct word from the options given and complete the sentence.
Mpox is an infectious disease that can _____ anyone.
(a) effect (b) affect (c) fact (d) pact

11. Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.
Devaraj met his friend by chance at the airport.
(a) come upon (b) come up with (c) come over (d) come out

12. Choose the appropriate question tag and complete the sentence.
Let's close our eyes and meditate for some time, _____?
(a) can we (b) will we (c) shall we (d) don't we

13. Fill in the blank with a suitable prepositional phrase.
The boy studied well _____ many obstacles.
(a) in case of (b) on behalf of (c) in spite of (d) instead of

14. Choose the suitable meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.
The new manager is under a cloud after the leakage of the important emails.
(a) suspected (b) unexpected (c) trusted (d) protected

15. Fill in the blank with the appropriate linker.
Vasuki will certainly clear the NEET; _____ she works very hard.
(a) but (b) yet (c) though (d) for

16. Choose the word that has been spelt correctly.
(a) tubercoulis (b) tuberculosis (c) tuburculosis (d) tubercolusis

17. Fill in the blank with a suitable modal verb using the clue given in brackets.
Shanmugam _____ come today. (Remote possibility)
(a) might (b) will (c) may (d) must

18. Choose the word that can be placed after the word 'foot' to form a compound word.
(a) rock (b) route (c) mountain (d) hill

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19. Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition.

Her head was _____ the level of the table. So, nobody noticed her.

(a) besides (b) below (c) without (d) onto

20. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word 'resemble'.

(a) ity (b) ness (c) tion (d) ance

PART - II SECTION - 1

Answer any four of the following.

4x2=8

Read the sets of poetic lines given and answer the questions that follow.

21. All through the summer at ease we lay,

And daily from the turret wall

We watched the mowers in the hay

(a) How did the soldiers spend the summer days?

(b) What could they watch from the turret wall?

at ease / stress free / relaxed
mowers in the hay / movement of
enemies

22. A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound

No other tree could live.

(a) Which tree is referred to in the above lines?

(b) How does the tree survive the tight hold of the creeper?

casuarina tree
with its strength and mighty power
The tree is so strong

23. And far and near kokilas hail the day;

And to their pastures wend our sleepy cows;

(a) Name the bird that sings in the poet's garden.

(b) Pick out the words in alliteration in the given lines.

Kokilas

24. Then the whining school-boy, with his satchel

And shining morning face, creeping like snail

Unwillingly to school,

(a) Which stage of life is referred to here by the poet?

(b) Which figure of speech has been employed in the second line?

Schoolboy - 2nd stage

simile...

25. All the world's a stage

And all men and women merely players;

They have their exits and their entrances;

(a) What is the world compared to?

(b) What do the words 'entrances' and 'exits' mean?

a stage
birth-death

26. This is my son, mine own Telemachus,

To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle

(a) Who does Ulysses entrust his kingdom to, in his absence?

(b) Bring out the significance of the 'sceptre'.

his son Telemachus
Symbol of power

Answer any three of the following questions.

27. Priya said, "I want to give my sister a present." (Change into indirect speech)

28. Please open the door. (Change into the other voice) Let the door be opened.

29. Rajesh did not know Spanish, so he wanted a translator. (Rewrite as a complex sentence)

30. If I had won the prize money, I would have donated it to the flood victims. (Begin with 'Had')

Had I won...

PART - III SECTION - 1

Priya said that she wanted to give
her sister a present

3x2=6

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

31. Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,

Seeking the bubble reputation

All the world's a stage - William Shakespeare

32. To follow knowledge like a sinking star,

Beyond the utmost bound of human thought.

Ulysses - Alfred Tennyson

33. Our only enemy was gold,

And we had no arms to fight it with.

The Castle - Edyris Muir.

SECTION - 2

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

2x3=6

34. What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys?

35. Why does Dr. Barnard find suffering of children heartbreaking?

36. When did Hillary feel a sense of freedom and wellbeing?

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SECTION - 3

3x3=9

Answer any three of the following.

37. Build a dialogue between a father and his daughter about the advantages of the habit of newspaper reading with a minimum of six utterances.
38. Rearrange the following jumbled proverbs correctly.
 (a) of / best / is / revenge / the / forgiveness / form
 (b) need / in / friend / a / indeed / is / friend / a
 (c) sees / but / god / the / waits / truth /
39. Read the following sentences and classify them according to their fields.
 (a) Light to moderate rain is likely to occur at isolated places over Tamil Nadu tomorrow. *Weather*
 (b) Tamil Nadu para-shuttlers Thulasimathi and Manisha won the silver and bronze medal respectively in Paris Paralympics 2024. *Sports*
 (c) Slum tourism is a hit in Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru. *Travel*
- (Travel, Music, Weather, Medicine, Sports)

40. Study the following table and write three sentences based on your inference about the data.

India's Medals Table in Paris Olympics and Paralympics - 2024

S. No	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1. India in Olympics	-	1	5	6
2. India in Paralympics	3	7	10	20

PART - IV

7x5=35

Answer the following.

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
 (a) Discuss how the essay 'A Nice Cup of Tea' reveals the factual points and the author's personal opinions on the preparation of tea. (OR)
 (b) How did a casual incident in a hospital help Dr. Barnard perceive a new dimension of life?
42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
 (a) Describe the reminiscences of the poet when she sees the casuarina tree. (OR)
 (b) Explain the various stages of a man's life picturised in the poem "All the World's a Stage."
43. Answer in a paragraph of about 150 words developing the following hints.
 (a) Aksionov - young merchant of Vladimir - small family - trip to Nizhny Fair - meets merchant friend - stays at inn - Aksionov arrested - murder case - shifted to mines of Siberia - innocent convict for 26 years - grows old and weak - spends time in prayers - life of saint - respected by inmates - meets Makar and saves him - Makar feels guilty - confesses his crime - Aksionov forgives criminal - dies peacefully - order for release. (OR)
 (b) Ausable - clever secret agent - Fowler - a young writer - came to interview Ausable - both of them - entered Ausable's room - found Max - aimed pistol - Fowler - lose courage - Ausable - quick-witted man - complained balcony - intruder through window - management did not block - knocking door - police - extra protection - important paper - Max asked to hide in balcony - fell to death - no police - no balcony - Ausable's plan - to get rid of Max.
44. (a) Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.
 (b) The landslide that devastated a few villages of Wayanad a month ago is the biggest in India's recorded history, according to a study commissioned by the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority. The July 30 landslide resulted in a debris flow of nearly six million cubic metres - capable of filling 2,400 Olympic-sized swimming pools stretching eight kilometres downhill, the study found. Previously, the 1998 Malpa landslide in Uttarakhand held the record for the largest debris flow in the country. The Wayanad landslide was five times larger than Malpa and 300 times the size of the 2020 Pettimudi landslide in Munnar. The origin of the landslide has been pinned to the upstream area of Punnapuzha, deep within the forest on the eastern slope of the Western Ghats. The scale of the debris avalanche, which travelled eight kilometres from the landslide's crown, underscores its enormity. The generation of 5-6 million cubic metres of sediment is significantly larger than the Malpa landslide. Intense rain triggered the landslide and

the area's geology contributed to its scale. The landslide started as a rock slide and transformed into a debris flow. It was obstructed at Seethamma Kund, creating a damming effect before it burst into a debris avalanche. The debris' force was so powerful that it filled the entire riverbed, causing rocks the size of two trucks to be displaced 50 metres. These rocks, formed 250 crore years ago, had been weathered, by water and sun over the years. Landslides since 1984 had already removed the topsoil, making these rocks vulnerable. Typically, landslides halt at the surface of the rock. But here, the weathered rocks under the riverbed, oriented against the water flow, allowed the water to infiltrate and exacerbate the weathering, the study said. (OR)

- (b) Write a paragraph of about 150 words about the teacher you like most.
45. (a) Write a letter to AZ Company requesting them to replace the defective juicer that you bought recently. Include the following details: the problem, date of purchase, receipt number, model and warranty. (OR)
- (b) Write a letter to your friend who is admitted in hospital for treatment of jaundice. Advise him / her not to worry about the illness and be positive. Assure him / her of your psychological and financial help during the crisis.
46. (a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.
- Rekha had her evening meal in a restaurant near her office.
 - My grandfather is well-known in the village for his noble deeds. noble
 - If I were a spider, I ~~will~~ ^{would} weave webs.
 - After the complicated surgery, the patient hoped ~~of~~ ^{for} complete recovery.
 - George Orwell was a English essayist. (OR)
- (b) Fill in the blanks as instructed.
- Tajdeen had to face a difficult phase when he started a new school. (face / phase)
 - I think Sakthidevi will leave (leave) for Pudukkottai next morning. (Use the correct tense form)
 - The evil doers cannot cross the path of truth. (Add a suitable question tag) can they?
 - You must be joking. (Use a suitable modal verb)
47. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.

Mr. V. Irai Anbu is a 1988 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, writer, educator, social activist, and motivational speaker. He is the former Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu Government. Born on September 16, 1963 in Salem district, Irai Anbu holds multiple degrees and doctorates in the fields of agriculture, literature, psychology, administration etc. Self-confidence, willpower and untiring work have been the guideposts of his life. Irai Anbu started his career as the deputy collector in Nagapattinam district in 1990. Since then, he has held many significant positions in various departments covering economics and statistics, pollution control board, environment, tourism, etc. He served as the special officer for the World Tamil Conference in Thanjavur in 1995. During his tenure as a collector of the Kancheepuram district, he organized moonlight schools for children who worked in silk looms. Besides, he took an active part in ending child labour.

Questions:

- When and where was Irai Anbu born? on sep 16, 1963 in Salem
 - To which IAS batch did he belong? -1988
 - Where did he start his career? Nagapattinam
 - What did he organize in Kancheepuram during his tenure as a collector? Moonlight school
 - What are the guideposts of his life? (OR) Self-confidence, willpower, untiring work
- (b) Write a set of 10 instructions for the following situation - A traffic police personnel to the public, as to how to move around in safety, in crowded public places during festival seasons.

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PART -1 ONE MARK (20X1=20)	PART –II TWO MARK	PART-III THREE MARK	PART-IV FIVE MARK (7X5=35 MARKS)
1. d. lobby 2. c. comfort 3. b. taunt 4. a. cunning 5. a. uninteresting 6. c. criticize 7. b. Noun+ verb 8. d. im 9. d. will take 10. b. affect 11. a. come upon 12. c. shall we? 13. c. in spite of 14. a. suspected 15. d. for 16. b. tuberculosis 17. a. might 18. d. hill 19. b. below 20. d. ance Best wishes by WIN ENGLISH 9043732201	<p style="text-align: center;">SECTION -1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TWO MARK (4X2=8) ANY FOUR</p> 21. a. at ease/stress free/relaxed b. mowers in the hay/movement of the enemies 22. a. The casuarina tree b. The tree is so strong that it bears the tight hold of the creeper. 23. a. kokilas b. * any relevant answer 24. a. 2 nd stage - schoolboy b. simile 25. a. a stage b. birth-death 26. a. his son, Telemachus b. sceptre – symbol of kingly power <p style="text-align: center;">SECTION -2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(3X2=6) ANY THREE</p> 27. Priya said that she wanted to give her sister a present. 28. Let the door be opened./ The door should be opened. 29. As Rajesh did not know Spanish, he wanted a translator. / Rajesh wanted a translator because he did not know Spanish. 30. Had I won the prize money, I would have donated it to the flood victims.	<p style="text-align: center;">SECTION -1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(2X3=6) ANY TWO</p> 31. All the world’s stage – William Shakespeare 32. Ulysses – Alfred Tennyson 33. The Castle – Edwin Muir <p style="text-align: center;">SECTION -2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(2x3=6 marks) ANY TWO</p> 34. What were the various jobs undertaken? - shining shoes, selling fruits, hawking newspapers, guiding tourists and running errands 35. Why does Barnard find suffering heartbreaking? -The children trust the doctors completely. Even if the doctors cannot help them, they accept their fate without any complaint. 36. When did Hillary feel a sense of freedom ? - When Hillary removed the oxygen cylinder, ... <p style="text-align: center;">SECTION -3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(3X3=9) ANY THREE</p> 37. Dialogue between a father and his daughter about the merits of newspaper reading habit. 38. Rearrange the proverbs. a. The best form of revenge is forgiveness. b. A friend in need is a friend indeed. c. God sees the truth but waits. 39. a. Weather b. Sports c. Travel 40. Write sentences based on inference.	41. a. A NICE CUP OF TEA b. IN CELEBRATION OF BEING ALIVE 42. a. OUR CASUARINA TREE b. ALL THE WORLD’S A STAGE. 43. a. GOD SEES THE TRUTH BUT WAITS b. THE MIDNIGHT VISITOR 44. a. summary(Title-1, Rough copy-1,Fair copy-3) OR NOTE MAKING b. Para on your favourite TEACHER 45. a. letter to replace the defective juicer b. Letter to friend who is admitted in hospital 46. a. i. Rekha had her evening <u>meal</u> in a restaurant near her office. ii. My grandfather is well-known in the village for his <u>noble</u> deeds. iii. If I were a spider, I <u>would</u> weave webs. iv. After the complicated surgery, the patient <u>hoped for</u> complete recovery. v. George Orwell was <u>an</u> English essayist. b. i. face, phase ii. will leave iii. can they? iv. must 47.a. i. on Sep 16, 1963 in Salem district. ii. 1988 batch iii. as the deputy collector in Nagapattinam district iv. moonlight schools ... v. self-confidence, willpower and untiring work.... b. a set of 10 instructions given by a traffic police personnel to the pubic.