QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2024

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ENGLISH

Class : 8   **Marks:100**

Time : 2.30 Hrs.

PART -I (VOCABULARY)

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the underlined words.   **14×1=14**

1. The mother <u>consoled</u> the little girl.

    a) pretended   b) comforted   c) left   d) scolded

2. Miniature paintings <u>depict</u> Indian culture.

    a) wrap   b) portray   c) twist   d) falsify

3. He cared little for earthly <u>fame</u> and honours.

    a) disrespect   b) attraction   c) proud   d) popularity

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words.

4. She is very <u>careless</u> and ignorant.

    a) meticulous   b) careful   c) ignorant   d) hopeful

5. Ilavazhagi <u>won</u> world championship in 2008.

    a) attained   b) succeeded   c) lost   d) achieved

6. Isaac <u>possessed</u> a wonderful faculty of acquiring knowledge.

    a) owned   b) controlled   c) lacked   d) have

7. Choose the correct homophone for 'knight'.

    a) right   b) bite   c) night   d) light

8. Choose the correct plural form of 'crisis'.

    a) crises   b) cryes   c) crisis   d) criss

9. Choose the right option and make a compound word of 'eye'.

    a) class   b) room   c) master   d) sight

10. Add the correct prefix for - 'sense'.

    a) in   b) non   c) un   d) re

11. Add the correct suffix for 'friend'-.

    a) ness   b) ful   c) ship   d) er

12. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation PDF.

   a) Portable Document Format   b) Portable Document Formula

   c) Portable Document Form   d) Portable Document Formal

13. Choose the correct expansion of the acronym VAT.

   a) Value Added Tax   b) Value Adding Tax

   c) Valued Added Tax   d) Value Add Tax

14. Find the number of syllables in the word 'security'.

   a) 3   b) 2   c) 5   d) 4

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PART -II
SECTION-I (PROSE)

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Answer any THREE of the following questions in a sentence or two.   3×2=6

15. What did Meenakshi Ammal tell her daughter?

16. Why writing is beneficial according to Mani?

17. Why were his friends attracted by the windmill?

18. How was Newton honoured by the king?

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SECTION-II (POEM)

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Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any THREE of the following.   3×2=6

19.   "*I just wanted you to know.*
      That you are my special hero"

        a) Who is the speaker?

        b) Who is 'the special hero' mentioned in the poem?

20   "*If all the children could read,*

      In constructing a vigorous society."

        a) What can children do to society if they read?

        b) According to the poet who should read books?

40. Look at the given picture and describe it in five sentences.

41. Punctuate the following sentence.

here comes someone running said the hermit

SECTION-V (READING COMPREHENSION)

42. Read the following passage and answer the questions. **3×2=6**

Most of us spend our leisure time indoors, watching TV or playing video games. This makes us lazy and also leads to many diseases. We become dull and unimaginative mentally. But all this can be reversed with regular sports activities.

i) What makes us lazy?

ii) We become _____ and _____ mentally.

iii) How do you spend your leisure time?

21. "*To make this life worthwhile*
   And heaven a surer heritage."
   a) What does the poet assure if we make our life worthwhile?
   b) What should be made worthwhile?

22. "*Seems it was sent to me*
   from some place up above."
   a) What do the above lines mean?
   b) Who is the speaker?

SECTION-III (GRAMMAR)

Answer any FOUR of the following. **4×2=8**

23. Fill in the blanks with suitable **collective nouns**.
   i) A _____ of tea (cup/pair).
   ii) A _____ of singers (flock/choir).

24. Fill in the blanks with suitable **degrees of comparison**.

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
long	longer	
	smaller	smallest

25. Fill in the blanks using the correct **preposition**.
   i) I was born _____ 1982. (in/on)
   ii) Her shift gets over _____ 7 p.m. (at/in)

26. Fill in the blanks using the correct **modals.**
   i) I _____ be late today. (may/can)
   ii) I _____ speak a little Russian. (may/can)

27. Change the underlined words with correct **pronoun.**
   i) Neil Armstrong was born in 1930. Neil Armstrong landed on the moon in 1969. (he/she)
   ii) Muthu likes computer games, but he doesn't play computer games very often. (it/them)

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PART III
SECTION-I (PROSE)

Answer any TWO questions in about three or four sentences. **2×5=10**

28. Why did Newton's friends advice his grandmother to apprentice him to a clock maker?

29. How did Ajay's father find his son's talent?

30. Why did the sparrow throw the nose-jewel into Ramayya's house?

SECTION-II (POEM)

31. Quote from memory. **1×5=5**

   Seems it was……………..

   …………………….special hero.

32. Read the following stanza and answer the questions. **2+2+1=5**

> *It teaches me*
> *To cackle and cry*
> *Without wings*
> *It lets me fly.*

i) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.

ii) Pick out the alliterated words from the above lines.

iii) Write the rhyme scheme for the given stanza.

33. Write a paragraph on the father's love as described in the poem.

1×5=5

SECTION-III (SUPPLEMENTARY)

34. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order. **3×5=15**

i) Arun was waiting at platform number 8 for his train.

ii) Finally Arun said, 'Goodbye mother.'

iii) Sathish came with his mother.

iv) Arun disliked Sathish's mother.

v) The woman in white saree became friend with Arun.

35. Read the following passage and answer the questions.

   Jim Corbett played a key role in establishing, India's first national park in the Kumaon Hills, the Hailey National Park, in Uttarakhand, India. It was initially named after, Lord Malcolm Hailey. Jim Corbett died on 19 April 1955. The park was renamed in 1957 as, The Jim Corbett National Park. It was named after him to honour his role in establishing this protected area in 1930s.

   i) Who played a key role in establishing the national park?

   ii) It was initially named after _____.

   iii) When was it renamed as Jim Corbett National Park?

   iv) Where is the national park located?

   v) Give the synonym of **'preserved.'** (from the last line)

36. Match the following.

i) Woman in white - Smiling broadly
ii) Train - boy of same age
iii) Bowler - dressed simply
iv) Sathish - waves of stream
v) Grinning - Arun

SECTION-IV (WRITING)

Answer any FOUR of the following. **4×5=20**

37. Write a letter to your sister suggesting her to take part in cultural programme in school annual day celebration.

38. Write a complaining letter to the Transport Manager, TNSTC on non-stopping of buses near your school bus stop.

39. Develop the following hints into a paragraph.

   Akbar-Birbal-courtiers jealous of Birbal-ask Akbar-test-Birbal wiseness- courtier puts a question-how many crows in Agra- Birbal asked for a week-everyday sitting in terrace-looking at the crows-after a week-courtier- asks-Birbal says 156757 crows-asks the courtier to check-Akbar laughs.