♦ COMMON QUARTERLY EXAM - 2024
Standard - VIII

Time : 2.30 hrs   **ENGLISH**   Marks: 100

14×1=14

Part - I

Choose the appropriate Synonyms for the underlined words.

1) The mother **consoled** her little girl
   a) pretended   b) comforted   c) left   d) shouting

2) Ajay started to paint **happily**
   a) depressed   b) joyfully   c) unhappily   d) sadly

3) He will make a **capital** workman
   a) wealth   b) excellent   c) profitable   d) head

Choose the appropriate Antonyms for the underlined words.

4) Ramaya's wife picked the diamond stud up with **delight**
   a) joy   b) happily   c) sorrow

5) Illavazhagi **won** the world championship in 2008
   a) win   b) lost   c) succeed   d) success

6) Isaac **possessed** a wonderful faculty of acquiring knowledge.
   a) Owned   b) have   c) lacked   d) consumed

7) Choose the correct Plural form of 'fungus' from the following
   a) fung   b) fungs   c) fungi

8) Attach a suitable prefix to the word 'call'
   a) re-   b) im-   c) di-   d) un-.

9) Choose the correct Expansion of the word 'OTP'
   a) One Time Password   b) One Ticket Password
   c) Optional Time Password   d) One Time Pass

10) Fill in the blanks with suitable 'Collective noun'
    A _____ of ants. a) swarm   b) cup

11) Fill in the blanks with suitable 'Modal Verb'
    I _____ speak English fluently. a) can   b) must   c) may   d) should

12) Choose the suitable option to pair it with word _____ park to form a Compound word
    a) car   b) rain   c) fall   d) fill

13) Fill in the blanks with suitable "Preposition"
    We eat breakfast _____ the morning. a) on   b) into   c) in   d) at

14) 'Syllabification' of the word. "Tomorrow"
    a) Tomor-row   b) To-mor-row   c) To-morrow   d) To-mo-crow

Part - II
Section - 1 [Prose]

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

15) Who was suspected of stealing the diamond nose stud?
16) What happened to Ajay at the age of three?
17) Who was taking care of Newton after his father's death?
18) Where did the sparrows build the nest?

Section - II [Poetry]

Answer any three of the following questions. Read the following lines and answer the questions given below:-   3×2=6

19) "That you're my special hero
    And I wanted to tell you so
    a) Who is the speaker of the poem? *Poet.*
    b) Who is the special hero mentioned in the poem? *The poet, father*

20) "My hobby is reading
It helps me in thought breeding"
It takes me to places Near and far,
It keeps my rational Doors ajar".
a) What is the hobby of the poet? b) What is the meaning of the word 'ajar'?

[handwritten: Reading.   slightly open]

21) Every soul that touches yours-
Be it the slightest contact *[handwritten: Some goodness, kind, grace...]*
a) What should we learn from every soul?
One gleam of faith
To brave the thickening ills of life *[handwritten: Courage, faith, ability]*
b) What qualities will help us brave the thickening ills of life?

22) Seems it was sent to me
from some place up above *[handwritten: heaven.]*
a) What do the above lines mean? b) What did the child want to tell its dad?

[handwritten: fathers love is sent from ... special hero.]

Section - III [Grammar]
Answer any four of the following questions:-   4×2=8

23) Change the possessive adjective into Possessive pronoun
a) This is my pen   *mine*   b) His bike is red → *The red bike is his.*

24) Degrees of comparison. Fill in the blanks with correct form of Adjective.
A donkey is strong.
A horse is _____ than Donkey *stronger*
An elephant is the *strongest* *animal*.

25) Pick out the correct homophone:-
a) The wind _____ the leaves.   a) blue   b) blew
b) I have _____ the movie already.   a) scene   b) seen

26) Change the underlined words with correct pronoun
a) My aunt lives in Trichy but, my aunt often comes to visit my family
b) Neil Armstrong was born in 1930. Neil Armstrong landed on the moon in 1969.

27) Punctuate the following sentence:
Ramayya questioned her angrily from where did you get this diamond stud.

28) Modal verbs: Fill in the blanks using would you or could you
a) .... please close the door?
b) .... put out the lights?

Part - III
Section - I
Answer any two of the following in about 100 words: 2×5=10

29) Why did the sparrow throw the nose-jewel into Ramayya's house?
30) Write a note about Illavazhagi's achievements.
31) How did Ajay's father find his son's talent?
32) Mention some of Sir Isaac Newton's inventions.

Section - II
Answer any two of the following in almost 10 lines: 2×5=10

33) Write a paragraph on the father's love as described in the poem "Special Hero".
34) Write a paragraph on the poem "My hobby : Reading".
35) How this world will become a heavenly heritage?
36) Read the following stanza and answer the question given below
There is something special
About a father's love
Seems it was sent to me
From someplace up above

a) Pickout the rhyming words?
b) What is the rhyming scheme of the above stanza?
c) Pick out the alliterating words in the first line.
d) Mention the figure of speech in the poem lines?

Section - III

Answer any one of the following:-   1×5=5

37) **Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.**
   1. She advised him not to talk to the strangers.
   2. His friend, Sathish came with his mother.
   3. She bought him tea, samosa and sweets.
   4. lie met a woman in white saree at platform no.8
   5. Arun was travelling to his boarding school.

38) **Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:**
   Edward James Corbett, popularly known as Jim Corbett was a British wild life photographer, hunter, tracker, naturalist and writer. Jim Corbett played a key role in establishing, India's first national park in the Kumaon Hills, the Haily National Park, in Uttarkhand, India. It was initially named after, Lord Malcom Haily. 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.
   a) What was the real name of Jim Corbett?
   b) Who played a key role in establishing the national park?
   c) Why was the park named Haily National Park?
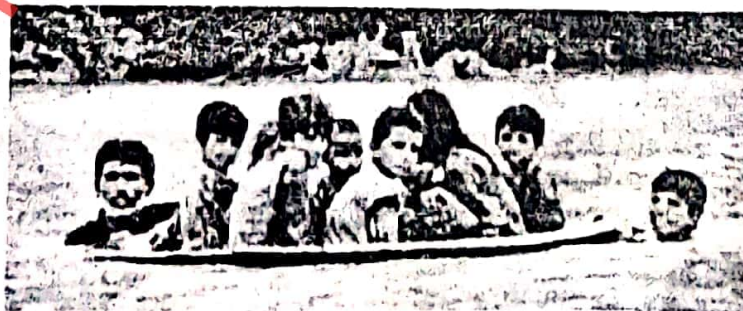   d) When was it renamed as Jim Corbett National Park?
   e) Jim Corbett died on ___

Section - IV

Answer any four of the following:-   4×5=20

39) **Choose the best answer:-**
   1) Sathish and Arun were ___ years old boys.
      a) 12   b) 11   c) 13   d) 10
   2) Sathish's mother handed to her son _____
      a) bag of pencil   b) bag of vegetables
      c) big box of chocolates   d) cricket ball
   3) The king wanted to know the answers for _____ questions
      a) three   b) five   c) nine
   4) The hermit lived ___
      a) cottage   b) palace   c) wood
   5) _____ played a key role in establishing. India's first national park in Uttarkhand.
      a) Johnson   b) Jim corbett   c) Jackson

40) Write a letter to your friend about your summer holidays.

41) Your school is going to organize an inter-school dance competition. Write a notice for your school notice board inviting all the interested students.

42) **Look at the following picture and express your views on it in about five sentences:**

43) **Identify the character/speaker:-** ~~Mother of Sn Thish~~
   1) I am glad to know that — *strange lady.*
   2) Are you all alone, my son? *strange lady.*
   3) He played a key role in establishing the nation park in Uttarakhand, India
   4) He is one of my friends. *Jathish*
   5) He wanted to know answers for his three questions.

44) **Spot the Error:-**
   a) A horse is strong~~er~~ than a donkey ———→ *stronger*
   b) An elephant is the stronger animal in the world —→ *strongest*
   c) I was born at July 4, 1982. ———→ *in*
   d) What is the time in your watch? ——→ *on.*
   e) He has grey hairs. ——→ *hair.*

Section - V (Memoriter)

45) **Quote from memory:-**   1×5=5
   From: Every soul .... To: ....unfelt

Part - IV [Supplementary]

46) **Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints. 1×8=8**
   a)   Jim Corbett - British hunter - hunted man eating tigers - hunted champawat man eating tiger - played a key role - establishing - India's first national park - kumaon Hills - the Haily National Park, in Uttarkhand, India - named after, Lord Malcom Haily- Jim corbett died -19 April 1955. The part - renamed - 1957 - The Jim Corbett National Park.
                                                   [or]
   b)   Once a king - wished - to get answers - three questions - what - right time - every action - who - most - necessary people - what -important thing - not satisfied - with answers - approached a hermit - king saved - life- of man - enemy- apology- got answers- right time - help others - important people - one with whom we are - most important thing - do good to all.

Part - V [General Comprehension]

47) **Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: 4×2=8**
   You may have heard of 3-D movies. You may have even seen one. The D in 3-D stands for dimensional. A dimension is a direction that something can be measured. Flat things can be measured in two ways. They can be measured by length and by width. That's why flat things are sometimes called 2-D or two-dimensional. Three dimensional things can be measured in three ways. They can be measured by length and width like flat things. They can also be measured by their height. Height is what lets them cme up off the paper or the screen. Three-dimensional shapes in math are called solids. Let's look at some of the most common solids. A cube has six square sides. The sides are called faces. A rectangular prism has six sides that are all shaped like rectangles. A sphere is shaped like Earth. It is also like a playground ball. A square pyramid has a square on the bottom, and four triangle shaped sides.

   Answer the following questions based on the reading passage.
   1) What is a dimension?
   2) How can flat, two-dimensional things be measured?
   3) What shape are the sides of a cube?
   4) Fill up: Three-dimensional shapes in math are called _____

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