

## COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2024

Standard IX

Reg.No. 

ENGLISH

Time : 3.00 hrs

Part - I

Marks : 100

Answer all the questions.

14 x 1 = 14

Choose the correct synonyms of the underlined words.

- I wanted to pursue cricket seriously.  
a) handshake    b) gloves    c) follow    d) avoid
- He would talk to me about the nuances of batting.  
a) subtle changes    b) agreed    c) lied    d) promised
- He muttered to himself.  
a) public    b) mumbled    c) common    d) popular

Choose the correct antonyms of the underlined words.

- It hadn't changed much.  
a) bore    b) accomodate    c) unchanged    d) adopt
- The Jackfruit tree was my favourite place.  
a) common    b) hatred    c) important    d) different
- A blessing rests on the house, where the shadow of the tree falls.  
a) gratitude    b) luck    c) chance    d) curse
- Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix : relation  
a) able    b) ful    c) ant    d) ship
- Fill in the blanks choosing the correct homophone given in the brackets.  
Palani bought \_\_\_\_\_ tickets. (to / two)
- Fill in the blanks choosing the correct preposition.  
He returned \_\_\_\_\_ the USA yesterday. (on / from)
- Form anagram of the following word : HEART
- Fill in the blank choosing the correct prepositional phrase.  
Sairfa won gold medal \_\_\_\_\_ her hard work.  
a) according to    b) in spite of    c) because of
- Write the infinitive form of the verb in the blanks.  
You promised \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) me a bicycle.
- Identify the phrase of the following.  
Texting on his phone, the man swerved into a ditch.
- Fill in the blank with correct degrees of comparison.  
Fruits are \_\_\_\_\_ (healthy) than pizza.  
a) healthier    b) healthier    c) more healthy    d) most healthy

Part - II

Section - I

Answer any three of the following questions.

3 x 2 = 6

- Who were Sachin's favourite players?
- What did the visitor hide in the Jackfruit tree?
- What did Sachin do during the thirty minute break?
- Why did Jim run from school?

Section - II

3 x 2 = 6

Read the following set of poetic lines and answer any three of the following.

- My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near.  
a) Who is the speaker?    b) Why should the horse think it queer?

20. I was angry with my friend  
I told my wrath, my wrath did end.  
a) Whom does 'I' refer to? b) How did the anger of poet come to an end?
21. It has grown  
Slowly consuming the earth,  
Rising out of it, feeding  
Upon its crust, absorbing  
a) How has the tree grown? b) What does the tree feed from the crust?
22. And miles to go before I sleep  
And miles to go before I sleep  
a) Why the poet has used the same line twice? b) Explain miles to go before I sleep.

## Section - III

Answer any three of the following.

3 x 2 = 6

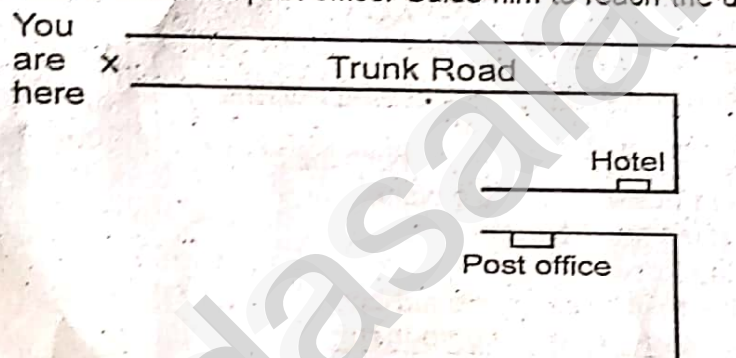
23. Gold is costlier than silver. (change into positive degree)
24. Identify the *Non-Finite verb* in the following sentences.  
a) They want to try a new approach. b) Trying is easy.
25. *Punctuate* : i ll help you she said
26. *Combine the following sentence into a compound sentence.*  
Rani was i ll She was hospitalised.
27. *Rearrange the words in the correct order.*  
a) a / made / ll / cake / now b) pray / will / you / ll / for

## Section - IV

Answer the following.

1 x 2 = 2

28. Your friend wants to visit the post office. Guide him to reach the destination.

Part - III  
Section - I

Answer any two of the following.

2 x 5 = 10

29. Archrekar was a 'Sincere coach' - Substantiate.
30. How did the children handle the situation?
31. Why did the narrator give the cross to the girl?
32. Write about the man's reminiscences of his youthful days at the old house.

## Section - II

Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines.

2 x 5 = 10

33. "A Tree doesn't grown in a day" - Explain it with reference to the poem "On killing a Tree"
34. Describe the effect of the poisonous fruit on the enemy?
35. *Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.*  
And I water'd it in fears  
Night and morning with my tears  
And I sunned it with smiles  
And with soft deceitful wiles.

- a) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.
  - b) Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.
  - c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line.
  - d) Pick out the alliterated words.
36. **Paraphrase the following stanza.**

Then the matter  
of scorching and choking  
In sun and air  
Browning, hardening  
Twisting, withering  
And then it is done

### Section - III

Answer any one of the following.

1 x 5 = 5

37. **Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.**

- a) Brij searched for his sister's body.
- b) The Army officer reached there after four days.
- c) Molthi was destroyed by the earthquake.
- d) He couldn't find it.
- e) The soldiers rescued the dead bodies.

38. **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

When the good old man saw that the dog, whom he had lent, did not come home he went next door to ask what had become of him ; and the wicked old man answered that he had killed the dog and buried him at the root of a pine tree, so the good old fellow, with a heavy heart, went to the spot, and having set out a tray with delicate food, he burnt incense, and adorned the grave with flowers, as he shed tears over his lost pet.

#### Questions.

- a) What does the good old man lent?
- b) What happened to the dog?
- c) Where the dog was buried?
- d) What did the good old fellow offered at the grave?
- e) Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

### Section - IV

Answer any four of the following.

4 x 5 = 20

39. **Prepare an advertisement on the information given below.**

Laptop - Computer - Shop - systems for students - special discounts - affordable price - limited period offer - details visit [www.huge.com](http://www.huge.com)

40. You are the school pupil leader. Write a letter to the Inspector of Police requesting him to give awareness to your school children about drugs.
41. You are the school pupil leader, your school Headmaster asked you to inform the students about a trip to Ooty for 3 days. Prepare a notice giving details such as date of journey, mode of transportation, amount, dress etc.,
42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in above five sentences.



43. **Make notes (OR) Write a summary writing.**

Closely connected with the conservation of water supplies is the problem of afforestation. The systematic planting of suitable trees in every possible or even in impossible areas and the development of what one can call civilized forests, as distinguished from wild and untamed tangle, is one of the most urgent needs of India. Such plantation would directly and indirectly prove a source of untold wealth to the country. They would check soil erosion and conserve the rainfall of the country from flowing away to waste, and would provide the necessary supplies of cheap fuel, and thus render unnecessary the wasteful conversion of farmyard manure into a form of fuel.

44. **Identify and correct the errors.**

- i) He is angry on me. ii) I prefer coffee than tea.  
 iii) The cat drink milk. iv) He is a honest man.  
 v) Each of the cycles are damaged.

45. **Quote from memory :**

1 x 5 = 5

Whose woods .....  
 ..... Think it queer.

**Part - IV**46. **Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints. 1 x 8 = 8**

- a) Margie - eleven years old - school - house - teacher - machine - computer - big screen - paper slot - test papers - homeworks - calculate marks - test after test - geography - mother - called - country inspector - repair - hope - put it together - hated - schools. (OR)  
 b) Old couple - dog - treasure - neighbour - borrowed - killed - dug - pine tree - mortar - burnt - ashes withered - blossom - awarded - King.

47. **Read the passage and answer the following questions. 1 x 8 = 8**

- a) Karagattam is a popular folk dance of Tamil Nadu, which involves balancing a pot on the head to musical accompaniment. The Karagam pots are decorated with a cone of flower arrangements, topped by a paper parrot. The parrot swings as the dancer swings along.

Karagattam has two divisions, atta karagam and sakthi karagam. This form of dance is very popular all over Tamil Nadu. Both male and female performers participate in this dance. Acrobatics such as dancing on a rolling block of wood, moving up and down a ladder, threading a needle while bending backwards form a part of this dance.

- i) What is Karagattam? ii) Name the two types of Karagattam.  
 iii) How are the karagattam pots decorated?  
 iv) Say True or False: Only female performers participate in Karagattam.  
 v) When does the parrot swing in Karagattam? (OR)

b) **Read the poetic lines and answer the questions.**

When I went out I stole an orange  
 I kept it my pocket

If felt like a warm planet  
 Everywhere I got into an awkward situation would  
 Take the orange out and smell it  
 And immediately even dead branches, I saw  
 The lovely and fierce orange blossom.

**Questions:**

- i) What did the poet steal? ii) How did the orange feel?  
 iii) When would he smell the oranges? iv) How are oranges described?

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