

# COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - SEPTEMBER 2018

Standard X

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Language - Part II - ENGLISH - PAPER - I

Time Allowed: 2.30 Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

**Instructions:** 1. Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.

2. Use Blue or Black ink to write and underline.

## SECTION - A [VOCABULARY - 20 MARKS]

### PART - I

- 1) Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined word: 5x1=5
- The Beggar was a wizened (i) old man with a face like wrinkled parchment (ii) and a most piteous (iii) expression. Over his shoulders was flung a coarse (iv) brown cloak, all tears and tatters; his thick boots were patched. He held out his hands for alms (v).

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|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------|
| i) a) looked dried up | b) speckled       | c) ruggish   | d) dirty  |
| ii) a) wet            | b) piece of paper | c) wrinkled  | d) box    |
| iii) a) oppressed     | b) irritated      | c) furious   | d) sad    |
| iv) a) curled         | b) heavy          | c) rough     | d) torn   |
| v) a) offerings       | b) coppers        | c) sovereign | d) hunger |

- 2) Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined word: 5x1=5
- Chaya's day began long before sunrise, when she and her five children fanned out in the darkness (i), armed with plastic jugs of every size. After day break, the rumour (ii) of a tap with running water sent her stumbling in a panic (iii) through the slum's narrow (iv) corridors. Now, with her containers still empty and the sun blazing overhead (v), she has returned home for a moment's rest.

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| i) a) brightness  | b) dim      | c) sparkle     | d) lightness |
| ii) a) gossip     | b) fact     | c) information | d) lie       |
| iii) a) suffering | b) fear     | c) afraid      | d) brave     |
| iv) a) small      | b) delicate | c) wide        | d) long      |
| v) a) above       | b) farther  | c) underneath  | d) underline |

### PART - II

Answer any TEN of the following:

10x1=10

- 3) The common expansion of TAFE is
- |                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| a) TamilNadu Forest Executive   | b) TamilNadu Farm Equipment   |
| c) Tractor and Farm Expenditure | d) Tractor and Farm Equipment |
- 4) Choose the sentence that is correct in its meaning:
- a) Sit here and listen to what I have to tell you.  
b) Sit hear and listen to what I have to tell you.
- 5) Replace the underlined word with its equivalent American English word:  
Could you please drop this letter in the Post box?
- 6) Which of the words given below can be placed before screen to form a compound word:
- |         |        |         |         |
|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| a) road | b) car | c) wind | d) main |
|---------|--------|---------|---------|
- 7) What is the plural form of terminus?
- |            |             |                |
|------------|-------------|----------------|
| a) termini | b) termines | c) terminusses |
|------------|-------------|----------------|
- 8) Attach a suffix to the word 'violet' from the list given below to complete the sentence:  
Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ violet rays are harmful.
- |           |           |           |          |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| a) -trans | b) -inter | c) -ultra | d) -over |
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- 9) Replace the underlined word in the sentence with one of the phrasal verbs given below to convey the same meaning:  
I will discard these letters.
- |              |              |             |             |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| a) throw off | b) throw out | c) take off | d) take out |
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- 10) Separate the syllables of any one of the following words:  
a) extravaganza      b) magnanimous      c) surplus
- 11) Choose the appropriate word:  
Cherrapunji people \_\_\_\_\_ rain water.  
a) waste      b) save
- 12) Construct a sentence using any one of the words given below:  
a) continually      b) continuity      c) continue
- 13) Reframe the sentence using the underlined word as a verb:  
His writing was legible.
- 14) Which of the two sentences given below convey the following meaning?  
He never listens to me.  
a) He hardly listens to me.      b) He seldom listens to me.

**SECTION - B [GRAMMAR - 25 MARKS]**

**PART - I**

Answer all the questions. Respond to the following as directed:  $10 \times 1 = 10$

- 15) Which of the options given below will suit the following sentence?  
If the battery is charged \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) the light will shine      b) the light would shine      c) the light would have shone
- 16) Identify the pattern of the following sentence:  
Experience made him wiser.  
a) SVOA      b) SVIDDO      c) SVOC
- 17) Choose the correct question tag for the following statement:  
Students of Std X have no time to waste, \_\_\_\_\_?  
a) have they?      b) haven't they?      c) aren't they?
- 18) Complete the sentence:  
No other animal is \_\_\_\_\_ the giraffe.  
a) so tall as      b) the tallest      c) taller than
- 19) Choose the correct sentence which correctly conveys the meaning of the sentence given below:  
Nothing is impossible in life.  
a) Everything is possible in life.      b) Something is impossible in life.  
c) Nothing is possible in life.
- 20) Complete the sentence with a correct prepositional phrase:  
The cricket match continued \_\_\_\_\_ heavy rains.  
a) in the event of      b) because of      c) in spite of
- 21) Choose the correct verb form to complete the sentence:  
He assisted me in \_\_\_\_\_ this form.  
a) filling      b) filled      c) to fill
- 22) Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence:  
The Headmaster wanted to discuss \_\_\_\_\_ with the teachers.  
a) on the matter      b) about the matter      c) the matter
- 23) Choose the appropriate article to complete the sentence:  
"What \_\_\_\_\_ amazing model!", whispered Hughie.  
a) a      b) an      c) the
- 24) Choose the appropriate preposition to complete the sentence:  
The ladder is placed \_\_\_\_\_ the wall.  
a) upon      b) on      c) against

**PART - II**

Answer the following. Rewrite as directed:

- 25) Combine the two sentences into a single sentence:  $5 \times 2 = 10$   
The tea is very hot. He cannot drink it.
- 26) Rewrite the sentence using the passive voice:  
They must arrest the culprits.
- 27) Rewrite the sentence in indirect speech:  
Nageraj said to his father, "Will you allow me to go on an excursion to Kerala?"
- 28) From the context of the two sentences given below frame a single sentence using the 'If' clause:  
Rama studies well. He passes the exam.

- 29) Read the following sentences about a group of girls and write an observation in a single sentence using any one of the degrees of comparison:
- Radha is 5 feet tall.
  - Radhika is 5.2 feet tall.
  - Thendral is 5.2 feet tall.
  - Usha is 5.5 feet tall.
  - Nirmala is 6 feet tall.

**PART - III**

- 30) Punctuate the following sentence: 1x5=5  
how much does a model get for sitting asked hughie

**SECTION - C [PROSE - 15 MARKS]****PART - I****5x2=10**

Answer briefly any five of the following questions not exceeding 30 words each:

- Why did Hughie look very glum and curse himself?
- How did Oliver Messiaen utilize his time in the prison?
- Why isn't music an extravaganza or a hobby?
- What are the two valuable qualities to be practised by you as students?
- Why should be the students' attitude towards the government?
- What was their first meal of the day?
- What according to Diwan Singh will happen if the rivers dwindle?

**PART - II****1x5=5**

Answer in a paragraph any one of the following questions not exceeding 120 words:

- Who was Hughie? How had Hughie treated the model who posed for Trevor? **(OR)**
- Describe the daily routine of Chaya and her family. **(OR)**
- How is character important in life?

**SECTION - D [POETRY - 20 MARKS]****PART - I**

Quote from memory any one of the following extracts: 1x5=5

- 39) a) Five lines of the poem "Going for water"  
From : The barren boughs .....  
To : ..... To hiding new. **(OR)**
- b) Five lines of the poem "Manliness"  
From : If you can .....  
To : ..... and sinew.

**PART - II****5x1=5**

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions given below:

- Appearances can be deceptive,  
And to the superficial gaze  
What is superficial gaze?
- A child sitting under the piano, in the beam of the tingling strings  
Who is sitting under the piano?
- And treat these two impostors just the same;  
Who are the two impostors?
- But once within the wood, we paused  
Like games that hid us from the moon,  
What are gnomes?
- We ran as if to meet the moon.  
Whom does 'we' refer to?

**PART - III**

Read the following lines from the poems you have studied and answer the questions given below: 5x1=5

- 45) The well was dry beside the door,  
And so we went with pail and can  
Across the fields behind the house  
To seek the brook if still it ran;  
Bring out the rhyme scheme used in these lines.
- 46) Softly in the dusk, a woman is singing to me;  
Taking me back down the vista of years, till I see



A child sitting under the piano, in the boom of tinkling strings  
And pressing the small, poised feet of a mother who smiles as she sings.  
Pick out the rhyming words in these lines.

- 47) Pile of purple crystals  
Sparkling in the light.  
Identify the words which make this sentence an example of Alliteration.
- 48) A slender tinkling fall that made  
Find out the onomatopoeic word in the above line.
- 49) May seem plain as plain can be?  
Identify the figure of speech employed here.

## PART - IV

1×5=5

Answer any one of the following questions in a paragraph not exceeding 120 words:

- 50) a) How is the gods similar to some people as expressed by the poet in "Beautiful Inside"? (OR)
- b) Describe the various qualities of manliness? (OR)
- c) Describe the experiences of the children on their way to the brook to seek water?

## SECTION - E [LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS - 20 MARKS]

## PART - I

- 51) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 5×2=10

It took three long years for my coming into existence, after the idea of a new currency was conceived. I was first conceived and named on 1st Jan, 1999, when eleven European countries decided to have a new money form i.e. Euro. My value was determined as per the conversion rate fixed by these countries in terms of their own currencies. On 1st January 2002, I was circulated as currency notes when twelve countries adopted me as their currency. Some countries opposed the idea of using me and initially refused to accept me. But not almost all the European countries have accepted me as a valid currency. My brother Dollar who is in America, my mother Lira residing in Italy and my sister Sterling were quite jealous of me but soon they accepted my existence and started respecting me. I now enjoy a place of pride among all the currencies in the world and almost everyone accepts me freely.

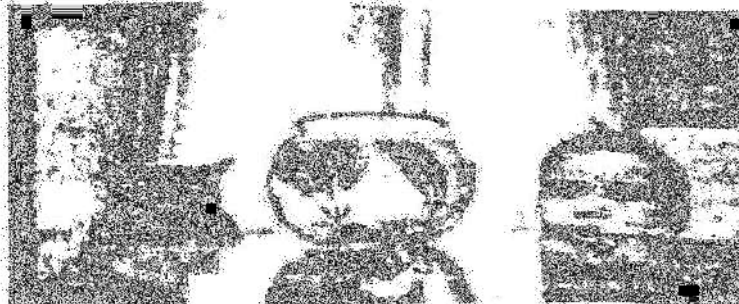
Questions:

- a) When did Euro come into worldwide acceptance?  
b) Euro was accepted without opposition - Is this statement true or false?  
c) Bring out the sibling rivalry in the family of Euro.  
d) What is the present status of Euro?  
e) Who is Euro's sister?

- 52) Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences: 5×1=5

- a) If I were a bird, I will fly to the sky.      b) I walked fast and I missed the bus.  
c) The dog fell along the river.              d) A American lives near my house.  
e) Though he was poor but he was happy.

- 53) Look at the picture given below and answer the questions in one or two sentences of your own: 5×1=5



Questions:

- a) What do you see in this picture?      b) How many fishes are inside the fish tank?  
c) Why is the cat watching the fish tank?  
d) Why is the baby watching the fish tank?      e) Frame a Title to this picture.

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