

COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - SEPTEMBER 2019

Standard - 12

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LANGUAGE - PART-II - ENGLISH

Time Allowed: 2.30 Hours

Maximum Marks: 90

- Instructions:** 1. Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.
2. Use only Blue or Black ink to write and underline.

PART - I

I. Answer all the questions. Write the correct answers along with the corresponding option codes: 20×1=20

Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined words from the options given:

- 1) Yet their devotion had touched me deeply.
a) dedication b) information c) satisfaction d) vexation
- 2) In some countries under the spout to catch the stray leaves.
a) tender b) rotten c) loose d) harmful
- 3) I had eleven broken ribs and perforated lung.
a) weak b) swollen c) sticky d) punctured

Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined words from the options given:

- 4) A few days before the race, his shoulder and arm were amputated.
a) removed b) joined c) treated d) touched
- 5) but at least four others are acutely controversial.
a) proactive b) doubtful c) agreeable d) enthusiastic
- 6) He glanced at us hopefully.
a) positively b) desperately c) furiously d) confidently
- 7) Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word 'power'.
a) im_____ b) em_____ c) un_____ d) de_____
- 8) The term 'asphyxia' denotes the state of _____.
a) inadequate oxygen in blood b) insufficient water content in body
c) excessive loss of blood d) lack of calcium in bones
- 9) Select the correct expansion of the acronym 'RAM'.
a) Random Accurate Memory b) Rapid Access Memory
c) Rapid Accurate Memory d) Random Access Memory
- 10) Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'safe' to form a compound word.
a) coat b) guard c) pin d) setting
- 11) Choose the clipped form of the word 'introduction'.
a) introd b) intron c) duction d) intro
- 12) Choose the meaning of the foreign phrase in the sentence.
My grandpa had a tete-a-tete with the family members.
a) public meeting b) group discussion
c) serious argument d) private conversation
- 13) Add suitable question tag to the following sentence.
The caricature is very funny, _____?
a) is it b) does it c) doesn't it d) isn't it
- 14) Replace the underlined word with a phrasal verb.
Raju looks weak because of his recent illness.
a) run out b) run down c) run off d) run over

- 15) Choose the odd one out on the basis of syllabification.
 a) reunite b) employees c) education d) organize
- 16) Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition.
 We shall meet tomorrow evening _____ 6 p.m.
 a) since b) after c) during d) within
- 17) Choose the right euphemism (polite alternative) for the word 'deaf'.
 a) soft listener b) orally challenged
 c) hearing impaired d) aurally defective
- 18) Fill in the blank with the suitable relative pronoun.
 The horse _____ won the race has a beautiful mane.
 a) who b) whom c) which d) what
- 19) Complete the sentence choosing the appropriate word from the options given.
 Animals have _____.
 a) pass b) paws c) pause d) phase
- 20) Choose the correct plural form of the word focus.
 a) foci b) focuses c) focusis d) focis

PART - II

II. Answer any SEVEN of the following:

7×2=14

- i) Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any FOUR of the following:

4×2=8

- 21) *'Our gates were strong, our walls were thick
 So smooth and high, no man could win'.*
 a) What 'gates' are talked of here?
 b) Explain 'no man could win'.
- 22) *'We could do nothing, being sold'*
 a) Why couldn't they do anything?
 b) Why did they feel helpless?
- 23) *'Like a huge Python, winding round and round'*
 a) What looks like a Python?
 b) Identify the poetic device employed here.
- 24) *'Whereon all day are gathered bird and bee'*
 a) Where did the creatures gather?
 b) Pick out the words in alliteration.
- 25) *'With spectacles on nose and pouch on sides'*
 a) What does 'pouch' mean?
 b) Which stage of man is referred to here?
- 26) *'They have their exits and their entrances'*
 a) What do 'exits' and 'entrances' denote?
 b) Find out the figure of speech used here.

3×2=6

ii) Do as directed: [any three]

27) Report the following dialogue:

Doctor : What is the problem?

Patient : I have a severe head-ache, doctor. I have to attend a meeting in an hour.

Doctor : Take this table right not. You will be alright.

28) The boy is very hungry. He does not eat.

[Combine into a compound sentence]

29) We expect good news shortly. [Change the voice]

- 30) Unless I win a lottery, I cannot help you. [Change the sentence using 'if']

PART - III

III. Answer any SEVEN of the following:

- i) Explain any TWO of the following with reference to the context:

7×3=21

2×3=6

31) 'Only a bird could have got in'.

32) 'And shining morning face, creeping like snail
Unwillingly to school'.

33) 'I saw thee, in my loved native clime'.

2×3=6

ii) Answer any TWO of the following briefly:

34) What medical problems did the trolley driver suffer from?

35) How does adding sugar affect the taste of tea?

36) Why did the author avoid going to Lucia's room?

3×3=9

iii) Answer any THREE of the following:

37) Frame a dialogue of minimum three exchanges between a bus-conductor and a passenger.

38) Describe a process of making apple-juice.

39) Expand each of the following News Headlines into a sentence:

a) Onion price goes up.

b) Passengers injured in bus accident.

c) Jewels stolen from a house in Salem.

40) Complete the proverbs choosing the right words:

a) A _____ light others and consumes itself. (matchstick, candle, torch)

b) Doubt is the key to _____. (knowledge, wisdom, invention)

c) Out of sight, out of _____. (place, memory, mind)

PART - IV

7×5=35

IV. Answer the following:

41) Answer any one of the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:

a) Justify the title of the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'.

b) Describe the 'Grand Prix' at Cape Town's Red Cross Children's Hospital.

42) Answer any one of the following in a paragraph of about 150 words:

a) Describe how the castle was seized and captured.

b) Write an appreciation of the poem 'Our Casuarina Tree'.

43) Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints:

Aksionov - imprisoned - murder not committed by him - 26 years in prison - hair turned grey - lean and thin - pray to God - called 'Saint' by jail mates - lived peacefully - died peacefully. (OR)

Baldwin - honest - loyal to boss - Gresham's appropriation of funds - arrested for fraud in Bank - Baldwin's suggestion - return money - Gresham refuses - offers Baldwin 100 thousand dollars - 'I don't remember' in court - Baldwin's reaction - Gresham's confession.

44) Write a summary or make notes of the following passage:

Languages are of different kinds - spoken language, written language, sign language, code language, body language, Braille or language of the blind, and the more recent ones being the machine language and the computer language. Many languages have a long history. The Greeks, the Romans, the Egyptians, the Chinese and the Indians are among those, whose languages are centuries old. The number of languages used in verbal communication is extremely large. It is said that there are as many as 3500 identified languages throughout the world. Although this is true of the spoken languages, the number of written languages is much lower, with one estimate placing it at more than 500. Within a language, there are sub-languages that are called dialects. A dialect is a form of speech peculiar to a district, class or people. It is a subordinate variety

- of a language with distinguishable vocabulary, pronunciation or idioms.
- 45) Read the following advertisement and prepare a Bio-data considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified.

[Write XXX for the name and YYY for the address]

WANTED
Male Receptionist - graduate with computer knowledge / good fluency in English / minimum 3 years of experience.
Apply to: Post Box No. 2339 C/o. The Hindu, Chennai - 600 002.

(OR)

- Write a paragraph of 150 words on the topic 'Mobile Phones - a Boon or Bane?'
- 46) i) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly:
- One should keep his promises.
 - Ram met in an accident.
 - In spite of his being clever and he failed.
 - Reena is not only a good singer but a good dancer.
 - The surgery instruments must be properly sterilized.

(OR)

- ii) Fill in the blanks suitably:
- He told us a _____ about a donkey's _____. [tail / tale]
 - How _____ you oppose me? [use the suitable semi-modal verb]
 - _____ his hard work, he attained his goal.
[Use a suitable link word]
 - Everyone _____ (sleep) when tsunami hit the coastal village in Japan, last night. [use the correct tense form of the verb]

- 47) Build a dialogue between two students discussing their hobbies, in not less than ten exchanges.

(OR)

Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words:
The earth is losing its forests. Trees cover about 30 percent of the earth's surface, but they are being destroyed at an alarming rate especially in the tropics. Timber harvesting is a major reason for the destruction of the forests. Trees are used for building houses, making furniture and providing pulp for paper products, such as newspapers and magazines. At least 40 hectares of rain forests are being felled every minute, mostly in order to extract the valuable timber.

Questions:

- What is the major reason for the destruction of forests?
- Mention any two uses of trees.
- What is it that happens every single minute?
- How much of the earth's surface is covered by trees?
- Pick out the words from the passage that mean the same as:
(i) cut (ii) wood