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COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2025

Std - X

Time :3.00 Hrs

ENGLISH

Marks: 100

Part - I

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the italicized words.

14 x 1 = 14

1. The seagull failed to muster up courage.
a) dismiss b) separate c) gather d) divide
2. It is a 55 foot sailing vessel built indigenously in India.
a) domestically b) globally c) unsafely d) fully
3. He was the spoilt child of affluent parents.
a) penniless b) poor c) affectionate d) wealthy

Choose the appropriate Antonyms for the italicized words.

4. The cops were reluctant to leave.
a) unwilling b) willing c) hesitate d) ready
5. Sanyal stared at Aditya.
a) peered b) ignored c) saw happily d) looked
6. The sun was soothing.
a) pleasing b) relaxing c) burning d) disturbing
7. Choose the correct plural form of 'burglar' from the following:
a) burglars b) burglares c) burglar d) burglare
8. Attach a suitable prefix to the word hand —
a) —full b) — ment c) —ous d) —ful
9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation IMD
a) India Meteorological Department b) Indian Meteorological Document
c) Indian Marine Department d) Indian Metro Department
10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.
This is the best place I have —
a) come down with b) come forward c) come across d) come from
11. Choose the correct compound word for Gerund + Noun
a) handmade b) walking stick c) downstairs d) ear piercing
12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.
Mulan heard this — her tent.
a) by b) at c) for d) from
13. Complete the following sentence by using the most appropriate form of the tense given below.
It outside now. a) poured b) is pouring c) pours d) will pour
14. Find out the connectors from the following sentence.
Jaya teaches not only English Science.
a) but also b) and also c) also d) but

Part - II

SECTION - I (Prose)

Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two.

3x2=6

15. Why did the seagull's parents scold and threaten him?
16. Mention the special features of INSV Tarini.
17. Who were Aditya's ancestors?
18. What did the narrator think when he heard the noise?

SECTION II (Poetry)

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following: 3x2=6

19. Strong is she in her faith and beliefs.

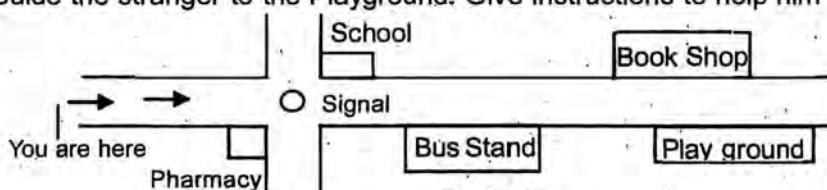
- "Persistence is the key to everything",
 a) What is she strong about?
 b) How does she deal with the adversities in life?
20. So let the way wind up the hill or down,
 O'er rough or smooth, the journey will be joy:
 a) How is the way of life? b) How should be the journey of life?
21. There is a family nobody likes to meet;
 They live, it is said, on complaining Street
 a) Where does the family live?
 b) Why do you think the street is named as 'Complaining Street'?
22. At last by starvation and famine made bold,
 All dripping with wet, and all trembling with cold.
 a) What made the cricket bold?
 b) Why did the cricket drip and tremble?

SECTION-III (Grammar)**Answer any three of the following:****3x2=6**

23. Rewrite the following sentence into the other voice.
 Rosy will solve the problem.
24. Rewrite using indirect speech.
 The doctor said to the patient, "Take two pills three times a day".
25. Punctuate the following sentence.
 mulan said you are too kind sire.
26. Change it into Compound sentence. If you buy two shirts, you will get one free
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences:
 a) your/ birthday /today/put on/new/since/is/dress/the
 b) loan/apply/you/if/for/you/a/get/will/immediately/it.

SECTION-IV (Compulsory)**Answer the following question.****1x2=2**

28. Guide the stranger to the Playground. Give instructions to help him

**Part - III****SECTION - I****Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.****2 x 5 = 10**

29. Describe the struggles underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.
30. Write in detail about the selection and training process which the TARINI crew underwent.
31. "Man does change with time"- What were the changes that came about in Aditya?
32. Narrate the extensive search operation made by the policemen in the house.

SECTION-II**Answer any two of the following in utmost 10 lines.****2x5=10**

33. Describe the journey of life as depicted in the poem by Henry Van Dyke.
34. 'Some cricket have four legs and some have two'. Elucidate this statement from the poet's point of view.
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.
 The weather is always too hot or cold;
 Summer and winter alike they scold.
 Nothing goes right with the folks you meet
 Down on the gloomy Complaining street..
 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 fourth line.
 d) Pick out the alliterated words in the second line of the given poem.

36. Paraphrase the following stanza.
 Don't ever try to saw her pride, her self-respect.
 She knows how to thaw you, saw you so beware!
 She's today's woman. Today's woman, dear.
 Love her, respect her, keep her near

SECTION-III (Supplementary Reader)

Answer any ONE of the following.

1x5=5

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.
 a) He wanted Dr. Krishnan to keep Zigzag with him.
 b) The Children Arayind and Maya supported their father.
 c) Dr. Somu was leaving for Alaska.
 d) Mrs. Krishnan had a horrified expression.
 e) Dr. Krishnan pacified her by telling that Zigzag was a harmless and lovable bird.

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

In the army, Mulan proved to be a brave soldier. In time, she was put in charge of other soldiers. Her battles went so well that she was put in charge of more soldiers. Her battles kept on going well. After a few years Mulan was given the top job- she would be General of the entire army. Not long after that, a very bad fever swept through the army. Many soldiers were sick. And Mulan, the General of the army, became sick, too. When the doctor came out of Mulan's tent, he knew the truth. "The General is a woman?" yelled the soldiers. "How can this be?" Some called out, "She tricked us!" and "We will not fight for a woman!" They said, "Punish her! Make her pay! The cost is for her to die!"

- a) Why were the soldiers sick?
 b) What was the top job given to Mulan in the army?
 c) Did the fever make Mulan also weak?
 d) What was the truth known by the doctor?
 e) Why were the soldiers unhappy with Mulan?

SECTION-IV (Writing)

Answer any FOUR of the following.

4x5=20

39. Mobile World - Smartphones - Accessories - Recharges - Free scratch guard on every purchase of mobile - No 12, KSVM Street, Salem.
 40. Write a complaint to the officer of the PWD to take immediate action for maintaining cleanliness in the Children's park in your locality.
 41. You are the Secretary of Park Circus Residents Welfare Association. Write a notice to inform the residents of your colony of a Meditation program under the guidance of Dr. P. Ranjit with a view to understanding the self better. The program is exclusively for the residents. It will be conducted on the second Saturday of the following month from 7.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. at the children's park nearby.
 42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.



43. Make notes or write a summary for the following passage:

Gaganyaan is India's ambitious human spaceflight program aimed at sending Indian astronauts, known as Vyomanauts, into space. Gaganyaan aims to make India the fourth nation in the world capable of sending humans into space, after Russia, the United States, and China. The spacecraft for Gaganyaan will consist of a crew module capable of carrying three astronauts in low Earth orbit. The mission will be launched using ISRO's GSLV Mk III launch vehicle, showcasing India's indigenous capability in space technology. The primary objectives of Gaganyaan include demonstrating human spaceflight capabilities, conducting microgravity experiments, and fostering international collaboration in space exploration. The training of Indian astronauts for Gaganyaan includes rigorous physical, psychological, and technical preparations to ensure their

readiness for space travel. It reflects India's commitment to advancing scientific research and technology applications in space, with potential spin-offs for various sectors on Earth. The program aims to inspire and motivate young Indians to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. Successful completion of Gaganyaan will mark a significant achievement for ISRO and India, enhancing national prestige and technological prowess. Gaganyaan represents a step towards India's long-term goals in space exploration, including lunar missions, interplanetary exploration, and advancements in satellite technology.

44. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences.

- Neither the doctor nor the nurse are available.
- His son-in-laws have come home.
- A American lives near my house.
- My uncle is richest man in the village.
- This is one of the cars which were stolen by the gang.

SECTION-V (Memoriter) Compulsory

45. Quote from memory.

1x5=5

In the dim hill or down.

Part-IV (Supplementary)

46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints: 1x8=8

- Prospero - Duke of Milan - brother Antonio usurped - magic power - wreck his enemies' ship - wanted Miranda married Ferdinand - king of Naples suffered - Antonio with tears true repentance - begged forgiveness - forgave them - restore his dukedom. **OR**
- The country Shining - governed - despotic leader - a warrior cowardly anything suggestive - health - strength - send - proclamation - province - strict orders - death all aged people. Those were - barbarous - custom - old people - uncommon - farmer loved - tender reverence - order filled - sorrow - thought twice - obeying - mandate - governor - hopeless - prepared - considered - kindest mode of death.

Part-V (General Comprehension)

47. (a) Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below. 4x2=8

Preserving Nature is man's prime responsibility. The earth does not belong to us for us to use and abuse. It belongs to our children. As man became civilized, he slowly lost his attachment with Nature. In his quest for development, man cleared pristine forests and polluted the environment. The magnitude of destruction increased in proportion to the magnitude of his greed. As man drifted away from Nature, his problems increased and his heart became hard and cold. The many calamities, misfortunes and problems of our times are but the manifestation of this greed. This is why we have injured people, animals and environment. If we want to set things right we must reconnect with Nature.

Questions:

- What is the prime responsibility of man?
- Whom does the earth belong to?
- When does man loose attachment with Nature?
- What is the manifestation of man's greed?

(OR)

- b) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

The moon has a face like the clock in the hall;
She shines on thieves on the garden wall,
On streets and fields and harbour quays,
And birdies asleep in forks of the trees.
The squalling cat and the squeaking mouse,
The howling dog by the door of the house,
The bat that lies in bed at noon,
All love to be out by the light of the moon.

Questions:

- What is the face of the moon compared to?
- Which creatures love to come out in the darkness?
- Where do the birds sleep?
- On whom does the moon shine in the garden?