

...COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2025

Standard XII

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ENGLISH

Time : 3.00 hrs

Part - I

Marks : 90

Answer all the questions.

20 × 1 = 20

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

1. My thoughts have turned to the consideration of why people should suffer.
a) imagination b) careful thought c) careless thought d) conservation
2. China tea has virtues which are not despised now a days
a) admirable qualities b) despicable qualities c) vice d) ordinary qualities
3. And crampon on to the south peak
a) viewed b) measured c) climbed d) checked

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

4. I experienced not only agony
a) sadness b) ecstasy c) aversion d) sorrow
5. You will probably find that it is unmentioned
a) possibly b) quietly c) undoubtedly d) uncertainly
6. One night, we came upon them in the windy and deserted square.
a) Inhabited b) unoccupied c) crowded d) shrouded
7. Add a suitable **question tag**
Little do your parents know about this problem, ?
a) does they b) don't they c) do they d) will we
8. Choose the correct expansion of 'TNAU'.
a) Tamil Nadu Agriculture University b) Tamil Nadu Advertising Union
c) Tamil Nadu Adventure Union d) Tamil National And Universals
9. **Choose a suitable modal verb**
You drive carefully on the highway.
a) can b) could c) should d) shall
10. Choose the right combination for the blended word "Alphabet".
a) Alpha + beta b) almost + phase c) Already+ physical d) alpha + between
11. **Choose the correct tense form.**
Rajini Prem's family in Chennai now.
a) are b) is c) was d) were
12. **Choose a suitable word from the given option**
I may a laptop next week
a) by b) bye c) bay d) buy
13. Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word "marine".
a) Sub_ b) in_ c) mis_ d) en_
14. **Choose the word that has been spelt correctly**
a) Concience b) Chocolete c) Releve d) Chocolate
15. **Choose the penta syllabic word**
a) intelligent b) wonderful c) fundamentally d) statistics
16. Which of the following **sentence is the pattern ASV?**
a) Never is he tired b) The sun gives light
c) The sun rises in the east d) We are meeting on Sunday
17. **Choose the suitable preposition**
The mother is standing her son and daughter
a) among b) between c) to d) into

18. Choose the suitable **meaning of the idiom** found in the following sentence.
Some youngsters may **turn a deaf ear** to what we advise
a) follow b) admire c) respect d) ignore
19. Choose the **appropriate subordinate conjunction**.
_____ we complete any strenuous work, we take rest.
a) while b) despite c) d) as
20. Fill in the blank with a **suitable phrasal verb**.
I usually **bank on** my parents for my progress
a) respect b) betray c) call d) depend on

Part - II

Section - 1

Read the following sets of poetic line and answer any four from it. 4 × 2 = 8

21. The sixth age shifts
Into lean and slipper'd pantaloons
a) What is the sixth stage of man? b) What does lean and slipper'd pantaloons mean?
22. There was a little private gate
A little wicked wicket gate
a) What do you mean by a wicked wicket gate? b) What is the figure of speech employed in the second line?
23. for my purpose holds
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths
Of all the western stars, until I die
a) What was Ulysses purpose in life? b) How long would his venture last?
24. Then the whining school boy, with his satchel
And shinning morning face, creeping like snail unwillingly to school".
a) What is a satchel? b) What are the characteristics of this stage?
25. Where on all day are gathered bird and bee
And oft at nights the garden overflows
a) What are gathered all day? b) Write out the words in alliteration.
26. How can this shameful tale be told?
I will maintain until my death
a) What is the shameful tale? b) Whom does 'I' refer to?

Section - 2

Answer any three of the following questions. 3 × 2 = 6

27. Report the following dialogue.
CONDUCTOR : Where do you want to go?
PASSENGER : I'm going to Coimbatore. Give me a ticket, please.
28. Change the voice of the following sentence
The crowd expected their leader to arrive early in the morning
29. Rewrite the sentence using the words given in the brackets.
Caesar was declared emperor. The conspirators killed him. (After)
30. Change the following into a compound sentence.
Unless you have a valid passport, you cannot leave the country

Part - III

Section - 1

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context. 2 × 3 = 6

31. Jealous in honor, sudden and quick in quarrel, seeking the bubble reputation"
32. It maybe we shall touch the happy isles,
And see the great Achilles, whom we knew

33. Unto thy honor, Tree, beloved of those
 Who now in blessed sleep for aye repose

Section - 2

Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words each.

2 × 3 = 6

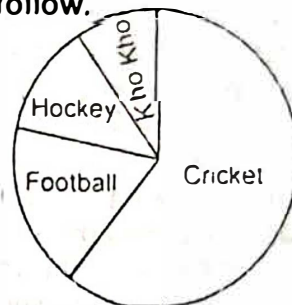
34. Why does the author refer to himself as being in a minority?
 35. What happened in the grand finale?
 36. When did Hillary feel a sense of freedom and well-being?

Section - 3

Answer any three of the following questions in about 30 words each.

3 × 3 = 9

37. Study given pie chart and answer the questions that follow.



- a) Which is the most favorite game of the students?
 b) Name of game preferred by the least number of students
 c) Which two games have equal number of students?
38. Write a dialogue of minimum 3 exchanges between student and the counter clerk at library.
 39. Describe the process of preparing onion raita.
 40. Complete the proverb using the word given below.
 a) A _____ is worth a thousand words (poetry, picture, drama)
 b) Idleness is the _____ of all evil. (mother, God, father)
 c) The early bird catches the _____ (food, fish, worm)

Part -IV

Answer the following questions.

7 × 5 = 35

Answer in a paragraph in about 150 words.

41. a) Justify the title of the story "Two gentlemen of verona".

(OR)

- b) These two children had given me a profound lesson – Elucidate.

42. a) The poet immortalizes the tree. Elucidate

(OR)

- b) What is Ulysses' clarion call to his sailors? How does he inspire them?

43. Write the paragraph in about 150 words by developing the following hints.

- a) Ivan dimitrich aksionov – merchant in vladimir – prone to drinking – goes to fair on business – meets another merchant – retire separately – stopped by the police – charged of murder and robbery – sentenced and sent to siberia – 26 years in jail – new prisoner maker semyonich – admits his crime – aksionov dies.

(OR)

- b) Baldwin – honest – loyal to boss – Gresham arrested – for fraud in Bank – Baldwin advises – to return money – Gresham refuses – he offers 100 thousand dollars – to tell three words – I don't remember – Baldwin refuses – family members ask him to accept bribe – Baldwin – refuses – awarded in the end – new bank job – Gresham confesses his fault.

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

Online classes, on the other hand, do not offer face-to-face interaction and they are more limited in their instruction methods, yet they offer greater flexibility for scheduling. The interaction between teachers and students in an online class is typically time-delayed,

meaning that students send an email and wait for a response. Interaction with classmates is less personal than it would be in a traditional class because when student-to-student interaction is required, it is typically limited to email or an online discussion board. The method of instruction in online classes is typically limited to videos and reading articles that can be sent to students electronically. Many of the hands-on experiences that students get in a traditional class are virtually impossible to have in an online class. Rather than being able to touch and feel rocks in the geology class, students will be limited to videos or pictures of rocks. The scheduling is very flexible. Students typically enroll in online classes because they need the ability to take classes at night, early in the morning, or even during their lunch break at work. The pace of online classes is typically determined by the students, so their personal and work schedules do not need to be completely changed. While the interaction and instruction may be limitations of an online class, the scheduling is very flexible.

45. a) Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper about the nuisance created by the roadside vendors blocking the pavement and occupying the parking zone

(OR)

- b) Write a paragraph of 150 words on "The profession you would like to choose".

46. a) **Spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly**

- As I am suffering from fever, so give me two days leave.
- A group of twelve students are travelling together.
- He is confidence on his success.
- Though he is ill, but he attends the class.
- They were climbing the tree, were they?

(OR)

- b) **Fill in the blanks correctly.**

- I can't _____ the heat, if I go on _____ foot. (*bare, bear*)
- You _____ succeed, if you work hard (*use a modal verb*)
- I _____ swim in the river every day when I was young. (*use a semi modal verb*)
- He _____ (*work*) in a factory when I met

47. a) **Identify each of the following sentence with the fields Given below:**

- North Korea launches new satellite.
- Outbreak of cholera reported.
- Earthquake in Syria. Over 250 dead.
- TATA motors hikes vehicle prices.
- Jewelry was stolen from a house in Madurai.

[*health, burglary, transport, natural disaster, space science*] (OR)

- b) **Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.**

One of the greatest mysteries of bird life is travelling. Every year during autumn and early winter, birds travel from northern regions of Asia, Europe and America to the southern warmer lands. They make the return journey again during spring and early summer. They are punctual unless they are delayed by bad weather. They face many dangers and hardships while travelling long distances through the air, over hills, forests, plains and large stretches of water. Sometimes sudden storms arise and drive them far out of course. Often, they are blown right out to sea and are drowned in the wild waves. At night bright lights attract and confuse the birds. They cannot fly at their fastest. The migration speed is usually from 48 to 64 km an hour and rarely exceeds

Answer the following questions:

- When do the birds travel from northern regions to southern warmer lands and why?
- What happens to these birds at night when they see the lights?
- When do the birds make their return journey?
- What is the migration speed of the birds?
- Which words in the passage mean the same as the following word: Surpassed
