

COMMON QUARTERLY EXAMINATION – 2025

XII - SET 1

Standard XII

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ENGLISH

Time: 3.00 hrs.

Part - I

Marks: 90

20 x 1 = 20

Answer all the questions.

Choose the correct synonyms of the underlined word in the sentences

- We came upon them in the windy and deserted square.
a) unoccupied b) crowded c) occupied d) inhabited
- This trolley was hijacked by an intrepid crew.
a) fearless b) coward c) fear d) timid
- The pot should be warmed.
a) cooled b) heated c) chilled d) melted

Choose the correct antonyms of the underlined word in the sentences :

- and no more humps to tantalize us with hopes of success.
a) tease b) taunt c) admire d) ridicule
- I could scarcely believe my eyes.
a) broadly b) partially c) respectfully d) abundantly
- All icicles concealed his face.
a) closed b) uncovered c) opened d) covered
- Choose the correct American English word for bonnet.
a) faucet b) hood c) candy d) jelly
- Choose the correct expansion for the abbreviation VAO
a) Value Added Order b) Visually Aided Organisation
c) Village Administrative Officer d) Village Agricultural Organisation
- People who cheat others is called as _____.
a) bankrupt b) swindler c) tyrant d) shams
- Choose a suitable meaning of the idiom in the following sentence.
I want to have my ducks in a row before I go in there and confront them.
a) will begun b) well organised c) half prepared d) disorganised.
- Choose the right word to replace the phrasal verb in the following sentence.
The machine cut off the metal pieces.
a) joined b) removed c) connected d) extinguished
- Identify the pattern of the following sentence.
I consider him a friend.
a) SVIODO b) SVOC c) SVOA d) SVAO
- Fill in the blank with the most suitable prepositional phrase.
_____ rain, take an umbrella.
a) In favour of b) In case of c) On behalf d) In spite of
- Identify the correct combination of the word 'sunlight'
a) adjective + noun b) noun + noun
c) noun + adjective d) verb + noun
- Choose the monosyllabic word from the given options.
a) chair b) above c) under d) across
- Form a derivative by adding a suitable suffix to the root word 'member'
a) ness b) ly c) ship d) ful

17. Add a suitable prefix to form the opposite of the word 'regular'
 a) un b) ir c) dis d) mis
18. Choose the appropriate question tag for the following sentence.
 Little do your parents know about this problem, _____?
 a) doesn't they ? b) do they ? c) do we ? d) can they ?
19. Choose the word with the correct spelling.
 a) contemptuously b) conterntuously
 c) contumptuously d) contentuously
20. Choose the blended form of 'electrocute'
 a) electricity + execute b) electro + execute
 c) electrons + execute d) electronics + execute

Part - II Section - 1

Answer any four of the following.

4 x 2 = 8

21. The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung
 In Crimson clusters all the bough among I
 i) Why is the scarf colourful?
 ii) Who is the giant here?
22. That ever with a frolic welcome trook
 The thunder and the sunshine, and opposed
 i) What do 'thunder' and 'sunshine' refer to?
 ii) What do we infer about the attitude of the sailors.
23. We could do nothing, being sold
 i) Why couldn't they do anything?
 ii) Why did they feel helpless?
24. "Is second childishness and mere oblivion
 Sans teeth, Sans eyes, Sans taste, Sans everything"
 i) Why is the last stage called second childhood?
 ii) What is the meaning of 'Sans'?
25. A little wicked wicket gate?
 i) Pick out the word in alliteration.
 ii) Identify the figure of speech used here.
26. "..... I mete and dole
 Unequal laws and unto a savage race,
 That hoard, and sleep, and feed, and know not me"
 i) Who is the speaker here?
 ii) What does he say about his subjects?

Section - 2

Answer any three of the following questions.

3 x 2 = 6

27. The teacher informed the students that he would take them to the museum the next day. (change into direct speech)
28. Caesar was declared emperor. The conspirators killed him. (combine using 'After')
29. Don't insult the poor and weak. (change the voice)
30. The mountain was steep but he was able to climb it. (rewrite as a complex sentence)

Part - III Section - 1

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context.

2 x 3 = 6

31. "Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel, seeking the bubble reputation"

32. Our only enemy was gold.
 33. To rust unburnish'd, not to shine in use !

Section - 2

Answer any two of the following questions in one or more than 30 words.

2 x 3 = 6

34. What roles did the duo take up?
 35. Why didn't the boys disclose their problem to the author?
 36. What should be poured into the cup first tea or milk?

Section - 3

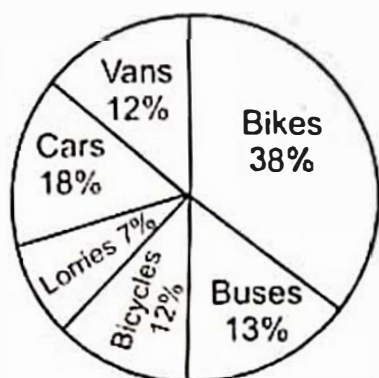
Answer any three of the following.

3 x 3 = 9

37. Complete the Proverbs :

- a) _____ before you leap.
 b) No _____, no gain.
 c) As you _____, as you reap.
 [pain, sow, look, lose]
38. Describe the process of installing a computer.
 39. Write an e-mail to a charitable trust requesting for a scholarship.
 40. Study the pie-chart and answer the questions that follow.

**Percentage of vehicles crossing
the bridge during peak hours**



- a) The vehicles which cross the bridge during peak hours in less number is _____
 i) cars ii) buses iii) lorries iv) bicycles
 b) The highest number of vehicles which cross the bridge are
 i) bikes ii) buses iii) cars iv) lorries
 c) State whether the statement is true or false :
 Next to cars, most people prefer to travel by buses

Part - IV

Answer the following.

7 x 5 = 35

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

- a) Give an account of the journey to the South Col from 28,000 feet
 b) Summarise the distinctive ideas of George Orwell in the essay "A nice cup of Tea"

42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

- a) How does you call "The Castle" an allegorical poem? Discuss.
 b) Describe the various stages of a man's life picturised in the poem "All the Worlds' a stage"

43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints.

- a) Pie - survive - ship wreck - Pacific - Bengal tiger - Parker - boarch - search - water - elixir - fear - alive - survive - 227 days - reunite - jungle left Parker - family
 (OR)
 b) Robert Baldwin - Martha - wife - son - John - daughter - Evie - 30 years - bank - Gresham - friends - misappropriation - bribe - all - persuade - Baldwin - honest - rewarded.

44. **Make notes or summarise the following passage.**

- a) Plastic is a synthetic material derived from cellulose, a substance found in plants and trees. It does not decompose in soil. Plastic can change the soil chemistry. Micro plastic damage aquatic creatures, as well as turtles and birds. Plastic affects soil fertility. The ill effects of micro plastics in human body includes blocking digestive tracts and diminishing the urge to eat. When plastic is dumped in landfills, it interacts with water and forms hazardous chemicals. Several studies have demonstrated the potentiality of metabolic disturbances, neurotoxicity and increased cancer risks in humans. Avoid using plastics and use cloth bags.

(OR)

- b) Write a paragraph on "The profession you would like to choose" in about 150 words.
45. a) Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about the menace caused by rash driving of bike and car racers in the city.

(OR)

- b) Write a letter to your friend who is in hospital undergoing treatment for a fractured leg to recover soon.
46. a) **Read the following sentences, spot the error and correct them.**
- Either he or I is mistaken.
 - Every of the two boys will get a prize.
 - if I were a bird I will fly.
 - He is senior than me.
 - Sitting near the window and he saw the crowd.

(OR)

- b) **Fill in the blanks appropriately.**
- I had no _____ my friend gave me a _____ of advice (peace / piece)
 - How _____ you open my bag. (use a semi modal verb)
 - I am not well _____ (but / so) I did not attend the class. (choose the correct linker)
 - This _____ an easy quiz so far (be) (use the verb in the form)

47. **Read the passage and answer the questions given below.**

- a) Gandhiji was better known as Babuji. He dedicated his life to the uplift of Harijans and India's freedom. He was born in Porbander in October 1869. Ahimsa and Satyagraha were his weapons. His noble life will always inspire the people of the world to become better citizens.

Questions :

- Who was known as Babuji?
- What did he dedicate his life to?
- When and where was he born?
- What were his weapons?
- Whether his noble life will inspire the people of the world to become better citizens? Say Yes or No.

(OR)

- b) Write a dialogue between a bank manager and a student who wants to open a bank account. (minimum of five exchanges)
