

QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2019

STANDARD - XII

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Time : 2.30 Hrs.

ENGLISH

Marks : 90

PART - I

Answer all the questions.

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

20 X 1 = 20

1. Nicola glanced at the author hopefully.  
a) gazed                      b) looked                      c) examined                      d) scrutinized
2. That they only drink it in order to be warned and stimulated.  
a) motivated                      b) discouraged                      c) admired                      d) cautious
3. Tenzing's face was concealed with his helmet, goggles and oxygen mask.  
a) serious                      b) transparent                      c) disfigured                      d) covered
4. They had a relief that there were no more humps to tantrize them with hopes of success.  
a) imitate                      b) tease                      c) threaten                      d) disturb
5. The trolley was seized by an intrepid crew of two.  
a) sturdy                      b) strong                      c) bold and daring                      d) honest
6. The author's interest was provoked by their remarkable demeanour.  
a) pacified                      b) increased                      c) triggered                      d) ignited
7. The author had scarcely believed his eyes.  
a) rarely                      b) occasionally                      c) hardly                      d) frequently
8. It would be equally reasonable to put in pepper or salt.  
a) accountable                      b) answerable                      c) unfair                      d) unique
9. Hillary reached the summit of Mt. Everest after a hard struggle.  
a) foot                      b) peak                      c) zenith                      d) top
10. We cannot appreciate warmth if we have never suffered cold.  
a) estimate                      b) enjoy                      c) depreciate                      d) prolong
11. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word 'educated'.  
a) non -                      b) in -                      c) un -                      d) dis -
12. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the root word 'fast'.  
a) ly                      b) y                      c) est                      d) ier
13. Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence.  
It rained cats and dogs last night.  
a) intermittently                      b) heavily                      c) slightly                      d) continuously
14. Replace the underlined word with the appropriate phrasal verb.  
On his retirement, the officer gave the charges to the successor.  
a) carried out                      b) pointed out                      c) handed over                      d) looked after
15. Replace the underlined phrasal verb with the appropriate word.  
I was taken aback when I won the lottery.  
a) delighted                      b) surprised                      c) shocked                      d) thrilled

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16. Choose the correct sentence pattern for the following sentence.

The corrupt fellow was arrested last night.

- a) SVO                      b) SVC                      c) SVA                      d) SVOC-

17. Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition.

Keep the ladder \_\_\_\_\_ the wall.

- a) on                      b) against                      c) across                      d) in

18. Choose the correct compound word for the combination 'bathroom'.

- a) noun + adverb                      b) noun + noun                      c) noun + verb                      d) noun + adjective

19. Fill in the blanks with a suitable relative pronoun.

That is the reason \_\_\_\_\_ I couldn't attend the function.

- a) whose                      b) who                      c) which                      d) why

20. Choose the most appropriate question tag for the following statement.

He never cheats others, \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) doesn't he                      b) does he                      c) isn't it                      d) has he

PART - II / SECTION - 1

Answer the following:

4 X 2 = 8

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four from it.

*All through the summer at ease we lay  
And daily from the turret wall*

*We watched the mowers in the hay*

21. Who does 'we' refer to?  
22. How did the soldiers spend the summer days?

*The giant wears the scarf and flowers are hung  
In crimson clusters all the boughs among.*

23. Who is the giant here?

24. Why is the scarf colourful?

*All the world's a stage*

*And all the men and women merely players.*

25. What is the world compared to?

26. What is the figure of speech in the second line?

*A rugged people, and thro' soft degrees*

*Subdue them to, the useful and the good.*

27. What is the literary device used here?

28. What do you mean by the word 'subdue'?

SECTION - 2

Do as directed:

3 X 2 = 6

29. Report the following dialogue.

Aathira : Will you play chess with me?

Aathavan: No. I am going to do the homework.

30. Combine the sentences using 'if'.

He did not help the poor.

He was not in the good book of God.

31. Diamond is too costly to buy.

[Transform into a complex sentence]

## PART - III

Answer the following:

## SECTION - 1

- Explain the following with reference to the context. 2 X 3 = 6
32. I cannot rest from travel. I will drink Life to the lees.
33. It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech.

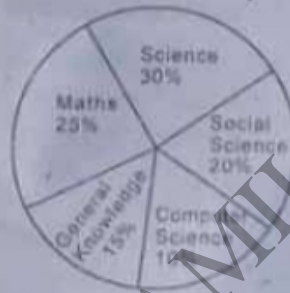
## SECTION - 2

- Answer any two of the following in about 30 words each: 2 X 3 = 6
34. Describe the girl with whom the boys were talking in the cubicle?
35. Why does the author say that it is important to include tea recipe in cookery books?
36. What was the profound lesson Dr. Barnard learnt from the boys?

## SECTION - 3

- Answer the following questions in about 30 words each. 3 X 3 = 9
37. Study the pie chart given and answer the questions that follow.

Favourite subjects of students



- a) Which is the most favourite subject of the students?
- b) Name the subject preferred by the least number of students.
- c) What is the percentage of students who prefer Social Science?
38. Describe the process of preparing an omelette.
39. Write a dialogue of minimum 3 exchanges between a milkman and a customer.

## PART - IV

Answer the following questions.

Answer in a paragraph in about 150 words.

7 X 5 = 35

40. Justify the title of the story 'Two gentlemen of Verona'. (OR)  
How did Hillary and Tenzing prepare themselves before they set off to the summit?
41. Describe the various stages of a man's life pictured in the poem 'All the World's a stage'. (OR)  
Describe the reminiscences of the poetess when she sees the casuarina tree.
42. Write a paragraph in about 150 words by developing the following hints.  
Pi stranded in life boat - left with a leopard - hyena - very thirsty - searches for water - dangerously close to tiger - overpowers - finds water cans - comes to life after drinking water - elixir of life - learnt - tiger who scared him brought peace - wholeness - after 227 days - Pi unites with family. (OR)

Baldwin - honest - loyal to boss - Gresham arrested - for fraud in Bank - Baldwin - advises to return money - Gresham refuses - family members ask him to accept bribe - Baldwin refuses - awarded in the end - new bank job - Gresham confesses his fault.

43. Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.

Scientists in the U.S.A. and Japan are developing a set of smart materials that clean themselves off dirt and stains besides eliminating foul odour and dangerous bacteria. Exploiting powerful catalytic properties, researchers succeeded in creating tiles, glass, paint, paper and cloth that can keep themselves sparkling clean. The first item to reach the market, a self-cleaning wall and counter tile cannot only kill bacteria but also eliminate odours and staining associated with smudge from cooking oils and cigarettes, reports the journal 'Technology Review'. The key to the self-cleaning world of the future is the interaction between titanium dioxide and ultraviolet rays from the sun. The special properties of Titanium dioxide were first discovered by Tokyo University chemist Akira Fujishima in 1969. The research showed that when exposed to solar energy, titanium dioxide has the ability to break down water into hydrogen and oxygen.

44. You have got a job offer for the post of Supervisor at A.T.R. Constructions Private Limited, M.G. Road, Bangalore but cannot join on time due to your sister's marriage. Write a letter to the Manager of that company explaining your situation and request him to permit you to join duty later.

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

45. Spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.

- If it had rained the farmers would be happy.
- Aathira sat besides Krishna.
- One must finish his duty on time.
- Twelve passengers in the bus was injured.
- Keat's poems are interesting to read. (OR)

Fill in the blanks correctly.

- If you would hard you <sup>will</sup> (get) a centum in Maths. [Use the proper tense]
- You <sup>will</sup> not lose any more weight you are already slim. [Use a semi modal verb]
- Last <sup>week</sup> he did not attend school as he was <sup>weak</sup>. [week / weak]
- Plants <sup>can</sup> have sunlight to prepare food. [Use a modal verb]

46. Identify each of the following sentences with the fields given below.

- India and U.K. Oncologists collaborate. (Sports)
- The judge dismissed the case due to lack of evidence. (Law)
- An Indian is invited to referee the French Open. (Sports)
- Violent storms are predicted in coastal areas tomorrow. (Weather)
- Cloning has proved that it is possible to replicate human beings. (Science)

[Sports, Medicine, Weather, Science, Law]