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Quarterly Examination - 2022

ENGLISH

Reg. No.

Time : 3.00 hrs.

Max. Marks : 90

PART - I

20 x 1 = 20

I. Answer all the questions.

Choose the most appropriate synonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.

- One boy had a wornout jersey and cut/off Khaki pants. a) new b) fresh c) overused d) risky
 - China tea has virtue which are not to be despised nowadays. a) vice b) merits c) qualities d) admirable qualities
 - And of the rest, many will end up as mental or physical cripples. a) might b) streak c) frailty d) disability
- Choose the most appropriate antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.
- The oxygen lasted because we used it sparingly. a) continued b) ran out c) perished d) limited
 - Predicting the arrival of visitors. a) journey b) departure c) migration d) perusal
 - They persuaded us to take her in. a) unconvinced b) bullied c) incited d) dissuaded
 - Choose the plural form of creterion. a) criterions b) criteria c) criferium d) creferia
 - Choose the American English word for 'cot'. a) swing b) palanquin c) crib d) scribble
 - Complete the sentences choosing the correct articles.
The eggs, the potatoes and the coffee beans had each faced.....same adversity. a) a b) an c) the d) some
 - Choose the appropriate link from the following sentence. They proved.....they were talented. a) why b) but c) that d) what
 - Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation RTQ.
a) Regional Terror Office b) Regional Traffic Officer c) Regional Traffic Office d) Regional Transport Office
 - Choose the correct question tag. He met his friend yesterday.
a) did he? b) didn't he? c) does he? d) do he?
 - Identify the sentence pattern. The Headmaster showed him the letter. a) SV b) SVO c) SVIODO d) SVOC
 - Fill in the blanks using a relative pronoun. Students.....develop communicative competence will get job easily.
a) that b) who c) when d) whom
 - Form a new word by adding suitable prefix to the underlined word.
It is rather an expensive compliment. a) non b) un c) in d) dis
 - Choose the correct combination for the blended form of webinar.
a) Web + minar b) Web + portal c) Web + seminar d) Website + seminar
 - Choose the unclipped form of pants. a) occupants b) flippants c) pantaloons d) participants
 - Choose the polite alternative for the underlined word. The coat is very cheap.
a) depreciated b) heavily priced c) inferior d) economical
 - Form two derivatives from the following word by adding prefix and suffix. honour *dishonourable*
 - Choose the monosyllabic word. a) institution b) advantage c) daughter d) tongue

PART - II SECTION - 1

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any four sets

4 x 2 = 8

- "Our gates were strong, our walls were thick
So smooth and high, no man could win"
a) How safe was the castle? b) What was the firm belief of the soldiers?
- Where on all day are gathered bird and bee;
And oft at nights the garden overflows.
With one sweet song that seems to have no close"
a) Who gathered on the tree? b) What does the garden overflow with?
- "All the world's a stage
And all men and women are merely players
a) What is the world compared to? b) What is the figure of speech used here?"
- This is my son, mine own Telemachus
To whom I leave the sceptre and the Isle.
a) Who does Ulysses entrust his kingdom to, in his absence?
b) Bring out the significance of the 'sceptre'
- A little wicked wicket gate
a) What does 'wicket' mean? b) Pick out the words in alliteration.
- Full of strange paths and bearded like a pard.
a) What is the figure of speech used here? b) What does 'pard' mean?

SECTION - 2

Do as directed : Answer any three questions.

3 x 2 = 6

- Change the direct speech into Reported form.
The teacher said to the students, "I shall teach the lesson tomorrow".
- Change into other voice form). She is doing the work very sincerely.
- (Begin with 'Had') If I had known you were ill, I would have visited you.
- He is a good actor. He is not popular. (Change into compound sentence)

PART - III SECTION - 1

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context

2 x 3 = 6

- Our only enemy was gold,
And we had no arms to fight it with.
- Then the whining school boy, with his satchel
And shining morning face.
- Well-loved of me, discerning to fulfil

This labour, by slow prudence to make mild.

SECTION - 2

2 x 3 = 6

Answer any two of the following questions.

34. The boys did not spend much on clothes and food. Why?
35. What roles did the duo take up?
36. Name an equipment and a tool carried by the climbers during their expedition.

SECTION - 3

3 x 3 = 9

Answer any three of the following.

37. Study the table given and answer the questions given below.

State	Literacy rate (%) In 2001	Literacy rate (%) In 2011
Tamil Nadu	73.45	80.33
Kerala	90.86	93.91
Karnataka	66.6	75.60
Gujarat	69.14	79.31

Questions :

1. Which state has the highest literacy rate? 2. Which state has the lowest literacy rate? 3. Which state has shown the highest improvement in literacy rate from 2001 to 2011?
38. Describe the process of preparing vegetable salad.
39. Write a dialogue between a mother and her son at home with a minimum of three exchanges.
40. Complete the proverbs.
 - 1) A bad workman quarrels with his..... a) master b) tools c) colleagues d) self
 - 2) A drowning man will clutch at a..... a) log b) rock c) boat d) straw
 - 3) A Leopard can't change its..... a) stripes b) spots c) pots d) pranks

PART - IV

7 x 5 = 35

Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.

41. a) Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice cup of Tea". (OR)
- b) How did a casual incident in a hospital help Dr. Bernard perceive a new dimension of life?
42. a) Describe the fall of the castle. (OR)
- b) Describe the various stages of a man's life picturised in the poem "All the World's A Stage".
43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the hints.
 - a) Aksionov - a merchant in Vladimir - went to fair - against wife's advice - met a merchant stayed in an inn - police arrested - murder charge - sent to Siberia - grew old - met Makar - found out the truth - confessed his crime - Aksionov forgave and died. (OR)
 - b) Ausable - a secret agent - stayed in a hotel - fat - fowler - a writer - visited his room. Max - a secret agent - threatened Ausable - used presence of mind - the existence of bakony - walter knocked the door - jumped into the balcony - died of falling down.
44. Write a summary or make notes of the following passage.

Sparrows are found in many parts of the world and they are of several kinds. The one that is best known to us is the house sparrow. But there is also the hedge sparrow that makes its nest in hedges and bushes. A noisy bird, the house-sparrow has its own song, mainly made up of a series of calls and twitters. It makes its nest in a hole or some rich in the house. This nest is no more than an arrangement, not a very tidy one, of paper and straw which may be lined with wool and hair. The hedge-sparrow is more slender than the house sparrow. It is brown, black and bluishgrey in colour. It too sings, often a warbling song. Like the house sparrow it hops on the ground and makes its own untidy nest. Sparrows eat seeds of many kinds. But much more than seeds, they feed on insects. They lay eggs which number three to six (at one time).
45. Write a letter congratulating your friend Raju / Radha on joining MBBS at Chengalpattu medical college. (OR)

Read the following advertisement and prepare a Bio-data considering yourself fulfilling the conditions mentioned.

WANTED

Qualified nurses for a multi-speciality hospital,
Attractive salary, Flexible working hours, Age below 30.
Apply to

Post Box No.3210, C/o. The Times of India, Chennai - 600 002.

46. a) Read the following sentences, spot the error and correct them.
 1. He is the good batsman in our team
 2. Economics are my favourite subject
 3. The cat drink milk
 4. He is angry on me.
 5. One of the chairs are broken. (OR)
- b) Fill in the blanks.
 1. You have fever. You.....see a doctor. (Use a semi-modal verb)
 2. Will you please.....if the.....is for Rs.10,000 only. (Cheque/check)
 3. One of the machines(is, are) defective.
 4. Take an umbrella with you.....you will get wet. (Use a suitable link word)
47. a) Develop the hints into a story of 150 words.

The illiterate boy - caught for pick pocketing - sent to Juvenile prison - forced to do lessons - becomes sullen rebellious - watches French comic film on T.V. during recreation hour - fascinated with the language - requested coaching classes - a French tourist guide today. (OR)
- b) India suffered for the first time, a heavy toll of life (over 9,000) and property (worth over 2000 crores of rupees) in its coastal states in the South as well as in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in the year 2004, due to the Tsunami. India would soon initiate steps to join the 26 other countries which form a network to warn one another about Tsunamis. The International Tsunami warning system, set up in 1960 and located near Honolulu, Hawaii, would help India get advance information on when and where the Tsunami would hit, atleast two hours in advance. However, the Union Minister of State of Science and Technology, stated subsequently that India has no such plans. Instead, India has decided to procure a sea floor pressure recording system worth Rs.125 crores from the USA, which would send warning signals about approaching Tsunamis.

Questions : 1. When and where was the International Tsunami warning system set up? 2. How badly did the Tsunami affect India in 2004? 3. Is India joining the International Tsunami warning system? 4. What is the cost of the sea floor pressure recording system? 5. Was Tamil Nadu affected by the Tsunami in 2004?