



INSTANT SUPPLEMENTARY EXAM - JUNE 2023

PART - II ENGLISH (With Answers)

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 90

- Instructions :**
1. Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.
 2. Use a **Blue** or **Black** ink pen to write and underline and pencil to draw diagrams.

PART - I

- Note :**
- (i) Answer **all** the questions.
 - (ii) Choose the **most appropriate** answer from the given **four** alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer. **(20 × 1 = 20)**

Choose the **most appropriate** synonyms of the words underlined in the following sentences:

1. They were childish enough, and in many ways quite artless.
(a) innocent (b) humble
(c) playful (d) generous
2. My gloomy thoughts probably stem from an accident. I had a few years ago.
(a) sensible (b) mixed
(c) sorrowful (d) profound
3. he was sitting in splendour on his chair.
(a) excitement (b) magnificence
(c) satisfaction (d) hesitation

Choose the **most appropriate** antonyms of the underlined words in the following sentences.

4. One does not feel wiser, braver or more optimistic.
(a) opportunistic (b) systematic
(c) realistic (d) pessimistic
5. and set ourselves to the task of safely descending the ridge.
(a) proceeding (b) ascending
(c) treading (d) expanding
6. and with no small peril to herself.
(a) worth (b) safety
(c) profit (d) delight

7. Replace the underlined idiom with its suitable meaning.
Do the Math before investing your savings on this business venture.
(a) Think carefully (b) Calculate properly
(c) Share equally (d) Work confidently
8. Replace the underlined word with a polite form of expression.
It is our duty to take care of the old.
(a) aged weaklings (b) senior citizens
(c) elderly folks (d) infirm beings
9. Choose the correct American English equivalent for the British English word, 'windscreen'
(a) windshield (b) wind sail
(c) wind sheet (d) wind glass
10. Fill in the blank with the suitable prepositional phrase.
All the delegates attended the conference _____ heavy rains.
(a) in case of (b) in spite of
(c) in favour of (d) in the event of
11. Choose the appropriate linker and complete the sentence.
The children were very tired; _____ they went to bed early last night.
(a) otherwise (b) therefore
(c) because (d) though
12. Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.
The selection committee rejected your application.
(a) turned out (b) turned against
(c) turned down (d) turned up
13. Choose the tetra-syllabic word from the following.
(a) equipment (b) apparatus
(c) insolence (d) universe

- 14. Identify the correct blended form of 'binary + digit'.
(a) bid (b) bit
(c) bind (d) bigit
- 15. Replace the clipped word in the following sentence with its unclipped form.
We always save the scanned copies of the important documents in a floppy disc.
(a) diskette (b) discotheque
(c) discourse (d) disclaimer
- 16. Choose the right expansion of the abbreviation DCP.
(a) District Controller of Police
(b) Director of Convoy Police
(c) Department of Civil Police
(d) Deputy Commissioner of Police
- 17. Choose the appropriate question tag and complete the sentence.
Vivek played some great shots today, _____?
(a) doesn't he (b) hadn't he
(c) didn't he (d) won't he
- 18. Fill in the blank with the appropriate preposition.
I shall be back here _____ three hours.
(a) since (b) over
(c) within (d) across
- 19. Choose the noun that cannot form a verb using the prefix 'en _____'.
(a) circle (b) danger
(c) slave (d) friend
- 20. Choose the word that has been spelt wrongly.
(a) secretary (b) vengence
(c) demeanour (d) avalanche

PART - II Section - 1

Read the following set of poetic lines and answer any four sets. (4×2=8)

- 21. A gray baboon sits statue-like alone
Watching the sunrise; while on lower boughs
His puny offspring leap about and play;
And far and near kokilas hail the day;
(a) What is the baboon compared to?
(b) Explain the last line.
- 22. "And all the men and women merely players;
They have their exits and their entrances;"
(a) What do the words 'exits' and 'entrances' mean?
(b) Identify the figure of speech in the first line.

- 23. How can this shameful tale be told?
I will maintain until my death
We could do nothing, being sold;
Our only enemy was gold.
(a) What was the 'shameful act'?
(b) Who was the real enemy?
- 24. This is my Son, mine own Telemachus,
To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle,
Well-loved of me.....
(a) Who does Ulysses entrust his kingdom to, in his absence?
(b) Bring out the significance of the 'sceptre'.
- 25. A film the mother - eagle's eye
When her bruised eaglet breathes:
(a) Who is compared to the mother eagle in the above lines?
(b) Explain the comparison.
- 26. "Life is hard; be steel; be a rock".
(a) How should one face life, according to the poet?
(b) Identify the figure of speech in the above line.

Section - 2

- Do as directed.
Answer any three questions. (3×2=6)
- 27. Change the following into Indirect speech.
The policeman said to the thief, "Open your bag and show what it contains."
 - 28. Someone has found your mobile phone in the canteen. (Change the voice)
 - 29. You will not reach your goal, unless you chase your dream. (Rewrite using 'If' without changing the meaning)
 - 30. Mangoes are not so costly as apples in this city. (Rewrite this sentence using the comparative degree)

PART - III

Section - 1

- Explain any two of the following with reference to the context. (2×3=6)
- 31. "Dear is the casuarina to my soul;"
 - 32. "Is second childishness and mere oblivion: sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything."
 - 33. 'I'm killed Sire!' And, his chief beside, Smiling, the boy fell dead.

Section - 2

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words each. (2x3=6)

- 34. Describe the appearance of Nicola and Jacopo.
- 35. Why were the two chairs compared to Rama-Lakshmana?
- 36. What does the 'rule of the road' mean?

Section - 3

Answer any three of the following. (3x3=9)

- 37. Complete the proverbs by choosing the right words from the list:
 - (a) Every _____ has a silver lining.
 - (i) planet (ii) cloud (iii) stream
 - (b) Don't judge a _____ by its cover.
 - (i) gift (ii) seat (iii) book
 - (c) _____ speak louder than words.
 - (i) Actions (ii) Thoughts (iii) Expressions
- 38. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences correctly.
 - (a) run / to / learn / before / walk / you
 - (b) it / spectacle / a / glorious / was
 - (c) before / cowards / death / times / die / their / many
- 39. Describe the process of arranging a birthday party in your house.
- 40. The following table contains information of medals won by a few countries in Tokyo Olympics. Study the table and answer the questions based on it.

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze
China	38	31	18
America	36	39	33
Japan	27	12	17
Russia	20	26	23

- (a) Which country has won the maximum number of medals?
- (b) What are the three medals awarded at the Olympics?
- (c) Name the countries that have won more gold medals than silver.

PART - IV

Answer the following. (7x5=35)

- 41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
 - (a) "These two children had give me a profound lesson....." Eludicate.

(OR)

- (b) How did Tenzing and Hillary prepare themselves before they set off to the summit?

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

- (a) Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel in "The Castle" - Explain.

(OR)

- (b) Write a summary of the poem "A Father to his son".

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

- (a) Robert Baldwin - an honest man - worked under Gresham - thick friends - fraud in a bank - Gresham arrested - misappropriation of money - pressurised Baldwin - to falsely declare - offered huge bribe - Baldwin refused - family members tempeted - tried to justify Gresham's act - ashamed of greed - stood for justice - Gresham confessed - Baldwin rewarded.

(OR)

- (b) Lord Weston - judge - secretary - Roger - discovered - paper in his pocket - words - Remember Caesar - feared - message - warning - March 15 - Julius Caesar - assassinated - sensing attack - shut doors - sent cook - gardener - elaborate precautionary measures - commotion - recollect - appointment - Caesar a gardener - absent - mindedness.

44. (a) Summarise the following passage.

Encouraged by the archaeological findings in Keeladi that testified the existence of an ancient Urban Tamil Civilisation, the Department of Archaeology has decided to launch excavations at seven more sites and field studies in two places.

Excavations would be carried out in keeladi and surrounding areas in Sivagangai District, Adichanallur and surrounding areas. Sivakalai and surrounding areas and Korkai and surrounding areas in Thoothukudi District. Kodumanal in Erode District, Mayiladumparai in Krishnagiri District as well as Gangai Konda Cholapuram and Maligai medu in Ariyalur District.

A field study will be conducted to find new stone age sites in Krishnagiri, Vellore, Dharmapuri, Tiruvannamalai and Salem districts. Another field study will be done in Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi districts to find the Thamiraparani river civilization. The excavations and field studies are milestones in the efforts to restore the ancient cultural greatness of Tamil through scientific methods.

There is a renewed interest in archaeology and culture in the State and the new excavation would help - reveal the pluralist culture of Tamil Nadu to the world.

(OR)

(b) Write an essay of about 150 words on the topic "A Memorable Journey".

45. (a) Respond to the following advertisement with a Bio-data.

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

Wanted

Computer Operator for CYBER ELEVATORS Pvt. Ltd.
- graduate with computer knowledge - good fluency in English - minimum 2 years experience.

Apply to:
The Manager,
Cyber Elevators Pvt. Ltd,
Mount Road, Chennai - 600002.

(OR)

(b) Write a letter to your friend who is studying abroad, describing how the 44th chess olympiad was conducted in Mamallapuram.

46. (a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them.

- (i) The lawyer gave me some valuable advices.
- (ii) My teacher told me that my answer is wrong.
- (iii) I go to school by walk.
- (iv) As the weather was pleasant, so we went for a walk.
- (v) Many a student have passed with distinction.

(OR)

(b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- (i) The cook spilled the wheat _____ on the kitchen _____ (floor/flour)
- (ii) I _____ not venture out in the dark. (Fill in the blank with a suitable semi-modal verb)
- (iii) Last year we _____ (go) on a school trip to kanyakumari. (Fill in the blank with the right tense form)
- (iv) Geetha _____ is my neighbour left for Delhi yesterday. (Use an appropriate relative pronoun)

47. (a) Develop the following hints into a story of 150 words.

A washerman reared a dog - also a donkey - both helped him - one night - washerman and family - in deep sleep - a thief entered - dog did not bark - donkey became angry - tried - dog's duty - brayed loudly - thief ran away - master's sleep disturbed - turned wild - beat the donkey.

(OR)

(b) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

Charles Dickens was an English writer and social critic. During his life time, his works enjoyed unprecedented popularity. He is now considered a 'literary genius' because he created some of the world's best-known fictional characters and is regarded as the greatest novelists of the Victorian era. His novels and short stories enjoy lasting popularity.

Dickens's literary success began with the 1836 serial publication of 'The Pickwick Papers'. Within a few years he had become an international literary celebrity, famous for his humour, satire, and keen observation of character and society. Dickens was regarded as the literary colossus of his age. His novella - 'A Christmas Carol' (1843) remains popular and continues to inspire adaptations in every artistic genre. Oliver Twist and Great Expectations are also frequently adapted, and like many of his novels, evoke images of early Victorian London. His novel, 'A Tale of Two Cities' (1859), set in London and Paris, is his best - known work of historical fiction.

Dickens's creative genius has been praised by fellow writers - from Leo Tolstoy to George Orwell and G. K. Chesterton - for its realism, comedy, prose style, unique characterizations, and social criticism.

Questions :

- (i) Who is Charles Dickens?
- (ii) Why is Charles Dickens considered a 'literary genius'?
- (iii) When did Dicken's literary success begin?
- (iv) What do you know about Dicken's novel 'A Tale of Two Cities'?
- (v) What made his fellow writers praise Dickens' works?

Answers

PART - I

- 1. (a) innocent
- 2. (c) sorrowful
- 3. (b) magnificence
- 4. (d) pessimistic
- 5. (b) ascending
- 6. (b) safety
- 7. (a) Think carefully
- 8. (b) senior citizens
- 9. (a) windshield
- 10. (b) in spite of
- 11. (b) therefore
- 12. (c) turned down
- 13. (b) apparatus
- 14. (b) bit
- 15. (a) diskette
- 16. (d) Deputy Commissioner of Police
- 17. (a) didn't he
- 18. (c) within
- 19. (b) en danger
- 20. (b) vengeance

PART - II Section - 1

- 21. (a) The baboon is compared to a statue.
(b) The kokilas make the day pleasant by sweet songs.
- 22. (a) The word exits means 'death' and entrance means 'birth'.
(b) Metaphor.
- 23. (a) The wizened warder's act of opening the gate to the enemies was the shameful act.
(b) Gold was their real enemy.
- 24. (a) Ulysses entrusts his kingdom to his son Telemachus in his absence.
(b) 'Sceptre' is an ornamental rod carried by the rulers as a symbol of sovereignty.
- 25. (a) Emperor Napoleon is compared to the mother eagle in the above lines.
(b) The concerned mother eagle sees her bruised eagle that breathes painfully. Likewise Napoleon worriedly look at the wounded soldier.
- 26. (a) One should face like a rock and steel.
(b) The figure of speech used here is Metaphor. Life is compared to hardness as a rock and steel.

Section - 2

- 27. The policeman ordered the thief to open his bag and show what it contained.
- 28. Your mobile has been found in the canteen.
- 29. You will not reach your goal, if you do not chase your dream.
- 30. Apples are costlier than mangoes in this city.

PART - III Section - 1

- 31. **Reference** : This line is taken from the poem 'Our Casuarina Tree' by Toru Dutt.
Context : The poet expresses her love for the Casuarina tree.
Explanation : The poet says that it is not because of the majestic appearance of the Casuarina tree that it is dear to her heart and soul. It is dear to her, since she had played with her siblings and friend under its shade.
- 32. **Reference** : These lines are taken from William Shakespeare's poem 'All the world's a stage'.
Context : The poet describes the last role of a man in his eventful life.
Explanation : In the last stage, he becomes senile. He enters into second childishness. He is as dependent upon others as a child. He loses his teeth, vision, hearing sense of smell and everything.

- 33. **Reference** : These lines are taken from the poem 'Incident of the French Camp' by Robert Browning.

Context : The dedication, patriotism and determination of the young soldier are obvious here.

Explanation : The soldier proudly declared that he felt joy and thrill in giving his life for his country. There was a smile of pride and satisfaction on the young soldier's lips. He fell dead near his emperor's feet.

Section - 2

- 34. Nicola and Jacopa had a shabby appearance. One had worn jersey and cut-off khaki pants. The other had shortened army tunic gathered in loose folds. They had brown skins, tangled hair and dark earnest eyes.
- 35. The two chairs were compared to Rama-Lakshmana because they looked exactly the same.
- 36. 'Rule of the road' means in order to preserve the liberties of all, the liberties of everybody must be curtailed.

Section - 3

- 37. (a) (ii) cloud (b) (ii) book
(c) (iii) Actions
- 38. (a) Learn to walk before you run.
(b) It was a glorious spectacle.
(c) Cowards die many times before their death.
- 39. (i) Plan a budget to organise a birthday party.
(ii) Send out invitations and have your guests reply to your invitations.
(iii) Consider what would be the menu for the party. Order a birthday cake.
(iv) Make sure the cake looks fun and has your child's best flavour in it.
(v) Purchase candles to place them on top of the cake. Decide on a theme.
(vi) Make sure that the decorations and party supplies will be liked by your child.
(vii) Plan short games and funny activities. Have Goodie Bags to thank the guests.
- 40. (a) America
(b) Gold, silver, Bronze
(c) China and Japan

Part - IV

- 41. (a) Dr. Barnard realized that the children had given him a profound lesson in getting on with the business of living. It is the joy in the real sense of word, not just something for pleasure, amusement and recreation. It is the celebration of being alive. Dr. Barnard had been looking at the suffering from

the wrong end. He understood that the experience of suffering makes a person a better one. One cannot appreciate the light, if he has not known darkness. Similarly, warmth cannot be appreciated, if one has experienced biting cold. The two children have shown Dr. Barnard that what you have left is more important than what you have lost.

(OR)

- (b) Hillary and Tenzing woke up early at 4 a.m on May 29. They heated and drank large quantities of lemon juice and ate the last tin of sardines on biscuits. Hillary removed the ice in the Oxygen set and rechecked it and tested them. Hillary heated his wet boots over the flame of the primus and softened them. Over their down clothing, they wore their windproof. They wore three pairs of gloves, silk wollen and windproof. At 6.30 a.m, they crawled out of their tent into the snow. They lifted their Oxygen gear on to their backs. They connected up their masks and turned on the valves to bring Oxygen into their lungs. They took a few deep breaths and then they started to move.

42. (a) The poem 'The Castle' by Edwin Muir tells the story of an unspecified battle. Though the castle had strong towers, high and thick walls, it was captured by the enemies by the greediness of an old guard of the castle. He gets bribed by the enemies and let them in through a little private gate, where no one could enter by any wicked tricks. They entered the castle through the intricating path of the castle and captured the citadel for gold. The narrator lamented over the disloyalty of the guard and he was feeling ashamed to tell anyone about this shameful act of the guard. He regretted for not finding any weapon to fight with the enemy called gold. Thus 'Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel'.

(OR)

- (b) The poem is a kind of a brief description of worldly wisdom given by a father to a son. Here a father who has earned experience from the life wishes that his son should lead a life where he could have enough energy and stamina to grapple with the hurdles that come in the pathway of life. A father's tension increases when he looks at his son standing at the threshold of "manhood". It is a time when nearly each and every father becomes protective and cautious.

A vigilant father is always careful of the career concerns, future settlements and familial responsibility towards his son. He wants that

his son should achieve whatever he could not achieve in his lifetime. He tells his son about his failures and successes and also the mantra behind all this. Being aware of the fact that "life is hard", he motivates his son to "be steel". An enlightened father also tells his son that "too much money has killed men / and left them dead years before burial.

43. (a) Baldwin was an honest man, working under John Gresham, in a bank. Gresham had been arrested for misappropriation of money and Baldwin was to testify against him. They had been friends for over 30 years and Baldwin had even named his son after Gresham. Baldwin met Gresham. Gresham had offered a hundred thousand to Baldwin to tell 'I don't remember' in court, during the trial. The family members tried to justify Gresham's act and enticed Baldwin into accepting the money. Baldwin felt disgusted with himself and the attitude of his family members. To save Baldwin, Mr. Marshall, President of the Third National, visited him and informed him that Gresham had confessed his crime, to free him from betraying his trusted friend and testifying painfully against him. Marshall also offered Baldwin a job in his Bank, to reward him for his honesty. Thus 'The Hour of Truth' had dawned relieving Baldwin of the heavy burden and guilt.

(OR)

- (b) Lord Weston was a well-known judge in England. He discovered a piece of paper with the words Remember Caesar in his pocket. He feared that the message was a warning conveyed by his enemies. As the message was sent on the 15th March, the day Julius Caesar was assassinated, he was convinced that someone affected by his fair judgement was plotting his murder. Sensing the attack, he ordered his secretary to shut all the doors and windows. But his wife remained unperturbed by the threat. So, he was angered by her callous reaction. He ordered Roger to send the cook and the gardener away. Both Weston and Roger took elaborate precautionary measures to thwart the assassination attempt. Finally, Weston remembered that he had written the message "Remember Caesar" himself as a reminder. Caesar was actually a gardener who had an appointment to visit Weston's garden. The play revolves around Weston's absent-mindedness, which is the crux of the play.

44. (a) Summary : Rough copy

Encouraged by the archaeological findings in Keeladi that testified the existence of an ancient Urban Tamil Civilisation, the Department of an Archaeology has decided to launch excavations at seven more sites and field studies in two places. Excavations would be carried out in keeladi and surrounding areas in Sivagangai District, Adichanallur and surrounding areas. Sivakalai to surrounding areas and Korkai and surrounding areas in Thoothukudi District. Kodumanal was Erode District. Another field study will be done in Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi districts to find the Thamiraparani river civilization. There is a renewed interest in archaeology and culture to the State and the new excavation would help - reveal the pluralist culture of Tamil Nadu to the world.

Fair Copy :

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(OR)

(b) A Memorable Journey

Life is a continuous journey. Some journeys are sweet and pleasant while some are sour. Some journeys are too memorable to be erased by the sands of time. I had one such experience. The memory of this journey continuous to flicker, on and on, in my mind even after several years. Being born and brought up in Chennai city, a place without hills and mounts, I had no opportunity to travel through tunnels and mounts. Therefore, when my school organised an excursion to New Delhi, our National capital, I was one of the first to join in. We reached Central Station as our train reservation was for the Tamilnadu express. We reached the station early and boarded the train at 9 p.m. The train started at 10 p.m. I sat by the window and enjoyed the passing scenery. The sights of numerous rivers, bridges, countryside, evergreen paddy fields, lush green tea gardens, vast plains, etc. enchanted me a lot. The long tunnels after Nagpur gave us the optimum excitement. This is the memorable journey of my life.

45. (a)

From

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21st June, 2023

To

The Manager,
Cyber Elevators Pvt. Ltd,
Mount Road, Chennai - 600002.

Respected Sirs,

Sub : Application for the post of Computer Operator for CYBER ELEVATORS Pvt. Ltd.

With reference to your advertisement in 'The Hindu' dated 10th May 2023, I would like to apply for the post of Computer Operator in your esteemed organisation.

I enclose herewith my Bio-data for your kind perusal.

I will be much obliged if you kindly consider my application and select me for the above post.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

XXXX

Encl : Curriculum Vitae

CURRICULUM VITAE

- Name : XXXX
- Father's Name : S. Harinath
- Residential Address : YYYY
- Mobile No. : 86xxx xxxxx
- Date of Birth : 10.02.1993
- Marital Status : Single
- Educational Qualification : M.C.A, University of Madras.
- Computer Course : PGDCA, Tally, Java
- Experience : 3 years experience as Computer Operator
Presently working as a Computer Operator in Venus Industries, Guindy.
- Letter of Reference : 1. Mr.S.Kumar (HOD-Computer Application), ABC College, Chennai - 31.
2. Mr. P.S. Sanjay, Headmaster, Bose HSS, Chennai - 58.

Declaration:

I hereby declare that the above particulars are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 21.06.2023

Place: YYYY

XXXX

Signature

Address on the envelope :

To
The Manager,
Cyber Elevators Pvt. Ltd,
Mount Road,
Chennai - 600002.

(OR)

(b)

XXX

21st June, 2023

My dear friend,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. It's been a while since we last caught up, and I wanted to share with you my incredible experience of 44th chess olympiad. This is the first time ever that India is hosting the 44th edition of the Chess Olympiad at Mamallapuram, Chennai. With a record 187 countries taking part with 188 Teams in Open section and 162 in the Women's section, the Olympiad will witness highest ever participation.

A record total of 30 Indian Players across six teams (Three in open and three women) will be participating at the Olympiad. Each team will have 5 members out of which four will be fielded in each round. The Captain of the Team, in most cases non-playing, will decide the team composition. The Olympiad will be a 11 Round Swiss League event. We are happy to invite you and your family to our house for the next vacation. Well take care of yourself and family.

Convey my regards to all.

Yours lovingly,

XXX.

Address on the Envelope :

To
XXX
Dubai.

- 46. (a) (i) The lawyer gave me some valuable advice.
- (ii) My teacher told me that my answer is wrong.
- (iii) I go to school on foot.
- (iv) As the weather was pleasant, we went for a walk.
- (v) Many a student has passed with distinction.

(OR)

(b) Fill in the blanks appropriately:

- (i) flour, floor (ii) dare
 - (iii) went (iv) who
47. (a) Once upon a time there lived a washerman in a town. He had two pets reared a dog and also a donkey. The dog used to keep watch on him the whole day long. The donkey used to carry the washerman's load to and from the river side. One night the washerman and family was sleeping soundly. Taking chance theif entered into the washerman's house. At that time the dog was too fast asleep so he did not bark at the theif. But the donkey was awake. He saw the theif and thought to awaken his master. So he began to bray loudly. the theif ran away in fear. On listening the braying of the donkey. The washerman could not sleep. He came out and could not understand why he is braying. To make him quite he started beating the donkey with a stick the donkey was shouting with pain. But the washerman house was saved.

(OR)

- (b) (i) Charles Dickens was an English writer and social critic.
- (ii) Charles Dickens is considered a 'literary genius' because he created some of the world's best-known fictional characters and is regarded as the greatest novelists of the Victorian era.
- (iii) Dickens's literary success began with the 1836 serial publication of 'The Pickwick Papers'.
- (iv) His novel, 'A Tale of Two Cities' (1859), set in London and Paris, is his best - known work of historical fiction.
- (v) Dickens's creative genius has been praised by fellow writers - from Leo Tolstoy to George Orwell and G. K. Chesterton - for its realism, comedy, prose style, unique characterizations, and social criticism.

