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STD

PUBLIC EXAMINATION - MARCH - 2024

Reg. No.

PART - II

TIME ALLOWED : 3.00 Hours]

ENGLISH (with answers)

[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 **Blue** or **Black** ink to write and underline and pencil to draw diagrams.

## Part - I

Answer **all** the questions.

(20×1=20)

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

1. They were content to work in secluded spheres.
    - (a) uninformed
    - (b) isolated
    - (c) associated
    - (d) liberated
  2. We regard a man who does not possess it as eccentric .
    - (a) strange
    - (b) conventional
    - (c) persuasive
    - (d) reasonable
  3. A career of rectitude sometimes has rewards :
    - (a) wickedness
    - (b) honesty
    - (c) immorality
    - (d) iniquity
- Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences.
4. They consoled me and lauded me on the silver win.
    - (a) appreciated
    - (b) acclaimed
    - (c) criticised
    - (d) witnessed
  5. I explained to her the close and venerable relationship between the names.
    - (a) respected
    - (b) valued
    - (c) confused
    - (d) unworthy
  6. She said her morning prayer in a monotonous sing-song.
    - (a) interesting
    - (b) melodious
    - (c) loud
    - (d) unchanging
  7. Choose the word that can be placed after the word 'spinning' to form a compound word.
    - (a) gate
    - (b) proof
    - (c) wheel
    - (d) piece
  8. Form a derivative by adding a suitable suffix to the root word "arrange".
    - (a) -ous
    - (b) -ful
    - (c) -ness
    - (d) -ment

9. Identify the pattern of the following sentence.

Our team won the overall title.

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

10. Choose the tetra - syllabic word.

- (a) advantage
- (b) eradicate
- (c) distinguished
- (d) demonstrate

11. Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition.

The English language is vital \_\_\_\_\_ the medical field .

- (a) in
- (b) for
- (c) on
- (d) of

12. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom used in the given sentence.

The sponsors got cold feet and cancelled the order.

- (a) prepared
- (b) reassured
- (c) frightened
- (d) unaffected

13. Fill in the blank with the correct tense form.

If I \_\_\_\_\_ you there, I would have said 'hello'.

- (a) had seen
- (b) have seen
- (c) were seen
- (d) saw

14. An ambidextrous is one who \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) produces beautiful handwriting.
- (b) is able to use the left and right hands equally.
- (c) speaks and understands many languages.
- (d) studies how people vote in elections.

15. Choose the word that has been wrongly spelt.

- (a) venerable
- (b) indelible
- (c) felecitation
- (d) enunciated

16. Choose the appropriate question tag for the following sentence.

Cities are increasingly becoming urbanised, \_\_\_\_\_?

- (a) are they
- (b) do they
- (c) aren't they
- (d) don't they

17. Replace the underlined word in the sentence below with a phrasal verb.

The managing director of the company has postponed the meeting for a week.

- (a) put up (b) put off  
(c) put out (d) put down

18. Choose the expanded form of NCC.

- (a) National Candidate Corps  
(b) National Cadet Corps  
(c) Native Cadet Corpse  
(d) National Cadet Crops

19. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the given sentence.

The principal opened the envelope and found a bon voyage card.

- (a) Anniversary (b) Invitation  
(c) Remembrance (d) Happy Journey

20. Add a suitable prefix to form the opposite of the word audible.

- (a) in (b) un  
(c) di (d) non

### Part - II Section - 1

Answer **any four** of the following. (4×2=8)

Read the sets of poetic lines given and answer the questions that follow.

21. *And 'tis my faith that every flower  
Enjoys the air it breathes...*

- (a) What is the poet's faith?  
(b) What trait of Nature do we see here?

22. *And nothing can we call our own but death;  
And that small model of the barren earth.*

- (a) What does the 'small model' refer to here?  
(b) Pick out the rhyming words in these lines.

23. *'Most of all, I want to relearn  
How to laugh,*

- (a) Why does the poet want to relearn how to laugh?  
(b) Whom does the poet want to relearn from?

24. *We are proud of the position we  
hold, humble as we are*

- (a) What is the speaker proud of?  
(b) Pick out the words of alliteration in these lines.

25. *Macavity's a Mystery Cat : he's called the Hidden Paw...*

- (a) Does the poet talk about a real cat?  
(b) Why is he called the Hidden Paw?

26. *Well, ego it might be pleased enough,  
But zealous athletes play so rough...*

- (a) What pleases the ego?  
(b) Why are athletes often rough during play?

### Section - 2

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

27. Pranav said that he had been walking along the street.  
(Change into direct speech)

28. May God bless you with happiness.  
(Change the voice)

29. We stayed up all night but we were not tired at all  
(Rewrite as a complex sentence)

30. If I were a millionaire,  
I would buy a car. (Begin with "were")

### Part - III Section - 1

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

31. I live with bread like you, feel want,  
Taste grief, need friends - subjected thus,

32. I am just glad as glad can be  
That I am not them, that they are not me.

33. I heard a thousand blended notes.

### Section - 2

Answer **any two** of the following questions in not more than 30 words. (2×3=6)

34. Who are the citizens of 'dreamland'? Why?

35. What did Bryson wish to avoid in his life?

36. Describe the author's grandmother.

### Section - 3

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

37. Write an email to your friend congratulating him/her on his/her success in the Chess Tournament.

38. You are the secretary of your School Heritage Club. Draft a notice informing about a field visit to the nearby Museum.

39. Describe the process of making a cup of tea.

40. Complete the proverbs using the words given below.

- (a) Cut your \_\_\_\_\_ according to your cloth.  
(b) A bad workman always blames his \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(c) \_\_\_\_\_ gives courage to a coward.  
(stage, tools, failure, coat, despair)

## Part - IV

(7×5=35)

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

- (a) Describe Mary Kom's personal experiences during her first International Championship match from the time of selection to winning the medal.

(OR)

- (b) Trace the thoughts that went on in the mind of the narrator when picture after picture was put up and sold at the auction.

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

- (a) Explain the things the poet Gabriel Okara has learnt when he grew into an adult.

(OR)

- (b) In what way is every hillock similar to Everest?

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

- (a) Two best friends - part ways - appointment - twenty years - Bob arrived - policeman on beat - tall man came - Jimmy Wells - Stopped suddenly - man's nose - Roman to a pug - under arrest - a note - from Patrolman Wells.

(OR)

- (b) Miss Meadows - gloomy in class - taxes the students - lament - Basil - letter - change of mood - Head mistress Ms. Wyatt- telegram - feels happy - returns to class - good cheer.

44. (a) Summarize or Make notes of the following passage :

Cork is an extremely impressive and attractive material derived from the cork oak tree's thick bark. They grow naturally in the Mediterranean region of Europe which produces 80% of the world's cork. Because of its impermeable, elastic and fire retardant properties, it is used widely for sealing containers, fishing equipment and domestic applications. In ancient Greece, cork was used in foot wear, to manufacture a type of sandals attached to the foot by straps. In the second century AD, Greek physician Dioscorides, noted several medical applications of cork, mainly for hair loss treatment. Cork is an excellent gasket material. Some carburetor float bowl gaskets are made of cork, for example cork is also an essential element in the production of cricket balls and badminton shuttle cocks. In musical Instruments, particularly, woodwind instruments, it is used

to fasten together segments of the instruments. Cork is moisture resistant and so it is used as an alternative to leather in handbags, wallets and other fashion items. Many racing bicycles have their handle bars wrapped in cork based tape manufactured in a variety of colours.

(OR)

- (b) Write conversation between a father and a son on choice of a career. (Minimum of five exchanges)

45. (a) Respond to the given advertisement and prepare a bio-data considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified.

(Write XXXX for your name and YYYY for the address)

<p><b>Wanted</b> <b>Personal Assistant</b></p> <p>The applicant should be a graduate with fluency in English and Computer Knowledge.</p> <p>Apply to The Manager, (HR) ABC Info Tech, ABC street, Chennai - 600006.</p>
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(OR)

- (b) Write a letter to the headmaster of your school requesting him/ her to issue a bonafide certificate.

46. (a) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- (i) The stranger \_\_\_\_\_ for a few minutes before he \_\_\_\_\_ my house. (paused/ passed)
- (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ girls who attended the class informed the others about the test. (some /few)
- (iii) Teachers \_\_\_\_\_ encourage the students to read science literature. (semi-modal verb)
- (iv) You have to hurry \_\_\_\_\_ you will miss the bus. (Fill in the blank with a suitable conjunction)

(OR)

- (b) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.

- (i) The little boy memorised the alphabets with in a week.
- (ii) Everyone of the students were questioned.
- (iii) Wordsworth is one of the greatest poet of the world.
- (iv) Raju has took half a day leave.
- (v) I have been working in this school since twenty years.

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47. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.

There are many forms of collecting that come with a specific technical name. A person who collects coins is called a numismatist. A philatelist collects postage stamps and a deltiologist collects post cards. The term philately was coined in 1864 by a French man, Georges Herpin. The first postage stamps for the prepayment of letter postage were issued in England in 1840. They were the brainchild of Rowland Hill, who was interested in problems of teaching. The ten rupees postage stamp depicting Mahatma Gandhi issued in 1948 is one of the most famous stamps of India. Collecting postage stamps will give a great opportunity to gain knowledge of different countries, plants, animals or famous people that they are in the stamps.

**Questions :**

- (i) Identify the term used for a person collecting post cards.
- (ii) Who proposed the idea of postage stamps?
- (iii) When was the first postage stamp circulated in England ?
- (iv) Which is the renowned stamp in India ?
- (v) What do we learn beyond collecting postage stamps?

(OR)

- (b) Write a paragraph in about 150 words on "Students and Social Service".

**Answers**

- |  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. (b) isolated  | 2. (a) strange      |
| 3. (b) honesty   | 4. (c) criticised   |
| 5. (d) unworthy  | 6. (a) interesting  |
| 7. (c) wheel   | 8. (d) -ment        |
| 9. (d) SVO   | 10. (b) eradicate   |
| 11. (a) in   | 12. (c) frightened  |
| 13. (a) had seen   |                     |
| 14. (b) is able to use the left and right hands equally. |                     |
| 15. (c) felicitation                                     | 16. (c) aren't they |
| 17. (b) put off  |                     |
| 18. (b) National Cadet Corps                             |                     |
| 19. (d) Happy Journey                                    | 20. (a) in          |

**Part - II Section - 1**

21. (a) The poet's **faith** is that every flower in nature enjoys itself.
- (b) We see the **happiness** of **Nature** here.
22. (a) 'Small model' refers to the little patch of earth that covers the body after death.
- (b) death - earth.
23. (a) The poet wants to show his real feelings. Hence he wants to relearn how to laugh.
- (b) The poet wants to relearn from his son.
24. (a) The speaker is proud of the position he holds.
- (b) **p**roud - **p**osition; **h**old - **h**umble are the words in alliteration.
25. (a) No. The poet talks about a fictional character.
- (b) He is called as the Hidden Paw because he is the master criminal who can disobey any law.
26. (a) The success in a game pleases the ego.
- (b) The athletes are often rough during play because everyone wants to win.

**Section - 2**

27. Pranav said, "I was walking along the street".
28. May you be blessed with happiness by God.
29. Although we stayed up all night, we were not tired at all.
30. Were I a millionaire, I would buy a car.

**Part - III Section - 1**

31. **Reference** : These lines are taken from "The hollow crown" by William Shakespeare.

**Context** : King Richard II speaks of the might of death to his subjects.

**Explanation** : King Richard recalls how kings get slain in battlefield . The king feels he is also an ordinary mortal deceived by the 'jester's death'. He also needs to taste grief and needs the support of friends during distress.

32. **Reference** : These lines are taken from the poem 'Confessions of a Born Spectator' by Frederic Ogden Nash.

**Context** : The poet wants to say that he is happy not to be an athlete.

**Explanation :** The poet begins the poem by saying one person becomes a jockey and another person plays basketball or hockey. Yet another person hates to enter the enclosed area in which boxing matches are fought. He is glad that he is not a sportsman or an athlete. And they are not like him.

**33. Reference :** These lines are taken from the poem "Lines Written in the Early Spring" written by William Wordsworth.

**Context :** The poet shows his love for Nature.

**Explanation :** The poet enjoys the beauty of nature. He thinks that the twigs enjoy the breeze and there is some happiness hidden there.

### Section - 2

**34.** The sportsmen are the citizens of 'dreamland'. After the game, their minds are filled with the **imagination** of the games played and titles won.

**35.** Bryson wishes not to cause accidents or get himself involved in accidents especially while **travelling**. So he avoids food, **drink or any unwanted** activities to keep himself away from **catastrophes** when he travels.

**36.** The author's grandmother was old and **slightly** bent. She **loved** her grandson and liked to feed street dogs and sparrows. She was always chanting **prayers silently**. She had perfect control over her emotions.

### Section - 3

**37.**

To : shivakumar@gmail.com
sub : Congratulations for chess tournament
Dear friend, Hearty congratulations on your recent success in the chess tournament. I always knew your ability effectively. Your hardwork, determination, and tireless efforts have enabled your win. I am sure that many more laurels are on your way. You shall soon become an internal champion.
With love, XXX

**38.**

### NOTICE

ABC Hr. Sec. School, Thanjavur

### Field Visit

7<sup>th</sup> March 20XX.

This is to inform all the students of classes 11 and 12 that our school heritage club has planned to arrange a field visit to the National Museum on 25th April. Interested students are informed to register names to Mrs. Anandhi English teacher on or before 20th April.

XXX,

School Heritage Club

- 39.**
1. Boil two glasses of water in a vessel.
  2. Add two tea-spoons of tea leaves and  $\frac{1}{2}$  a cup of milk.
  3. Cover the vessel with a lid.
  4. Filter the tea and pour in cups.
  5. Add 2 teaspoons of sugar and stir it.
  6. Serve hot.

- 40.**
- (a) coat
  - (b) tools
  - (c) Despair

### Part - IV

- 41.** (a) When Mary Kom was selected in the 48 kg category for the International Boxing Association, her father managed to collect only ₹2,000/- for her trip. With the help of his friend, Mr. Onler, she managed to get ₹ 5,000/- and ₹ 3,000/- from the two Members of the Parliament. She had collected a little more from people.

Hence she thought that she should not return empty handed. She started her trip to the USA - Pennsylvania, where she was confined to the sports arena. The next day she got selected and proceeded towards the finals. Mary Kom was not accustomed to the American food, her weight began to decrease. As a result, she could obtain a silver medal. The biggest thing she took away from the USA championship was that she could take on any boxer in the world.

(OR)

- (b) The narrator thought he knew nothing about art pictures nor had enough money to participate in the bidding. Out of fun, he started raising the bid amount marginally at the auction hall. He also raised fifty guineas for the Daubigny picture which was bid by a rich dealer for four thousand guineas.

To his amazement, nobody else bid after that. The narrator was panic-stricken. He got into a mental tight corner. He saw none of the pictures which were put up and sold. He was running over the names of uncles and other persons from whom it might be possible to borrow. But it wasn't possible for him. He could not find ways as how to raise such a huge amount.

42. (a) In his childhood, the poet, Gabriel Okara, was innocent, honest and sincere. But when he grew to be an adult, society has changed him. He has learnt how to laugh without any warm feelings. He learned to shake hands with others without wholeheartedness. He also has learnt to act or behave to the need of the situation for that he has to wear a standard deceitful artificial smile on all occasions.

It looks like a smile in a fixed picture or a painting. He has learnt to say 'goodbye' wherein he actually has to say 'good-riddance', a feeling of relief when an unwanted person leaves. He has even learnt to say 'glad to meet you' without being glad. He also has learnt to say 'it has been nice talking to you', after being bored with his talks. So, he has learnt to keep his real character a secret and shows the world a fake character.

(OR)

- (b) The poet gives his views on the quality of life. We should always feel proud and high of ourselves, though our good qualities are few and small in quantity. Never shall we fail to do what we have promised. Our pride arises from the way, we live and our path. Mount Everest is not the only peak, which is the highest of all. Every small hill has the highest point to boast. We don't care about the height we reach. He, who does not bend his head or body to gain monetary benefits is a king, we adore. We should respect these persons.

43. (a) Jimmy Wells and Bob were friends right from their childhood. They grew up in the same neighbourhood in New York. Since Bob wanted to make a lot of fortune, he wanted to go to the West. But his friend Jimmy Wells, a conservative one, wished to stay in New York. They parted making a sentimental agreement that they would meet again after twenty years in the same place. Bob, no doubt made fortune, but through wrong means. He became the most wanted criminal in Chicago. But Jimmy obtained a decent position in the city police department. Bob came to the decided place, travelling a thousand miles, to meet his friend Jimmy Wells. When Jimmy came at the same place, Bob could not recognize Jimmy.

But Jimmy identified Bob and he realised that Bob was the most wanted criminal by the Chicago police. However, he did not display his recognition and left the place. Then Jimmy sent another cop to arrest Bob, as he did not have the heart to arrest his old friend.

(OR)

- (b) Miss Meadows was the music teacher in a school. She got a letter from her fiance', Basil. Basil stated that the marriage between himself and Meadows would be a mistake. So he had no intention of marrying her. She was very much upset and dejected. In the morning, when the Science Mistress greeted Miss Meadows, she stared in hatred at the Science Mistress. Mary Beazly was her favourite student. Usually she would greet Miss Meadows with a beautiful yellow Chrysanthemum. She took it up and tuck it into her belt. But that morning, Miss Meadows did not take it, and she made no reply to her greeting. "Thank you, Mary". She made her students to sing the song "A Lament". It was a sad song. Every note was a sigh, a sob, a groan of great sorrow. Later the HM of the school called Miss Meadows and gave her a telegram from Basil. In the telegram Basil stated, forget the letter, I was in a mad mood. It meant that he would marry her. She was so happy. So when she returned to the music class she announced to sing a song of happiness.

44. (a) **Note Making : Cork**

- I. Production
  1. Oak-tree
    - (i) impressive
    - (ii) attractive
    - (iii) thick bark
  2. Growth place
    - (i) Mediterranean region of Europe - 80% of world's cork
- II. Properties
  - (i) impermeable
  - (ii) elastic
  - (iii) fire retardant
- III. Uses
  - (i) sealing containers
  - (ii) fishing equipment
  - (iii) domestic applications
  - (iv) foot wear
  - (v) leather in handbags
  - (vi) wallets
  - (vii) other fashion items
  - (viii) race bicycle

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(or)

Summary :

Rough copy

Cork

Cork is derived from the cork oak tree's thick bark. They grow in the Mediterranean region of Europe which produces 80% of the world's cork. It has impermeable, elastic and fire retardant properties, used for sealing containers, fishing equipment and domestic applications. In ancient Greece, cork was used in foot wear. In the second century AD, Greek physician Dioscorides, noted applications of cork for hair loss treatment, Cork is an excellent gasket material. In musical Instruments, particularly, woodwind instruments, it is used to fasten together segments of the instruments. Cork is moisture resistant. Many racking bicycles have their handle bars wrapped in cork.

Fair copy

Cork

Cork is derived from the oak tree's thick bark. They grow in the Mediterranean region. It is impermeable, elastic and fire retardant properties, used for sealing containers, fishing equipment and domestic applications, foot wear, for hair loss treatment, gasket material, cricket balls and badminton shuttle cocks. It is used to fasten together segments of the instruments, as an alternative to leather in handbags, wallets and other fashion items.

Total No. of words in the passage - 181

Total No. of words in the Fair copy - 68

(OR)

- (b) **Father** : Good morning Rahul. What are you doing?  
**Son** : Good morning Daddy. I am just chatting with my friends Dad.  
**Father** : Okay. Now you have completed your board exams with good result. So what is your next move?  
**Son** : Even I thought of discussing it with you Dad.  
**Father** : Tell me about your interest in your future.  
**Son** : I have decided to Petrochemical Engineering Dad.  
**Father** : That is really good. What is your goal in that field?  
**Son** : Actually am interested in research and new inventions in petroleum products.  
**Father** : Good job, my son. No need to worry about the expenses. Pursue your goal and be successful. All the best.  
**Son** : Thank you so much Dad. So kind of you.

45. (a)

From

XXXX

YYYY

Date : 8<sup>th</sup> March, 20XX

To

The Manager, (HR)

ABC Info Tech,

ABC Street, Chennai - 600006.

Sir/Madam,

**Sub** : Application for the post of Personal Assistant-reg.**Re** : Your advertisement in "The Hindu" dated 28th February 20XX.

Greetings,

With reference to the above advertisement. I would like to apply for the post of a Personal Assistant. I have worked as a graphic artist in a local graphics concern for about 3 years. I am experience in Photoshop and InDesign. I enclose my Bio-data. I shall do my best in the interest of your concern. Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

XXXX

Resume/Bio-Data

**Name** : XXX**Father's Name** : XXX**Mother's Name** : XXX**Gender** : Male**Date of Birth** : 1-9-1992**Nationality** : Indian**Religion** : Christian/Hindhu/Muslim**Educational****Qualification** : M.A(Visual Communication)**Professional****Qualification** : Diploma in Graphics, Tambaram, 2 years training**Experience** : 1 year experience**Languages known** : Tamil and English**Email ID** : XXX1996@gmail.com**Mobile No** : 94432XXXXX**Extra Curricular****Activity** : Computer Knowledge**Expected Salary** : 20,000/-**Declaration**

I declare that the information which I have furnished is true to the best of my knowledge.

**Dated** : 8-3-20XX**Place** : Chennai

Sincerely,

XXX

kindly send me your key Answers to our email id - padasalai.net@gmail.com

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**Address on the envelope :**

To  
The Manager, (HR)  
ABC Info Tech,  
ABC Street, Chennai - 600 006.

(OR)

(b)

From  
XXX,  
YYY.

To

The Headmaster,  
ABC Hr. Sec School  
YYY.

Respected Sir,

**Subject:** Request for a Bonafide Certificate.

I am a former student of this school in 2021-22 academic year. I would like to join a computer course. I have to submit my Bonafide Certificate to the instition. So, I request you to kindly issue me the bonafide certificate as early as possible

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,  
XXXX  
Date : 7-3-20XX

**Address on the envelope :**

To  
The Headmaster,  
ABC Hr. Sec School  
YYY.

46. (a) (i) paused, passed  
(ii) Some  
(iii) Ought to  
(iv) or/or else/otherwise

(OR)

- (b) (i) The little boy memorised the alphabet within a week.  
(ii) Everyone of the students was questioned.  
(iii) Wordsworth is one of the greatest poets of the world.

- (iv) Raju has taken half a day leave.  
(v) I have been working in this school for twenty years.

47. (a) (i) Deltiologists

(ii) Rowland Hill

(iii) 1840

(iv) The ten rupees postage stamp depicting Mahatma Gandhi issued in 1948.

(v) Collecting postage stamps will give a great opportunity to gain knowledge of different countries, plants, animals or famous people that they are in the stamps.

(OR)

- (b)
- Students and Social Service**

Students have some responsibilities towards society and the nation. They must contribute to that in every way they can. Social service is one way for students to contribute to their society. Students can contribute a social service either in groups, organisations, or as an individuals.

Students can join them as a volunteer at their schools, colleges, and universities. Students can also do social service on their own and contribute to society as an individuals. They can educate the people and society about the alarming situations which are creating hurdles for human life. Some of these issues are environmental pollution, poverty, deforestation, increasing air pollution in cities, water scarcity, and many more. Students can provide self - defense workshops for women and children.

Finally, students and social service are inextricably linked with one playing an important part in the growth of other.

