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## PUBLIC EXAM - MARCH 2024

### PART - II ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]

(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 pen to write and underline and pencil to draw diagrams.

**Note :**

#### PART - I

- (i) Answer **all** the questions.
- (ii) Choose the **most appropriate** answer from the given **four** alternatives and write both the option code and the corresponding answer for each question.

**(20 × 1 = 20)**

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

1. When our ridicule overstepped the limits, Amma would pretend to chide us.  
(a) scold (b) tease  
(c) thrash (d) advise
2. I experienced not only agony and fear but also anger.  
(a) hatred (b) hunger  
(c) insecurity (d) suffering
3. The snow on this face was dangerous, but we persisted in our efforts to beat a trail up it.  
(a) rejoiced (b) focussed  
(c) continued (d) survived

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

4. We have a whole kingdom in which we rule alone... be wise or ridiculous .... conventional or odd.  
(a) inhuman (b) abnormal  
(c) unskillful (d) illogical
5. I opened it the way I had the first and its contents vanished.  
(a) overflowed (b) developed  
(c) shattered (d) appeared
6. Everything is so difficult now, food is so scarce and dear.  
(a) nutritious (b) expensive  
(c) adequate (d) important
7. Choose the word that can be added after 'good' to form a compound word.  
(a) will (b) idea  
(c) news (d) deed

8. Choose the right combination of words used to form the blended word 'staycation'.  
(a) stray + education (b) stray + allocation  
(c) stay + location (d) stay + vacation
9. Choose the right expansion of the acronym 'RAW'.  
(a) Results and Analyses Wing  
(b) Research and Analysis Wing  
(c) Review Action Wing  
(d) Resource Application Wing
10. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.  
I do wish that Joel wouldn't leave \_\_\_\_\_ of water on the landing!  
(a) peals (b) piles (c) pails (d) pales
11. Replace the underlined word in the given sentence with its unclipped form  
The pleasant music at the party is spreading good vibes among the guests.  
(a) vibrations (b) vibratos  
(c) vibriosis (d) vibraphones
12. Choose the word that has been misspelt.  
(a) encouragement (b) misapparopriate  
(c) precautionary (d) unambiguous
13. Choose the right meaning of the idiom in the given sentence.  
I did not become Lord Weston by twiddling my thumbs and hoping for favours.  
(a) cheating others (b) facing failures  
(c) showing hatred (d) being idle
14. Choose the word that cannot form a derivative with the suffix '-ship'.  
(a) champion (b) craftsman  
(c) apprentice (d) container
15. Choose the monosyllabic word from the given options.  
(a) trifle (b) alarm  
(c) vague (d) worthy

16. The police seized a lorry loaded with smuggled goods.  
Replace the British English word with its equivalent in American English.  
(a) caravan (b) truck  
(c) tanker (d) wagon
17. Fill in the blank with the suitable sentence connective.  
It's already very late and you can't leave now. \_\_\_\_\_, it is raining heavily.  
(a) Moreover (b) Nevertheless  
(c) Consequently (d) Meanwhile
18. Replace the phrasal verb with the most appropriate single word.  
The soft snow made a route .... which sometimes held my weight but often gave way suddenly.  
(a) crumbled (b) expanded  
(c) hardened (d) splashed
19. The task force managed to complete the project on time \_\_\_\_ many challenges.  
Choose the suitable prepositional phrase to fill the blank.  
(a) in favour of (b) in lieu of  
(c) in honour of (d) in spite of
20. Identify the right pattern of the following sentence.  
We must not throw garbage on the streets.  
(a) SVOC (b) SVIODO  
(c) SVOA (d) SVAA

**PART - II - Section - 1**

Choose **any four** of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow. **(4×2=8)**

21. "A film the mother-eagle's eye  
When her bruised eaglet breathes :"  
(a) Explain the comparison made in these lines.  
(b) Pick out the words in alliteration.
22. "...while on lower boughs  
His puny offspring leap about and play;"  
(a) Whose offspring is mentioned here?  
(b) Where is it playing?
23. "Life is hard; be steel; be a rock."  
(a) How should one face life?  
(b) Identify the figure of speech used here.
24. "... I mete and dole  
Unequal laws unto a savage race,  
That hoard, and sleep, and feed, and know not me."  
(a) Who is the speaker here?  
(b) What does he say about his subjects?

25. "How can this shameful tale be told?  
I will maintain until my death"  
(a) Which aspect of the tale is considered shameful  
(b) Mention the figure of speech used here.
26. "Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,  
Seeking the bubble reputation  
Even in the cannon's mouth."  
(a) What are the distinguishing features of man in this stage?  
(b) Explain the phrase 'bubble reputation'.

**Section - 2**

Do as directed.

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

27. After removing the shoes, the boy jumped into the river. (Rewrite as a compound sentence).
28. My parents do not allow me to eat junk food. (Change into passive voice.)
29. Mickey Mouse is one of the most popular cartoon characters among children. (Rewrite using the comparative degree of adjective)
30. Change into reported speech.  
Weston : Did you open the door to the gardener?  
Roger : No, my lord. I spoke through the shutter.

**PART - III - Section - 1**

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

31. "His youthful hose, well sav'd, a world too wide  
For his shrunk shank;..."
32. "What could they offer us for bait?  
Our captain was brave and we were true ..."
33. "How dull it is to pause, to make an end,  
To rust unburnished, not to shine in use!"

**Section - 2**

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

34. Why does Orwell prefer a cylindrical teacup to a flat one?
35. What were the various jobs undertaken by Nicola and Jacopo? What made them work so hard?
36. How was the chair made and how did the villagers react to it?

**Section - 3**

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

37. Create a catchy slogan for each of the following topics.  
(a) Blood Donation  
(b) Importance of Education  
(c) Textile Showroom

38. Write atleast 5 different ways of keeping your eyes healthy and maintaining good eyesight.
39. Choose the right word from the list and complete the proverbs given below.
- (a) Bare words buy no \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) butter (ii) beauty (iii) barley
- (b) The squeaky wheel gets the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) grease (ii) glue (iii) gelatin
- (c) Keep your friends close, and your \_\_\_\_\_ closer.
- (i) relatives (ii) enemies (iii) neighbours
40. Study the following table and write three sentences on your inference about the data.

**Indian Premier League, 2023  
Teams qualified for Play-offs**

RANK	TEAM	M	W	L	N/R	P	NRR
1	Gujarat Titans	14	10	4	0	20	+0.809
2	Chennai Super Kings	14	8	5	1	17	+0.652
3	Lucknow Super Giants	14	8	5	1	17	+0.284
4	Mumbai Indians	14	8	6	0	16	-0.044

M - Matches      N/R - No Result (game abandoned)  
 W - Won              P - Points  
 L - Lost              NRR - Net Run Rate

**PART - IV**

Answer the following. (7×5=35)

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
- (a) How did a casual incident in a hospital help Dr. Barnard perceive a new dimension of life?
- (OR)
- (b) Give an account of the preparations made by Hillary and Tenzing before they set off to the summit.
42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 150 words.
- (a) Describe the reminiscences of the poet, when she sees the casuarina tree.
- (OR)
- (b) Explain how the poet guides his son to face the challenges of life, when he was on the threshold of manhood.
43. Develop the following hints into a paragraph of about 150 words.
- (a) Aksionov - young merchant of Vladimir - small family - trip to Nizhny Fair - meets merchant friend - stays at inn - Aksionov

arrested - murder case - shifted to mines of Siberia - innocent convict for 26 years - grew old and weak - spent time in prayers - life of saint - respected by inmates - meets Makar and saves him - Makar feels guilty - confesses his crime - Aksionov forgives criminal - dies peacefully - order for release.

(OR)

- (b) Lord Weston - Judge in England - Roger's request - holiday - not happy - discovers a piece of paper - "Remember Caesar" - plot to kill - victim of fair judgement - warning message on Caesar's assassination - 15<sup>th</sup> of March - takes precautionary measures - shuts doors and windows - sends away cook and gardener - Weston recollects - reminder message - Caesar, a gardener, - appointment given - Weston's absent - mindedness.

44. (a) Write a summary of the following passage.

We need to use our energy sources wisely and economically and conserve as much of our energy resources as we can. How can we do this?

Firstly, we must reduce our dependence on non-renewable resources. For example, can we design or invent vehicles that do not use petrol or diesel as fuel? If we can, then we can reduce our consumption of petroleum. Many scientists and engineers are working on this idea. Can we use water and wind power, rather than diesel or petrol or coal power to generate electricity?

Secondly, we must look for and use alternative fuels and sources. Rather than using coal, kerosene or cooking gas, can we use animal wastes or plant wastes? We have learnt to extract energy from animal wastes such as cow dung and plant wastes. One successful method is to ferment animal waste in closed containers and produce a gas called biogas, which is just as good as cooking gas. The waste from the biogas plant can be used as manure in fields and plantations. A second example is the use of windmills, where wind is used to turn a paddle wheel to produce electricity or to lift water.

Thirdly, we must make greater and cleverer use of the sun. The sun is a perennial source of light and heat for the earth, and it is absolutely free! If we could devise methods for capturing the heat and light from the sun and transforming it into electricity, mankind could benefit greatly.

(OR)

- (b) Write a paragraph on an interesting news item you have read or heard about, in recent times.
45. (a) Write a letter of application to the Manager of a glass manufacturing company for the post of clerk. Enclose a detailed Bio-data with the covering letter.

(OR)

- (b) Write a letter to your friend describing your plans for the upcoming summer holidays.

## 46. (a) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- (i) The \_\_\_\_\_ stored the unsold grain bags in the \_\_\_\_\_. (cellar / seller)  
 (ii) The children are very happy with the new car. (Add a suitable question tag)  
 (iii) Mahathi is \_\_\_\_\_ a great singer \_\_\_\_\_ a talented violinist. (Fill in the blanks with a correlative conjunction)  
 (iv) If I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) your message, I would have come to the airport to receive you. (Use the correct form of the verb)

(OR)

## (b) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and write them correctly.

- (i) My mother asked me when would I return from school.  
 (ii) There weren't much women tourists in the group.  
 (iii) One of my sister lives in Canada.  
 (iv) The Captain as well as his soldiers were ready to face the enemy assault.  
 (v) I borrowed these books at the library.

47. (a) Imagine that you are vacating your house and relocating to another city. You are contacting an employee of a Packers and Movers Company to shift your household things. Build a telephone conversation with that employee in not less than seven exchanges.

(OR)

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

Dr. Carver was an American Black slave, who by dint of his ability became a scientist and educator of world-wide fame. A national monument has now been erected to honour him. This monument has been built at his birth-place in the United States of America. Carver's life and achievements prove the American saying: "You can't keep a great man down." From childhood he showed qualities which gave promise of his genius. He would get up before sunrise to study the wonders of nature before the break of dawn. His guardians wanted to educate him but were too poor to do. So, he left home when he was hardly ten years old, and began to work at small jobs. Thus he earned a little money for his school expenses. He continued to do so even when he was at college.

Thus he passed his M.Sc. examination and became a professor. There he wrote several books on scientific subjects. His chief desire was to do the greatest good to the greatest number of people. He left all his life's savings to found scholarships for research in Agricultural Chemistry. He knew that this research was bound to benefit farmers all over the world. Though world-famous, he never felt proud of his discoveries. "I discovered nothing", he once said, "I am God's agent - the instrument through which He works."

## Questions :

- (i) How does Dr. Carver's life prove that "you can't keep a great man down"?  
 (ii) What can you say about the early life of Dr. Carver?  
 (iii) What did Dr. Carver do with his life's savings?  
 (iv) How was he honoured for his commendable achievement?  
 (v) Is there anything to prove that Dr. Carver was a humble person?

## Answers

## PART - I

- |                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. (a) scold                      | 2. (d) suffering     |
| 3. (c) continued                  | 4. (b) abnormal      |
| 5. (d) appeared                   | 6. (c) adequate      |
| 7. (a) will                       | 8. (d) stay+vacation |
| 9. (b) Research and Analysis Wing |                      |
| 10. (c) pails                     | 11. (a) vibrations   |
| 12. (b) misappropiate             |                      |
| 13. (d) being idle                | 14. (d) container    |
| 15. (c) vague                     | 16. (b) truck        |
| 17. (a) Moreover                  | 18. (a) crumbled     |
| 19. (d) in spite of               | 20. (c) SVOA         |

## PART - II Section - 1

21. (a) The concerned mother eagle sees her bruised eagle that breathes painfully. Likewise, Napoleon worriedly looks at the wounded soldier.  
 (b) eagle - eye; bruished - breathes
22. (a) Offspring mentioned here is the young baboon.  
 (b) They are playing in the lower branches of the casuarina tree.
23. (a) One should face life like a rock and steel.  
 (b) Metaphor.
24. (a) Ulysses is the speaker here.  
 (b) The people of Ithaca were barbarians / savage race.



25. (a) The wizened warder's act of opening the gate to the enemies was the shameful act.  
(b) Rhetorical Question
26. (a) In the fourth stage of man life is aggressive and ambitious. He seeks a reputation in all that he does. He promises solemnly to guard his country and becomes a soldier.  
(b) Bubble reputation means a short lived glory.

**Section - 2**

27. The boy removed his shoes and then he jumped into the river.
28. I am not allowed to eat junk food by my parents.
29. Micky Mouse is more popular than most other cartoon characters among children.
30. Weston asked Roger whether he had opened the door to the gardener. Roger replied negatively and told him that he had spoken through the shutter.

**PART - III Section - 1**

31. **Reference** : The above lines are taken from the poem 'All the world's a stage' written by William Shakespeare. It is an extract from Shakespeare's play "As you like it".

**Context** : The poet talks about the appearance and voice of a man in his old age.

**Explanation** : In the sixth stage, a man becomes weak, thin and old. His pantaloons which he used in young age become loose for his shrunken muscles of his legs. His strong manly voice turns back to a child's shrilling voice as he shifts to the seventh stage.

32. **Reference** : This line is taken from the poem 'The Castle' written by Edwin Muir.

**Context** : The narrator explains the soldiers' opinions about their captain and their character.

**Explanation** : The soldiers believed that the castle was absolutely safe because their captain was brave and they were loyal to him. So, they firmly considered that no one could enter into the strong and well-protected castle.

33. **Reference** : These lines are taken from the poem 'Ulysses' written by Alfred Tennyson

**Context** : Ulysses tells that life is meaningless without adventure.

**Explanation** : Life without adventure is meaningless as a metal which would rust, if unused. According to Ulysses, living is not merely breathing to stay alive.

**Section - 2**

34. Orwell prefers the cylindrical cup because it holds more tea and keeps it hot.
35. Selling fruits, shining shoes, hawking newspapers, conducting tourists round the town and running errands were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys. The boys worked so hard to pay for their sister's medical bills and food.
36. The chair was made with black wood with mirror like gleam perfectly shaped front legs. A comfortable chair was made. The villagers came in hordes to see the chair. An old man lifted it and commended the carpenter.

**Section - 3**

37. (a) (i) "Blood Donors are life savers".  
(ii) "Donate your blood and make a difference".  
(iii) "Blood donation - a great social work".
- (b) (i) Education is the key to all the locked door of the unknown.  
(ii) Education is necessary to fight all evil.  
(iii) Learn today and have a bright future.
- (c) (i) Clothes will make you shine.  
(ii) A style for every story.  
(iii) Our fabric will build your trust in us.  
(iv) Shop your outfit style.
38. (i) Eat a balanced diet.  
(ii) Wear sunglasses that block UVA and UVB light.  
(iii) Limit your exposure to digital screens.  
(iv) Wash your hands before touching your eyes.  
(v) Look away from the computer screen.
39. (a) (iii) barley (b) (i) grease (c) (ii) enemies
40. (i) The table represents the points scored by the IPL Teams during 2023 season.  
(ii) Gujarat Titans overtakes all the other teams with 20 points in 20 matches.  
(iii) Mumbai Indians is the last team to qualify for the play off.  
(iv) The two super teams( Lucknow Super Giants & Chennai Super Kings ) have scored equal points.

**Part - IV**

41. (a) Dr. Barnard had a wrong view of suffering. But the two children taught him a profound lesson. In spite of their disabilities, they provided a lot of entertainment to the patients at the hospital. He learnt that suffering is necessary and being alive is important. He also learnt that the business of living is the celebration of being alive. They showed him, it's not what you have lost that's important. What is important is what you have left. He understood that we don't become a better person because we are suffering.

But we become a better person because we have experienced suffering. Through these children, he perceived a new dimension of life. (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 Casuarina tree is tall and strong with a creeper winding around like a python. The tree stands like a giant with a colourful scarf of flowers. Birds twitter around the trees in the garden during day time. The sweet song of the birds is heard during the night. From the casement the poet is able to see the Casuarina tree. The baboon is sitting on top of the tree. The little ones leap and play around, among the boughs of the tree. The cows are grazing and the water lilies are springing in the pond. The Casuarina tree is dear to the poet's heart not only for its impressive appearance but also bringing nostalgic memories of her happy childhood.

(OR)

- (b) The poet Carl Sandburg gives a detailed description of a father's worldly wisdom in directing his son who is at the threshold of this manhood. The father motivates his son to be like a hard rock and withstand life's challenges and sudden betrayals. Life is like a fertile soil. We can make our life fruitful, if we are gentle and calm. We should take as it comes. At time gentleness overtakes harshness. One should have a deep desire and strong will power to achieve success. Greed for money has left a man dead before they really die. Don't feel ashamed to be called as a fool, when you seek knowledge. At the same time, learn from your mistakes and never repeat it.

43. (a) Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov was a merchant. He lived with his wife and children in the town of Vladimir, in Russia. When he was young, he was prone to drinking, but after marriage he gave it up. One day, he went to the Nizhny fair. During his travel, he met another merchant. He stayed with him in an inn. Next day he left the inn before dawn. On the way, a local police officer arrested him. Aksionov was accused of murder.

He was sentenced and sent to Siberia prison. For twenty-six years he lived as a convict. His hair turned grey. He often prayed to God.

His fellow-prisoners called him as a Saint. One day, he met a new prisoner, Makar Semyonich and found out that he was the man who had killed the merchant. Later Makar dug a hole to escape from the prison. The Governor came and questioned all the prisoners to find out who had dug the hole. Though Aksionov knew that Makar was the culprit, he did not reveal. Thus he saved Makar. Eventually, Makar felt guilty and admitted his crime. Aksionov forgave him, accepted the truth, attained self-realisation and died in peace. (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**

#### Energy resources

We need to use our wisely and economically and conserve as much of our energy resources as we can. Firstly, we have most reduce our dependence on non-renewable resources. Then we can reduce our consumption of petroleum. Many scientists and engineers are working on this idea.

Secondly, we have must looked for and use alternative fuels and sources. We have learnt to extract energy from animal wastes such as cow dung and plant wastes. The waste from the biogas plant can be used as manure in fields and plantations. A second example is the use of windmills, where wind is used to tum a paddle wheel to produce electricity or to lift water.

Thirdly, we make greater and cleverered use of the sun. The sun was perennial source of light and heat for the earth.

Fair Copy : Energy resources

We need to use our energy sources wisely and economically and conserve as much of our energy resources as we can.

Firstly, we must reduce our dependence on non-renewable resources. Many scientists and engineers are working on this idea.

Secondly, we must look for and use alternative fuels and sources. One successful method is to ferment animal waste in closed containers and produce a gas called biogas.

Thirdly, we must make greater and cleverer use of the sun. If we could devise methods for capturing the heat and light from the sun and transforming it into electricity, mankind could benefit greatly.

No. of words in the given passage : 135

No. of words in the fair copy : 100

(OR)

(b) Women Scientists

This is a really nice topic and I would love to talk about a news story I read recently. In fact last month I read a news story in a magazine which was about the contributions of women scientists in human history. It was a fascinating and educative news story and the whole article was quite informative.

I am not sure about the exact date but my best assumption is 10-14 May was the time when I read the news story in the magazine. The magazine that covered this news story is a monthly Science & Technology magazine called 'Tech-World'.

I thought this was a very intriguing news story and it was a good read. I found it quite informative and the way the writer presented the news story was outstanding. This news story tells the readers about the life, work, and contributions of Marie Curie, Rosalind Franklin, Rachel Carson, Ada Lovelace, Alice Wilson, and many other famous scientists as well as about many little-known women scientists. I found it quite captivating as it covered an interesting topic. Though we know about some famous female scientists, the contributions of other less-known female scientists towards the enhancement of science was not known to me. I remember this news story possibly because of its interesting topic and outstanding description. I think such a news story should be more frequent in science magazines to educate its readers.

45. (a)

From

XXX

YYY

5<sup>th</sup> March, 20xx

To

The Manager

Glass Manufacturing Company

Mount Road, Chennai - 600 002.

Respected Sir,

In response to your advertisement in The Hindu, dated 9<sup>th</sup> July 20xx for the post of clerk in your esteemed company. I wish to offer my candidature for the same.

I am a graduate with a Master's Degree in Economics from Madras University. I also have an experience of working as a clerk for 2 years in a recognized government office. I am a hardworking, disciplined person with good communication skills. I am fluent in both Tamil and English language. Also, I have the necessary experience and knowledge of computers and typewriting. I possess all the required qualities mandatory for the job. I am enclosing a copy of my bio-data for your review and kind consideration.

I will be available for an interview on any day at your convenience. If selected, I can assure you that I will work with uttermost honesty and integrity.

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.A. Economics, 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 - Economics), 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: 05.03.20xx

Place: YYYY

XXXX

Signature

**Address on the Envelope :**

To  
The Manager  
Glass Manufacturing Company  
Mount Road, Chennai - 600 002.

(OR)

- (b) 16, Patel Road,  
Chennai - 39

5<sup>th</sup> March, 20XX

My dear friend,

I am fine here and I hope you are fine too. However, my school is going to close for the summer vacation. I hope you also have a vacation during that time. You are cordially invited to my home to spend the holidays. If you come, we will both have a great time. The natural beauty of my village is very beautiful. We can hike in the mountains, enjoy the clean air, and snap lots of photos of the amazing view. In the evenings, we may relax, play games, and eat delicious food in our home. My parents will also be happy to see you.

Yours lovingly,

XXX.

**Address on the Envelope :**

To  
XXX  
3, K.K. Street, St. Thomas Mount,  
Trichy - 620001.

46. (a) (i) sellar, cellar  
(ii) aren't they?  
(iii) not only, but also  
(iv) had seen

(OR)

- (b) (i) My mother asked me when I would return from school.  
(ii) There weren't many women tourists in the group.  
(iii) One of my sisters lives in Canada.  
(iv) The Captain as well as his soldiers was ready to face the enemy assault.  
(v) I borrowed these books from the library.

47. (a)

- Tenant** : Good Morning Sir... Is this Packers and Movers Company?  
**Employee** : Yes, Mam. Would you like our assistance with a move?  
**Tenant** : Yes, actually I would.  
**Employee** : What would you like us to move for you?  
**Tenant** : I need you to move my furniture.  
**Employee** : Could you tell me what kind of residence that we will be picking the furniture up from?  
**Tenant** : The furniture is in my apartment. How much to pay for this service?  
**Employee** : Rs. 15000/-  
**Tenant** : Ok. Thank you sir.

(OR)

- (b) (i) Carver was a slave but he became a scientist and educator by his ability.  
(ii) He used to get up early to study nature. He left home and began to work when he was 10 years.  
(iii) Dr. Carver used his life's savings to found scholarships for research in Agricultural Chemistry.  
(iv) A national monument has been built in America to honour him.  
(v) Dr. Carver said that he had discovered nothing but God's agent-an instrument.

