

**10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Standard**

**PUBLIC EXAMINATION - March 2024**

**PART - II - ENGLISH**

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**Time Allowed : 3.00 Hours]**

**(With Answers)**

**[Maximum Marks : 100**

- 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**

- Note :** (i) Answer **all** the questions. **(14×1=14)**  
(ii) Choose the **most appropriate** answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

Choose the appropriate **synonyms** for the italicised words.

- We have to be active and need to *anticipate* what could be there ahead.  
(a) foresee (b) unexpected  
(c) careless (d) sudden
- They can control a computer screen with eye *Gaze*.  
(a) control (b) shape  
(c) colour (d) stare
- The lady seems *hysterical*.  
(a) calm (b) serious  
(c) emotional (d) missing

Choose the appropriate **antonyms** for the italicised words.

- The Sun was now *ascending* the sky.  
(a) climbing (b) rising  
(c) mounting (d) descending
- The spoilt child of *affluent* parents!  
(a) poor (b) healthy  
(c) wealthy (d) happy
- The whole school seemed so *strange*.  
(a) odd (b) usual  
(c) weird (d) new
- Choose the correct plural form of '*eskimo*' from the following.  
(a) eskimoss (b) eskimos  
(c) eskimose (d) eskimo
- Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word '*Child*'.  
(a) hood (b) ment (c) ure (d) ion

- Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation 'AAC'.  
(a) Augmentative and Alternative Communication  
(b) Accumulative and Alternative Communication  
(c) Augmentative and Assessive Communication  
(d) Augmentative and Artificial Computer
- Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.  
I never \_\_\_\_\_ in the gym.  
(a) work after (b) work out  
(c) work on (d) work in
- Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'Watch' to form a compound word.  
(a) hall (b) house (c) man (d) clock
- Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.  
The young seagull was alone \_\_\_\_\_ his ledge.  
(a) of (b) on (c) into (d) with
- Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.  
Siva \_\_\_\_\_(attend) music classes regularly.  
(a) attends (b) attended  
(c) will attend (d) will be attending
- Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.  
Call me \_\_\_\_\_ you need money.  
(a) incase (b) though (c) but (d) and

**Part - II**

**SECTION - 1**

Answer **any three** of the following questions in a sentence or two. **(3×2=6)**

- What woke up the mother?
- Which devices are controlled using ACTIV controller?
- Why did Holmes want Smith to treat him?
- What was Frank sorry for?

**SECTION - 2**

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer **any three** of the following. **(3×2=6)**

19. There's a family nobody likes to meet;  
They live, it is said, on Complaining Street  
(a) Where does the family live?  
(b) Why do you think the street is named as Complaining Street?
20. At last by starvation and famine made bold,  
All dripping with wet, and all trembling with cold,  
(a) What made the cricket bold?  
(b) Why did the cricket drip and tremble?
21. So let the way wind up the hill or down,  
O'er rough or smooth, the journey will be joy:  
(a) How is the way of life?  
(b) How should be the journey of life?
22. And now, if you will set us to our task,  
We will serve you four and twenty hours a day!  
(a) Who does the pronoun 'you' refer to here?  
(b) Whose task is referred to as 'our task' here?

**SECTION - 3**

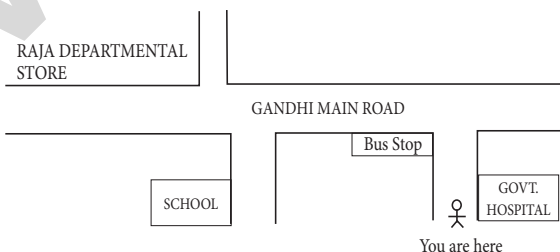
Answer **any three** of the following. **(3×2=6)**

23. Rewrite the sentence in Reported Speech.  
He said, "I have bought five apples from the shop."
24. Rewrite the following sentence in other voice.  
Have you invited Raman to the party?
25. Punctuate the following sentence.  
do you know the symptoms asked smith
26. Change the following sentence into a simple sentence.  
He followed what I suggested.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.  
(a) had / made / He / flight / his / first.  
(b) heard / from / tent / her / this / Mulan / inside.

**SECTION - 4**

Answer the following question. **(1×2=2)**

28. A stranger asked you to direct him to the school.  
Give him to reach his destination.

**Part - III SECTION - 1**

Answer **any two** of the following in a paragraph.

**(2×5=10)**

29. Narrate the extensive search operation made by the policeman in the house.
30. 'Technology is a boon to the disabled' - Justify.
31. Give a brief character sketch of Sasanka Sanyal.
32. Highlight the factors responsible for the all-women Indian Navy Crew to carry out their expedition.

**SECTION - 2**

Answer **any two** of the following.

**(2×5=10)**

33. What optimistic attitude should the readers possess according to the poem 'The Grumble family'?
34. Compare and contrast the attitude of the ant and the cricket.
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below :

Beside the house sits a tree  
It never grows leaves,  
Not in the winter, spring, summer or fall.  
It just sits there, never getting small or ever  
growing tall,

- (a) Pick out the rhyming words from the given stanza.
- (b) Give the rhyme scheme for the given stanza.
- (c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line of the given stanza.
- (d) Pick out the alliterating words in the third line.
36. Paraphrase the following stanza.  
Remember, no men are strange, no countries  
foreign  
Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes  
Like ours : the land our brothers walk upon  
Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie.

**SECTION - 3**

Answer **any one** of the following.

**(1×5=5)**

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.
  - (i) Mulan went into her room and cut her long hair.
  - (ii) In the army, Mulan proved to be a brave soldier.
  - (iii) Mulan, a teenage girl who lived in a faraway village of China heard the news.
  - (iv) The Emperor said that one man from each Chinese family must join the army.
  - (v) She climbed on a horse and joined the army.

38. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

One afternoon in the early fall, when Peter was eight years old, his mother called him from his play. "Come, Peter," she said. "I want you to go across the dike and take these cakes to your friend, the blind man. If you go quickly, and do not stop to play, you will be home again before dark." The little boy was glad to go on such an errand, and started off with a light heart. He stayed with the poor blind man a little while to tell him about his walk along the dike and about the sun and the flowers and the ships far out at sea. Then he remembered his mother's wish that he should return before dark and, bidding his friend goodbye, he set out for home.

**Questions:**

- What did Peter's mother want him to do?
- What was her advice?
- Why was the little boy glad?
- What did the little boy tell his friend?
- What did the little boy remember?

**SECTION - 4**

Answer **any four** of the following. **(4×5=20)**

- Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.  
Tasty and hygienic - home made taste - 200 varieties to select - Purely vegetarian - special combo offers - available - Icecream and Fruit juices - Mani Vilas - M.G. Road, Madurai.
- You are Gomathi, a resident of a colony adjacent to the Cauvery River. Daily you see many people throwing waste into it, spoiling the pure water. Write a letter to a newspaper showing your concern about it and also voicing your worry.
- You are Nikil / Nikitha, school pupil leader of GHSS, Trichy. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school inviting the grandparents of the students to celebrate WORLD ELDER'S DAY in your school auditorium on the 20<sup>th</sup> of next month.
- Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.



- Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.

Many of us use internet on a regular basis and even have access to it from our homes! The 'net' in internet really stands for network. A network is two or more computers connected together so that information can be shared, or sent from one computer to another. The internet is a vast resource for all types of information. You many enjoy using it to do research for a school project, downloading your favorite songs or communicating with friends and family. Information is accessed through web pages that companies, organizations and individuals create and post. It's kind of like a giant bulletin board that the whole world uses! But since anyone can put anything on the internet, you also have to be careful and use your best judgement and a little commonsense.

Just because you read something on a piece of paper someone sticks on a bulletin board doesn't mean that it's a good information, or even correct, for that matter. So you have to be sure that whoever posted the information knows what they are talking about, especially if you are doing research! But what if you're just emailing people? You still have to be very careful. If you've never met the person that you're communicating with online, you could be on dangerous ground! You should never give out any personal information to someone you don't know, not even your name. And just like if you can't believe the information on every website out there, you can't rely on what strangers you 'meet' on the internet tell you either. Just like you could make up things about yourself to tell someone, someone else could do the same to you.

- Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.
  - A earth goes round the sun.
  - It poured outside now.
  - I can be fifteen next April.
  - Her cousins as well as she is hard working.
  - As we were late, so we apologised.

**SECTION - 5**

- Quote from memory. **(1×5=5)**  
Not mourning for .....  
..... with cheer.

**Part - IV**

- Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints. **(2×8=16)**
  - The Emperor of Shining - orders - old people - to be - deserted - farmer - very sad - carries

old mother - to Obatsuyama - leaves mother - arranges bed to sleep - mother warns - son - of danger - asks to follow twigs - son moved - carries mother back home - hides - at home - Emperor orders - rope of ashes - farmer worried - old mother helps - emperor surprised - farmer revealed the truth - Emperor - calls back the order - abolished his cruel law. (OR)

- (b) Prospero and Miranda - island cave - help of Ariel - raises storm - the shipwreck - the command of Prospero - Ferdinand separated - brought to cave - Miranda meets Ferdinand - both surprised - Prospero tries Ferdinand with hard tasks - Ariel brings Alonso and Antonio to Prospero - both repent - dukedom restored to Prospero - marriage of Miranda and Ferdinand.

- 47.(a) Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below.

Books are the greatest treasure of mankind. The habit of reading them is a source of pleasure. He, who is in the habit of reading books should buy books for himself. He should start collecting books in his youth. The books collected and arranged properly in a room not only decorates the room but also make the presence of their authors felt. Books contain eternal truths and are better friends than those of flesh and blood as they not only entertain but also guide us.

#### Questions :

- (i) What are the treasure and what gives pleasure?
- (ii) When should one start collecting books?
- (iii) What do books contain in them?
- (iv) Mention any two uses of reading books.

(OR)

- (b) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below :

It is not growing like a tree  
In bulk, doth make man better be;  
or standing long an oak, three hundred year,  
To fall a log at last, dry, bald, and sere;  
A lily of a day  
Is fairer far in May,  
Although it fall and die that night -  
It was the plant and flower of Light.  
In small proportions we just beauties see;  
And in short measures life may perfect be.

#### Questions :

- (i) Which shows beauty - the lily or the oak?
- (ii) What happened to the oak at last?
- (iii) Compare the life of the oak and the lily.
- (iv) What do you learn from the last two lines?

### Answers

#### Part - I

1. (a) foresee                      2. (d) stare
3. (c) emotional                4. (d) descending
5. (a) poor                         6. (b) usual
7. (b) eskimos                 8. (b) Childhood
9. (a) Augmentative and Alternative Communication
10. (b) work out                11. (c) Watchman
12. (b) on                         13. (a) attends
14. (a) incase

#### Part - II SECTION - 1

15. The slamming of the doors had awakened their mother.
16. TV, Blu-ray and music players are controlled using ACTIV controller.
17. Smith was the only man who had the knowledge about the cure for his disease.
18. Frank was sorry for not learning his lessons.

#### SECTION - 2

19. (a) The family lives in Complaining Street.  
(b) I think all the people would be complaining always.
20. (a) Starvation and famine made the cricket bold.  
(b) As the weather was snowy and cold, the cricket was cold.
21. (a) The way of life could go up the hill or down, rough or smooth.  
(b) The journey of life should be joyful.
22. (a) The pronoun 'you' refers to human beings.  
(b) 'Our task' is referred to the task of the machines.

#### SECTION - 3

23. He told that he had bought five apples from the shop.
24. Has Raman been invited to the party by you?
25. "Do you know the symptoms?" asked Smith.
26. He followed my suggestion.
27. (a) He had made his first flight.  
(b) Mulan heard this from inside her tent.

**SECTION - 4**

28. 1. Go straight and you will reach the Gandhi main road.  
2. Turn left and proceed.  
3. Walk past the bus-stop.  
4. You will find the School on your left, in front of Raja Departmental Store.

**Part - III SECTION - 1**

29. The police were on hand in a commendably short time. They began banging at the narrator's front door. When nobody responded, they broke into the house. They searched downstairs and upstairs messing up everything. They opened all the doors and windows. They pulled the drawers and furniture. They began to ransack the floor, pulled beds away from the walls, tore clothes off the hooks in the closets. They also pulled suitcases and boxes off the shelves. Later, they heard some creaking in the attic. They stepped into the attic. As his grandfather thought that they were the deserters from Meade's army, he started shooting at them. Then he went back to bed. The cops were unwilling to leave without getting their hand on somebody. They felt it was a defeat for them. They began to poke into things again and finally left the place.
30. 'Technology is a boon to the disabled', because it made to a lot of difference in their life. Now the differently-abled people can do their day to day tasks of life like travelling, communicating, learning, doing business and living a comfortable life. They are able to fight with the challenges of access, acceptance and inclusion. In this lesson, Alisha and David's life has changed with the use of technology. Alisha couldn't physically type as just as she thinks. After she was introduced to a piece of technology called Dragon Dictate, she can speak now the words appear on her screen. Then she can print them out. Kim, who is an Assistive Technologist, helps students to use technology in different ways. The use of technology enabled David and others to communicate and be independent.
31. In his childhood, Sasanka Sanyal was a brilliant student. He always stood in the first position. He used to recite Tagore's poems. Aditya, who studied with him, was jealous of him. Aditya could never beat him. One day, Sanyal received a prize for recitation of Tagore's poem 'Panraksha'. Aditya could not bear it. He took the medal from him and never returned it. Sanyal was angry but did not show it out. After twenty-nine years, they

met again in uncle Nagen's tea shop. Sanyal led a cursed life but he had not forgotten any incident of the past. He had sold his lands to get his only daughter married. He lost his wife and his only son the previous year. Since then, he was somewhat changed. When Aditya offered him ₹150 as a price for the medal, he refused it. He only wanted his lost glory back – the medal. When he got back his medal, he was happy.

32. Navika Sagar Parikrama was a project undertaken in agreement with the National policy to entrust women to attain their full potential. The project is considered essential towards promoting ocean sailing activities in the Navy while depicting Government of India's thrust for women power. The voyage was aimed to show case "Make in India" initiative by sailing on-board domestically built INSV Tarini. The special feature of this sailboat is that it encourages the use of environment friendly, non-conventional renewable energy resources such as the wind. It collected and updated meteorological, ocean and wave data on regular basis. This is implemented for accurate weather forecast by India Meteorological Department. It also collects data for supervising marine pollution on high seas.

**SECTION - 2**

33. A family lives in the Street of Complaining. Nobody likes them, as they are always complaining. They find fault with everything. They are never satisfied with anything. They growl at everything whether they are in a good position or a low position, they find fault with it and complain about it. When the weather is too hot or cold, they complain about it. They scold alike if it is winter or summer. Everything goes wrong with the people living down on that sad complaining street. It is a fact that their growling never gets completed or stopped. And if everything pleased them, there is no doubt, that they would grumble that there is nothing to grumble about.
34. The cricket in the poem is a silly creature who sings and dances all summer and does not save any food for its future. It used to enjoy its good times during the summer season. He didn't plan anything for the future. Whereas the ant is clever and saves food during summer, so that he doesn't have to do any work during winter. The ant gives a very important lesson of life during its

conversation with the cricket. The ant says that ants never borrow from anyone. They never lend to anyone. They are hard working creatures who save for their future. Though it says that it is a friend and servant to the cricket, it gets angry with what the cricket has done during the summer. It turns him out of his house saying to sing and dance once again during winter. This shows that the ant is hardworking and clever.



35. (a) Rhyming words : **fall-tall**.  
 (b) The rhyming scheme : "**a b c c**".  
 (c) The figure of speech (1st line): Personification. (sits a tree).  
 (d) Alliterating words in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Line : spring, summer.
36. The poet tells that men are not different from each other simply on the basis that they come from separate countries. They may fight for the army of their country, but underneath the uniform, they are all similar. Our opponent army's soldiers live and breathe just as we do. Most fights between two countries result from disputes over a piece of land. However, all the land on earth is the same. Moreover, every man will have to lie in the earth at one time or the other. That is, all men have to die and all pieces of land are potential graveyards in which they fight.

### SECTION - 3

37. (iv), (iii), (i), (v), (ii)  
 (iv) The Emperor said that one man from each Chinese family must join the army.  
 (iii) Mulan, a teenage girl who lived in a faraway village of China heard the news.  
 (i) Mulan went into her room and cut her long hair.  
 (v) She climbed on a horse and joined the army.  
 (ii) In the army, Mulan proved to be a brave soldier.
38. (a) Peter's mother wanted him to go across the dike and took those cakes to his blind friend.  
 (b) Peter's mother advised him not to indulge in playing and to return home before dark.  
 (c) The little boy was glad that he was going to meet his friend.  
 (d) The little boy told his friend about his walk along the dike and about the sun and the flowers and the ships far out at sea.  
 (e) The little boy remembered his mother's wish that he should return before dark.

### SECTION - 4

39.

<b>Mani Vilas</b>	
<b>Tasty and Hygienic Food</b>	
Home made taste	200 Varieties to select
	
Ice cream and Fresh Juice	<b>Purely Vegetarian</b>
<b>Special Combo Offers</b>	
M.G. Road, Madurai	

40. From

Gomathi,  
 1, Salai Street  
 Selvi Nagar, Thirunelveli.  
 28 March 2024

To

The Editor  
 C/o. The Thanthi,  
 PQR Road, Dharmapuri.

Sir,

**Sub :** Stop polluting the Cauvery River.

Through your daily, I would like to bring to the notice of the authorities concerned about the pollution of the Cauvery river.

It is sad to note that people residing in and around the river bed, throw all their waste or dump garbage into the river water. It has also been observed that they throw plastic bags too.

Though dustbins and containers have been provided there, the public does not make use of it. Through this letter, let me appeal to the public that they need to keep the river clean and not pollute it. I appeal to the authorities to take the necessary action to prevent this from happening in the future. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Gomathi

**Address on the envelope :**

To
The Editor
C/o. The Thanthi,
PQR Road, Dharmapuri.

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## NOTICE

**GOVERNMENT HIGHER SECONDARY  
SCHOOL, TRICHY  
World Elders' Day**

28<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

All the students are informed that our school is celebrating World Elders' Day on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024, at 3.30 p.m. in our school auditorium.

Interested students are requested to bring their grandparents for the celebration. Tea and snacks will be provided. Fun activities will also be organised.

Nikil / Nikitha  
School Pupil Leader

42. 1. The picture is about an indoor game.  
2. The game is Chess, played between two players.  
3. Two international players are seen playing an interesting match.  
4. One person is making a move.  
5. A chess board and a clock is seen in the picture.

43. **Note Making : Internet Safety**

- I. Internet - regular basis  
II. Network  
1. two or more computers connected  
2. information shared  
III. Uses of Internet  
1. school project  
2. downloading favourite songs  
3. communicating with friends and family  
IV. Information accessed  
1. companies  
2. organizations  
3. individuals

(or)

**Summary Writing :****Rough Copy :**

Many of us use internet on a regular basis and even have access to it from our homes! The internet is a vast resource for all types of information. It's kind of like an giant bulletin board that has world uses! But since anyone can put anything was the internet, you also have to be careful and use your best judgement and a little commonsense.

Just because you read something on a piece of paper someone sticks on a bulletin board doesn't mean that it's a good information, or even correct, for that matter. You still have to be very careful. You can never give out any personal information to someone don't know, not even your name. Just like you could make up things about yourself to tell someone, someone else could do the same to you.

**Fair Copy :**

A network is two or more computers connected together so that information can be shared, or sent from one computer to another. The internet is a vast resource for all types of information. Information is accessed through web pages that companies, organizations and individuals create and post. It's kind of like a giant bulletin board that the whole world uses! But since anyone can put anything on the internet, you also have to be careful and use your best judgement and a little commonsense. So you have to be sure that whoever posted the information knows what they are talking about, especially if you are doing research! But what if you're just emailing people? You still have to be very careful. Just like you could make up things about yourself to tell someone, someone else could do the same to you.

44. (a) **The** earth goes round the sun.  
(b) It **is pouring** outside now.  
(c) I **will** be fifteen next April.  
(d) Her cousins as well as she **are** hard working.  
(e) As we were late, we apologised.

**SECTION - 5**

45. *Not mourning for the things that disappear  
In the dim past, nor holding back in fear  
From what the future veils; but with a whole  
And happy heart, that pays its toll  
To Youth and Age, and travels on with cheer.*

**Part - IV**

46.

- (a) The Country Shining was governed by a cruel leader. The governor proclaimed an order that all the aged people should be put to death. The order filled a poor farmer with great sorrow, as he loved his mother so much. He decided to give his mother a kind mode of death. So he took his mother to the summit of Obatsuyama and planned to leave her there. The loving mother dropped some twigs on the path to serve as a guide on the way back. When the son bid farewell to her, she advised being careful of the dangerous mountain path. She told him to follow the piles of twigs for his way back. Hearing this, her son's heart, melted and he cried loudly. He changed his decision. He did not want to leave her at the mountain. He took his mother back and hid her in his house. Time passed. The governor now demanded that his subjects should present him with a rope of ashes. Using the clever idea of his mother, the farmer made a rope of ashes. The governor pleased with his knowledge, asked him how he got this wisdom. When the farmer stated the truth, the governor realized his mistake and abolished the cruel law.

**Message :** Respect for elders is one of the cornerstones of civilised (decent) behaviour.

(OR)

- (b)
- Prospero Gets His Dukedom**

Prospero, the Duke of Milan, was more interested in reading books and in the art of magic. He trusted his brother Antonio and asked him to look after his affairs in his kingdom. However Antonio overthrew Prospero out of the kingdom, with the help of the King of Naples. Prospero reached an island with his daughter and stayed there for twelve years. He released many good spirits from the clutches of the witch Sycorax. With the help of Ariel, he created a violent storm

in the sea. He made his enemies travelling in the ship, to suffer for their mistakes done to him. He asked Ariel to bring Ferdinand to the cave. There, Miranda and Ferdinand were attracted to each other. However Prospero tested Ferdinand to try his constancy. At last, he forgave all, as they realized their mistakes and repented. Everyone left the island and Prospero was restored his dukedom.

**Moral :** Your goodness and honesty will be rewarded - do not give when you face difficulties in life.

- 47.(a)(i) Books are the greatest treasure of mankind. The habit of reading them is a source of pleasure.
- (ii) He should start collecting books from his youth.
- (iii) Books contain eternal truths and are better friends than those of flesh and blood as they not only entertain but also guide us.
- (iv) ♦ Reading strengthens your brain.  
♦ Increases your ability to empathize.

(OR)

- (b) (i) The lily.
- (ii) At last the oak tree falls like a log, dried and leafless.
- (iii) An oak tree lives for three hundred years and it is a very large one. In the end, it falls like a log dry, leafless and sapless. A lily flower lives for a day but pleases everyone with its beauty. So it is far better than an oak tree.
- (iv) Human life can become perfect by achieving beauty and nobility of character. The beauty and nobility of character can be achieved even in a short span of life. A short spanned worth-while life is more desirable than a meaningless long life.

