

**Standard 9**  
**ENGLISH**  
**Part - I**

Time: 3.00 Hours

Marks: 100

**Answer all the questions:****14x1=14****Choose the appropriate Synonyms for the underlined words**

- 1) She was tired of **pruning** rose bushes  
a) adding                      b) punching                      c) trimming                      d) decorating
- 2) I have never seen it rain so **hard**.  
a) difficult                      b) easy                      c) severe                      d) save
- 3) The world is **wide**  
a) gentle                      b) broad                      c) noble                      d) brave

**Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words**

- 4) From early **childhood** he was a prodigy  
a) adulthood                      b) aware                      c) finit                      d) wise
- 5) But some people planned a theft very **carefully**  
a) silently                      b) carelessly                      c) initially                      d) nearly
- 6) The rainfed tanks that are so **common** in South India  
a) uncommon                      b) barren                      c) important                      d) slow
- 7) **Choose the correct plural form of focus**  
a) focus                      b) foci                      c) focuses                      d) focusus
- 8) **Add a suitable suffix to the word kind**  
a) ship                      b) ness                      c) ist                      d) er
- 9) **Fill in the blank with suitable Modal verb**  
You ..... obey your elders  
a) will                      b) might                      c) can                      d) must
- 10) **Choose the correct Articles.**  
..... Earth revolves the sun  
a) The                      b) A                      c) An
- 11) **Fill in the blank with suitable Preposition**  
The letter was written ..... me  
a) in                      b) on                      c) at                      d) by
- 12) **Complete the following sentences using appropriate prepositional phrases**  
I would like to order coffee ..... tea  
a) instead of                      b) instead from                      c) instead to
- 13) **Fill in the blanks with suitable conjunction**  
Latha is poor ..... she is generous  
a) When                      b) or                      c) though                      d) but
- 14) **Complete the sentence**  
Hasini is one of ..... girls in the class  
a) clever                      b) cleverer                      c) the cleverest

**Part - II**  
**Section - I (Prose)****Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two:                      3x2=6**

- 15) Who were sachin's favourite players?
- 16) What was the reaction of the classmates of Ramanujan's questions?
- 17) From which prison did Nehru write this letter?
- 18) Where did the narrator work?

**Section - II (Poetry)****Answer any three of the following:****3x2=6**

- 19) **But I know no better spectacle  
Than a comet in full flight**  
a) Who does 'I' refer to?  
b) What is the best spectacle mentioned in the above lines?

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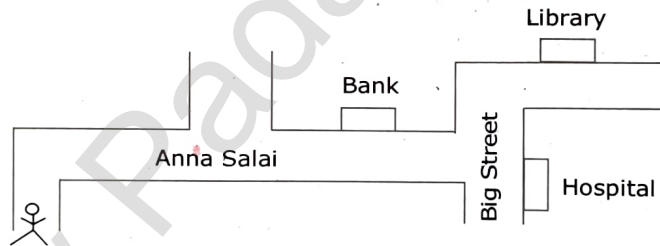
- 20) **The gladdest people living are the whole some folks who make  
A circle at the fireside that no power but death can break**  
a) Where do they gather?  
b) What can break their unity?
- 21) **My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farm house near**  
a) Who is the speaker?  
b) Why should the horse think it queer?
- 22) **In the morning glad I see  
My foe outstretched beneath the tree**  
a) How did the poet feel in the morning?  
b) Who is the foe referred to here?

**Section - III (Grammar)****Answer any three of the following:****3x2=6**

- 23) **Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice.**  
My grandfather built this house in 1943
- 24) **Rewrite into Indirect speech:**  
Pushpa said "Do not spoil the Ecosystem."
- 25) **Punctuate the following sentence:**  
right the teacher said
- 26) **Write the correct gerund or infinitive form of the verb.**  
a) ..... is a healthy habit. (Walk)  
b) We must study ..... (learn)
- 27) **Rearrange the words in correct order to make meaningful sentences.**  
a) heroic / ordinary / women / and / men / are / usually / not  
b) a / found / Ramanujam / at / stranger / cambridge

**Section - IV (Compulsory)****Answer the following question:****1x2=2**

- 28) A stranger wants to visit library - Write the steps to guide him to reach the destination.

**Part - III****Section - I (Prose)****Answer any two in utmost 10 lines:****2x5=10**

- 29) How did Amy manage the situation at home?  
30) Describe the confrontation between the narrator and Pongal?  
31) Narrate the association of Ramanujan with G.H. Hardy?  
32) Explain the important elements of Nehrus letter

**Section - II (Poem)****Answer any two in utmost 10 lines:****2x5=10**

- 33) Write a short paragraph by stopping by woods on a snowy evening.  
34) Write a character sketch of the spider.  
35) **Read the stanza and answer the questions below.**

*I was angry with my friend  
I told my wrath my wrath did end  
I was angry with my foe.  
I told it not, my wrath did grow.*

- i) Identify the figure of speech in the above lines.  
ii) Pick out the words that are alliterated in the third line  
iii) Pick out the rhyming words  
iv) What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?

- 36) **Paraphrase the following stanza.**  
So hack and chop  
But this alone won't do it  
Not so much pain will do it.  
The bleeding bark will heal.

**Section - III (Supplementary)**

**Answer any one of the following:**

**1x5=5**

- 37) **Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order**  
i) Brij searched for his sister's body  
ii) The army officers reached there after four days.  
iii) Molthi was destroyed by the Earthquake  
iv) He couldn't find it.  
v) The soldiers rescued the dead bodies.

- 38) **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

Becky Thatcher, his friend, had stopped coming to school. This disturbed Tom. He became unhappy. The charm of life was gone, there was nothing but boredom left. He put his hoop away, and his bat; there was no joy in them anymore and so his aunt Polly was concerned.

- a) Who is Tom's friend?  
b) Why he become unhappy?  
c) Who was his aunt?  
d) Why was she concerned?  
e) With what was she infatuated?

**Section - IV (Writing)**

**Answer any four of the following:**

**4x5=20**

- 39) **Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.**

Laptop - Computer shop - systems for students - 30% special discounts  
affordable price - Limited period offer.

- 40) Write a letter to your friend, describing the Joy of celebrating festivals in a village, with the inputs given above  
41) You are mithra / mithran school pupil leader of GHSS, Erode. Your principal has requested you to inform the students about ECO club meeting in your school. Prepare a notice giving the details such as date of the meeting, time and Venue.  
42) **Look at the following picture and express your views on it about five sentences.**



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

The buying and selling of commodities is termed as trade people who and sell things are called traders finished products are bought by traders and sold in markets. People who buy and sell large quantities or commodities are called wholesale merchants. People who buy and sell small quantities are called retailers. When there is surplus of commodities, there is a fall in price. When there is deficit in commodities, there is a rise in price. The government supplies essential commodities like rice, dhal, sugar and oil through fair price shops. The government has taken several steps to control price rise through the enforcement of laws. When there is a shortage of commodities, the government imports them from other countries and distributes them through fair price shops.

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- 44) **Identify and correct the errors.**
1. She is a M.A in English
  2. One of my sister is rich
  3. He is senior than me
  4. Though he is rich but he a unhappy
  5. Each of the buses are damaged.

**Section - V (Memoriter)**

- 45) **Quote from memory:** **1x5=5**  
Whose woods ..... queer

**2x8=16****Part - IV (Supplementary)**

- 46) **Write a paragraph about 150 words by developing of the following hints.**
- a) Brijji meet - weary - traveller - recall - past life - terrible earth quake - native village moths - arrive - flattened house - dead bodies - mother - brother - except Bhuli - not accept - death - sister - army officer - search again three armed soldiers - tired - laboured - hundred and sixteen hours - thank Army officer - tea shop - cup of tea - travellers - tired.

**(OR)**

- b) Tommy found - a real book - about the old schools - 2157 - no schools - no teachers - no book - tommy - 13 years old - 11 year old - room haise - school - machines - computer - book - Tommy - same age - some place - discuss - help - home work - strange - mechanical teacher - lesson - think - old school fun.

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

For the next 10 years, Nammazhwar was an agronomist for Island of peace, an organization founded by the Nobel Laureate Dominique pire. His focus was on improving the standard of living through agricultural development in the Kalakad block of Tirunelveli District, TamilNadu. He completely lost trust in conventional farming practices and began experimenting with sustainable agricultural methods. He advocated the 'Bread Sandwich' method. In this method once that soil is made ready and the suggested practices followed. One need not work on the soil for the second time. They can go on saving reaping all through the year.

- i) Who is Nammazhwar?
- ii) Did he believe conventional farming practices?
- iii) What was his focus?
- iv) Name the agricultural method the encouraged?

- b) **Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.**

**I know what the caged bird feels, alas I  
When the sun is bright on the upland slopes,  
When the wind stirs soft through the springing grass  
And the river flows like a stream of glass  
When the first bird sings and the first bud opens  
And the faint perfume from its chalice steals -  
I know what the caged bird feels**

- a) Where did the wind stir?
  - b) How does the river flow?
  - c) What is bright?
  - d) Suggest a suitable title for the poem.
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