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## PUBLIC EXAM MAY - 2022

### 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 to write and underline and pencil to draw diagrams.

#### Part - I

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

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

- We watched for a few moments; then as trade slackened we went over.  
(a) reduced (b) improved  
(c) loosened (d) ended
- Individual liberty would have become social anarchy.  
(a) welfare (b) anxiety  
(c) lawlessness (d) deprivation
- He was a walking horror, with a disfigured face and long flap of skin hanging from the side of his neck to his body.  
(a) majestic (b) marred  
(c) dismantled (d) diseased

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

- In those days, they didn't have sophisticated heart surgery.  
(a) artificial (b) painful  
(c) primitive (d) modern
- Our father rejected it, saying it wouldn't be sturdy.  
(a) pretty (b) weak  
(c) fashionable (d) strong
- We have a whole kingdom in which we rule alone, can do what we choose, be wise or ..... conventional or odd.  
(a) unconventional (b) inefficient  
(c) insufficient (d) unbiased

- Replace the underlined idiom with its suitable meaning.  
The examinations are round the corner.  
(a) not to be avoided  
(b) not in the near future  
(c) very near (d) to be postponed

- Replace the underlined word with a polite form of expression.  
Slow learners are to be taught with more care and attention.  
(a) bright (b) unwilling learners  
(c) hyper active (d) slow bloomers

- Choose the word that can be placed before the word "drive" to form a compound word.

(a) pen (b) roll (c) rash (d) dash

- Choose the correct British English equivalent for the American English word "Vacation",  
(a) Weekend (b) Holiday  
(c) Tour (d) Leave

- Fill in the blank with the most suitable prepositional phrase.

\_\_\_\_\_ rain, take an umbrella.  
(a) In favour of (b) In case of  
(c) On behalf of (d) In spite of

- Choose the appropriate linker and complete the sentence.

\_\_\_\_\_ you book in advance, you cannot witness the show.  
(a) Unless (b) If  
(c) Although (d) Otherwise

- Choose the correct word from the options given below and complete the sentence.  
It was a memorable \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) accident (b) incidence  
(c) resident (d) incident

14. Replace the underlined word with a suitable phrasal verb.

The fire was extinguished.

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

15. Choose the word with the correct spelling.

- (a) dysentery (b) seperate  
(c) secretery (d) foriegn

16. Identify the correct combination of the word 'haircut'.

- (a) Noun + Adjective (b) Noun + Verb  
(c) Noun + Adverb (d) Noun + Noun

17. Form a new word by adding a suitable suffix to the underlined word and complete the sentence

The soil lost its \_\_\_\_\_ (fertile) due to excessive sprinkling of pesticides.

- (a) -ity (b) -ness  
(c) -able (d) -ment

18. Choose the best option that is the expansion of the abbreviation TNPSC.

- (a) Tamilnadu Public Service Commission  
(b) Tamilnadu National People Service Commission  
(c) Tamilnadu Pupil Service Commission  
(d) Tamilnadu Public Science Council

19. Choose the appropriate question tag and complete the sentence.

Don't commit this mistake again, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- (a) do you (b) will you  
(c) would you (d) won't you

20. Which of the following sentences is of the pattern SVOA ?

- (a) We should encourage sportspersons.  
(b) I ate an apple yesterday  
(c) The pot called the kettle black.  
(d) Your words make me proud.

### Part - II Section - 1

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

21. "LIKE a huge Python, winding round and round  
The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars".

- (a) What is winding round and round?  
(b) Identify the figure of speech in the first line.

22. "One equal temper of heroic hearts,  
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will  
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield".

- (a) Who are referred to heroic hearts?  
(b) Pick out the words in alliteration in the above lines.

23. "He will be lonely enough  
to have time for the work  
he knows as his own.

- (a) Who does the word 'He' refer to?  
(b) How does loneliness help the person?

24. All the world's stage

- (a) What is the world compared with ?  
(b) Identify the figure of speech .

25. "O sweet companions, loved with love intense.  
For your sakes, shall the tree be ever dear."

- (a) Why shall the tree remain ever dear ?  
(b) What are the alliterated words in the first line?

26. 'It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles,  
And see the great Achilles, whom we knew.'

- (a) Which place would they travel to ?  
(b) Whom would they meet with, in the course of their voyage?

### Section - 2

Do as directed. Answer any three questions (3×2=6)

27. Reena said, "I am learning French". (Change into Indirect speech.)

28. My request was acceded to by the authorities. (Change the Voice.)

29. I met a man at the party. He is the Chairman of a computer firm. (Combine into a single sentence.)

30. Unless we plant more trees, we cannot save our planet. (Rewrite using 'If' without changing the meaning.)

### Part - III Section - 1

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

31. 'Without rich wanting nothing arrives'.

32. 'This is my son, mine own Telemachus,  
To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle'

33. 'Mayst thou be numbered when my days are done  
With deathless trees - like those in Borrowdale'

**Section - 2**

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

34. What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys?
35. What happened to the visitor when he sat on the stool, at the narrator's house?
36. Define 'liberty' as perceived by A.G. Gardiner.

**Section - 3**

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

37. Complete the proverbs.  
Choosing the right word from the list:  
(a) Variety is the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.  
(i) source (ii) spice (iii) need  
(b) Every dog has its \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) bone (ii) meat (iii) day  
(c) Time and \_\_\_\_\_ wait for none.  
(i) ride (ii) side (iii) tide
38. Rearrange the following jumbled sentences correctly.  
(a) delayed / denied / justice / is / justice  
(b) spoil / and / rod / spare / the / child / the  
(c) time / a / nine / stitch / saves / in
39. Describe the process of making a glass of lemonade.
40. The following table contains information on the types of English and Tamil books borrowed from a lending library. Study the table and answer the questions based on it.

Types of Books Lent	English	Tamil
Plays	500	600
Historical Novels	625	641
Social Novels	612	816

- (a) How many English books have been lent totally ?
- (b) Social novels are read the most in English and Tamil. Is this statement True or 'False'?
- (c) On the whole, which type of books is read least?

**Part - IV**

Answer the following. **(7×5=35)**

41. Answer the following in a paragraph of about **150** words.  
(a) Justify the title of the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'.

**(OR)**

- (b) Describe the situation in the narrator's household before and after the chair was bought.
42. Answer the following in a paragraph of about **150** words.  
(a) What are the poet's reminiscences of the casuarina tree ?  
**(OR)**  
(b) What is the father's advice to his son when he is on the threshold of manhood ?
43. Answer the following in a paragraph of about **150** words by developing the hints.

- (a) Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov - young merchant - sets out to fair - against wife's warning - stays in an inn - next morning sets off - gets arrested - supposed to have killed the merchant - is sent to Siberia - spends the time reading and praying - gains respect - Makar Semyonich - comes there - seems to know Aksionov - his behaviour makes Aksionov suspect - finally learns that Makar had murdered - the merchant - Aksionov forgives Makar - orders of release arrive - Aksionov is dead.

**(OR)**

- (b) Children in Venus - long for the sun - Margot exception - seen sun five years ago - has come from the Earth - other children - seven years ago - cannot recall the sun - all await excitedly - sun is predicted - to come out that day - they seize Margot - Lock her up in the closet - run out - enjoy sunshine - an hour - drops of rain - dismayed - taken inside - starts raining heavily again - remember Margot - open the closet - let her out.

**44. Make summary of the following passage.**

- (a) One of the key factors which sustain the pace of modern life style is Telecommunication. It plays a very vital role in the commercial, industrial and economic activities of mankind and has helped to shrink the world into a global village.

Exchange of information, data and facts and figures, including live pictures from one part of the world to any other part is now routinely possible. Telegraph was the earliest means of communication between two points separated by distance. In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell discovered the telephone which made possible the transmission of human voice over long distances. In both telegraph and telephone, the transmitting and receiving points

have to be connected by metal wires through which electrical signals travel in the form of current variations. The discovery of wireless at the turn of the century by Marconi was a revolution in the history of communication technology.

It is no longer necessary to connect the transmitter and the receiver by wires. Instead electromagnetic waves, the existence of which was predicted by Maxwell in 1873, could be used to carry information and messages from one point to another. The advent of artificial satellites has marked a new age in the history of global communication. (OR)

(b) Write a paragraph on the 'Value of Time'.

45. (a) Write a letter to your friend congratulating him/her on having been selected for the Semi-Finals of a state - level hockey tournament. (OR)

(b) Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about the menace caused by rash driving of bike and car racers in the city.

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

- (i) One of my sister is rich
- (ii) Rahim was senior than Abdul in college.
- (iii) Speakers after speaker came on the stage.
- (iv) You can also considers paramedical careers.
- (v) She bought an useful gadget.

(OR)

(b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- (i) They \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ more money.(earn/ year)
- (ii) I \_\_\_\_\_ like to meet you in person and discuss the matter.  
(Fill in the blank with a modal verb)
- (iii) Hurry up! The movie \_\_\_\_\_ (already begin).  
(Fill in the blank with the right tense form)
- (iv) The boy \_\_\_\_\_ got the first prize is my brother.  
(Use an appropriate relative pronoun)

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

A traveller reaches an inn - the door locked - knocks - "Key is Lost", says the innkeeper - the traveller slips a silver coin - innkeeper happy -

opens the door - keeps the coin with him - asks the keeper to bring in his luggage - locks the door - innkeeper shouts - the traveller says - "I have Lost the Key" - the innkeeper returns the coin - traveller lets him in - 'tit for tat'.

(OR)

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

The word Photography is derived from two Greek words which together mean 'to draw by light'. Producing a photograph is simply obtaining the image of an object by the action of light on a prepared sensitive surface. Taking a photograph with a modern camera is a comparatively simple process compared with that which produced some of the early photographs, still to be seen, for instance, in family albums. The early camera was large and cumbersome to handle, and, when assembled in position, had to be carefully focussed on the object - a lengthy operation. Later on, with focussing scales on cameras (and built-in range finders on the more expensive models), the setting occupied only a few seconds. With the early hand - operated cameras the exposure was made by removing a lens cover, and counting the length of the exposure in seconds. There was also the tedious task of loading and of preparing a sensitive glass for which the photographer had to carry with him a portable dark room or a large plate changing box. Now the same operation consists simply of breaking the seal on a carton and loading, in daylight, a roll of film, which provides sufficient and light sensitive material for eight to thirty six exposures according to the type of camera used.

- (1) Trace the origin and meaning of the word 'photography'.
- (2) What were the difficulties faced by people operating the camera in early days?
- (3) How was the exposure made in the early hand-operated cameras?
- (4) Why did the photographer of earlier days carry a portable dark room with him?
- (5) How is the light - sensitive material obtained in modern days?





### Answers

1. (a) reduced
2. (c) lawlessness
3. (b) marred
4. (c) primitive
5. (b) weak
6. (a) unconventional
7. (c) very near
8. (d) slow bloomers
9. (a) pen
10. (b) Holiday
11. (b) In case of
12. (a) Unless
13. (d) incident
14. (c) put out
15. (a) dysentery
16. (b) Noun + Verb
17. (a) -ity
18. (a) Tamilnadu Public Service Commission
19. (b) will you
20. (b) I ate an apple Yesterday

#### Part - II Section - 1

21. (a) The creeper is winding round and round.  
(b) Simile (like a huge python)
22. (a) Ulysses and his sailors are referred to as heroic hearts  
(b) herioc - hearts, by - but, strive - seek, weak - will
23. (a) The word 'He' refers to the poet's son.  
(b) Loneliness helps the person to have time for work and to be creative.
24. (a) The world is compared to a stage or a theatre.  
(b) metaphor
25. (a) The tree shall remain dear to the poet because of the happy moments with her sweet companions during her childhood  
(b) Loved Love
26. (a) They would love to travel to The happy isles  
(b) They would meet Achilles

#### Section - 2

27. Reena said that she was learning French.
28. The authorities acceded to my request.
29. The man, whom I met in the park, is the chairman of a computer firm.
30. If we plant more trees, we can save our planet.

#### Part - III Section - 1

31. **Reference** : These lines are taken from the poem 'A father to his son' written by Carl August Sandburg.  
**Context** : The poet advise his son to explore and take risks in life. He motivates him.

**Explanation** : Without the desire to earn sufficient money, one cannot satisfy.

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

**Context** : The King introduces his son

**Explanation** : Ulysses is happy that his son would do his work blamelessly and he would pursue is quest for travel and knowledge.

33. **Reference** : These lines are taken from the poem 'Our casuarina Tree' by Toru Dutt

**Context** : It reveals the tree's attachment to the poet.

**Explanation** : The poet consecrates the tree's memory to her loved ones, who are not alive. She immortalizes the tree through her poem like the poet Wordsworth who sanctified the yew tree of Borrowdale in verse. She expresses her wish that the tree should be remembered out of love and not just because it cannot be forgotten.

#### Section - 2

34. During the summer days, the little boys shined shoes, sold fruits and hawked newspapers. They conducted tourists round the town and ran errands.
35. When the visitor, a sub-judge, tried to sit on the three legged stool, he didn't balance his weight on the stool. So, it toppled over. He fell down with a thud and rolled over.
36. Liberty is not only a personal affair only, but also a social contract. It is an accommodation of interests.

#### Section - 3

37. ii) spice iii) day iii) tide
38. (a) Justice delayed is justice denied  
(b) Spare the rod and spoil the child.  
(c) A stitch in time saves nine.
39. (1) Slice the lemons in half  
(2) Squeeze them into a large measuring cup. A citrus juicer or squeezer makes this process easier. There should be about 1½ cups of lemon juice to make 2 quarts of lemonade.  
(3) Remove any seeds.  
(4) Combine the lemon juice and sugar, still into the cold water.  
(5) Serve over ice.
40. (a) 1737 English books have been lent totally.  
(b) False  
(c) On the whole, plays were read the least.

## Part - IV

41. (a) A.J. Cronin had used the title 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' in an ironic manner. At a very young age, the boys faced the hardships of life - their mother died early in their life, their father became a victim of the early war, their village suffered due to German occupation, their home got destroyed, suffered starvation and cold winter. The family struggled for life. They found their sister suffering from Tuberculosis of the spine. It was another shock to those poor kids. Despite facing so many problems in their early childhood, they did not lose hope. Their positive approach and determination enabled them to give their sister, the best they could. They did various jobs, but lived a poor life to save money for their sister's treatment and food. They never tried to seek anyone's sympathy. Hence these two young boys have every quality of being called 'The Gentlemen of Verona'.

(OR)

- (b) **The humorous incidents that happened in the author's home before the arrival of the chair.** One day a family friend, who was a sub-judge, came to the author's home. Since they didn't possess any other furniture except a three-legged stool, they brought it for him to sit. The sub-judge placed one hand on the edge of the three-legged stool and tried to sit on it. He didn't place his body exactly above the legs of the stool. Since he was a little stout person and didn't balance his weight on the stool, it toppled over. He fell down with a thud and rolled over. The children could not contain their giggles. The author's sister mimicked the sub-judge, leaning her hand and rolling on the floor. Their parents suppressed their giggles in front of the guest, who had tumbled over. After some time, when the author's sister did not find the stool at that place, she asked him whether the sub-judge took it away with him. When Pedanna brought the stool for his Maamanaar, the whole house laughed, after remembering the incident.
- The humorous incidents that happened in the author's home after the arrival of the chair:** When the two chairs arrived they were compared to Rama-Lakshmana. The author's family sent one chair to Maamanaar, but they had a doubt whether they had sent the better one to him. When the news spread around the village, people arrived in hordes to see the chair. A few even stoked it. Then the villagers started asking for the chair to keep the corpse in a seated position

during the funeral rituals. Earlier they always seated the corpse only on the floor. Now they had moved from floor-tickets to chair-tickets! The children were scared even to look at the chair. The servant used to give a hard scrub with hay and wash with fifteen big buckets of water. When a guest came and sat on it, the children peeped in to see what happened to the man on the chair. When a local elder sat on it, Pedanna remarked that the old man was rehearsing on the chair. When they gave away the chair with sadness, the mourners interpreted the sadness as if the author's family were mourning for the dead person. The author's anna regretted that they made the chair for the corpses of their village to sit on.

42. (a) The poet Toru Dutt writes this poem in reminiscence of the Casuarina tree that grew in the courtyard of her childhood home. The tree represents as a medium to link the poet's past with its present. The poet remembers the tree because of the many happy memories of childhood days that are linked to it, which are a source of comfort and consolation to her in another country. The tree brings to her mind the memories of the time, when she used to play under it in the company of her brother and sister, both of them are already dead. The memories of her brother and sister bring tears into her eyes. She hopes that the tree will be remembered forever as the Yew trees of Borrowdale immortalized by Wordsworth are still remembered. She also immortalizes the tree for the sake of her loved ones in the poem.

(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) Aksionov lived with his wife and children in the town of Vladimir. One day, he decided to make a trip to the fair. His wife tried to stop him because she had a bad dream. Aksionov disregards his wife's dream and leaves for the fair. He meets another merchant and stays with him in an inn. Next day, at dawn, he leaves the

inn to go to the fair. But the local police officer arrested and charged him with a murder of the merchant. A petition of mercy was turned down and he felt devastated. He was sent to work in the mines of Siberia. He grew old there. Aksionov frequently prayed to God. He bought the book 'The Lives of the Saints' in prison. He was respected by all the inmates due to his gentle behaviour. One day, he met Makar Semyonich and found out the truth about him. Eventually, Makar Semyonich admitted his crime. Aksionov forgave him, accepted the truth, attained self-realization and died in peace.

(OR)

- (b) A group of school children lived on the planet Venus with their families. They were nine years old. It had been continuously raining for seven years. One day the scientists predicted that the sun would appear for two hours. The children had only seen the sun when they were two years old. They had read about the sun. Margot was a thin, pale girl. She had lived in Ohio until she was five. She had many memories of the sun. Margot did not mingle with other children. The other children became upset about her and put her in a closet, while their teacher was away. After some moments, the sun appeared. All the children played and enjoyed the light of the sun. Then the rain clouds appeared. When a girl remembered that Margot was locked in the closet, the girls unlocked the door and Margot came out. She missed the chance to enjoy the light of the sun.

44. (a) **Summary : Rough copy**

**Telecommunication**

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**Fair Copy :**

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(OR)

(b) **Value of Time**

Time is the most valuable thing in life. It has no beginning and no end. All things are born on time, grown on time and die on time. Time does not wait for anyone. Whether you like it or not, the fact is time will never stop. Time gives you only one chance and you have to make the best of it. A moment lost is lost forever. You cannot go back and reverse time. So if people know the value of time, then it is beneficial for society and the individual. Time is a very vital substance in our lives. We need to respect time, and by thus, we can get the best out of it.

45. (a)

6, Patel Road,  
Perambur,  
Chennai - 39  
12th March, 2022  
My dear Friend,

Hope this letter finds you in the best of health. I am very happy to know that you have been selected for the semi finals of a state level hockey tournament. You have really worked hard and you deserve this success. I am very proud of you.

Awaiting to see you in person to celebrate your success. Congratulations to you again and hope you will be the winner of the final match.

With best wishes,

Your's lovingly,  
XXX

**Address on the envelope :**

To  
ABC  
53, Coonoor Road, Ooty - 643 001.

(OR)

(b) From  
XXX,  
YYY.  
To  
The Chief Editor,  
Indian Express, Chennai.  
**Subject:** Rising incidences of reckless and rash driving  
Respected Sir ,

I shall be highly obliged if you kindly published the following matter in your daily newspaper in the interest of common people. People on the footpaths are not safe for reckless driving. They are facing the huge problem . Traffic police are inactive in that issues. As a result serious accidents are taking place on the roads.

We have to stick to this, if we are not getting this now then we will face the serious problem about it.

Hence, I request you to publish an article in the local newspaper about this, so that the authorities can see and do something about it.

Thank you  
Your's truthfully,  
XXX.

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To  
The Chief Editor,  
Indian Express, Chennai

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(ii) Rahim was senior to Abdul in college  
(iii) Speaker after speaker came on the stage  
(iv) You can also consider paramedical careers.  
(v) She bought a useful gatget.

(OR)

46. (b) **Fill in the blanks appropriately:**

- (i) Yearn, earn  
(ii) would  
(iii) has already begun  
(iv) Who

47. (a) A traveller reached an inn. He found the door locked from within. He knocked at the door. The innkeeper responded to the knock, saying, "I have lost the key and the door cannot be opened unless you have a silver coin with you". The traveller understood what he meant by the silver coin. He immediately slipped a silver coin to the inn keeper and the keeper opens door. The traveller kept his luggage in the room and closed the door behind him. The innkeeper shouts him to open the door so that he may come in. Now the traveller replied from within "I have lost the key and a silver coin is needed to open the door". Soon, the innkeeper returned the silver coin.

**Moral :** 'Tit for tat'

(OR)

- (b) (i) The word Photography is derived from two Greek words which together mean 'to draw by light'.  
(ii) The early camera was large and cumbersome to handle, and, when assembled in position, had to be carefully focussed to the object - a lengthy operation.  
(iii) With the early hand - operated cameras the exposure was made by removing a lens cover, and counting the length of the exposure in seconds.  
(iv) There was also the tedious task of loading and of preparing a sensitive glass for which the photographer had to carry with him a portable dark room or a large plate changing box.  
(v) Breaking the seal on a carton and loading, in daylight, a roll of film, which provides sufficient and light sensitive material for eight to thirty six exposures according to the type of camera used.

