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PUBLIC EXAMINATION - MARCH - 2025

Reg. No.

PART - II

TIME ALLOWED : 3.00 Hours]

ENGLISH (with answers)

[MAXIMUM MARKS : 90]

- Instructions :** 1. Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.
2. Use **Blue** or **Black** ink to write and underline and pencil to draw diagrams.

Part - I

Answer **all** the questions.

(20×1=20)

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

- The common link of friendship was snapped.
(a) attached (b) cut
(c) clicked (d) joined
- With this princely sum, I left for the US.
(a) very large (b) royal
(c) heavy (d) meagre
- There was no sound but a curious smothered noise from my friend.
(a) unwanted (b) thickened
(c) unexpected (d) suppressed

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the underlined words in the following sentences.

- I am always reluctant to trust a departing visitor.
(a) disinterested (b) keen
(c) rebellious (d) unwilling
- Robust optimism will be discouraged.
(a) encouraged (b) compelled
(c) pressurised (d) suppressed
- I never did my frequent flyer miles, by the way.
(a) often (b) rare
(c) customary (d) always
- Choose the expanded form of GST.
(a) Gross Sales Tax (b) Goods and Sales Tax
(c) Goods and Service Tax (d) Grocery Service Tax
- Choose the word that can be placed after the word water to form a compound word.
(a) lead (b) sea (c) wet (d) proof

- Form a derivative by adding a suitable suffix to the root word peace.
(a) -ness (b) -ful (c) -ly (d) -able

- Add a suitable prefix to form the opposite of the word breakable.
(a) mis (b) in (c) en (d) un

- Choose the appropriate article for the following sentence.
I gave _____ one rupee coin to my brother.
(a) a (b) an (c) some (d) the

- Choose the correct modal verb for the following sentence.
When Koushik was a child, he _____ play in the street.
(a) must (b) would (c) may (d) will

- The dog jumped _____ the river.
(a) into (b) above (c) in (d) under

- Choose the correct clipped form for the word perambulator.
(a) bulator (b) peram (c) pramb (d) pram

- Choose the correct meaning of the idiom "alarm bells ringing".
(a) try any method
(b) sign of something going wrong
(c) abandoning in difficulty
(d) in serious difficulty

- A person who treats the problems of the heart is a _____.
(a) pulmonologist (b) neurologist
(c) cardiologist (d) nephrologist

- Choose the appropriate question tag for the following sentence.
Madhav doesn't speak Telugu, _____.
(a) has he? (b) did he? (c) is he? (d) does he?

- Choose the meaning of the foreign word - in toto.
(a) completely (b) half
(c) partially (d) null

19. Choose the word that has been wrongly spelt.
 (a) revolution (b) reverance
 (c) reference (d) relevant
20. Fill in the blank with the correct determiner.
 Anand invited _____ friends for his birthday party.
 (a) few (b) a little (c) a few (d) little

Part - II - Section - 1

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

21. *Cocktail face, with all their conforming smiles like a fixed portrait smile.*
 (a) What is meant by 'cocktail face'?
 (b) Mention the figure of speech.
22. *When snaps the knee, and cracks the wrist, when officialdom demands,*
 (a) Identify the literary device in these lines.
 (b) Whom does the officialdom demand?
23. *I heard a thousand blended notes
While in a grove I sate reclined,*
 (a) What did the poet hear?
 (b) Where did he sit?
24. *His coat is dusty from neglect, his whiskers are uncombed.
He sways his head from side to side, with movements like a snake;*
 (a) How does the cat look?
 (b) What is the figure of speech used in the second line?
25. *Defeat we repel, courage our fort;
Cringing from others we haven't done,*
 (a) What do they repel?
 (b) What is their fort?
26. *And that small model of the barren earth
Which serves as paste and cover to our bones.*
 (a) What does "small model" mean?
 (b) Who speaks these words?

Section - 2

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

27. Sharmila said, "I haven't seen her".
 [Change into indirect speech]

28. The teacher distributed the text books.
 [Change the voice]
29. In spite of her weakness, Radha attended the class.
 [Rewrite as a compound sentence]
30. You did not run fast. You did not catch the train.
 [Combine using "If"]

Part - III - Section - 1

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

31. With all my heart I do admire
Athletes who sweat for fun or hire,
32. The birds around me hopped and played
Their thoughts I cannot measure,
33. Ours is a path of dignity and honour,

Section - 2

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

34. What made the dogs to follow the grandmother after school hours?
35. How do the chemists make fortunes out of the medicines people forget to take?
36. Describe the fluttery cascade of things tumbling from the bag.

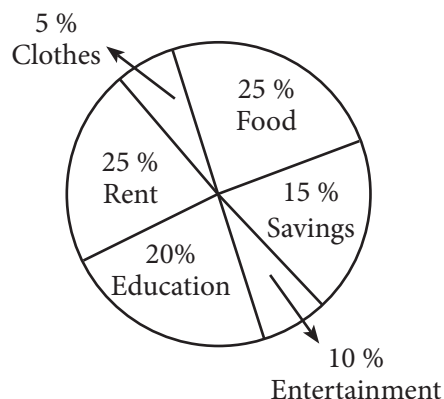
Section - 3

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

37. Read the information in the table below and write three sentences on your inference about the data given.

S. No.	Event	Year	Affected Area
1.	Earthquake	2001	Bhuj, Gujarat
2.	Tsunami	2004	Tamilnadu Coastal line, Kerala, Andaman and Nicobar and Puducherry
3.	Cyclone	2004	Tamilnadu
4.	Floods	2015	Tamilnadu

38. Study the pie-chart carefully and answer the questions that follow.



The above pie-chart shows the monthly spending percentage of Arjun's family.

- Arjun spends equally on _____.
 (a) Education and Savings
 (b) Rent and Food
 (c) Entertainment and Rent
 (d) Food and Education
- He spends least on _____.
 (a) Education (b) Savings
 (c) Clothes (d) Entertainment
- Arjun's income is Rs. 16,000. Calculate the amount spent by him on Education.
 (a) 2000 (b) 3200
 (c) 2400 (d) 1500

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

40. Expand the following News Headlines.

- Inflow into Mettur Dam reduces.
- Big cash prizes for Indian Olympic participants.
- Chennai collector to inaugurate Naan Mudhalvan Scheme.

Part - IV

(7×5=35)

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

- The Grandmother was strong-minded. Justify.

(OR)

- How do universities mould students apart from imparting academic education to them?

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

- The poet Ogden Nash does not wish to exchange places with the athletes. Justify his views.

(OR)

- Describe the appearance and qualities of Macavity.

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

- Patients waiting - dentist clinic - everybody tensed - one woman - photos - dentist arrives - Joe enters - nurse - hammer - pliers - hacksaw - everyone frightened - boy confesses - girl weeps - everyone leaves - Joe returns - woman - the first patient.

(OR)

- Aunt Jane - visited Jack and Jill - shocked seeing - radiogram - piano - car - furniture - enquired - source of income - Jack replied EMI - she told her motto of life - left the house - little cheque of ten pounds - Jill - baby - owned.

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

Kabaddi is a contact team sport that originated in Tamil Nadu, India. It is the national sport of Bangladesh. It is also popular in South Asia and is the state game of the Indian states of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Punjab and Telangana. Kabaddi is played between two teams of seven players : the objective of the game is for a single player on offence referred to as a 'raider', to run into the opposing teams half of a court, tag out as many of their defenders as possible, and return to their own half of the court - all without being tackled by the defenders. Points are scored for each player tagged by the raider, while the opposing team earns a point for stopping the raider. Players are taken out of the game if they are tagged or tackled, but can be 'revived' for each point scored by their team from a tag or tackle. The raider should hold his breath and utter the words like 'Kabaddi Kabaddi, hututu hututu, chadu kudu' etc. while the opponents try to catch him. If he stops uttering these words, he is considered out. The highest governing body of kabaddi is the International Kabaddi Federation.

(OR)

- Write a paragraph on 'Truth alone Triumphs' in about 150 words.

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

[Write XXXX for your name and YYYY for the address]

Wanted
ACCOUNTANT

The applicant should be a graduate with fluency in English and five years experience.
Apply to
The Manager,
Alpha Enterprises,
No. 15, State Bank Colony,
Chennai - 600091.

(OR)

- (b) Write a letter to your friend about your trip to Kodaikanal.

46. (a) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and rewrite the sentences correctly.

- (i) We bought some furnitures.
- (ii) I met an European at the University.
- (iii) Though he ran fast but he did not win.
- (iv) Cauvery flows through Trichy.
- (v) I sat besides my sister.

(OR)

- (b) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- (i) Your ring is _____. Do not _____ it.
[loose / lose]
- (ii) Sheela went to the library, _____.
[suitable question tag]
- (iii) _____ you go to a library, you will see different genres of books.
[suitable link word]
- (iv) It _____ (rain) since last night.
[correct tense form]

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

Preethi Srinivasan is a former cricketer from Tamilnadu. She played domestic cricket in the 1990s. At the age of eight, she was the youngest girl to play in the state Cricket Team. At the age of seventeen, She captained the Tamilnadu's women's under-19 cricket team in a National Tournament in 1997 and registered its only victory ever. In the following year, she suffered with a spinal cord injury in an accident that left her quadriplegic. Her own trauma inspired her to create soulfree, a foundation

that aims to help Indian youth to cope with disabilities related to spinal cord injuries. In 2018, She received the Kalpana Chawla award for courage and daring enterprise.

Questions :

- (i) What did Preethi Srinivasan play during the 1990's?
- (ii) Why was the soulfree Foundation created?
- (iii) When did she receive the Kalpana Chawla award?
- (iv) Did Preethi win a National Tournament?
- (v) Pick one word from the passage which is the opposite of "International".

(OR)

- (b) Write a conversation between two friends on reading an interesting novel.
(Minimum of five exchange)

Answers

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| 1. (b) cut | 2. (a) very large |
| 3. (d) suppressed | 4. (b) keen |
| 5. (a) encouraged | 6. (b) rare |
| 7. (c) Goods and Service Tax | 8. (d) waterproof |
| 9. (b) peaceful | |
| 10. (d) unbreakable | 11. (a) a |
| 12. (b) would | 13. (a) into |
| 14. (d) pram | |
| 15. (b) sign of something going wrong | |
| 16. (c) cardiologist | 17. (d) does he? |
| 18. (a) completely | 19. (b) reverence |
| 20. (c) a few | |

Part - II - Section - 1

21. (a) A cocktail face is a face which shows mixed emotions.
(b) Figure of speech : Simile.
22. (a) Onomatopoeia
(b) The officialdom demands doctor.
23. (a) The poet heard a thousand blended notes.
(b) The poet was sitting in a small woodland grove.
24. (a) The cat's coat is dusty, and whiskers are uncombed.
(b) Figure of speech : Simile.
25. (a) We should repel defeat.
(b) Courage is their fort.

26. (a) Small model refers to the little patch of earth that covers the body after death.
(b) King Richard - II.

Section - 2

27. Sharmila said that she hadn't seen her.
28. The text books were distributed by the teacher.
29. Radha was weak but she attended the class.
30. If you had run fast, you could have caught the train.

Part - III - Section - 1

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

Context : In these lines, the poet talks about how people choose to opt for different sports.

Explanation : With all his heart, or wholeheartedly, the poet admires the athletes, who work hard and sweat for fun or for being hired.

32. **Reference** : These lines are taken from the poem 'Lines Written in the Early Spring' by William Wordsworth.

Context : The poet states these lines about the joy of birds, which are thrilled at the bounties of nature.

Explanation : The birds sang, hopped and played around the poet, who cannot measure their thoughts. Though he doesn't understand their language and ways, he recognizes that the birds are creating these movements out of sheer pleasure and joy. The poet praises Nature's fair work.

33. **Reference** : These lines are from the Poem 'Everest is not the only peak', written by Kulothungan.

Context : In these lines, the poet had given his views on the quality of life. We should always feel proud and high of ourselves.

Explanation : The poet assures that if you follow the path of nobility and pride, we are not poor. So we should always be proud and feel high of ourselves.

Section - 2

34. Grandma gave stale chapattis to stray dogs while returning home. So, the dogs followed the grandmother after school hours.
35. The forgotten medicines tend to aggravate the illness. So they have to buy the medicines again. This helps chemists to make fortune.
36. When the bag was forcefully opened, a hundred carefully sorted documents, coins (bounced) and a lidless tobacco tin came running down in a fluttery cascade.

Section - 3

37. 1. An earthquake occurred in 2001 and affected the area Bhuj in Gujarat.
2. Tsunami affected Tamilnadu Coastal line, kerala Andaman and Nicobar and Puducherry in 2004.
3. Tamilnadu was affected by a cyclone in 2008 and floods in 2015.
38. (i) (b) Rent and Food (ii) (c) Clothes
(iii) (b) 3200
39. 1. There are several kinds of coffee, but I am now going to describe how instant coffee is produced.
2. Milk is heated in a kettle. Instant coffee powder is added with hot milk and stirred well.
3. Sugar is added to it and stirred. The instant coffee is ready to be served.
40. (i) **Salem** : Mettur dam's water level on Saturday stood at 119.14 feet against its full capacity of 120 feet. Inflow into the dam reduced to 1,128 cusecs from Friday's inflow of 1,992 cusecs.
(ii) **Paris** : At the modern Olympic Games, the first, second and third-placed athletes are rewarded, respectively, by gold, silver and bronze medals. At the Panhellenic Games, there was only one winner whose prize was a wreath or crown of leaves.
(iii) 12 Sept 2024 - The District Collector inaugurated district-level training Program under the "Naan Mudhalvan" scheme on 11.09.2024.

Part - IV

41. (a) When the author decided to go abroad for future studies, he thought that the grandmother would be upset. But she was not sentimental. When she went to the railway station with the author, she did not show any emotion. She only prayed for the author. These instances show that she was strong minded.

(OR)

(b) The role of the Universities today is not secluded (kept away) and confined as in the past. Its function has been enlarged - not in its fundamentals, but in its domain. It has to trim the individual, train him, guide and lead him, before being asked to do his duty as the citizen of a democracy - A task which enkindle sweet hopes, but which demands patience and perseverance, faith and confidence - faith in himself and in others and confident in his inherent ability to shoulder the responsibilities. It has to fashion out of him an individual fitted and equipped for making democracy fruitful and effective.

42. (a) The athletes who carry their activities in the field with a showy dress, injure each other as they play their game in high spirits. They knock down each other and also the winner, by breaking the talents of all these athletes, derives satisfaction. But he does not wish to exchange positions with any of these players, as they never consider each other's feelings. This is how, he justifies his view on exchanging places.

(OR)

(b) Macavity is a ginger cat. He is very tall and thin. His eyes are deeply sunken in. His eyebrows are deeply lined with thought. His head is dome-like round in shape. His coat is dusty with neglect. His whiskers are not combed. He sways his head from side to side while moving like a snake. He is always alert and wide awake. He is a devil in the guise of a cat. He has an outwardly respectable appearance. Depravity, Looting, Rifling, Stifling, deceitfulness and Suavity are some of the qualities of Macavity.

43. (a) A number of patients wait at the waiting room of a dentist's clinic. One of the women is showing everyone her photographs. After the arrival of the dentist, the first patient, Joe, enters in. Sometime later, the nurse comes out and goes in with a hammer. Everyone is frightened at this. Once again, the nurse comes out to fetch a large pair of pliers and a hacksaw. The loud sawing and screeching from the room makes everyone leave the clinic, one by one. Finally, there are only two women in the waiting room, one of them being Joe's wife. Joe comes out and explains that his appointment is shifted to the evening. After they leave, the dentist comes out and locates the key of his tool cabinet. He had been trying to open it using the hammer, the pliers and the hacksaw only in vain.

(OR)

(b) Jack and Jill are a young married couple, they have bought everything for the new villa. One day, Aunt Jane visits their residence. On reaching their home, Aunt Jane was astonished to discover that despite the low salary of Jack, they are living in a beautiful house with all sorts of comforts such as radiogram, a piano, etc., and well furnished. Aunt Jane cannot believe. So she asked about the rent of the house, Jack informed her that they do not pay rent, as they own the house. He further informs that they had bought the entire house on instalment just like they bought all the other things. Aunt Jane was asking about how they would manage to pay such huge amount. Jack replied that he would take loan from Thrift and Providence trust Corporation. Aunt Jane handed them a cheque of ten pounds, while leaving their house. She requested the couple to make at least one article completely their own, using the given money. Finally, they try to own baby.

44. (a) Note Making :

Kabbadi

1. Kabbadi - contact team sport
Originated in TN.
Bangladesh - national sport
2. State game of Indian states
Tamilnadu
Kerala
Andhra Pradesh
Bihar
Haryana
Karnataka
Maharashtra
Punjab
Telangana
3. Played between two teams.
Seven Players.
Points scored – raider
4. The Raider
Hold breath
Utter kabaddi kabaddi
Stops out
5. The highest governing body
International kabbadi Federation

(OR)

Summary :**Rough Copy : Kabbadi**

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Fair Copy : Kabbadi

Kabbadi, a contact team sport, originated in Tamilnadu, India. It is the state game of most of the Indian states. Kabbadi is played between two teams of seven players. The objective of the game is for a single player on offence, who is a raider. He runs into the opposing team, tags out as many of their defenders, by uttering the word "Kabbadi, Kabbadi". The opponent will try to catch him. If he stops uttering Kabbadi, he is out.

Total No. of words in the passage - 207

Total No. of words in the Fair copy - 81

(OR)

(b) Truth alone Triumphs

The phrase "truth alone triumphs" signifies that despite temporary setbacks, honesty and veracity will ultimately prevail over deceit and lies. It embodies the belief that the power of truth is so potent that even when faced with adversity, it will eventually emerge victorious, bringing about justice and clarity, much like the ancient Indian motto "Satyameva Jayate" which translates to "truth alone triumphs". This principle encourages individuals to stand by their convictions, upholding integrity even when the path is challenging, as the ultimate reward lies in the triumph of truth itself.

45.(a) From

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YYYY

10th March, 20XX

To

The Manager,
Alpha Enterprises,
No. 15, State Bank Colony,
Chennai - 600091.

Sir/Madam,

Sub : Application for the post of an Accountant.
Greetings,

With reference to your advertisement in "The Hindu" dated 9th March XXXX, for the post of Accountant, I wish to apply for the same. I passed my M.Com. in the year 2013 and am working in the Accounts department of a reputed company for five years after that. If I am given a chance, I shall work sincerely to come up to your expectations. I am closing herewith my detailed resume for your kind reference.

With kind regards.

Yours faithfully,

M. Manivannan

Encl : Curriculum Vitae

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name : XXX
Father's Name : K. Rajagopal
Residential Address : YYYY
Date of Birth : 4th October 1990
Marital Status : Unmarried
Educational Qualification : M.Com.
Work Experience : Presently working as an Accountant with Alpha Technology Chennai Since 2013.
Languages Known : English, Tamil and Hindi.
Strength : Good time Management
References : 1. Dr. Lalit Kumar, Professor, New College, Chennai.
2. Mr. Malhotra, Director, Alpha Technologies, Chennai.

Declaration

I hereby declare that the above particulars are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated : 9-3-2025

XXX

Place : Chennai

Signature

Address on the envelope :

To

The Manager,
Alpha Enterprises,
No. 15, State Bank Colony,
Chennai - 600091.

(OR)

(b) 10th March, 2025

14 A, 3rd Street,
K.K. Nagar,
Chennai.

My dear Raghu

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. Last Saturday I went to kodaikanal along with my parents. Kodaikanal, a serene hill station in Tamil Nadu, offered a refreshing escape into nature's embrace. The misty mornings, lush green pine forests, and the picturesque Kodaikanal Lake provided a tranquil atmosphere. Exploring the scenic Coaker's Walk, we relished the panoramic views while the gentle breeze carried the sweet scent of wildflowers. The captivating Pillar Rocks stood tall, a majestic natural wonder, and a boat ride on the lake added to the serenity. A visit to the nearby Guna Caves, a hidden gem, provided an adventurous element. The local markets offered unique handicrafts, and the warm hospitality of the people enhanced the experience. Though short, my Kodaikanal trip left me rejuvenated and longing to return to its captivating beauty. I hope to visit this place again along with you and experience a joyful trip. Convey my regards to your parents.

Yours lovingly,
XXXX

Address on the Envelope :

To

S. Balu,
10A, Nehru Street,
Madurai - 20

46. (a) (i) We bought some furniture_. (s → deleted)
(ii) I met a European at the University.
(iii) Though he ran fast, _ he did not win. (or)
_ He ran fast, but did not win.
(but → deleted; Though → deleted)
(iv) I sat beside_ my sister. (s → deleted)

(OR)

- (b) (i) Your ring is loose. Do not lose it.
(ii) Sheela went to the library, hasn't she?
(iii) If you go to a library, you will see different genres of books.
(iv) It has been raining since last night.
47. (a) (i) She played domestic cricket in the 1990s.
(ii) Her own trauma inspired her to create soulfree, a foundation that aims to help Indian youth to cope with disabilities related to spinal cord injuries.
(iii) In 2018, She received the Kalpana Chawla award for courage and daring enterprise.
(iv) Yes. At the age of seventeen, She captained the Tamilnadu's women's under-19 cricket team in a National Tournament in 1997 and registered its only victory ever.
(v) Domestic is the opposite of "Intenational".

(OR)

- (b) Sujon : Hello hasib, how are you?
Hasib : I am fine and you?
Sujon : I am fine too. What's the book you are reading. It seems you are deeply absorbed in it.
Hasib : Yes, I have already read the book once. Now it is my second reading. The book is indeed very interesting.
Sujon : I see. What is the name of the book and by whom it is written?
Hasib : The title of the book is "Treasure Island" and it is written by the famous novelist R.L.Stevenson.
Sujon : Yes. I have read some of his books.
HASIB : If you have any of his books, please lend it to me to read.
Sujon : Oh! Sure . I will get you tomorrow.
Hasib : Thank you.

