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Standard

PUBLIC EXAMINATION - April 2025

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 a 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.

- It is a 55 foot sailing vessel built *indigenously* in India.
(a) artificially (b) beautifully
(c) naturally (d) badly
- The young bird kept calling her mother *plaintively*.
(a) sadly (b) happily
(c) vainly (d) joyfully
- No one visits me, he said in an *unperturbed* manner.
(a) disturbed (b) undisturbed
(c) confused (d) undivided

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

- Scraping his beak now and again to *whet* it.
(a) blunt (b) harden
(c) brighten (d) smoothen
- Nothing he said, *gruffly*, but he was, in colour, a light green.
(a) unhappily (b) happily
(c) sadly (d) worriedly
- The disabled face challenges of access, acceptance and *inclusion*.
(a) induction (b) intuition
(c) exclusion (d) extension
- Choose the correct plural form of '**radius**'
(a) radio (b) radii
(c) radious (d) radie

- Form a derivative by adding the right **prefix** to the word '**nutrition**'.
(a) fall (b) fell (c) mal (d) call
- Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation '**HDMI**'.
(a) Hide Dimension Metro India
(b) High Dimension Media Institute
(c) High Definition Multimedia Interface
(d) High Definition Medieval India
- Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.
Priya felt happy to _____ the neighbours in the new locality of California.
(a) get along with (b) get on
(c) get away (d) get together
- Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word '**traffic**' to form a compound word.
(a) bus (b) car
(c) jam (d) post
- Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.
I reached M. Hamel's garden, all out _____ breath.
(a) on (b) of
(c) by (d) with
- Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.
I had such a shock when the dying man bolted the door and _____ it.
(a) locked (b) lock
(c) had locked (d) have locked
- Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.
We are on our way to Kolkata _____ Chennai.
(a) by (b) from
(c) of (d) with

Part - II

SECTION - 1

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

15. What prompted the young seagull to fly finally?
16. Mention the special features of INSV Tarini.
17. What did Aditya offer Sanyal?
18. What was the doctor's warning to Tom?

SECTION - 2

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

19. Let us learn to walk with a smile and a song,
No matter if things do sometimes go wrong,
(a) What does the poet expect everyone to learn?
(b) What should we do when things go wrong sometimes?
20. It never grows leaves,
Not in the winter, spring, summer or fall.
It just sits there never getting small or ever growing tall.
(a) What does 'it' refer to?
(b) In what way is the tree a mystery?
21. "Not I!
My heart was so light
That I sang day and night,
For all nature looked gay".
(a) Who does "I" refer to?
(b) What was the nature of the cricket?
22. Rumors are constantly being made,
And each day the house just begins to fade.
What happened inside that house?
(a) Does the house remain the same everyday?
(b) Why does the poet consider the house to be a mystery?

SECTION - 3

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

23. Rewrite the sentence in Reported Speech.
Banu says, "I am enjoying my holidays."
24. Rewrite the following sentence in the other voice.
Our army has defeated the enemy.
25. Punctuate the following sentence.
have you come from holmes he asked
26. Change the following sentence into a Simple sentence.
She is sick but she attends the rehearsal.

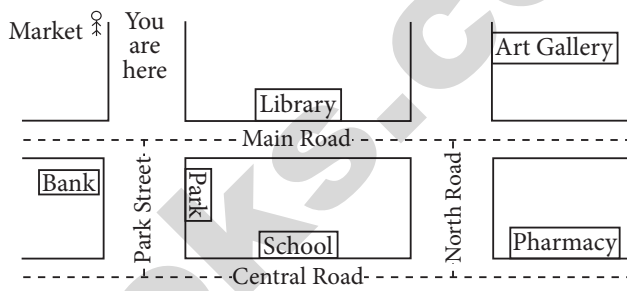
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.

- (a) Dangers / the mountain / of / is / road / full.
- (b) Can / get / when / winds / are / tough / sea / the / picking / really / up.

SECTION - 4

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

You are at the Market. A stranger beside you asks for directions to go to the Pharmacy. Guide him with your instructions.



Part - III SECTION - 1

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

(2×5=10)

29. Describe the struggles underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.
30. Describe the funny incident that caused the confusion in the house.
31. How do we use technology in our day to day lives?
32. Explain the last day of M. Hamel in school.

SECTION - 2

Answer **any two** of the following.

(2×5=10)

33. Describe the journey of life in the poem : "LLFE".
34. The Poem "No men are foreign" has a greater relevance in today's world. Elucidate.
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below :

*The weather is always too hot or cold;
Summer and winter alike they scold.
Nothing goes right with the folks you meet
Down on that gloomy Complaining street*

- (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 in the fourth line.
- (d) Pick out the alliterating words in the second line.

36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

*Though our smoke may hide the Heavens from your eyes,
It will vanish and the stars will shine again,
Because, for all our power and weight and size,
We are nothing more than children of your brain!*

SECTION - 3

Answer **any one** of the following. (1×5=5)

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

- Peter stops the angry waters with his finger the entire night and saves the village.
- Peter becomes the Little Hero of Holland.
- Little Peter was asked to take cakes for his blind friend by his mother.
- Peter realises the danger of flooding.
- While returning, he hears water trickling from the dikes.

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

It was Zigzag's voice, clear and commanding. There was pin-drop silence in the room as everyone waited, open-mouthed, for Zigzag's next sentence. Dr. Krishnan was amazed! Gone was Zigzag's bored and grumpy expression. Instead the bird looked happy and alert as it went about the job it had been trained for, first with the African witch doctor and then with Dr.Somu. Dr.Krishnan's clinic, usually a noisy sea of tears and tantrums, was transformed into a calm, orderly place as Zigzag efficiently soothed the frightened patients, scolded the naughty ones and made the crying ones smile. And if his yam-digging song and recitation of French poetry reduced the children to helpless laughter instead of tears, he didn't look as though he minded. And best of all, Zigzag never slept. Or snored. Even for a second!

Questions:

- How was Zigzag's voice?
- Mention the two expressions of Zigzag, mentioned in the above passage.
- Who had trained Zigzag?
- How was Dr. Krishnan's clinic transformed?
- Zigzag never _____ or _____ even for a second.

SECTION - 4

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

39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.

A collection of Rare books - More than 2000 books - Story - Fiction - 10 languages - 10% OFFER for school children - ANBU BOOK SHOP - No. 10 AVILA Convent Road - Ooty.

40. Write a letter of enquiry for the following.

Rani hails from a remote village of Villupuram District, Tamil Nadu who aspires to become an IAS officer. Currently, she is in Class X. She notices an advertisement on free classes for the IAS aspirants by a trust in a newspaper. She writes a letter to the Coordinator of the trust asking for further details.

41. You are the School Pupil Leader of GHSS Sathur. Your school H.M. has requested you to inform the students about a trip to Papanasam. Prepare a notice for the students.

42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.



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

Mountains have a great fascination for men and people. Mountain climbing, however, is not without risks. It is a challenge to the unconquerable spirit of man and his love of adventure. That it is a dangerous sport cannot be denied. As one climbs higher and higher, breathing becomes more and more difficult. Some climbers, therefore, carry a heavy apparatus from which they inhale oxygen. Mountain climbing is dangerous in the extreme. There are snow storms and blizzards. It is difficult to walk through the snow. It is still more difficult to climb on ice because it is difficult to get a foothold and cut steps with axes in order to make progress. The cold is so severe that the climber's skin, feet, toes, fingers and tissues freeze, become numb and they may suffer frostbite. The most serious difficulty is the climber at a high altitude gets exhausted with a little effort. Mountain climbing requires proper training, skill and knowledge. The climbers must be well-equipped. They must be in good physical condition and should possess courage, perseverance and power of endurance. They should carry with them maps, compasses and other equipment so that they are able to find out where they are, in the absence of any tracks. They must travel through dense woods as they approach a mountain and then climb steep rocks. Near the summit of a

high peak, the climbers have to move over snowfields and glaciers. In dangerous areas they use ropes to tie themselves in groups.

The climbers carry with them packs loaded with first-aid supplies, food and extra clothing for sudden changes in weather. They display a spirit of sportsmanship and fellow-feeling and face the severe risks of life undaunted.

44. Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.
- Rice is a staple food of Asians.
 - Because Sathya was old, he walked slow.
 - Slow but steady wins the race.
 - I ought to be fifteen next April.
 - Learn a language is always useful.

SECTION - 5

45. Quote from memory. $(1 \times 5 = 5)$
- She's a lioness;
 Today's woman, dear.

Part - IV

46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints. $(2 \times 8 = 16)$
- Many years ago China - war - Emperor - one man from each family - Mulan - village girl - father - young boy brother - cut off her long black hair - sword - Join army - proved brave soldier - bad fever - Doctor found - news spread - soldiers - unhappy - Mulan - fights bravely - wins war - Emperor glad - gifts - six fine horses - six fine swords.
- (OR)
- The year is 2889 - 25th July - Editor Earth Herald - Francis Bennett - Phonotelephote - Champs - Elysees - wife telephotic mirror - Phototelegrams from Mercury, Venus and Mars - Jupiter - New planet Gandini - Mr. Bennett talks by means of apparatus - abandoned domestic cooking - pneumatic tubes - aero car - Niagara - aero train - Centropolis - 600 miles an hour.

47. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below.
- In 1902, American President Theodore Roosevelt, also known as Teddy, participated in a bear-hunting trip in Mississippi. While hunting, Roosevelt declared the behaviour of the other hunters "unsportsmanlike" after he refused to kill a bear they had captured. As news of the hunting trip spread, many newspapers around the country

featured political cartoons starring "Teddy" and "the bear". Meanwhile, in Brooklyn, New York, a shop owner named Morris Michtom saw one of the cartoons and had an idea. Michtom and his wife created plush, stuffed bears and placed them in the front window of their shop. With permission from Roosevelt, Michtom named the bears "Teddy Bears".

Questions :

- Who participated in a bear-hunting trip in Mississippi?
- Where did Michtom place the stuffed bears?
- What was the news that spread around the Country about Teddy?
- Who is the shop owner? What did he do in his shop?

(OR)

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

What will you be?

What will you be when you grow up?

A dancer? or a doctor?

A teacher? or a cricketer?

There are so many careers you can choose to do

It's very very hard to decide you know

Sometimes you may keep on thinking

Doing many jobs and never deciding,

And on Sunday again you will keep wondering.

Thursday you will chart the skies with the Navy.

Questions :

- What is hard to decide?
- List the jobs mentioned in the poem.
- Pick out the days of the week mentioned in the poem.
- What career would you like to choose in future?

Answers

Part - I

- (c) naturally
- (a) sadly
- (b) undisturbed
- (a) blunt
- (b) happily
- (c) exclusion
- (b) radii
- (c) malnutrition
- (c) High Definition Multimedia Interface
- (a) get along with
- (c) traffic jam
- (b) of
- (a) locked
- (b) from

Part - II SECTION - 1

15. His mother picked up a piece of fish and flew across to him with it. But then, she halted, just opposite to him. She was almost within the reach of his beak. Maddened by hunger, the young seagull dived at the fish. This act of his mother prompted the young seagull to fly finally.
16. INSV Tarini encourage the use of environment friendly non-conventional renewable energy resources Such as the wind. It collected data for monitoring marine pollution on high seas.
17. Aditya offered Sanyal a sum of one hundred and fifty rupees.
18. The doctor warned him that he would lose his mind, thinking a lot about the rubies.

SECTION - 2

19. (a) The poet expects everyone to walk with a smile and a song.
(b) We should not bother ourselves, if things go wrong sometimes.
20. (a) 'It' refers to the tree.
(b) The leaves of the tree never grows. The tree neither grows tall nor gets smaller. So the tree is a mystery.
21. (a) 'I' refers to the cricket.
(b) The nature of the cricket was lazy and silly.
22. (a) No, the house does not remain the same everyday. It begins to fade each day.
(b) Nobody knows what happened inside the house. So, the poetess considers the house to be a mystery.

SECTION - 3

23. Banu says that she is enjoying her holidays.
24. The enemy has been defeated by our army.
25. "Have you come from Holmes?" he asked.
26. Inspite of being sick, she attends the rehearsal.
27. (a) The mountain road is full of dangers.
(b) The sea can get really tough when winds are picking up.

SECTION - 4

28. 1. From the market, go straight to Park Street.
2. Take your left on the Central Road.
3. At the end of the road, on your right, you will find the pharmacy.

Part - III SECTION - 1

29. The young seagull was afraid of flying. His parents tried their level best to teach the young seagull to fly. The parents, brothers and sister thought of a plan to teach him to fly. They flew away to another rock and left him alone. They did not give him anything to eat. He stood there on one leg and closed his eyes. He was very hungry. He searched for food everywhere. He even chewed the dried pieces of the eggshells. He saw his mother tearing a piece of fish. He begged his mother to give him food. So the mother flew with the piece of fish to the young seagull. When she reached him, she became motionless in the air. She did not get down on the rock. She wanted to give the young seagull an incentive to fly. The seagull bent forward and jumped at the fish. He was very frightened. But he began to flap his wings to save himself.
30. James, the author comes out of the bathroom, drying himself. At that moment, he hears the footsteps of someone walking downstairs near the dining table. He wakes up his brother Herman. They both listen to the footsteps and gets scared. Their mother wakes up. When she comes to know she alerts her neighbour to call the police. The police arrive with some reporters. They search all over, upstairs and downstairs. When they find nothing, they rush to the attic. The narrator's grandfather believes that he is still in the war. He thinks that the policemen are deserters. So he starts shooting at them. The policemen leave their house immediately, creating a lot of confusion everywhere.
31. Technology impacts the environment, people and the society as a whole. The way we use technology determines if its impacts are positive to the society or negative. We use mobile phones, tablet, Digital Dictionary, e-Book reader and video games as the latest technology. All these are useful to make our work easier. It makes us to keep in touch with our family members by talking to them, whenever we want to. We can see our relatives, who live far away from us. It also helps us to make friends, communicate with them and control our environment. It can help us to study, get qualifications and find opportunities for work. It can make us confident and independent. Learning has now become a more inclusive way for us by this technology.
32. In honour of his last French lesson, M. Hamel put on his fine Sunday clothes and the old villagers were present to respect his forty years of faithful service. In the classroom, Hamel told Franz that the Prussians would find fault with the Frenchmen that they did

not know to read or write French. As he spoke about many things, he said that French was the language to be held and guarded to be used as a key to the prison of the enslaved. He took a grammar lesson, a lesson in writing and kept gazing at the garden and the classroom where he had spent 40 years of his life. When the trumpets of the Prussians were finally blown, M. Hamel stood up, but could not speak out of grief and wrote "Long Live France" in French on the blackboard and dismissed the school.

SECTION - 2

33. In this poem, life is described not as an entity, but as an experience. One should live with courage and dedication. Life should be lived without hurry and with a clear sense of purpose that drives the mind and soul. The poet encourages us to let go of all that has been lost in the past as well as the uncertainty the future holds. He tells us to embrace the present with the happiness which nourishes the young and the old. Happiness gives us nourishment on this journey with a smile on our face. Whatever situation life throws at us, it is the journey, he hopes, that should be joyous, for it teaches us to grow and live. Our imagination should have the innocence and fearlessness of childhood. We should seek out new friendships, new adventures and new experiences which enrich us. He encourages us to have faith and determination in our hearts, as we take on this beautiful journey. We should have eternal hope that our story ends most joyfully.

34. The poem "No Men are Foreign" has a greater relevance in today's world that witnesses major disasters due to internal conflicts and external factors that destroy the peace of the nations of the world. Factors like racism, terrorism etc., alienate people to the extent of ruining places and civilizations, that had taken centuries of hard work to be built. The very fact that, once we consider the entire world as a single living place for all who exist on it, it becomes a common place and people will stay united, understanding the truth that all are human with the same dreams and aspirations.

35. (a) The rhyming words are : cold - scold; meet - street
 (b) Rhyme scheme : "a a b b".
 (c) Transferred epithet (Complaining street)
 (d) The alliterating words : summer - scold.

36. Machines aren't perfect after all and Nature always wins over. Machines aren't miraculous creation. They are nothing more than the creation of the human brain.


SECTION - 3

37. (iii), (v), (iv), (i), (ii)
 (iii) Little Peter was asked to take cakes for his blind friend by his mother.
 (v) While returning, he hears water trickling from the dikes.
 (iv) Peter realises the danger of flooding.
 (i) Peter stops the angry waters with his finger the entire night and saves the village.
 (ii) Peter becomes the Little Hero of Holland.
 38. (a) Zigzag's voice was clear and commanding.
 (b) Bored and grumpy.
 (c) An African witch doctor and Dr. Somu.
 (d) Dr. Krishnan's clinic became a calm place without confusion.
 (e) Zigzag never slept or snored even for a second.

SECTION - 4

39.

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- More than 2000 Books
- Story and Fiction
- 10 Languages



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40. **From**
 Rani,
 216, Nethaji Street,
 Remote Village,
 Villupuram District.

02nd April 2025

To

The Coordinator,
 Aspire IAS Academy,
 Habibullah Road,
 Chennai.

Sir,

Sub : Further details on IAS coaching - reg.

Ref : Advertisement cited in the newspaper.

I have read your news in a Tamil Newspaper and I am an IAS aspirant. I have understood the news and I need much more details of your IAS training course as I am studying X std now.

I request you to guide me in my endeavour and send further information and details at the earliest, Sir.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Rani

Address on the envelope :

To

The Coordinator,
Aspire IAS Academy,
Habibullah Road, Chennai.

41.

NOTICE

GOVT. HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, SATHUR

Trip to Papanasam

02nd April, 2025

All the students are informed that our school is planning a trip to Papanasam for two days on 25th and 26th April 2025. A private omnibus has been arranged. The amount will be ₹ 1,200 per student, which includes food expense. Students, who participate, should come in school uniform. The Govt. guest house is arranged for our stay. Interested students can register their names with the undersigned and the amount is to be paid on or before 20th April 2025.

XXX,

School Pupil Leader

42. 1. The image shows crowded fair exhibitions with many people enjoying the attractions.
2. There are stalls, amusement rides, and food vendors, creating a lively and festive atmosphere.
3. The presence of banners and decorations suggests a special event or celebration.
4. People of all ages can be seen exploring different activities, indicating a place of entertainment and social gathering.
5. Overall, the scene reflects joy, excitement, and a vibrant cultural experience.

43. **Note Making :**

Mountain Climbing

Exciting but Risky :

- Requires courage and adventure
- Breathing gets harder at high altitudes

Dangers and challenges :

- Snowstorms, blizzards, extreme cold
- Ice makes climbing difficult
- Risk of frostbite and exhaustion

Skills and preparation :

- Needs proper training and physical fitness
- Must carry maps, compasses, ropes, and first-aid kits

Climbing conditions :

- Travel through forests, steep rocks, and glaciers
- Use ropes for safety in dangerous area

Teamwork and Endurance :

- Climbers move in groups for safety
- Show courage, teamwork and perseverance

(OR)

Summary Writing :

Mountain Climbing

Mountains have a great fascination for men and people. Mountain climbing, however, is not without risks. It is a challenge to the unconquerable spirit of man and his love of adventure. Mountain climbing was dangerous in the extreme. There are storms and blizzards. It is difficult to walk through the snow. The cold is so severe that the climber's skin, feet, toes, fingers and tissues freeze, become numb and they may suffer frostbite. Mountain climbing requires proper training, skill and knowledge. Near the summit of a high peak, the climbers have to move over snowfields and glaciers. In dangerous areas they use ropes to tie themselves in groups. They display a spirit of sportsmanship and fellow-feeling and face the severe risks of life undaunted.

Fair Copy :

Mountain Climbing

Mountains have a great fascination for men and people. It is a challenge to the unconquerable spirit of man and his love of adventure. Mountain climbing is dangerous in the extreme. There are snow storms and blizzards. Mountain climbing requires proper training, skill and knowledge. The climbers must be well-equipped. They must be in good physical condition and should possess courage, perseverance and power of endurance. They must travel through dense woods as they approach a mountain and then climb steep rocks. The climbers carry with them packs loaded with first-aid supplies, food and extra clothing for sudden changes in weather.

No. of words in the given passage : 284

No. of words in the fair copy : 101

44. (a) Rice is the staple food of Asians.
 (b) Because Sathya was old, he walked slowly.
 (c) Slow and steady wins the race.
 (d) I will be fifteen next April.
 (e) Learning a language is always useful.

SECTION - 5

45. *She's a lioness; don't mess with her.*
She'll not spare you if you're a prankster.
Don't ever try to saw her pride, her self-respect.
She knows how to thaw you, saw you – so beware!
She's today's woman. Today's woman, dear.

- Rakhi Nariani Shirke

Part - IV

46. (a) Many years ago, In China, the Emperor ordered that one man from each family must join the army. Mulan heard it and told her father. She wanted to join the army. Her father objected to it as she was a girl. She wore her father's robes and cut her hair. She convinced him. Earlier she had learnt Kung Fu from him. She told that no one would find her as a girl. She left the village and joined the army. She fought bravely in the war. She became the General of the army. Very soon, a fever swept the army. Mulan fell sick. When the doctor examined her, he found the truth and spread the news in the army. Everyone objected to following a girl leader. Just then, a battle came. With a good plan, she commanded the soldiers. They followed her and attacked their enemies and won the battle. The Emperor was glad. He offered her a position of a Royal Adviser in his palace but she refused. Then the Emperor gifted her with six horses and six swords. Mulan went back to her village.

Moral : Sacrifice is the ultimate patriotism of any soldier - incomparable.

(OR)

- (b) The year is 2889 and the date is 25th July. The story takes place in the office block of the managing editor of the Earth Herald, the world's largest newspaper. Francis Bennett awoke in a bad temper. He saw his wife appear in the telephotic mirror. Francis went to the reporter's room. One of the Earth Herald's astronomers had just determined the elements of the new planet Gandini. Francis then went to his accumulator works at Niagara in his aerocar. He gets the news from his wife that she is coming to Centropolis by tube which travels from Paris in two hundred and ninety-five minutes, which only manage six hundred miles an hour.

- 47.(a)(i) American President Theodore Roosevelt participated in a bear-hunting trip in Mississippi.
 (ii) Morris Michtom placed the stuffed bears in the front window of his shop.
 (iii) The news that spread around the country was that Theodore Roosevelt refused to kill a bear they had captured, considering the behaviour of the other hunters unsportsmanlike.
 (iv) The shop owner was Morris Michtom. He created plush, stuffed bears and placed them in the front window of his shop.

(OR)

- (b) (i) It is hard to decide which career to choose.
 (ii) Dancer, doctor, teacher, cricketer and navy officer.
 (iii) The days of the week mentioned in the poem are:
 (a) Sunday (b) Thursday
 (iv) I would like to become a doctor because I want to help people and save lives.

