

DIRECTORATE OF GOVERNMENT EXAMINATIONS, CHENNAI-6.
HIGHER SECONDARY FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION - MARCH-2025
ENGLISH - ANSWER KEY

MAXIMUM MARKS: 90

1. Answers written only in Black (or) Blue ink should be evaluated.
2. Full marks should be awarded only for the answers without any spelling mistakes and grammatical errors.
3. Answers for more than specified number of questions should be struck and labelled as 'extra'.
4. Answers without question numbers should not be evaluated.
5. In Part –I (Question No. 1 to 20) marks should be awarded if the option codes and the corresponding answers match.

PART – I

Answer all the questions.

20×1=20

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

1	(b) cut	1
2	(a) very large	1
3	(d) suppressed	1

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

4	(b) keen	1
5	(a) encouraged	1
6	(b) rare	1
7	(c) Goods and Service Tax	1
8	(d) proof	1
9	(b) - ful	1
10	(d) un	1
11	(a) a	1
12	(b) would	1
13	(a) into	1
14	(d) pram	1
15	(b) sign of something going wrong	1
16	(c) cardiologist	1
17	(d) does he?	1
18	(a) completely	1
19	(b) reverance	1
20	(c) a few	1

PART - II
SECTION– 1

Answer any four of the following:

4×2=8

21	(a) face showing mixed emotions / different emotions / feelings . (b) Simile.	1 1
22	a) Onomatopoeia. b) The officialdom demands doctors / a doctor .	1 1
23	a) The poet heard a thousand blended notes / mixed sounds of Nature / Sounds of birds / music of nature / flora and fauna. b) He sat in a grove / garden / park .	1 1

24	a) Macavity's coat is dusty and his whiskers are uncombed / Dusty coat and uncombed whiskers. b) Simile.	1 1
25	a) They repel defeat / failure / They react to defeat with hatred. b) Courage / Bravery / Boldness / Brave is their fort.	1 1
26	a) Small model refers to human body / the body's flesh / it represents all perishable things . b) King Richard II / Richard II / King.	1 1

SECTION – 2

Answer any three of the following questions		3×2=6
27	Sharmila said that she hadn't seen her.	2
28	The text books were distributed by the teacher.	2
29	Radha was weak but / yet / still she attended the class.	2
30	If you had run fast, you would / could have caught the train.	2

PART – III SECTION-1

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context		2×3=6
31	Poem : Confessions of a born Spectator Poet : Ogden Nash Explanation:	1 1 1
32	Poem : Lines written in the Early Spring / Lines written in Early Spring Poet : William Wordsworth / Wordsworth Explanation :	1 1 1
33	Poem : Everest is not the only peak Poet : Kulothungan / V.C.Kulandaiswamy Explanation:	1 1 1

SECTION – 2

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words each		2×3 = 6
34	The grandmother carried the stale chapattis and fed the dogs. This made the dogs follow the grandmother after school hours / The dogs followed the grandmother after school hours for the chapattis that she threw to them./ for the stale chapattis thrown by the grandmother.	3
35	People don't like medicines and forget to take them. Their sickness is not cured. Hence people buy more new medicines and spend more money. / Many people forget to take medicine at the right time and so their illness is prolonged. So people need to buy medicine again. / Because of their antipathy to pills and potions, many people fail to remember medicines at the appointed hours. (Any other relevant answer)	3
36	A hundred carefully sorted documents came running down in a fluttery cascade. The coins bounced noisily and the tobacco tin rolled across the airport spreading the contents all over the place.	3

SECTION – 3

Answer any three of the following:		3×3 = 9
37	Write three sentences about the data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three meaningful sentences without mistakes Three meaningful sentences with a few mistakes Meaningful sentences with many mistakes / Relevant attempt 	3 2 1
38	Pie-Chart <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) (b) Rent and food (ii) (c) Clothes (iii) (b) 3200 	1 1 1
39	Process of Making a cup of coffee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete meaningful description (3 points) without mistakes. Description with a few mistakes. Description with many mistakes / Relevant attempt. 	3 2 1
40	News Headlines Expansion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three meaningful sentences without mistakes. Three meaningful sentences with a few mistakes. Sentences with many mistakes / Relevant attempt. 	3 2 1

PART – IV

Answer the following:		7×5=35
41 (a) or (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content – (60%), Language, Style and Organization (40%) Exceptionally good content in a single paragraph Correct answer with all points with few mistakes Correct answer with a few mistakes Answer with a few points Relevant attempt (Answer in Essay format can also be awarded marks)	5 4 3 2 1
42 (a) or (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content – (60%), Language, Style and Organization (40%) Exceptionally good content in a single paragraph Correct answer with all points with few mistakes Correct answer with a few mistakes Answer with a few points Relevant attempt (Answer in Essay format can also be awarded marks)	5 4 3 2 1
43 (a) or (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content – (60%), Language, Style and Organization (40%) Exceptionally good content in a single paragraph Correct answer with all points with few mistakes Correct answer with a few mistakes Answer with a few points Relevant attempt (Answer in Essay format can also be awarded marks)	5 4 3 2 1
44 (a)	Write a summary of the following passage. Rough Draft (or) Copy / First Copy Suitable Title Fair Draft (or) Copy / Final Draft (or) Copy (A good summary can be awarded Maximum Marks. The number of words in the Fair Draft need not be taken into account.) (OR)	1 1 3

44	Note Making	
(a)	Title	1
	Hints / Points / Sub-titles / Sub-divisions / Flow chart (format)	2
	Gist of the given passage.	2
	(OR)	
44	Write a paragraph on “ Truth alone Triumphs ”	
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Content – (60%), Language, Style and Organization (40%) Exceptionally good content in a single paragraph Correct answer with all points with few mistakes Correct answer with a few mistakes Answer with a few points Relevant attempt 	5 4 3 2 1
45	Respond to the given advertisement with bio-data (Letter)	
(a)	Sender's Address (From), Receiver's Address (To), Salutation & Subscription	1
	Body of the letter	1
	Bio-data	2
	Place and date / Address on the envelope	1
	(Maximum Marks can be awarded for good response)	
	(OR)	
45	Personal Letter	
(b)	Sender's Address (Date & Place)	1
	Salutation & Subscription	1
	Body of the Letter	2
	Address on the Envelope	1
	(Maximum Marks can be awarded for good response)	
46	Error spotting	
(a)	(i) We bought some furniture .	1
	(ii) I met a European at the University.	1
	(iii) Though he ran fast, he did not win. / He ran fast but he did not win.	1
	(iv) The Cauvery flows through Trichy.	1
	(v) I sat beside my sister. (OR)	1
46	Fill in the blanks.	
(b)	(i) Your ring is loose , Do not lose .	2
	(ii) Sheela went to the library, didn't she ?	1
	(iii) When / Whenever / If you go to a library, you will see different genres of books.	1
	(iv) It has been raining since last night.	1
47	Read the following passage and answer the questions.	
(a)	(i) Preethi Srinivasan played domestic cricket in the 1990's.	1
	(ii) Preethi Srinivasan's trauma inspired her to create soulfree foundation / aims to help Indian youth to cope with disabilities related to spinal cord injuries.	1
	(iii) In 2018 , She received the Kalpana Chawla award.	1
	(iv) Yes	1
	(v) Domestic (OR)	1
47	Build a Dialogue with a minimum of five exchanges.	
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five meaningful exchanges without mistakes Five meaningful exchanges with a few mistakes Five meaningful exchanges with many mistakes A few exchanges with many mistakes Relevant attempt 	5 4 3 2 1