



## Standard 10 ENGLISH

Time: 3.00 Hours

Marks: 100

14x1=14

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the italicised words.

1. His mother *swooped* past him  
(a) adamant (b) move very quickly (c) awake (d) alarm
2. They were *apprehensive* and supportive too.  
(a) famous (b) special (c) anxious (d) unique
3. Your refrigerator can directly link to the ecommerce site and order for milk if it is about to be *exhausted*. (a) confident (b) emptied (c) tired (d) confirmed

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the italicised words.

4. You *pretend* to be Frenchmen.  
(a) illiterate (b) real (c) cheat (d) rude
5. I was *horrified* for I had not heard about his illness before.  
(a) unafraid (b) rough (c) sad (d) plain
6. The cops were *reluctant* to leave  
(a) hesitant (b) unwilling (c) willing (d) faint
7. Choose the correct plural form of 'deer' from the following.  
(a) deers (b) dears (c) deer (d) deeres
8. Form the derivative by adding the right suffix to the word – 'establish'.  
(a) ment (b) mently (c) able (d) hood
9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation 'VCR'.  
(a) Videocassette Recorder (b) Videocompact Recorder  
(c) Videocassette Retarder (d) Videocaskette Recorder
11. Choose the suitable option to pair with the word 'dry' to form a compound word.  
(a) painting (b) cleaning (c) playing (d) sitting
12. Fill in the blank with most appropriate preposition given below.  
I jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the bench and sat down at my desk.  
(a) in (b) over (c) on (d) to
13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the given below.  
Dhanush \_\_\_\_\_ since morning.  
(a) has studied (b) has been studying (c) studies (d) will have studied
14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.  
Either Celina \_\_\_\_\_ Helina will have to buy vegetables from the market.  
(a) and (b) nor (c) or (d) neither

### Section – I

Answer any THREE of the following questions in a sentence or two:

[3x2=6]

15. Who was responsible for Victor Savage's death? What was the evidence?
16. What did M Hamel say about the French language?
17. What is the future of technology?
18. Why did the bird utter a joyful scream?

### Section – II

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any THREE of the following:

[3x2=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. Don't ever try to saw her pride, her self-respect.

She knows how to thaw you, saw you – so beware!

- a) What do the words thaw and saw mean here?
- b) What is the tone of the author?

21. So let the way wind up the hill or down,

O'er rough or smooth, the journey will be joy:

- a. How is the way of life?
- b. How should be the journey of life?

22. We were taken from the ore-bed and the mine,

We were melted in the furnace and the pit

- (a) What does 'we' refer to?
- (b) What metals are obtained from ores and mines?



Answer any THREE of the following:

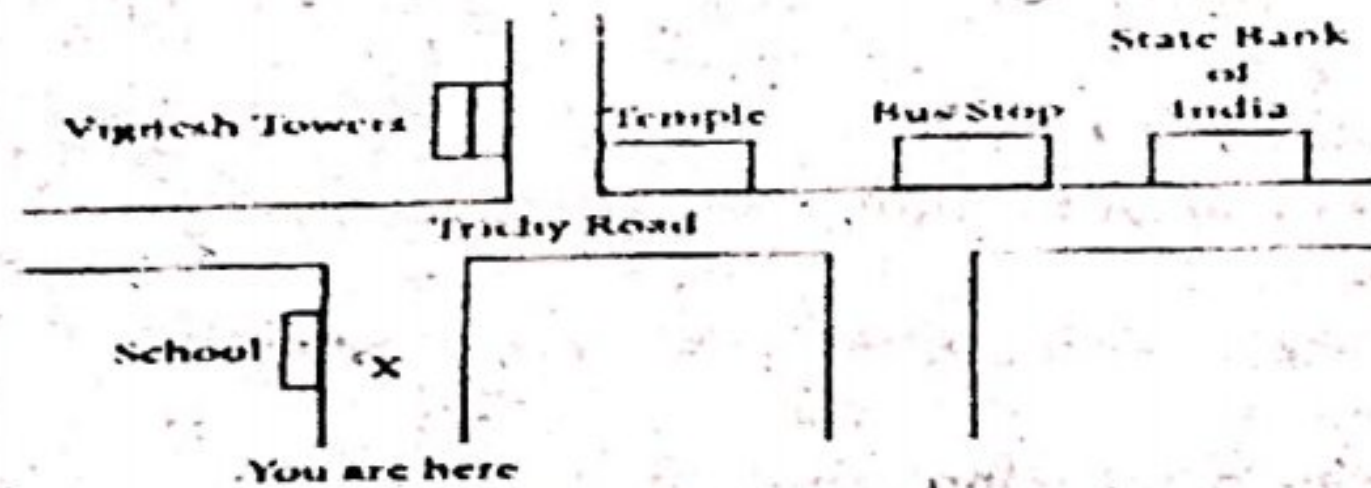
23. Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice.  
When will you book the tickets to Tenkasi?
24. Rewrite using indirect speech.  
"How did he get it?" he asked.
25. Punctuate the following sentence.  
my dear fellow i cried approaching him
26. Transform the following sentence into a Complex sentence.  
The boy could not attend the special classes due to his mother's illness.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences:  
a) lively / of / storm / Ariel / description / a / gave / the  
b) allergic / dogs / Rani / though / is / to / of / six / she / them / has

Section – IV

Answer the following question:

[1x2=2]

28. Guide the stranger to the State Bank Of India. Write five instructions by way of helping him.



PART-III  
Section-I

Answer any TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines.

[2x5=10]

29. Give a detailed account of all thoughts and questions in the narrator's mind while accompanying Aditya from the tea shop to Sanyal's house?.
30. Highlight the factors responsible for the all-women Indian Navy crew to carry out their expedition.
31. How did David's life change with the use of technology?
32. How did Holmes trap Mr. Culverton Smith to confess the murder?

Section-II

Answer any TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines.

[2x5=10]

33. How is mystery depicted in the poem?
34. 'Some crickets have four legs and some have two'. Elucidate this statement from the poet's point of view.
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:  
*In the dim past, nor holding back in fear  
From what the future veils; but with a whole  
And happy heart, that pays its toll  
To Youth and Age, and travels on with cheer*  
i) Pick out the rhyming words.  
ii) Write the rhyming scheme of the given stanza.  
iii) Pick out the alliterated words in the third line.  
iv) Find out the poetic device employed in the fourth line.
36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

A woman is beauty innate,  
A symbol of power and strength.  
She puts her life at stake.  
She's real, she's not fake!

Section – III

Answer any ONE of the following:

[1x5=5]

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.  
i) The order filled his heart with sorrow but no one ever thought twice about obeying the mandate of the governor  
ii) He lifted his helpless old mother to his back and prepared for what at that time was considered the kindest mode of death  
iii) He sent out a cruel proclamation to kill all aged aged people.  
iv) The poor farmer loved his aged mother with tender reverence.  
v) The country Shining was governed by a despotic leader



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

One afternoon in the early fall, when Peter was eight years old, his mother called him from his play. "Come, Peter," she said, "I want you to go across the dike and take these cakes to your friend, the blind man. If you go quickly, and do not stop to play, you will be home again before dark." The little boy was glad to go on such an errand, and started with a light heart. He stayed with the poor blind man a little while to tell him about his walk along the dike and about the sun and the flowers and the ships far out at sea. Then he remembered his mother's wish that he should return before dark, bidding his friend goodbye, he set out for home.

Questions:

- i) What was Peter doing when his mother called him?
- ii) What was the age of Peter?
- iii) What work did the mother assign to Peter?
- iv) What did Peter share with his blind friend?
- v) What was the mother's wish?

#### Section – IV

Answer any FOUR of the following. [4x5=20]

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

Fresh fruits – Vegetables from farms – healthy – juicy – tasty – low price – care for health – fruits and vegetables – 59, Mint street, Trichy.

40. You are the School Pupil Leader. You have been asked to write a report on the Inaugural Ceremony of English Literary Association of your school which was held recently. Write a report on the same in not more than 120 words.

41. You are Raja/ Ranjani. Draft a poster to create awareness about the harmful effects of using plastics, in not more than 50 words.

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



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

English language acquires more than 1,121 million speakers across the world. In this number, the contribution of non-native speakers is way higher than native speakers. This number definitely proves the popularity and use of the English language around the globe. English language today has become the language of international communication. English is the number one tool for employability, it is no longer a demand, but has become a necessity. Whether you want to get your dream job, become an entrepreneur, or go abroad for higher studies, you need to learn the English language. Being a universal language, it helps you in communicating with others with fluency and confidence. Along with this, it gives you an edge over your competitors and helps you in growing in your career. Well, today's corporate world is ready to teach and train you for the job. But, the least they expect you to be is a confident person, and being fluent in English is a part of them. In short, learning English will give a boost to your career. It will help you in landing your dream job or starting your own business.

44. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences.

- a) We discussed about the problem
- b) He sat besides John.
- c) One must finish his duty on time.
- d) Vimala has attended the party yesterday.
- e) Brutus stabbed Caesar by a dagger.



## 45. Quote from Memory:

[1×5=5]

Let us ..... defile.

## 46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints.

Uncle Philip - interested - collecting gems - declared Tom - heir - Leaving iron box - contained gems - take extreme - handling - interesting mechanism - one - explode - wished him

(OR)

b) Visu - brought - Zigzag - Dr. Krishnan's house - Zigzag - deposited - blades of fan - slept - snored loudly - spoiled Mrs. Krishnan's painting - commotion

## 47. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below:

Speech is a great blessing but it can also be great curse, for while it helps us to make our intentions and desires known to others, it can also, if we use it carelessly, make our attitude completely misunderstood. A slip of the tongue, the use of an unusual word, or of an ambiguous word, may create an enemy where we had hoped to win a friend. Again different classes of people use different words, and the ordinary speech of an educated man may create the impression to an uneducated listener that he was showing off with his skill: Unwittingly we may use a word which bears a different meaning to our listener from what it does to a man of his own class. Thus speech is not a gift to use lightly without thought, but one which demands careful handling:

## Questions

- In what way is speech a blessing to mankind?
- Describe how words could make an enemy out of someone you would like to be a friend?
- Why is an educated man's speech considered boastful by an uneducated listener?
- How should speech be used?

(OR)

## Read the following poem and answer the questions given below:

A Bird Came Down.

A Bird, came down the Walk -

He did not know I saw

He bit an Angle Worm in halves

And ate the fellow, raw,

And then, he drank a Dew

From a convenient Grass -

And then hopped sidewise to the Wall

To let a Beetle pass -

He glanced with rapid eyes,

That hurried all abroad -

They looked like frightened Beads, I thought,

He stirred his Velvet Head. -

Like one in danger, Cautious,

I offered him a Crumb,

And he unrolled his feathers,

And rowed him softer Home

## A. Answer these questions in brief:

- What is the poem about?
- Why does the poet call the grass convenient?
- The bird did not do which of the following?
  - cook the worm
  - let the beetle pass
  - unroll his feathers
  - glance with rapid eyes
- Who offered a crumb to whom?