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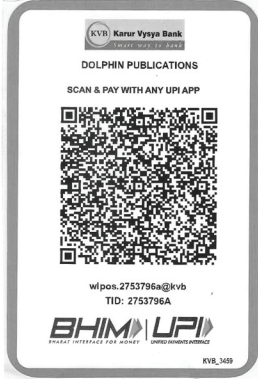
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PART-I

1-3 Choose the correct Synonyms

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4-6 Choose the correct Antonyms

3 x 1 = 3

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PART-III

34-36 Prose Questions (Any 2 out of 3)

2 x 3 = 6

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PART-IV

41-47 Prose Paragraph (Either...or...type)

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Vocabulary, Grammar, Language Skills, Writing, Reading Exercises - பகுதி வினாக்களுக்கு விடையளிக்க நம் வழிகாட்டி கையேட்டில் உள்ள Book Back Exercises பகுதியில் உள்ள வினா விடைகளை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும்.



Prose-1
TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA
வெரோனா நகரின் இரு கனவான்கள்
A J Cronin



சாராம்சம் :

நிக்கோலோ, ஜேக்கோபோ ,என்னும் இரு சிறுவர்கள், இத்தாலி நாட்டில் உள்ள வெரோனா என்னும் நகரில் வாழ்கின்றனர். இந்தக்கதையின் ஆசிரியர் ஏ. ஜே.க்ரோனின் அந்த ஊருக்கு சுற்றுப்பயணம் செல்கிறார். அவர், அந்த சிறுவர்களை எதேச்சையாக சந்திக்கிறார். அவர்கள், க்ரோனினுக்கு எல்லா விதமான உதவிகளும் செய்து, சிறு சிறு தொகையை சம்பளமாக பெற்றுக்கொள்கின்றனர். அந்த இரு சிறுவர்களும் ஏன் அவ்வாறு அப்படி சம்பாத்தியம் செய்கின்றனர் என்பதை க்ரோனின் ஒரு நாள் தானே முயன்று கண்டுபிடிக்கிறார். அவருக்கு அந்த உண்மை திகைப்பாக இருக்கிறது. தங்களுது ஒரே சகோதரி காச நோயால் பாதிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளதை அறிந்த சிறுவர்கள் அவளது மருத்துவச்செலவுகளுக்காக மிகவும் கஷ்டப்பட்டு உழைக்கின்றனர். அந்த சிறுவர்களின் தியாகம், நேர்மை, மற்றும் தாங்கள் எடுத்துக்கொண்ட பணியில் அவர்கள் கொண்ட அர்ப்பணிப்பு, ஆகியவை இந்த மனித சமூகத்திற்கே ஒரு புதிய நம்பிக்கையை தருவதாக அமைந்து விடுகிறது.

Q.NO: 1-3

SYNONYMS

3 X 1 = 3 MARKS

WORD	SYNONYM	தமிழ் அர்த்தம்
artless	innocent, natural	அப்பாவித்தனமான
bade	attempted	முயற்சித்தல்
barely	hardly	எதுவுமின்றி
begged	pleaded	வேண்டுதல், கெஞ்சுதல்
blinked	winked	கண் சிமிட்டுதல்
brisk	energetic	துடிப்புள்ள
burst	exploded	வெடிப்பு
cautious	thoughtful	சிந்தனை
chatter	talk	பேச்சு
childish	immature	முதிர்ச்சி இல்லாத
coloured	blushed	வெட்கப்படுதல்
convey	express	வெளிப்படுத்துதல்
cubicle	workspace	வேலை செய்யும் சிறிய இடம்
cultured	refined	நாகரீகமுள்ள
demeanour	appearance	தோற்றம்
deserted	uninhabited	ஆட்கள் இல்லாத
destination	journey's end	பயணத்தின் முடிவு
devotion	commitment	அர்ப்பணிப்பு
drew	moved	இழுத்தல்
dwelling	residence	உறைவிடம்
earnest	serious	ஊக்கமான
emigrate	relocate	இடம் பெயருதல்
errands	tasks	சிறு செயல்கள், சிறு வேலைகள்
exposure	vulnerability	வெளிக்காட்டுதல்
frame	physique	உடல்
gazing	watching	கவனித்தல், பார்த்தல்
glanced	looked	பார்த்தல்

WORD	SYNONYM	தமிழ் அர்த்தம்
glaring	staring	உற்று நோக்குதல்
grilled	fenced	வேலி போடப்பட்டுள்ள
hawk	sell things crying aloud	பொருட்களை கூவிக்கூவி விற்பது
horribly	dreadfully	பயங்கரமான
intrude	interrupt	இடையூறு
leaped	jumped	தாவுதல்
living	income	வருமானம்
nobility	dignity	மேன்மை, கண்ணியம்
opera	play with music	இசை நாடகம்
outskirts	borders	எல்லைப்பூறம்
partition	divider	பாகம் பிரித்தல்
pause	silence /stop	அமைதி
persuaded	convinced	இணங்க வைத்தல்
pleased	happy	மகிழ்ச்சியடைதல்
prefer	to choose	தேர்வு செய்தல்
propped	upheld	ஆதரித்தல்
proved	confirmed	நிரூபித்தல்
provoked	activated	செயல்பட தூண்டுதல்
rejoined	reunited	மீண்டும் இணைத்தல்
relied	trusted	நம்பிக்கையுள்ள
remarkable	extraordinary	குறிப்பிடத்தக்க
resemblance	similarity	ஒத்த தன்மை
resistance	opposition	எதிர்ப்பு
rubble	debris	இடிந்த பொருட்கள்
scarce	insufficient	தட்டுப்பாடு, பற்றாக்குறை
shabby	ragged	கிழிந்த, கந்தலான
shrug	to raise one's shoulders	தோள்களை குலுக்குதல்
slackened	reduced	குறைப்பது
spirit	temperament/attitude	மனநிலை
starvation	hunger	பசி, பட்டினி
struck	affected	பாதிக்கப்பட்ட
tangled	messy	குளறுபடியான
tender	gentle	மென்மையான
troubling	disturbing	தொல்லை தருவது
tunic	a loose outer garment	நீண்ட தளர்வான ஆடை
uncomfortably	uneasily	அசௌகரியமான
upright	erect	நேராக நிற்பது, நெட்டுக்குத்தலாக
vestibule	lobby	வீட்டின் முன்னறை
vexation	upset, annoyance	வெறுப்பூட்டுதல்
villa	country house	கிராமத்து வீடு

Q.NO: 4-6

ANTONYMS

3 X 1 = 3 MARKS

WORD		ANTONYMS	தமிழ் அர்த்தம்
admit	X	deny	மறுத்தல்
alive	X	dead	இறத்தல்
artless	X	complicated	சிக்கலான
barely	X	easily	எளிதாக
begged	X	commanded	உத்தரவிடுதல்
beloved	X	despised	வெறுத்தல்

WORD		ANTONYMS	தமிழ் அர்த்தம்
better	X	worse	மோசமான
brisk	X	slow	மெதுவான
burst	X	peace	அமைதி
cautious	X	reckless	கவனமற்ற
chatter	X	whisper	கிசுகிசுத்தல்
childish	X	mature	முதிர்ச்சியான
convey	X	refrain	விலகி இருத்தல்
cultured	X	uncivilized	நாகீகமற்ற
deserted	X	inhabited	மக்கள் குடியமர்தல்
destination	X	beginning	துவக்கம்
destroyed	X	intact	பழுதுபடாத
determinedly	X	half-heartedly	அரை மனதுள்ள
devotion	X	negligence	அலட்சியம்
disapproval	X	approval	ஒப்புதல், அங்கீகாரம்
drew	X	shoved	தள்ளுதல்
earnest	X	insincere	பொய்யான
emigrate	X	return	திரும்பி வருதல்
engaging	X	unattractive	கவர்ச்சியற்ற
exposure	X	safety	பாதுகாப்பு
frequently	X	seldom	அரிதாய்
friendly	X	unfriendly	நட்பற்ற
gazing	X	ignoring	புறக்கணித்தல்
glanced	X	studied	கூர்ந்து பார்த்தல்
greatly	X	mildly	மிருதுவான
grilled	X	opening	திறப்பு
hire	X	own	கிரையம் பெறுதல்
hopefully	X	despairingly	விரக்தியுறுதல்
horribly	X	pleasantly	இனிமையான
humble	X	arrogant	முரட்டுத்தனமான
interest	X	neglect	நிராகரித்தல்
intrude	X	exit	வெளியேறுதல்
leaped	X	descended	கீழே இறங்குதல்
lively	X	lethargic	சோம்பேறித்தனமான
loose	X	tight	இறுக்கமான
nobility	X	dishonour	அவமரியாதை
outskirts	X	downtown	நகரின் உட்புறம்
pale	X	bright	பிரகாசமான
pause	X	continue	தொடர்தல்
peace	X	war	போர், யுத்தம்
persuaded	X	dissuaded	மனத்தைத் திருப்பு
pleased	X	displeased	மனம் வருந்துதல்
prefer	X	hate	வெறுத்தல்
progress	X	regression	பின்னடைவு
propped	X	weakened	பலவீனமடைதல்
proved	X	disproved	பொய்யாக்குதல், இல்லையென நிரூபித்தல்
provoked	X	prevented	தடுத்தல்
public	X	private	தனிப்பட்ட
quite	X	extremely	மிகவும்

WORD		ANTONYMS	தமிழ் அர்த்தம்
relied	X	distrusted	நம்பிக்கையற்ற
remarkable	X	ordinary	சாதாரணமான
resemblance	X	difference	வேறுபடுதல்
resistance	X	surrender	சரணடைதல்
satisfy	X	dissatisfy	அதிருப்தி அடைதல்
saving	X	spending	செலவிடுதல்
scarce	X	abundant	அபரிவிதமான, நிறைய
scarcely	X	fully	நிறைய
secretly	X	openly	திறந்த, வெளிப்படையான
selfless	X	selfish	சுயநலமுள்ள
shabby	X	elegant	மிடுக்கான
skinny	X	fat	குண்டான, தடித்த
slackened	X	tightened	இறுக்கமான
starvation	X	plenty	அபரிவிதமான
struck	X	unaffected	பாதிப்பற்ற
suffered	X	avoided	தவிர்ந்தல்
suggested	X	opposed	எதிர்த்தல்
tangled	X	tidy	சுத்தமான
tender	X	rough	முரடான
thrown	X	caught	பிடித்தல்
tiny	X	enormous	பெரிய
trained	X	untrained	பயிற்சியற்ற
troubling	X	soothing	இதமளிக்கிற
uncomfortably	X	comfortably	வசதியான
upright	X	inclined	சாய்வான
vexation	X	satisfaction	திருப்தி
wild	X	gentle	மென்மையான, நளினமான
worn	X	elegant	அழகுடைய

Q.NO: 34-36 SHORT ANSWERS 2 X 3 = 6 MARKS

I. Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each based on your understanding of the story.

a) Who did the narrator meet at the outskirts of Verona?

(PAGE-5)

The narrator met two boys, Nicola and Jacopo, at the outskirts of Verona.

b) Why did the driver not approve of the narrator buying fruits from the boys?

(SEP-21)

The driver did not approve of the narrator buying fruits from the boys because of their shabby appearance.

c) The boys did not spend much on clothes and food. Why?

(JULY-22)

The boys did not spend much on clothes and food because they were saving money for the treatment of their beloved sister, Lucia, who was suffering from tuberculosis.

d) Were the boys saving money to go to the States? How do you know?

No, the boys were not saving money to go to the States. When the narrator sarcastically asks the boys whether they had plans to migrate to the States they replied that they had other plans to be completed at Verona.

e) Why did the author avoid going to Lucia's room? (QTY-19)

The author avoided going to Lucia's room because **he didn't want to intervene into the happy reunion of the boys with their beloved sister, Lucia.**

f) What was Lucia suffering from?

Lucia was suffering from **tuberculosis of the spine.**

g) What made the boys join the resistance movement against the Germans? (PTA-3)

The boys joined the resistance movement against the Germans because **the war had killed their father and left them homeless on the streets.**

h) What made the boys work so hard?

The boys worked so hard owing to **their sister's ill health and for paying for her treatment.**

i) Why didn't the boys disclose their problem to the author?

The boys did not disclose their problem to the author because **they wanted to keep the issue as their secret.**

II. Answer the following questions in three or four sentences each.

a) Describe the appearance of Nicola and Jacopo. (PTA-1, 6, SEP-20, JUN-23, MAR-25)

Nicola and Jacopo had a **shabby appearance** as they were **poorly dressed** and **looked untidy**. With **their tangled hair and worn out, loose fitting clothes** about their skinny frame, they **looked pitiable**.

b) What were the various jobs undertaken by the little boys? (MDL-19, MAY-22, MAR-24)

The little boys **sold strawberries, polished shoes, hawked newspapers, conducted tourists round the town and ran errands.**

c) How did the narrator help the boys on Sunday? (HY-19, MAR-23)

The narrator **took them in his car to a place called Poleta about 30 km from Verona**. The boys **made a visit to Poleta every Sunday**. Usually, they **hired a cycle** for the trip.

d) Who took the author to the cubicle?

The **narrator dropped the boys** at a villa in **Poleta**. They **jumped** from the car and **rushed into the building**. When the **narrator followed** them he was **greeted by a nurse**. On enquiry about the whereabouts of the boys, **she took him to the cubicle.**

e) Describe the girl with whom the boys were talking to in the cubicle.

The girl was **about twenty and strongly resembled the two boys**. She was **wearing a pretty lace jacket** and was **listening to their chatter**. Her eyes were **soft and tender**. She was **suffering from tuberculosis of the spine**. She had intense **love and affection** for her **brothers**.

f) Recount the untold sufferings undergone by the siblings after they were rendered homeless.

The siblings **suffered horribly from near starvation and exposure to the cold winter**. They **lost their comfortable and cultured life** as their **father had been killed** in the early part of the war. They kept themselves **barely alive in a sort of shelter they built with their own hands**.

g) The narrator did not utter a word and preferred to keep the secret to himself. Why? Substantiate the statement with reference to the story.

The narrator **understands that the boys worked hard to support their sick sister's treatment**. But they **didn't wish to disclose it to anyone** as they **valued their dignity and self respect more than sympathy or financial help**. The narrator sensed it when the boys **refused to discuss their 'other plans' with him** and also when they **didn't take him into the villa**. So he did not utter a word and preferred to keep the secret to himself.

Q.NO: 41-47

PARAGRAPH

1 X 5 = 5 MARKS

3. Answer the following in a paragraph of 100–150 words each.

a) What was the driving force that made the boys do various jobs?

b) How was the family affected by the war?

c) Write a character sketch of Nicola and Jacopo.

(PTA-4)

d) What message is conveyed through the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'?

(HY-19, JULY-22, JUN-24)

e) Justify the title of the story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'. (MDL, QTY-19, PTA-2, MAY-22)

f) Adversity brings out the best as well as the worst in people. Elucidate this statement with reference to the story.

(SEP-21)

g) Which character do you like the most in the story and why?

h) What were the various jobs undertaken by Nicola and Jacopo?

(MAR-20)

PARAGRAPH FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

Devotion and dedication towards true relationships revive the spirit of humanity in mankind. Selfless sacrifice speaks the language of universal peace. The story 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' instills the spirit of nobility that can be practised even at times of adversity in the minds of young readers.

- Introduction
- Nicola and Jacopo- true Gentlemen
- Secret Mission
- Conclusion

INTRODUCTION:

A.J. Cronin has successfully portrayed that gentlemanliness is not in our dress or behaviour but it is in the true soul that toils for the well being of a fellow human being. The story explains the importance of leading a life of sacrifice to experience real happiness. The young boys set perfect examples of noble living in this materialistic world. The narrator presents role models who can enlighten the path of the young generation.

NICOLA AND JACOPO - TRUE GENTLEMEN:

The story revolves around the two boys, Nicola and Jacopo, who do numerous errands to earn money only to pay for their sister's treatment who suffers from tuberculosis of the spine. These modern 'Gentlemen' redefine the concept of what it means to be a real gentleman. The narrator and his friend meet the boys at the outskirts of Verona. They were selling strawberries. Next time when they meet, the boys were polishing shoes. They are found selling newspapers late night. The narrator is amazed at their sincerity, devotion and maturity. He even suspects about their plans to emigrate to America. But the boys refuse saying they have other plans.

SECRET MISSION:

The narrator gets curious to know about the boys. They were not ashamed of doing menial jobs. They offered to help the narrator during his stay at Verona as they could earn some good money. He was astonished to see that the boys worked hard yet lived meagerly. When he offers help, Jacopo asks him to drop them at Poleta. It is only here, the narrator gets the mystery unveiled. Lucia, the boys'

sister, was admitted in a hospital as she was suffering from tuberculosis. The narrator follows them and finds details about their secret mission from a nurse. Their cultured life got shattered due to war. They lost their father and was left homeless on the streets. When they realized that Lucia had tuberculosis, they ensured that she received the best treatment. The ultimate mission of the boys' life centered on the welfare of their beloved sister.

CONCLUSION:

The boys seem to be a surprise pack of values in this modern era of selfishness. They don't disclose their problems to the narrator as they didn't want to lose their dignity and self-respect demanding sympathy or financial help. Behind their shabby appearances were hidden two noble souls whose dedication and selflessness promise a new hope for mankind.

Don't lament on your losses, leap ahead to shatter your tangles.

PARAGRAPH FOR AVERAGE STUDENTS

Title	: Two Gentlemen of Verona
Author	: A.J. Cronin
Characters	: Nicola, Jacopo, Narrator, His driver and Lucia
Theme	: Appearances are deceptive

The narrator met **Nicola and Jacopo** at the outskirts of Verona. They were looking **shabby and untidy**. He was attracted by their **earnest eyes**. During his stay at Verona, he spots the 'little gentlemen' engaged in some **menial jobs**. They even offer to help the narrator. Their **willingness to work** impressed him. Their **meager life** style puzzled him. The narrator **drops them at Poleta** for their weekly visits and gets to know about their **secret mission** from a nurse. Their family gets **shattered with war**. The boys along with their sister, Lucia, are left on the streets. The girl suffers due to **tuberculosis**. The boys **toil hard for her treatment**. In spite of poverty, they don't steal, lie or beg. The narrator could sense that the boys were **the real gentlemen**. They exhibited **dedication, determination and sincerity**. Despite their shabby appearance, they were **shining like heavenly creatures** due to their inner beauty. **Moral: Life blossoms when nobility blooms among mankind**

PARAGRAPH FOR LATE BLOOMERS

- ♣ **Nicola and Jacopo** were two **small boys**.
- ♣ They did **several works** to earn **money**.
- ♣ **Cronin** likes them a lot
- ♣ **Lucia**, their **sister**, is **sick with tuberculosis**.
- ♣ They **spend money** for her **treatment**.
- ♣ They **keep** it as a **secret**.
- ♣ **Cronin** is **surprised** and **happy** to see them.
- ♣ They were **noble, gentle and great human beings**.

TEXTUAL EXERCISES

VOCABULARY

a) Read the following words taken from the story. Give two synonyms and one antonym for each of these words. Use a dictionary, if required.(PAGE-6)

Word	Synonyms		Antonym
cautious	thoughtful	careful	Reckless
disapprove	criticize	condemn	approve
brisk	energetic	hurried	slow
engaging	attractive	appealing	unattractive
humble	modest	unpretentious	arrogant
eager	keen	excited	unenthusiastic
resistance	opposition	struggle	surrender
persuade	convince	urge	dissuade
scarce	rare	unusual	common
nobility	dignity	goodness	dishonour

b) HOMOPHONES AND CONFUSABLES:

i) Given below is a list of common confusables. Distinguish the meaning of each pair of words by framing your own sentences.

a) emigrate - immigrate

Rahul has emigrated from Australia to Japan.

The refugees were permitted to immigrate into Spain.

b) beside - besides

You can sit beside me during the music class.

Besides dancing she learns driving too.

c) judicial - judicious

The criminal is under judicial remand for a week.

We should be judicious in our selection of friends.

d) Eligible - illegible

She is eligible for the job.

Your handwriting is so bad, it's almost illegible.

e) Conscience - conscious

My conscience troubles me whenever I take a wrong decision.

He was severely injured but remained conscious.

f) industrial - industrious

We need industrial development in our country.

Industrious students succeed in their life.

g) eminent - imminent

Toru Dutt is an eminent poet.

A storm is imminent as we have strong winds.

h) illicit - elicit

The court condemned illicit production of liquor.

You can't elicit a response from the public now.

i) prescribed - proscribed

Our Constitution proscribes discrimination on the basis of caste or creed.

Physicians prescribe medicines to help their patients.

j) affect - effect

The weather will affect my plans for the weekend.

Over time the effect of loud music can damage your hearing.

k) aural - oral

You certainly need some aural practice.

After written examination, you will have an oral test.

l) born - borne

Mahathma Gandhi was born in 1869.

Our efforts have borne fruits at last.

ii) Fill in the blanks with suitable homophones or confusables.

wallet	- valet	fairy - ferry
medal	- meddle/ metal	wait - weight
yoke	- yolk	grown - groan
earn	- yearn	hoard - horde
desert	- dessert	night - knight
sweet	- sweat	plain - plane
might	- mite	quite - quiet

c) Give the meanings of the following phrasal verbs and frame sentences using them. (PAGE – 7)**➤ cut off - to remove a piece of**

They have cut off a big piece of meat for us.

➤ come upon - to meet someone or to find something by chance

We came upon an ice cream parlour at the end of the street.

➤ put out - to make something stop burning

The fire fighters were not able to put the fire out even after an hour.

➤ draw up - to prepare a plan or document

Rules have been drawn up by authorities for tackling riots.

➤ turn away - to refuse to help

Dozens of refugees were turned away from the camp.

➤ pass out - to faint or collapse

On seeing blood, the little girl passed out at the ground.

- **take off** - to rise from the ground
On the flight's take off, passengers wore their seat belts.
- **bank on** - to rely with confidence
We bank on his defence techniques for our victory.
- **stand by** - to observe without doing anything
No parent will stand by and watch his child suffer

d) Form two derivatives from each of the following words by adding prefixes and suffixes.

Word	Prefix	Suffix
patient	impatient	patiently
honour	dishonour	honourable
respect	disrespect	respectable
manage	mismanage	management
fertile	infertile	fertility
different	indifferent	difference
friend	unfriend	friendly
obey	disobey	obedience

LISTENING:

Listen carefully and complete the following sentences. (TB Pg-7)

*(Listening Passage: PAGE-209)

a) Disaster Management.	b) Sunday.
c) the closest flood shelters.	d) whistle to signal help.
e) emergency telephone numbers	f) water proof
g) emptying them and keeping the door open.	h) emergency services.
i) Sandbags	j) periodic news updates

SPEAKING

Task 1 (PAGE-8):DRAFTING A SPEECH

On the occasion of World Environment Day, you have been asked to deliver a speech during morning assembly on the importance of tree planting. Write the speech in about 100 – 150 words.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Good Morning everybody! My name is Vinu. I am studying class XII. I would like to deliver a short speech on the topic 'World Environment Day'. It is celebrated annually on the 5th of June since 1973. My dear friends, this event is celebrated globally in more than 100 countries. We should become ambassadors of green environment for a green and healthy India.

Now, let me discuss the major issues that degrade our Environment. Preserving our environment from pollution is the primary duty of everyone of us. We should create awareness amongst the factory owners,

business tycoons and manufacturing units to utilise the green technology. We can appeal to the common people across our country to plant trees, clean up the surroundings and take action against those who harm animals. We should also teach people about the importance of saving water and energy. Unhygienic living conditions without proper disposal of sewage and garbage might cause the break out of epidemic diseases. Natural cure available through our traditional methods of treating illness might vanish when our environment gets degraded. Wildlife is also essential for ecological balance. So we should also act as warriors to safeguard our wildlife. Encroachment for urbanization should be banned by the government. Water bodies have to be taken care of and desilted periodically. When the environment is stable, then there would be enough rainfall to sustain life on earth. World Environment Day is celebrated to rouse awareness about nature and the significance of protecting environment for our happy present and safe future.

So, my dear friends, remember, for a beautiful planet to support life, it is critical that the world's forests, oceans and soil remain undisturbed and preserved. Nature's gifts cannot be replaced by money. It's important that each one of us take a small step today to make a big leap for mankind tomorrow. Our sincere efforts would certainly make mother Earth happy and she would bless us all with prosperity.

Thank You.

Task 2

Prepare a speech on "The importance of a reading habit" in about 100–150 words using the hints given below together with your own ideas.

THE IMPORTANCE OF A READING HABIT

Good morning, my dear teachers, elders and friends, I, Rakshana of class XI, would like to deliver a short speech on the topic 'The importance of reading habit'. My dear friends we all know 'Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary'. Today I really feel very happy to introduce the benefits of cultivating a regular reading habit.

What happens when I read ? No doubt friends, you experience innumerable changes taking place in you. First and foremost your personality gets refined.

'You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture,

Just get people to stop reading them'

When reading stops there is no propagation of thoughts from one generation to the other. The pleasures that reading can bring are limitless. Reading is one of the

fundamental skills a child should develop to become proficient in a language. With a good reading habit, we tend to learn more everyday. It opens the window to the world around us. We can peep into every nook and corner of the world when we get access to their literature. We can keep ourselves updated only through regular reading of the world happenings. In my opinion, no TV or computer or mobile can take the place of books. Reading books is a leisure time activity that ensures meaningful usage of time along with knowledge enrichment. The importance of incorporating a regular reading habit is appreciated world wide.

Reading soothes our busy mind and relieves our tension and loneliness. Books become our friend, philosopher and guide during a crisis. Reading broadens our vision. Every leaf of a book can become our travel guide around the world. According to Bacon 'Reading maketh a full man' and there can be none to oppose the statement. So everybody.

'Read today to lead tomorrow'

Thank You.

READING

Read the passage given below and make notes. (PG-9)

(Refer Answers in- Content Section – Note Making)

(Dolphin pg-214)

GRAMMAR

TENSES

Task 1- Tick the correct options and complete the dialogue. (PAGE -11)

A. *are you* B. *I'm studying*

A. *I know / had died*

B. *had expected/ has gone on / Do you want*

A. *I just remembered / haven't had*

B. *I've already done*

Task 2- Complete the sentences with the correct tense form of the verbs in brackets. **Task 3-Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets.**

(Dolphin pg-195)

(Refer Answers in- Content Section – Tenses)

MODAL AUXILIARIES

Task 1

Fill in the blanks with modal auxiliaries. (PAGE -14)

Task 2

Complete the following sentences with modals using the clues given.

(Dolphin pg-139)

(Refer Answers in- Content Section – Modals)

REPORTED SPEECH

Task 1 (PAGE-15)

Read what these people say and rewrite as sentences.

(Dolphin pg.157)

(Refer Answers in- Content Section – Direct-Indirect)

Task 2 -Read the following dialogue and complete the report in the space provided.

- a) a) Where he was going.
b) that he was going to the railway station.
c) why he was going there.
d) he wanted to receive his uncle who was coming from Bangalore.
- b) a) she had missed the bus.
b) she should have reached the bus stop on time.
c) what her grandmother ailed from. d) had

TASK 3- Rewrite the following passage in indirect speech. (PAGE-16)

Pradeep got out of bed with much excitement. He remarked to his sister Varshini that it was going to be a lovely sunny day. Varshini begged Pradeep to let her sleep a bit longer. She also suggested to him to go to the kitchen and help mother in cooking since he was feeling so enthusiastic.

Pradeep said that surely he would do it. He asked his mother whether he could help her. His mother readily accepted his request and said that there were idliis and vadas on the dining table. She asked him to have his breakfast.

Pradeep thanked his mum and said that he would surely help her by eating them.

WRITING:

a) Questions (PAGE-17)

- a) Srivatsav is the sender of the letter.
b) The Editor of a daily is the receiver.
c) The issue is the risk created by amateur motorcycle racers as they race in busy localities.
d) The sender requests appropriate action to stop racing on the road.
e) Authorities concerned will take steps after reading the letter.

b) You have chosen Computer Science in the Higher Secondary Course. Write a letter to your friend giving reasons for your choice. Read the clues given in brackets to complete the letter.

(Refer Answers in- Content Section – Letter Writing)

Letter Writing (PAGE-18) (Dolphin pg-235)

(Refer Answers in- Content Section – Letter Writing)

பாடல் (POETRY) பகுதியிலிருந்து.....

அரசுப் பொதுத்தேர்வில் கேட்கப்படும் வினாக்கள்

PART-II	21-26	Poetry Appreciation Questions (Any 4 out of 6)	4 x 2 = 8
PART-III	31-33	Explain with Reference to the Context (Any 2 out of 3)	2 x 3 = 6
PART-IV	41-47	Poetry Paragraph (Either...or...type)	1 x 5 = 5

Total Marks = 19

PART-II

21-26 Poetry Appreciation Questions (Any 4 out of 6) 4 x 2 = 8

வினாத்தாளில் **Poetry** பகுதியிலிருந்து **6 வினாக்கள்** கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும். அவற்றுள் எவையேனும் **4 வினாக்களுக்கு** விடையளிக்க வேண்டும். கொடுக்கப்பட்ட பாடல் வரிகளை (**Poetry Lines**) படித்து அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து தரப்பட்டுள்ள வினாக்களுக்கு விடை எழுத வேண்டும். இந்தப் பகுதி வினாக்களுக்கு விடையளிக்க **Poetry** பகுதியில் ஒவ்வொரு பாடலிலும் உள்ள **Appreciation Questions** மற்றும் **Poetic Devices** பகுதி வினாக்களை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும். மேலும் நம் வழிகாட்டி கையேட்டில் **Poetry** பகுதியில் ஒவ்வொரு பாடலிலும் உள்ள **Appreciation Questions** மற்றும் **Poetic Devices** பகுதி வினாக்களை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும்.

PART-III

31-33 Explain with Reference to the Context (Any 2 out of 3) 2 x 3 = 6

வினாத்தாளில் **Poetry** பகுதியிலிருந்து **3 வினாக்கள்** கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும். அவற்றுள் எவையேனும் **2 வினாக்களுக்கு** விடையளிக்க வேண்டும். கொடுக்கப்பட்ட பாடல் வரிகளை (**Poetry Lines**) படித்து அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து தரப்பட்டுள்ள வினாக்களுக்கு விடை எழுத வேண்டும். இந்தப் பகுதி வினாக்களுக்கு விடையளிக்க **Poetry** பகுதியில் ஒவ்வொரு பாடலிலும் உள்ள **ERC- Explain with Reference to the Context** பகுதி வினாக்களை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும். மேலும் நம் வழிகாட்டி கையேட்டில் **Poetry** பகுதியில் ஒவ்வொரு பாடலிலும் உள்ள **ERC- Explain with Reference to the Context** பகுதி வினாக்களை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும்.

PART-IV

41-47 Poetry Paragraph (Either...or...type) 1 x 5 = 5

வினாத்தாளில் **Poetry** பகுதியிலிருந்து **2 வினாக்கள்** கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும். அவற்றுள் எவையேனும் **1 வினாவுக்கு** விடையளிக்க வேண்டும். விடைகளைக் குறைந்தபட்சம் **6-8 வாக்கியங்களில்** எழுதவும். விடைகள் **125-150 வார்த்தைக்குள்** அமையுமாறு பார்த்துக்கொள்ளவும். நம் வழிகாட்டி கையேட்டில் **Poetry** பகுதியில் உள்ள பத்தி வினா விடைகளை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும்.

FIGURES OF SPEECH

அணி இலக்கணம்

1. **Rhyming Words**: பாடல் வரிகளின் கடைசி வார்த்தைகளை கவனிக்க வேண்டும். அவைகளில் ஒரே மாதிரியான ஒலியமைப்பைக் கொண்டுள்ள வார்த்தைகள் Rhyming words ஆகும். (எடுத்துக்காட்டுகள் பாடல் பகுதிகளில் தரப்பட்டுள்ளன. அவைகளை பயன்படுத்திக்கொள்ளவும்)

Ex: And daily from the turret wall
 We watched the mowers in the hay
 And the enemy half a mile away
 They seemed no threat to us at all.

Rhyming words: *wall -all, hay - away*

2. **Rhyme Scheme**:

கொடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ள பாடலின் 4 வரிகளின் கடைசி வார்த்தைகளை கவனிக்க வேண்டும்.

- ❖ அவைகளுள் முதல் வரியின் கடைசி வார்த்தையை **a** எனக் குறிக்க வேண்டும்.
- ❖ இரண்டாம் வரியின் கடைசி வார்த்தையின் ஒலியமைப்பு முதல் வரி போல இருப்பின் அதனை **a** எனக் குறிக்க வேண்டும்.
- ❖ மாறுபட்டிருப்பின் அதனை **b** எனக் குறிக்க வேண்டும்.
- மூன்றாம் வரியின் கடைசி வார்த்தையின் ஒலியமைப்பு முதல் வரி போல இருப்பின் அதனை **a** எனக் குறிக்க வேண்டும்.
- இரண்டாம் வரிபோல இருப்பின் அதனை **b** எனக் குறிக்க வேண்டும்.
- மாறுபட்டிருப்பின் அதனை **c** எனக் குறிக்க வேண்டும்.
- ✱ நான்காம் வரியின் கடைசி வார்த்தையின் ஒலியமைப்பு முதல் வரி போல இருப்பின் அதனை **a** எனக் குறிக்க வேண்டும்.
- ✱ இரண்டாம் வரி போல இருப்பின் அதனை **b** எனக் குறிக்க வேண்டும்.
- ✱ மூன்றாம் வரி போல இருப்பின் அதனை **c** எனக் குறிக்க வேண்டும்.
- ✱ மாறுபட்டிருப்பின் அதனை **d** எனக் குறிக்க வேண்டும்.
- ✓ **குறிப்பு:** ஒரே மாதிரியான ஒலியமைப்புகளைக்கொண்ட வார்த்தைகளை ஒரே மாதிரியான எழுத்தால் குறிக்க வேண்டும்.

Ex: And daily from the turret wall - a
 We watched the mowers in the hay - b
 And the enemy half a mile away - b
 They seemed no threat to us at all. - a

Rhyme scheme: **abba**

3. **Simile**: (உவமையணி) கொடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ள பாடல் வரியில் ஏதேனும் இரண்டு நபர்கள், பொருட்கள், இடங்கள் இவைகளின் பண்புகளை ஒப்பிட **like, as** போன்ற வார்த்தைகள் பயன்படுத்தப்பட்டிருக்கும்.

Ex: (i) Grew thin and treacherous as air.
 (ii) And shining morning face, creeping like snail.
 (iii) To follow knowledge like a sinking star.

4. Metaphor: (உருவகம்) கொடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ள பாடல் வரியில் ஏதேனும் இரண்டு நபர்கள், பொருட்கள், இடங்கள் இவைகளின் பண்புகளை மறைமுகமாக ஒப்பிட்டு, அவைகளில் ஏதேனும் ஒன்றை மட்டும் மிகைப்படுத்தி சொல்வது. (பொதுவாக பொருட்களின் பெயர்கள்.) Ex: (i) Oh then our maze of <u>tunneled stone</u> . (ii) For always roaming with a <u>hungry heart</u> .
5. Personification: மனித பண்புகளை உயிரற்ற பொருட்களைக் துணையாகக் கொண்டு விளக்குதல். Ex: (i) A little <u>wicked wicket gate</u> (ii) The growth of a <u>frail flower</u> in a path up (iii) Brutus have been gentled where <u>lashes failed</u> .
6. Apostrophe: உயிரற்ற பொருட்களை உயிருள்ள பொருட்களாக நினைத்து அதனோடு உரையாடுதல். Ex: And you O my soul where you stand
7. Oxymoron: (முரண் தொடை) எதிர்ச்சொற்கள் அடுத்தடுத்து வருவது Ex: (i) When I mean 'Good-riddance'
8. Onomatopoeia: பொருட்கள் எழுப்பும் ஒலியோடு தொடர்புடைய சொற்கள். Ex: (i) When <u>snaps</u> the knee, and <u>cracks</u> the wrist (Bones breaking sound) (ii) He <u>sipped</u> with his straight mouth (Hissing sound of Snake)
9. Anaphora: (சொற்பொருள் பின் வருநிலையணி) அடுத்தடுத்த வரிகளில் ஒரே வார்த்தை மீண்டும், மீண்டும் பலமுறை வருவது . Ex: <u>Tell him</u> time as a stuff can be wasted. <u>Tell him</u> to be a fool every so often.
10. Alliteration: (மோனை) ஒரு வரியில் ஒரே மெய்யொலியில் (எழுத்தில்) தொடங்குகிற வார்த்தைகள் பல வருவது. Ex: (i) There lies the <u>p</u> ort the vessel <u>p</u> uffs her sail. (ii) <u>L</u> et once my army- <u>l</u> eaders <u>L</u> annes. (iii) <u>W</u> aver at yonder <u>w</u> all.
11. Assonance: ஒரு வரியில் ஒரே உயிர் ஒலியில் (எழுத்தில்) தொடங்குகிற வார்த்தைகள் பல வருவது. Ex: (i) <u>E</u> ver unreeling them, <u>e</u> ver tirelessly spending them. (ii) You ripened <u>i</u> nto nectar <u>i</u> n fruit-jars.
12. Hyperbole: (உயர்வு நவ்ரிசி அணி) ஒரு செயலின் தன்மையை மிகைப்படுத்தி அதிகமாகச் சொல்வது. Ex: O winged seeds! You crossed the furrowed seas.
13. Allusion: பொருட்களை அல்லது நபர்களை மறைமுகமாக குறிப்பிடுவது. பொதுவாக Bible போன்ற பழங்கால இலக்கியங்களில் காணப்படும். Ex: (i) It may be we shall touch the <u>Happy Isles</u> And see the great <u>Achilles</u> , whom we knew (allusion from the Greek mythology) (ii) With deathless trees – like those in <u>Borrowdale</u> (Literary Allusion from “Yew-trees” by William wordsworth)
14. Poetic Diction: நபர்கள், பொருட்கள் அல்லது இடங்களின் பண்புகளை வர்ணிப்பது. Ex: And depart <u>peaceful</u> , <u>pacified</u> and <u>thankless</u> .

15. Archaism: பழங்காலத்தில் வழக்கத்திலிருந்து இப்பொழுது பயன்பாட்டில் இல்லாத வார்த்தைகள். Ex: Dust <u>thou</u> art, to dust <u>returnest</u>
16. Pun:(சிலேடை) ஒரு வார்த்தையை பல்வேறு விதங்களில் பரவசப்படுத்தும் விதமாக பயன்படுத்துவது Ex: In the end will be the <u>Word</u> . And the <u>Word</u> will be God in Man. (The <u>Word</u> refers to Jesus Christ as God and man.)
17. Euphemism: ஒரு தவறான நிகழ்வை நியாயப்படுத்தும் விதமாக பயன்படுத்துவது. Ex: I find doors shut on me Who now in blessed sleep for aye repose.
18. Symbol: ஒரு செயலை நேரடியாக அல்லாமல் மறைமுகமாக உணர்த்துவது. Ex: (i) Till it bore an <u>apple</u> bright (The anger against his foe is a bright apple) (ii) My foe outstretched beneath the <u>tree</u> (The tree of poison – anger)
19. Metonymy: ஒரு சொல்லை நேரடியாக அல்லாமல் மறைமுகமாக கையாள்வது. Ex: (i) They used to laugh with their hearts . (ii) They shake hands without hearts .
20. Repetition: ஒரே சொல் ஒரே வரியில் மீண்டும் மீண்டும் வருவது (Repetitive device). Ex: (i) Tell him to be alone often and get at <u>himself</u> And above all tell <u>himself</u> no lies about <u>himself</u> .
21. Rhetorical question: பாடலின் வரியில் விடையை எதிர்பார்க்கும் நோக்கத்தோடு அல்லாமல் தனது அதிகாரத்தை காட்டுவதற்காக எழுப்பப்படும் வினாக்கள். (பழங்கால இதிகாசப்பாடல்கள், மன்னரைப் பற்றிய பாடல்களில் அல்லது அவர்கள் பேசுவது போன்ற பாடல்களில் காணப்படும்) Ex: (i) How can you say to me I am a king?
22. Internal Rhyme: பாடலின் ஒரே வரியில் ஏதேனும் இரண்டு வார்த்தைகள் ஒரே மாதிரியான உச்சரிப்பினைக் கொண்டிருத்தல். Ex: (i) Scoffing his state and grinning at his pomp.
23. Interrogation: பாடலின் வரியில் விடையை எதிர்பார்க்கும் நோக்கத்தோடு அல்லாமல் தனது கருத்தை தீவிரமாக வலியுறுத்த எழுப்பப்படும் வினாக்கள். (பழங்கால இதிகாசப்பாடல்கள், மன்னரைப் பற்றிய பாடல்களில் அல்லது அவர்கள் பேசுவது போன்ற பாடல்களில் காணப்படும்) Ex: (i) And yet not so -- for what can we bequeath, Save our deposed bodies to the ground?
24. Antithesis: முரண்களை அழுத்தமாக வலியுறுத்துவது. Ex: (i) Brutes have been gentled where lashes failed.
25. Zoomorphism: விலங்குகளை உவமையாகக் கொண்டு நிகழ்வுகளை விவரிப்பது. Ex: (i) Like a huge Python , winding round and round



Poem-1
THE CASTLE
கோட்டை
Edwin Muir



சாராம்சம் : எத்தகைய விசுவாசமானவர்களையும் துரோகம் செய்ய வைக்கும் ஆற்றல் பணத்திற்கு உண்டு. மேலும் நம்பிக்கை துரோகம் எத்தகைய வலிமையான கோட்டையையும் தகர்த்தெரியும் ஆற்றல் கொண்டது.

Q.NO: 21-26 APPRECIATION QUESTIONS 4 X 2 = 8 MARKS

1. *All through the summer at ease we lay,
And daily from the turret wall
We watched the mowers in the hay* (PG : 21)
(TB, PTA-2, 4, HY-19, SEP-20, MAR-23)
 - a) Who does we refer to?
'We' refers to the soldiers guarding the castle.
 - b) What work do the mowers do?(SEP-20)
The mowers level the lawns.
 - c) How did the soldiers spend the summer days? (PTA-2, 4, HY-19)
The soldiers spent their summer days relaxing at ease as their castle was safe and secure.
 - d) What could they watch from the turret wall? (MAR-23)
They could watch the mowers working from the turret wall.
2. *Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,
So smooth and high, no man could win.*
 - a) How was the castle?(TB, MDL-19,PTA-1,3)
The castle was safe. (JUN-24)
 - b) What was the firm belief of the soldiers? (MDL-19, PTA-1, 3, MAR-20, JUN-24, MAR-25)
The soldiers firmly believed that it was not humanly possible to capture their strong fort.
 - c) How safe was the castle? (MAR-20,25)
The castle was safe with high, smooth, strong walls and thick gates.
 - d) What 'gates' are talked of here? (QTY-19)
The gates of the castle talked of here.

- e) Explain no man could win? (QTY-19)
The firm belief of the soldiers was no man could win.
3. *A foothold there, no clever trick
Could take us dead or quick,
Only a bird could have got in.* (TB)
 - a) What was challenging?
Climbing the high walls of the castle was challenging.
 - b) Which aspect of the castles strength is conveyed by the above line?
The strength of the high and thick walls of the castle is conveyed by the above line.
4. *Oh then our maze of tunneled stone
Grew thin and treacherous as air.
The castle was lost without a groan,
The famous citadel overthrown,* (TB)
 - a) Bring out the contrast in the first two lines.
Stony walls of the castle have become thin due to treachery.
 - b) What is the rhyme scheme of the given stanza?
Rhyme scheme: a b a a
5. *We could do nothing, being sold.*
 - a) Why couldn't they do anything? (TB, QTY-19, PTA-5)
They couldn't do anything as the strong fort was conquered due to treachery.
 - b) Why did they feel helpless? (QTY-19, PTA-5)
They felt helpless as they had a traitor among them inside the castle.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

6. *And the enemy half a mile away*

They seemed no threat to us at all

a) **Where was the enemy?**

The enemy was **just half a mile away** from the castle.

b) **Why didn't they seem to be a threat?**

They didn't seem to be a threat **due to the height of the castle.**

7. *For what, we thought, had we to fear*

With our arms and provender, load on load

a) **What do you mean by 'provender'?**

Provender means **food.**

b) **Did they actually fear anything?**

No, they didn't fear anything.

c) **Explain 'load on load'.**

The fortress is ready and prepared with **ample weapons and food stored to withstand a siege.**

8. *Our towering battlements, tier on tier,*

And friendly allies drawing near

On every leafy summer road.

a) **What are 'towering battlements'?**

Towering battlements are **tall towers with openings to shoot the enemies.**

b) **What does 'friendly allies' mean?**

'Friendly allies' means **supporting nations or armed forces.**

9. *What could they offer us for bait?*

a) **Who is the speaker?**

A **soldier on guard** of the castle is the speaker.

b) **Whom does they refer to?**

'They' refers to **the enemies.**

c) **What is bait?**

Bait is **something offered** to a person to entice him **to do something wrong.**

10. *Our captain was brave and we were true....*

a) **Where was the captain?**

The captain was **fighting to save the castle.**

b) **What are the qualities discussed here?**

✓ **Bravery of the captain.**

✓ **Loyalty of his soldiers.**

c) **What does the line convey?**

It conveys the **atmosphere of confidence within the castle** before the invasion.

11. *There was a little private gate,*

A little wicked wicket gate.

a) **Where was the little private gate?**

The little private gate was **in the castle.**

b) **Why was the gate wicked?**

The gate was wicked as it became the **point of entry for the enemies.**

c) **What is a wicket gate?**

Wicket gate means a **small gate beside a large one** for use of people on foot.

d) **What do you mean by a 'wicked wicket gate'?** (PTA-6)

Small private gate.

e) **What is the figure of speech employed in the second line?** (PTA-6)

Metaphor

12. *The wizened warder let them through.*

a) **Explain 'wizened warder'**

Wizened warder is **an aged or old guard.**

b) **Who were let in?**

The enemies were let into the castle.

c) **Who let them in?**

An old guard let them into the castle.

d) **Why did he let them in?**

He let them in as **he was bribed** for his treachery.

e) **What was the consequence?**

The **guard's disloyalty** led to the **fall of the castle.**

13. *The famous citadel overthrown,*

And all its secret galleries bare.

a) **What is a citadel?**

Citadel is a **safe and strong fort.**

b) **How was it overthrown?**

It was overthrown because of the **betrayal of one of the inhabitants** of the castle.

c) **Why are the galleries bare?**

The galleries are bare as **their occupants might have been killed** in the war.

14. *How can this shameful tale be told?*

a) What is a tale?

A tale is a story with interesting happenings.

b) What was the shameful tale? (JUN-23)

The narrator calls **the fall of the castle due to disloyalty** as a shameful tale.

c) Why can't the tale be told?

The tale can't be told since **it was about their shameful lose.**

d) Who was the real enemy? (JUN-23)

Gold was the real enemy

e) Which aspect of the tale is considered shameful? (MAR-24)

Betrayal of the castle is the shameful acts.

f) Mention the figure of speech used here.

Rhetorical Question

15. *Our only enemy was gold,*

And we had no arms to fight it with.

a) Who was their enemy?

Gold was their enemy.

b) Why does the narrator call it as their enemy?

Gold was **used as a bait to conquer the castle.** So the narrator calls gold as their enemy.

c) Why didn't they have weapons to fight gold?

Gold, an invisible enemy, controls the greedy human heart. So they didn't have the weapons to fight gold.

POETIC DEVICES

FIGURE OF SPEECH:

- 1) A little wicked **wicket gate**. - Personification
- 2) Oh then our maze of **tunneled stone**-
Metaphor
- 3) Grew thin and treacherous **as air**.
-Simile/ Personification
- 4) How can this **shameful tale** be told?
- Rhetoric question
- 5) Our only **enemy** was **gold**, -Personification

ALLITERATION:

- a) With our arms and provender, load on load.
→ arms- and
- b) A little wicked wicket gate.
→ wicked- wicket
- c) The wizened warder let them through.
→ wizened- warder; them- through

- d) Our towering battlements, tier on tier.
→ towering- tier

- e) How can this shameful tale be told?
→ tale- told

RHYME SCHEME & RHYMING WORDS:

1. All through that summer at ease we lay,
And daily from the turret wall
We watched the mowers in the hay
And the enemy half a mile away
Rhyming words : lay-hay-away
Rhyme scheme : abaa
2. Oh then our maze of tunneled stone
Grew thin and treacherous as air.
The cause was lost without a groan,
The famous citadel overthrown,
Rhyming words : stone-groan-overthrown
Rhyme scheme : abaa

Q.NO: 31-33 EXPLAIN WITH REFERENCE TO THE CONTEXT 2 X 3 = 6 MARKS

Clue words: Turret, mowers, provender, battlements, tier, allies, foothold, bait, maze, wicked, wicket gate, treacherous, citadel, overthrown

Common to the all the lines:**Context:**

Poem : The Castle

Poet : Edwin Muir

Explanation:

The poem is an allegory which narrates about the downfall of a mighty castle due to disloyalty. The soldiers in the castle never suspected that such a fall was possible. With the height of the castle and its fortifications, along with the nearness of "allies" to assist, there was never a doubt in the soldiers' minds about the safety of the castle. Greed for gold instigates an aged guard to open the wicket gate for the enemies. The strong castle becomes weak and thin. Weaponless and clueless to tackle their enemy 'gold', the army falls a prey to it and the castle is captured.

Comment: No warfare can tackle human greed.

a. Our gates were strong, our walls were thick
PAGE- 22 (TB, MAR-23)

Context:

Poem : The Castle **Poet :** Edwin Muir

Explanation:

The soldiers are so confident of their fort with 'strong gate' and 'thick walls' that they lay off their concern about its security. The physical strength of the castle makes them stress free and relaxed. All threats the soldiers noticed were seen so insignificant due to the indomitable strength of the fort. The height of the castle shows its dominance over the enemy. With that mind frame, these soldiers were confident that nothing could endanger them and nothing could draw them out of the castle into the danger.

Comment:

Perils go unseen when overconfidence rules the hour.

b. Our captain was brave and we were true....
(TB)

Context:

Poem : The Castle **Poet :** Edwin Muir

Explanation:

The narrator believed that the castle was absolutely safe because their captain was brave and the soldiers were loyal. The narrator is not only confident of the physical strength of his castle but also has immense belief in the morality of his men. It makes him feel that nothing and no one could conquer their fortress. The enemy could not use bait for their entry inside the castle. This greatly diminished the chances for the fall of the castle.

Comment:

If bravery leads, loyalty will follow.

c. They seemed no threat to us at all.
(TB, MDL-19, PTA-3)

Context:

Poem : The Castle **Poet :** Edwin Muir

Explanation:

When an army spots its enemy, it usually charts out a plan to tackle the situation. But the strength of the physical surroundings of the castle made the soldiers confident and they waited without much stress in a relaxed stance. The approach of their enemy didn't seem to pose a threat for their safety. With friendly allies in the surroundings and with loads of weapons and ration in store to tackle a siege the chance of danger was completely eliminated from their minds.

Comment:

Over confidence makes us overlook even a grave situation.

d. How can this shameful tale be told? (TB)

Context:

Poem : The Castle **Poet :** Edwin Muir

Explanation:

The Castle tells the story of the fall of a well fortified fort guarded by a loyal army. The impenetrable castle has plenty of arms and food; their allies are nearby; the castle gates are strong; and the walls are high, thick, and smooth. Yet these men are defeated when the enemy bribes one of their own guard who lets the enemy soldiers through a little gate. The narrator lamented over the disloyalty of the useless warder and also decided not to disclose this shameful story to anyone.

Comment:

Betrayal degrades the physical strength of even a powerful pack of warriors.

e. I will maintain until my death (TB, PTA-2)
Context:

Poem : The Castle **Poet :** Edwin Muir

Explanation:

The strong castle became weak and thin because of the greedy disloyal warder. The citadel was captured by the enemies for gold. The narrator is shocked at the betrayal of one of his men. The narrator lamented over the disloyalty of the useless warder and also decided not to disclose this shameful story to anyone. The narrator resolves to maintain the secrecy of their shameful loss till his death.

Comment:

Disloyalty is an unseen enemy from within.

f. Our only enemy was gold (TB)

Context:

Poem : The Castle **Poet :** Edwin Muir

Explanation:

The castle was too expertly protected by the surrounding fortress. No chance of danger existed with the thick walls and strong gates. The soldiers felt sure that they could tackle their enemy with their loyal army. Unfortunately one of their men betrays them and allows the enemy in through the

wicket gate. Tragedy befalls as the enemy defeats and captures the citadel. Weaponless and clueless to tackle their enemy 'gold', the army becomes a prey to it.

Comment:

Greedy minds can never escape the clutches of gold.

Additional Questions

1. A foothold there, no clever trick

Context:

Poem : The Castle **Poet :** Edwin Muir

Explanation:

No man could win against the towering obstacles of the castle. Only something that could soar as high as the tier like a bird could bring damage to the fort. So the narrator feels that their position is solid and stable in the castle. They never suspected that a fall was possible with the height of the castle. They pride themselves on the towering battlements and on their maze of tunneled stone which could defeat any clever trick of their enemies to enter the castle.

Comment:

Physical strength would allow us to overlook internal flaws.

2. What could they offer us for bait?

Context: (MAR-24)

Poem : The Castle **Poet :** Edwin Muir

Explanation:

The soldiers were fearless with their fortress, so battle ready and prepared. Tier on tier with armed soldiers guarding the towering battlements; we can feel their assurance that nothing dangerous could touch them. The fear of the enemies gets further diminished with the bravery of their captain who is leading an army of loyal soldiers. The narrator is not only confident of the physical strength of his castle but also has immense belief in the morality of his men. It makes him feel that nothing and no one could conquer their fortress.

Comment:

Military conflicts make us leave morality aside.

3. A little wicked wicket gate.

Context:

Poem : The Castle **Poet :** Edwin Muir

Explanation:

The castle's fortune-turning event takes place with the opening of the wicked wicket gate for the enemies by the old guard. The overcoming of the castle by the

invading force occurs due to this act of betrayal. The inhabitants of the castle spent so much time being comfortable and confident against the outside forces that they allowed that confidence to blind them to what was inside.

Comment:

Little mean acts hinder the path to success.

4. Grew thin and treacherous as air.

Context:

Poem : The Castle **Poet :** Edwin Muir

Explanation:

The strong castle becomes weak and thin because of a greedy disloyal warder. When the stony walls of the castle became thin due to treachery, it became an easy victim to its enemy. They walk in easily through the secret gallery and the intricate paths of the castle to confront the soldiers. Morality is laid aside when the guard opens the 'wicket gate' favouring the enemies for the bribe he had received. Thus treachery leads to the unexpected fall of the maze of tunneled stone.

Comment:

Loyalty gets shattered when greed steps into the human heart.

5. And we had no arms to fight it with.

Context:

Poem : The Castle **Poet :** Edwin Muir

Explanation:

Betrayal paved way for the enemy into the castle. The shocked soldiers put up a poor fight that they lost without a groan and the famous citadel was overthrown. The simplicity of this overtaking is attributed to the fact that the soldiers were weaponless and clueless to tackle their enemy 'gold'. If it had been a military combat, their defenses against the invasion would have been more successful.

Comment:

More watchful thoughts could seal the path for hidden dangers.

6. We could do nothing, being sold;

Context:

Poem : The Castle **Poet :** Edwin Muir

Explanation:

The poem builds an atmosphere of confidence within the castle which gets shattered with the enemy's invasion. Betrayal from within the castle leads to the fall of the mighty citadel. The strong castle becomes weak and thin because of a greedy disloyal warder. Since the focus was so completely on the dangers around them, they become clueless when

betrayal from within brings them down. As their confidence gets shattered, they get blindfolded to the happenings around them.

Comment:

Confidence boosts the morale of even a lay man in adversity.

7. “The wizened warder let them through”
(PTA-1)

Context:

Poem : The Castle **Poet :** Edwin Muir

Explanation:

The soldier, guarding a mighty castle, is proud of its fortifications. He is sure that nothing can defeat their strong castle. But the downfall comes, when an old guard opens the door for the enemies. Greed for gold causes the fall of the castle.

Comment:

Greed is for the inferior while Glory is for the superior.

8. ‘Only a bird could have got in’ (QTY-19)

Context:

Poem : The Castle **Poet :** Edwin Muir

Explanation:

The Castle had strong gates. Its walls were thick, smooth and high. Hence, it was their conviction that no man could win an advantageous position there and no enemy even with his clever trick could capture them dead or alive. The tower was amazing high that no one but birds could get it.

Comment:

Except nature no one could enter into their castle.

Q.NO: 41-47 PARAGRAPH 1 X 5 = 5 MARKS

- How safe was the castle? How was it conquered?
- Bring out the contrasting picture of the castle as depicted in stanzas 3 and 5.
- Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel. Explain. (PTA-2, 6, MAR-20, JUN-23)
- Describe the capture of the Castle. (PTA-5)
- Bring out the message of the poem “THE CASTLE”. (HY-19)
- Describe how the castle was seized and captured? (QTY-19)

PARAGRAPH FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

- Introduction
- Destructive strength doesn't care about morality
- Our Captain Was Brave And We Were True
- Everything Is Fair In The Game Of War
- Conclusion

INTRODUCTION:

The poem ‘The castle’ by Edwin Muir is an allegory on the materialistic greed that can bring down even great empires with flawless fortified forts. The narrative poem builds an atmosphere of confidence within the castle which gets shattered with the enemy's invasion. Betrayal from within the castle leads to the fall of the mighty citadel. The narration ends with a note of shame on the capture of the well guarded castle by treachery and not by a brave combat.

DESTRUCTIVE STRENGTH DOESN'T CARE ABOUT MORALITY:

The soldiers are so confident of their fort with ‘strong gate’ and ‘thick walls’ that they lay off their concern about its security. The physical strength of the castle makes them stress free and relaxed. Moreover

- With the absence of enemies in the proximity
- With friendly allies in the surroundings
- With loads of weapons and ration in store to tackle a siege, the chance of danger was completely eliminated from their minds.

OUR CAPTAIN WAS BRAVE AND WE WERE TRUE:

A brave captain with his loyal soldiers would stop the enemies at vicinity. In spite of such an advantageous position, the castle falls. Armed confrontation breeds betrayal on either side. Accordingly the enemy succeeds through crooked means.

EVERYTHING IS FAIR IN THE GAME OF WAR:

The strong castle becomes weak and thin because of a greedy disloyal warder. The enemies walk in through the secret gallery and the intricate paths of the castle to confront the soldiers. Loyalty gets shattered when greed steps into the human heart. Morality is laid aside when the guard opens the 'wicket gate' favouring the enemies for the bribe he had received. Thus the unexpected fall of the 'maze of tunneled stone' is a shameful tale of treachery, betrayal and disloyalty. The mighty towering battlements and the nearness of the allies ensure security to the castle. But the ingredient for the castle's downfall came from within. The army too proud of its physical strength crumbled before human avarice to gold.

CONCLUSION:

The unexplored inward threat shackles their stability. Weaponless and clueless to tackle their enemy 'gold', the army falls a prey to it.

Moral: Betrayals form loopholes in the Chronicles of Great Empires

PARAGRAPH FOR AVERAGE STUDENTS

Poem : The Castle
Poet : Edwin Muir
Theme: Mighty fall of a fort

The soldiers of the castle were **stress-free and relaxed**. They were **confident** of their castle's **physical strength**. They were **fearless** because the castle had **high walls** and **thick gates**. Their castle was **well fortified** and they had **enough stock of weapons and food**. Their **friendly allies too were nearby** to support them in danger. They **stood one above the other** on the tower watching to shoot the enemy at sight. Their **captain was brave** and the **soldiers were loyal**. The **enemy** could not **use bait for its entry**. But there was a **wicket gate** guarded by a **wicked guard**. He **let in the enemies**. The **strong castle became weak and thin** because of the **greedy disloyal warder**. The citadel was **captured** by the enemies **for gold**. The **narrator** didn't want to **tell the tale to anybody**. He **felt shameful to disclose the truth that betrayal was the cause of the downfall**.

Moral: Betrayals form loopholes in the Chronicles of Great Empires

PARAGRAPH FOR LATE BLOOMERS

- The castle was **very strong** with **high walls**.
- **The soldiers had enough food and arms**.
- They were **stress free**.
- An **old guard** opened the gate to **enemies for gold**.
- The **enemies walked into** the castle easily.
- The castle **fell into their hands**.
- The soldier was **very sad** as they were **sold for gold**.

TEXTUAL EXERCISES

TEXTBOOK EXERCISES: (PAGE-20)

1. Based on your understanding of the poem, answer the following questions in one or two sentences each.

a) **Who is the narrator in the poem?**

The narrator in the poem is a soldier.

b) **How long had the soldiers been in the castle?**

The soldiers had been in the castle all through the summer.

c) **Why were the soldiers in the castle fearless?**

The soldiers in the castle were fearless because the castle had high walls and thick gates.

d) **Where were the enemies?**

The enemies were just half a mile away.

e) **Why does the narrator say that the enemy was no threat at all?**

The narrator says that the enemy was no threat at all because their castle was well fortified and they had enough stock of weapons and ration. Their friendly allies too were nearby to support them in danger.

f) **Did the soldiers fight with the enemies face to face?**

The soldiers didn't fight with the enemies face to face as they entered the castle secretly through the wicket gate after bribing a guard.

g) **Who had let the enemies in?**

An old guard at the wicket gate had let the enemies in.

h) **How did the enemies enter the castle?**

The enemies entered the castle secretly through the wicket gate after bribing a guard.

i) **Why were the secret galleries bare?**

The secret galleries were bare because the enemy army had killed the soldiers who were on duty there.

j) **What was the 'shameful act'?**

Getting bribed to betray and to be disloyal was the shameful act.

k) **Why didn't the narrator want to tell the tale to anybody?**

The narrator didn't want to tell the tale to anybody as he felt shameful to disclose the truth that betrayal was the cause of the downfall of the castle.

l) **Why did the narrator feel helpless?**

The narrator felt helpless because they were unaware of the warfare against treachery.

m) **Who was the real enemy?**

Gold was their real enemy.

2. Read the poem again and complete the summary using the words given in box.

Stanzas 1-3: *capture, castle, confident, half-a-kilometre, plenty, watching, brave*

Stanzas 4-6: *Bait, wicked guard, let, weak, citadel, gold, lamented, disloyalty, shameful, helpless, weapon, enemy*

6. Read the poem and complete the table with suitable rhyming words. (PAGE-22)

lay-hay, wall-all, fear-near, load-road

LISTENING

**Fill in the missing phrases on listening (TB Pg-22)
(Listening Text is in Page-209)**

The Soldier

If I should die, think only this of me.

That there's some corner of a foreign field

That is forever England There shall be

In that rich earth a richer dust concealed

A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,

Gave once her flowers to love and her ways to roam;

A body of England's, breathing English air,

Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.

And think, this heart, all evils shed away,

A pulse in the eternal mind, no less

Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;

Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;

And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,

In hearts at peace under an English heaven.

Rupert Brooke.

9. Can you call 'The Castle' an allegorical poem? Discuss.

'The Castle' is an allegorical poem. In this poem the speaker is one of the soldiers lodged in a castle. He narrates how strong their castle is. He says that they have plenty of arms and food. He hopes that they are strong enough to face their enemies. But they are defeated when the enemies bribes one of their own warders. He lets the enemy soldiers through a little gate. The citadel was captured by the enemies with gold. Allegory is a story, poem or picture that has a hidden meaning, typically a moral or political one. This poem uses this defeat to highlight the idea that corruption and betrayal is often secret and subtle. The poet regretted that they could not find any weapon to fight against their enemy called 'gold'. And also reveals the truth that a country will be strong if the men are not bribed.

SUPPLEMENTARY READER

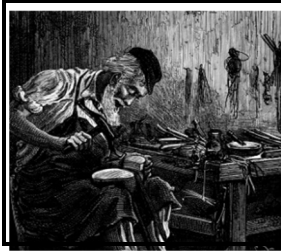
துணைப்பாட (SUPPLEMENTARY) பகுதியிலிருந்து.....

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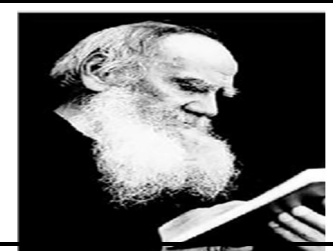
PART-IV

41-47 Write an Essay (Supplementary) using Hints (Either...or...type) 1 x 5 = 5

வினாத்தாளில் **Supplementary** பகுதியிலிருந்து 2 வினாக்கள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும். அவற்றுள் எவையேனும் 1 வினாவுக்கு விடையளிக்க வேண்டும். கொடுக்கப்பட்ட துணைப்பாடக் குறிப்புகளை (**Supplementary Hints**) படித்து அதனை விரிவாக்கி வினாக்களுக்கு விடை எழுத வேண்டும். இந்தப் பகுதி வினாக்களுக்கு விடையளிக்க பாடநூலில் **Supplementary** பகுதியில் ஒவ்வொரு கதையிலும் உள்ள **Paragraph Questions** பகுதி வினா- விடைகளை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும். மேலும் நம் வழிகாட்டி கையேட்டில் **Supplementary** பகுதியில் ஒவ்வொரு கதையிலும் உள்ள **Paragraph Questions** பகுதி வினா- விடைகளை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும்.



Supplementary-1
GOD SEES THE TRUTH, BUT WAITS
 தேவன் உண்மையைப்பார்க்கிறார்,
 ஆனால் காத்திருக்கிறார்
Leo Tolstoy



சாராம்சம் : செய்யாத குற்றத்திற்காக சிறை சென்ற அக்சியானவ் என்ற வணிகனின் கதை

Q.NO: 41-47 PARAGRAPH 1 X 5= 5 MARKS

3. Answer the following questions in a paragraph of about 150 words each.

Iran Dmitrich – Merchant- Russia – decides – business venture – Wife – bad dream – Iran disregards – meets another merchant – travel together – retrieve separately – stopped by – police- Sentenced – Siberia- new prisoners came discloses the fact – Makaradmits – Aksionov dies. Aksionov – Vladimir – bade good bye – wife had a bad dream – charged with murdering a merchant – driven to Siberia – Makar semyonich confessed – Aksionov was already dead – order for his release. (MDL,QTY, HY-19, PTA-2,3,5, SEP-20, 21, MAY, JULY-22,MAR-24)

PARAGRAPH FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

- Introduction
- Bad dream – an evil omen
- Prisoner of circumstantial evidences
- Spiritual transformation
- A rare encounter
- Juxtapose – Aksionov and Makar
- Conclusion – Forgiveness is the best form of revenge

INTRODUCTION:

Men are destined to act according to the Will of the Supernatural Power that provides true clemency to every creature in desperation. Leo Tolstoy narrates a short story which speaks in volumes about the undisputable Supreme Element (God) and His Divinely plan for every human being. When we learn to accept and play our role as destined, we begin to imbibe the Divinity showered on us mercifully.

BAD DREAM – AN EVIL OMEN:

Ivan Aksionov is a prosperous merchant who has given up his past life of demeaning activities to settle down as a businessman and a loving husband. One summer, when he sets out on his journey to a fair to sell his goods, his wife stops him because she had a terrible dream in which he returns from the town with grey hair. Her dream foreshadows that something evil will befall Aksionov in the town. She assumes that he might get caught into serious trouble due to the bad omen. He laughs and goes off to the fair.

PRISONER OF CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCES:

On the way to the fair, Aksionov meets up with a fellow merchant and they spend the night at a local inn. Early at dawn he leaves the place to be stopped by Police later in the day. They interrogate about his stay the previous night and the fellow merchant who had been murdered. Aksionov becomes a prisoner of circumstantial evidences when a blood stained knife and some cash is taken from his bag.

SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION:

The circumstantial evidences made Aksionov's wife suspect him. Eventually he lost hope on earthly mercy and directed his thoughts on the Divine. So he gave up sending petitions to the Czar for his release. 'The Lives of the Saints' a book on spirituality changes his life in the prison. He frequently prays and takes a prominent role in the religious services at the prison church on Sunday. He becomes the grandfather for the prisoners. They approach him to get their disputes and disagreements settled. He stops speaking of his misfortunes.

A RARE ENCOUNTER:

Coincidentally, the man who is responsible for his imprisonment ends up in the same prison as him. After months of knowing each other, Aksionov discovers that Makar is the actual murderer of his fellow merchant. He is furious with what he found out but doesn't speak or utter a word about it. When Aksionov reminisces about everything he has lost, his anger rises against Makar Semyonich. In the end, an opportunity arises for Aksionov to betray Makar Semyonich. Aksionov concludes that making Semyonich suffer will not return his youth, health, or family to him. Later in the night, Makar Semyonich asks for his forgiveness. Aksionov chooses not to speak words of condemnation to Makar. Instead, he assures his old enemy that God will forgive him.

JUXTAPOSING AKSIONOV AND MAKAR:

Aksionov suffers in prison for twenty-six years. Spiritual transformation redefines his life. He learns the truth of life in prison. Though he knows that Makar was the real murderer, he forgives him. He doesn't betray Makar when they question him about Makar's escape act. Aksionov's life is fun and frolic in the earlier part and it gets filled with spirituality in the latter part.

Makar is practicality personified. He never feels guilty on seeing Aksionov in the prison. He is not ready to confess until Aksionov saves him. After he forgives him, there is a tremendous change in Makar. Reformation accompanies forgiveness.

CONCLUSION:

Society might have judged Aksionov to be a guilty man but God didn't. No matter how difficult life may be for an individual God will always be there. Once we have faith in God we can overcome any obstacle that society puts in front of us. When we shift our focus from materialism to spiritualism, we achieve inner peace.

Moral: Forgiveness is the best form of revenge

PARAGRAPH FOR AVERAGE STUDENTS

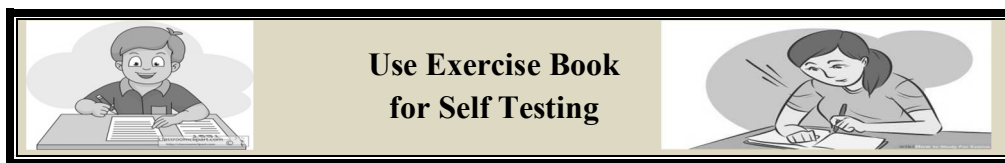
Story	: God Sees the Truth, But Waits
Author	: Leo Tolstoy
Theme	: Forgiveness is the best form of revenge
Characters	: Aksionov, His family, Semyonich (Makar), Governor

Aksionov is a **prosperous merchant**. His **past** has got a few **darker pages**. Now he is a **good** man. He is **accused of murder** of a **fellow merchant** with whom he had **accompanied to a fair**. The **blood stained knife** seals his **destiny in the prison**. His **petitions** to the Czar **get rejected**. Aksionov **loses hope** when his **wife suspects** him. He **gives up all** his efforts to prove his innocence. He learns **boot making** and reads 'The Lives of the Saints'. He becomes **more calm** and poised. He is **called** as **Gran'dad or Saint** by his prison mates. **Makar**, the **real murderer** of Aksionov's case, is **locked** in the **same prison**. When **they converse**, Aksionov **identifies the culprit**. But he **doesn't betray** Makar, when he becomes a **witness** to his crime of **digging a tunnel**. Makar in **return** **confesses his guilt**. After **twenty six years** Aksionov **gets justice**.

Moral: Only a patient soul can understand the language of the Divine.

PARAGRAPH FOR LATE BLOOMERS

- Aksionov was a **rich merchant**.
- He is sent to the **prison for a murder**.
- But he is an **innocent**.
- He **loses hope for freedom** and suffers in the prison.
- He starts **believing** in the plans of **God**.
- **After twenty six years**, Makar **confesses the crime**.
- **Aksionov gets justice** but dies before his release.



Use Exercise Book
for Self Testing

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1-20

PART-I
VOCABULARY

20
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3 x 1 = 3

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3 x 1 = 3

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8 x 1 = 8

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SYNONYMS

3 MARKS

1-3 Choose the correct Synonyms:-

3 x 1 = 3

கொடுக்கப்பட்ட வாக்கியத்தில் அடிக்கோடிட்டிருக்கும் (Underline) வார்த்தைக்கு இணையான அர்த்தம் கொண்ட வார்த்தையை, தரப்பட்டுள்ள 4 விடைகளிலிருந்து தேர்ந்தெடுத்து எழுத வேண்டும். இந்தப் பகுதி வினாக்களுக்கு விடையளிக்க **Prose** பகுதியில் உள்ள **Glossary** பகுதி (பக்கங்கள் 6, 39, 71, 149) வார்த்தைகளை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும். மேலும் நம் வழிகாட்டி கையேட்டில் உள்ள **Synonym** பகுதி வார்த்தைகளை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும்.

GOVERNMENT MODEL QUESTIONS:

- Nicola was glaring at his young brother in vexation. (MDL-19)
a) Approval b) Appreciation
c) Annoyance d) Admiration
- Suffering seems so cruelly prevalent in the world today. (MDL-19, PTA-5, SEP-21)
a) Common b) Scarce
c) Abundant d) Meager
- You may..... Seeing your car pulled up by his insolence of office, feel that your liberty has been outranged. (MDL-19, PTA-1, SEP-20)
a) gentleness b) modesty
c) awareness d) rudeness

- I experienced not only agony and fear but also anger. (PTA-1MAR-24)
a) hatred b) hunger
c) insecurity d) suffering (HY-19)
a) delight b) pain
c) excitement d) anxiety
- We watched for a few moments; then as trade slackened we went over. (PTA-1, 6, SEP-20, MAY-22, JUN-24)
a) increased b) heightened
c) reduced d) multiplied
- I continued making the trail on up the ridge. (PTA-2)
a) design b) signal
c) sound d) track

7. I have liberty to be indifferent to you. (PTA-2, 5)
 a) concerned b) interested
c) unconcerned d) anxious
8.but there is not much stimulation in it. (PTA-2)
 a) energy b) acceptance
 c) respect **d) excitement**
9. One is liable to put in too much milk.
 (TB, PTA-3, MAR-23, JUN-24)
 a) likely b) responsible
 c) eager d) certain
10. Liberty is not a personal affair only but a social contract. (PTA-3)
 a) concern **b) commitment**
 c) allotment d) connection
11. The trolley was commandeered by an intrepid crew of two. (PTA-3)
 a) gallant b) timid
 c) happy d) sad
12. As we made the rounds, my interest was again provoked by their remarkable demeanour. (PTA-4)
a) appearance and behaviour b) sloth
 c) awareness d) rudeness
13. My progress, although slow, was steady. (PTA-4)
 a) weak b) bad
c) firm d) worse
14. Individual liberty would have become social anarchy. (PTA-4, MAY-22)
a) lawlessness b) order
 c) control d) lawfulness
15. In some countries, teapots are fitted with little dangling baskets. (PTA-5)
 a) colouring b) brimming
 c) twisting **d) hanging freely**
16. These are not the only controversial points to arise in connection with tea drinking. (PTA-6)
 a) acceptable b) peaceful
c) arguable d) agreeable
17. Suffering was something basic that was full of solace for me. (PTA-6)
a) comfort b) distress
 c) anguish d) boredom
- GOVERNMENT EXAM QUESTIONS:**
1. Yet their devotion had touched me deeply.
a) dedication b) information (QTY-19)
 c) satisfaction d) vexation
2. In some countries under the spout to catch the stray leaves. (QTY-19)
 a) tender b) rotten
c) loose d) harmful
3. I had eleven broken ribs and perforated lung. (QTY-19)
 a) weak b) swollen
 c) sticky **d) punctured**
4. Nicola and Jacopo were childish enough in many ways quite artless. (HY-19, JUN-23)
 a) strange **b) innocent**
 c) gentle d) wicked
 a) selfless b) artistic (SEP-21)
c) guileless d) foolish
5. One does not feel wiser, braver or more optimistic after drinking a tea. (HY-19)
 a) natural **b) positive**
 c) energetic d) healthy
6. that they only drink it in order to be warmed and stimulated. (MAR-20, 25)
 a) admired **b) motivated**
 c) comforted d) welcomed
7. It was a great thrill to look straight down this enormous rock face. (MAR-20)
a) huge b) rough
 c) steep d) lofty
8. the end of such liberty would be universal chaos. (MAR-20, JULY-22, MAR-23)
 a) mystery b) destruction
c) confusion d) harmony
9. and no more humps to tantalize us with hopes of success. (SEP-20)
 a) attract b) disappoint
c) taunt d) encourage
10. I follow my fancy and ask no man's permission (SEP-21)
 a) plan b) instinct
 c) temper **d) desire**
11. He was a walking horror, with a disfigured face and long flap of skin hanging from the side of his neck to his body. (MAY-22)
 a) majestic **b) marred**
 c) dismantled d) diseased
12. What is important is what you have left. (JULY-22)
 a) suitable **b) significant**
 c) impulsive d) motivating

13.they had barely kept themselves in a sort of shelter they built... amidst the **rubble**. (JULY-22)
 a) circumstances b) crisis
 c) granite d) debris
14. My **gloomy** thoughts probably stem from an accident I had a few years ago. (JUN-23)
 a) sensible b) mixed
 c) **sorrowful** d) profound
15. he was sitting in **splendor** on his chair. (JUN-23)
 a) excitement b) **magnificence**
 c) satisfaction d) hesitation
16. When our ridicule overstepped the limits, Amma would pretend to **chide** us. (MAR-24)
 a) **scold** b) tease
 c) thrash d) advise
17. The snow on this face was dangerous, but we **persisted** in our efforts to beat a trail up it. (MAR-24)
 a) rejoiced b) focussed
 c) **continued** d) survived
18. You may prefer yoghurt to **shandy**. (JUN-24)
 a) milk b) coffee
 c) **lemonade** d) tea
19. These two children had given me a **profound** lesson. (MAR-25)
 a) genuine b) complete
 c) prosaic d) **very great**

TEXTUAL QUESTIONS:

(PAGE-6):

Word	Synonym
cautious	thoughtful
disapprove	criticize
brisk	energetic
engaging	attractive
humble	modest
eager	keen
resistance	opposition
persuade	convince
scarce	rare
nobility	dignity

- a) Find out the synonym of the underlined word in each of the following sentences. (PAGE -39)

1. But because the best manner of making it is the subject of violent **disputes**.

- a) agreements b) **applauses**
 c) **conflicts** d) discussions
2. ...tea is one of the mainstays of **civilization** in the country.
 a) **a society in an advanced state of social development**
 b) a society that has slow progress
 c) a society that has no progress
 d) a society in an average state of social development
3. ...that they only drink it in order to be warmed and **stimulated**.
 a) **motivated** b) discouraged
 c) passive d) admired
4. ...under the spout to catch the **stray** leaves.
 a) fresh b) **loose**
 c) gathered d) harmful
5. One is **liable** to put in too much milk.
 a) **likely** b) certain
 c) eager d) responsible

Go through the lesson and spot the words which mean the same as the following. (PAGE-71)

- profession(para 1) - **career**
 - sorrowful (para 2) - **gloomy**
 - decency (para 5) - **morality**
 - destiny (para 6) - **fate**
 - hijacked(para 8) - **commandeered**
 - motivation(para 9) - **encouragement**
 - serious (para 10) - **severe**
 - significant (para 13) - **important**
- a) Find out the synonym of the underlined word in each of the following sentences. (PAGE-149)
- Just as we thought our chuckles had **subsided**.
 a) **diminished** b) increased
 c) completed d) submerged
 - Our father rejected it, saying it wouldn't be **sturdy**.
 a) weak b) **strong** (MAR-25)
 c) tall d) good
 - Anna would say with an **impudent** smile. (MAR-23)
 a) innocent b) fake
 c) **disrespectful** d) decent
 - A silver tumbler of buttermilk **seasoned** with asafetida.
 a) mixed b) **garnished**
 c) filled d) loosened
 - A few people from the house of **bereavement** stood outside.
 a) rejoice b) celebration
 c) **grief** d) war

Q. NO. 4-6	ANTONYMS	3 MARKS
4-6 Choose the correct Antonyms:-		3 x 1 = 3
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GOVERNMENT MODEL QUESTIONS:

- Let me state unequivocally that Tamil is one of the greatest classical literature. (MDL-19)
a) Ambiguously b) Clearly
c) Unmistakably d) Undoubtedly
- China tea has virtues which are not to be despised. (TB, MDL-19, PTA-3)
a) Hated b) Loath
c) Averted d) Liked
- One night we came upon then in the windy and deserted square. (MDL-19, PTA-1,2, MAR-20)
a) Inhabited b) Unoccupied
c) Crowded d) Shrouded
a) empty b) uninhabited (MAR-25)
c) isolated d) occupied
- The end of such liberty would be universal chaos.
a) confusion b) orderliness (PTA-1)
c) disorder d) Commotion
- He had returned to the hospital because he had a malignant tumour of the bone.
(PTA-1,6,SEP-20, JULY-22,JUN-24)
a) serious b) big
c) benign d) harmful
- Their devotion had touched me deeply. (PTA-2,4)
a) dedication b) attraction
c) loyalty d) disloyalty
- Far away across the clouds, the great bulk Kanchenjunga loomed on the horizon. (PTA-2)
a) emerged b) loosened
c) appeared d) vanished
- We have a whole kingdom in which we rule alone, can do what we choose, be wise ridiculous... (PTA-3)
a) comical b) senseless
c) sensible d) absurd
- I imagined that our destinations would be some humble dwellings. (PTA-3)
a) meek b) yielding
c) mild d) proud
- He had full confidence in the mechanic.
a) trust b) diffidence (PTA-4, 5,

- c) reliance d) acceptance SEP-21)
11. A stout old lady was walking with her basket in the middle of a street. (PTA-4)
a) fat b) bulky
c) plump d) thin
12. Suffering ennobles you, makes you better person.
a) flatters b) humiliates (PTA-5)
c) honours d) exalts
13. The best manner of making tea is the subject of violent disputes. (PTA-5)
a) rough b) gentle
c) severe d) harsh
14. I shall not inquire of you whether I may eat mustard with my mutton. (PTA-6)
a) respond b) ask
c) investigate d) interrogate
15. Tenzing collapsed at the top like a giant fish.
a) refreshed b) fell down (PTA-6)
c) gave way d) fainted

GOVERNMENT EXAM QUESTIONS:

- A few days before the race, his shoulder and arm were amputated. (QTY-19)
a) removed b) joined
c) treated d) touched
- but at least four others are acutely controversial. (QTY-19)
a) proactive b) doubtful
c) agreeable d) enthusiastic
- He glanced at us hopefully. (QTY-19)
a) positively b) desperately
c) furiously d) confidently
- We made frequent changes of lead. (HY-19)
a) rare b) special
c) strange d) gradual
- "oh, but", Margot whispered, her eyes helpless. (HY-19)
a) giggled b) belched
c) screamed d) gargled
- A stout old lady was walking with her basket down the middle of a street in great confusion. (HY-19)
a) weakness b) fatigue
c) bafflement d) clarity

7. Suffering seems so cruelly **prevalent** in the world today. (MAR-20)
a) unbelievable b) unavoidable
c) unfair d) **uncommon**
8. It seemed **vital** to her that they do so... (MAR-20)
a) jovial b) social
c) **trivial** d) partial
9. One does not feel wise, braver or more **optimistic**. (TB, SEP-20, JUN-23)
a) opportunistic b) cheerful
c) realistic d) **pessimistic**
10. She was a very **frail** girl. (SEP-20)
a) **strong** b) brilliant
c) wealthy d) modern
11. The **anticipation** of this imagined separation only increases their fondness for the calf.
a) expectancy b) contemplation (TB, SEP-21)
c) **ignorance** d) outlook
12. Nicola was glaring at his brother in **vexation**. (SEP-21)
a) confusion b) anger
c) surprise d) **happy agreement**
13. In those days, they didn't have **sophisticated** heart surgery. (MAY -22, MAR-23)
a) artificial b) painful
c) **primitive** d) modern
14. Our father rejected it, saying it wouldn't be **sturdy**. (MAY -22)
a) pretty b) **weak**
c) fashionable d) strong
15. We have a whole kingdom in which we rule alone, can do what we choose, be wise or... **conventional** or odd. (MAY -22)
a) **unconventional** b) inefficient
c) insufficient d) unbiased
a) inhuman b) **abnormal** (MAR-24)
c) unskillful d) illogical
16. A stout old lady was walking with her basket down the middle of a street... with no small **peril** to herself. (JULY-22, JUN-23,24)
a) **safety** b) reward
c) danger d) recognition
17. Just as we thought, our chuckles had **subsided**. (JULY-22)
a) diminished b) submerged
c) **increased** d) completed
18. We can't **appreciate** light if we haven't known darkness. (MAR-23)
a) reduce b) forget
c) neglect d) **condemn**
19. and set ourselves to the task of safely **descending** the ridge. (JUN-23)

- a) proceeding b) **ascending**
c) treading d) expanding
20. I opened it the way I had the first and its contents **vanished**. (MAR-24)
a) overflowed b) developed
c) shattered d) **appeared**
21. Everything is so difficult, food is so **scarce** and dear. (MAR-24)
a) nutritious b) expensive
c) **adequate** d) important
22. Anna would say with an **impudent** smile. (JUN-24)
a) innocent b) disrespectful
c) decent d) **courteous**
23. I experienced not only **agony** and fear but also anger. (MAR-25)
a) surprise b) **pleasure**
c) suffering d) sorrow

TEXTUAL QUESTIONS:

(PAGE-6):

Word	Antonym
careful	reckless
condemn	approve
hurried	slow
appealing	unattractive
unpretentious	arrogant
excited	unenthusiastic
struggle	surrender
convince	dissuade
unusual	common
goodness	dishonour

- b) Find out the antonym of the underlined word in each of the following sentences. (PAGE-39)
1. ...which are not to be **despised**.
a) hated b) **liked**
c) respected d) defeated
2. One does not feel wise, braver or more **optimistic**.
a) opportunistic b) cheerful
c) realistic d) **pessimistic**
3. Not the flat, **shallow** type...
a) narrow b) wide c) **deep** d) direct
4. Predicting the **arrival** of visitors...
a) journey b) **departure**
c) migration d) perusal
5. ...but they are **sufficient** to show how subtilized the whole business has become.
a) enough b) suffocative
c) **inadequate** d) submissive

a) Go through the lesson and spot the words opposite to the meaning of the following.

(PAGE-71)

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| 1. rare (para 1) | x | <i>prevalent</i> |
| 2. primitive(para 6) | x | <i>sophisticated</i> |
| 3. fiction (para 7) | x | <i>fact</i> |
| 4. fearful(para 8) | x | <i>intrepid</i> |
| 5. benign(para 11) | x | <i>malignant</i> |
| 6. diffidence (para 11) | x | <i>confidence</i> |
| 7. boredom (para 12) | x | <i>joy</i> |
| 8. criticize (para 13) | x | <i>appreciate</i> |

b. Find out the antonym of the underlined word in each of the following sentences. (PAGE-149)

1. The anticipation of this imagined separation only increases their fondness for the calf.

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| a) expectancy | b) contemplation |
| c) outlook | d) ignorance |

2. Fortuitously a guest visited our house.(MAR-25)

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| a) luckily | b) peacefully |
| c) unfortunately | d) happily |

3. There he was sitting in splendour on his chair.

(MAR-23)

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| a) magnificence | b) pomp |
| c) effulgence | d) simplicity |

4. Maamanaar was unmatched.

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| a) inferior | b) incomparable |
| c) excellent | d) supreme |

5. He greeted me with his usual smile and banter.

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| a) flattery | b) small talk |
| c) chitchat | d) repartee |

Q. NO. 7-20

COMPOUND WORDS

1 MARK

தரப்பட்டுள்ள வார்த்தையின் சரியான சேர்க்கையை (Combination) தரப்பட்டுள்ள 4 விடைகளில் இருந்து தெரிவு செய்ய வேண்டும். இந்தப் பகுதி வினாக்களுக்கு விடையளிக்க **Prose** பகுதியில் ஒவ்வொரு பாடத்திலும் உள்ள **Book Exercises** பகுதி (பக்கம்118,150) உள்ள **Compound Word** பகுதி வினாக்களை நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும். மேலும் நம் வழிகாட்டி கையேட்டில் உள்ள **Compound Word** பகுதி வினாக்களையும் நன்கு படித்துக்கொள்ளவும்.

❖ இரண்டு அல்லது அதற்கு மேற்பட்ட வார்த்தைகள் இணைக்கப்பட்டு, உருவாக்கப்படும் ஒரு புதிய வார்த்தைக்கு compound word என்று பெயர்.

❖ அவைகள் இரு பெயர் சொற்களாகவோ அல்லது பல்வேறு parts of speech இன் கலவையாகவோ இருக்கும்.

❖ எடுத்துக்காட்டாக toll free என்ற வார்த்தைகளை தனி தனியாய் பார்க்கும்பொழுது toll என்றால் சுங்கம் என்றும் free என்றால் இலவசம் என்றும் பொருள். ஆனால் இதை இணைப்பு சொல்லாக பார்க்கும்பொழுது சுங்க வரி அற்ற என்ற மாறுபட்ட பொருள் தரும். **Eg : Match box**

❖ sun - சூரியன், flower - பூ, sunflower - சூரியகாந்தி.

❖ இணைக்கப்படும் வார்த்தைகளுக்கு தனியான அர்த்தம் உண்டு.

இவை எழுவதின் அடிப்படையில் 3 வகைப்படுகின்றன. அவையாவன

1. Closed Form : இணைக்கப்பட்ட இரு வார்த்தைகளுக்கு இடையில் space (இடைவெளி) இருக்காது. உதாரணம் : football, notebook, keyboard.

2. Hyphenated Form : இணைப்பு வார்த்தைகளுக்கிடையே hyphen (சிறிய நடுக்கோடு) இருக்கும். உதாரணம் : two-year-old, mother-in-law, six-pack.

3. Open Form : இணைப்பு வார்த்தைகளுக்கிடையே space (இடைவெளி) இருக்கும். உதாரணம் : real estate, attorney general, post office.

Raghav : I met people from different places. We went for hiking. I collected dry leaves and twigs for the fire.

Sameer : For all these, you missed the classes. That's your foolishness.

Raghav : Will I ever get the experience again?

Sameer : I don't think so.

Raghav : I had experienced how our soldiers live in the borders. It's more difficult than we think.

Sameer : I'm happy that you had learnt a wonderful thing by going to the camp. It's late. I have to go.

Raghav : Oh, you're right. Bye. See you soon.

Sameer : Bye.

3. A Salesman and a customer at an electronic shop.

Customer : Sir , May I have an electric toaster please?

Salesman : Sure sir . (Shows toaster)

Customer : May I have another of some better quality?

Salesman : Of course sir.

Customer : What is the price of this 'Prestige' toaster?

Salesman : Sir , that would cost you a sum of 3999.

Customer : Aren't they heavy? Can you grant me some concession?

Salesman : Sorry sir, but this toaster is branded and

already includes the discount .

Customer : But that's too much for a toaster .

Salesman : Sir , the company assures you a guarantee of 1 year. In case of any loss to the toaster, feel free to come to our shop.

Customer : Sorry, but whatever might be the services be. They don't seem to withstand with the prices .

Salesman : Okay Sir . Meet You the next time .

4. A father and his daughter about the advantages of the habit of newspaper- reading.

Father : Hello Parish. Do you read any newspaper regularly?

i) Daughter : Yes, It's "The Hindu."

Father : It's nice. Do you think reading newspaper regularly is essential?

ii) Daughter : Certainly. In fact, it is a storehouse of knowledge.

Father : What can you learn from it?

iii) Daughter : I can learn about world trade and commerce, politics, films, games, and sports etc. from it

Father : Now, what is your suggestion for others?

iv) Daughter : Everybody should read newspaper daily.

Father : That's good one.

v) Daughter : Get me some GK books dad.

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(b) DEVELOPING HINTS

5 MARKS

பாடநூலின் 82-ம் பக்கத்தில் இதற்கான மாதிரி வினா-விடைகள் தரப்பட்டுள்ளன.

- 1) Read the hints carefully. - கொடுக்கப்பட்ட குறிப்புகளை கவனமாக படிக்கவும்.
- 2) Understand the matter described. - குறிப்புகளைப் புரிந்து கொள்ள வேண்டும்.
- 3) Develop the hints into sentences. - குறிப்புகளை வாக்கியங்களாக மாற்றவும்.
- 4) Use past tense / Present tense. - கடந்தகால/நிகழ்கால வாக்கியங்களாக அமைக்கவும்.
- 5) Add helping verbs, prepositions and articles suitably. - ஒவ்வொரு கருத்திலும் **subject**, துணை வினைச் சொற்கள் auxiliary verbs / prepositions, articles, so, finally, and, then போன்ற சொற்களைச் தேவைக்கேற்ப சேர்க்கவும்.
- 6) Give a heading. - பொருத்தமான தலைப்பு ஒன்றை எழுதவும்.
- 7) Write 2 or 3 paragraphs. - குறிப்புகளை 2 அல்லது 3 பத்திகளாக விரித்து எழுதவும்.
- 8) Write a moral. - பொருத்தமான நீதி ஒன்றை எழுதவும்.

❖ **ALL IS WELL, SAVE TREES, SAVE FUTURE, SAVE WATER, SAVE WORLD**

GOVERNMENT MODEL QUESTIONS:**1. Develop the hints into a story. (PTA-1)**

Birbal – courtiers – jealous of him – ask Akbar to test – one courtier questioned him – how many crows in Agra – a weeks time given – Akbar seen in terrace – after a week – replied – as many as hairs in the courtier’s head – Akbar laughs.

WITTY BIRBAL

Birbal was a jester in the court of Akbar. Other courtiers were jealous of Birbal. One day they asked Akbar to test Birbal. Akbar allowed them to test Birbal. One of the courtiers asked him how many crows were there in Agra. A week time was given to Birbal to answer the question. After a week, Akbar had seen Birbal in a terrace. Birbal replied that there were birds as many as hairs in the head of the courtiers’. On hearing this Akbar laughed. He appreciated Birbal for his wisdom.

2. Manager of a firm advertised – night watchman-applications presented – manager not satisfied – rejected all – there was Raju – sat in a corner – patiently waiting – manager questioned his health- got reply – suffering from sleeplessness-manager happy-appointed him (PTA-2, 6, SEP-21)

THE NIGHT WATCHMAN

The manager of a firm advertised for a night watchman. All the applicants were present. But the manager was not satisfied. He found something wrong with each man. There was Raju, an applicant. He was sitting in a corner, waiting for his turn. Manager found nothing wrong in his appearance. He questioned about his health. He got the reply that he was suffering from sleeplessness. Manager was happy and appointed him.

3. Big cotton merchant – owned a factory – many employees – one day a heap of cotton stolen – no clue – merchant’s Secretary assured to find out - asked him to host dinner – invite all workers- merchant agreed – middle of feast – secretary suddenly shouted – cotton sticking to hair of thieves – the guilty dusted their heads – tried to clear – caught in the trap – punished.

(TB, PTA-3, JUN-24)

WISDOM WINS

Once there lived a big cotton merchant. He owned a factory and had many employers working under him. It was a great shock that one day a heap of cotton was stolen. The merchant was worried a lot as there was no clue to capture the culprit. On looking at the worried boss, his secretary assured to find out the culprit. He asked his boss to host a grand dinner for all his workers. He agreed and invited all the workers. In the middle of the feast, the clever secretary suddenly shouted that cotton was sticking to the hair of the thieves. At once the guilty dusted their heads and tried to clear the hair before getting noticed. They didn’t know that it was a trap for them. After being caught red handed they were punished.

4. A rich farmer – lot of land- two sons – happy life – sons grown – younger son unhappy – asked his share – got it – sold them all – fell into bad ways – became poor – understood his mistake – returned to family. (PTA-4)

THE DISOBEDIENT SON

Once there was a rich farmer in a Village. He had a lot of land, cattle and many servants. He had two sons. He led a happy life with them. After some years the younger son became unhappy. He asked his father for his share of the property. His father advised him not to demand like that. But he would not listen to his father's advice. He got his share and sold them. He had a huge amount with him. With this amount he travelled to a distant country. He had bad company there and fell into evil ways. All the money was gone. He became poor and no one helped him. Then he understood his mistake and returned to his country. His father and brother took him into their fold and supported him forever.

5. Priya – domestic help – natural singer – often sings while at work - visitor noticed – made a video of her song – uploaded it – becomes viral – singing sensation overnight. (PTA-5)

SINGING SENSATION

Once there lived a girl named Priya. She was the domestic help. She was also a natural singer. She often sings while doing their work. One day a visitor noticed this and made a video of her song. He

uploaded her song in youtube. The video became viral. The singing sensation became viral overnight.

GOVERNMENT EXAM QUESTIONS:

1. Once a bee - fell into a pond - pigeon flew past - dropped leaf - bee climbed on leaf - escaped - a hunter - aimed at pigeon - the bee stung - lost his aim - pigeon escaped. (MAR-20)

A FRIEND IN NEED

Once a bee went to a pond to quench its thirst. Unexpectedly, it fell into the pond. It almost drowned. A pigeon flew that way. It saw the sinking bee. The pigeon desired to help the bee. It hurriedly flew to the nearby tree, plucked off a leaf and dropped it into the water before the bee. The bee climbed on to the leaf, dried its wings and flew away. The bee was full of gratitude to the pigeon that had saved its life. A few days later the bee was returning to its home at the end of the day. It saw a hunter taking aim at a pigeon sitting upon the branch of a tree. The bee realized it was the pigeon that saved its life. At once the bee flew down and stung the hunter in his wrist. The hunter lost his aim and shouted in pain. The hunter realized the danger it had been in and flew away. Thus the bee showed its gratitude for the pigeon that saved its life.

2. An unhappy King - subjects very lazy - wants to teach - lesson - places a big stone - middle of a busy road - people pass d- no one removes stone - stays there - one whole week - curse the King and Government - King orders soldiers - roll the stone aside - front of public - people find box - full of gold coins - a note reads - "gift to the one who removes stone" - people hang heads down - feel ashamed - King blames people - laziness and sense of irresponsibility. (SEP-20)

DON'T BE LAZY

Once there lived a king. He was unhappy because his subjects were very lazy. He wanted to teach them a lesson. One day he placed a big stone in the middle of a busy road. All the people passed through that way but none removed the stone. The stone remained there for a week. All cursed the king and the Government. The king ordered his soldiers to remove the stone. They rolled the stone aside in front of the public. After the stone being removed, people found a box full of gold coins. There is

also note which read "gift to the one who removes stone". All the people hung their heads down. They felt ashamed. The king blamed people for their laziness and sense of irresponsibility.

3. 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'. (MAY-22)

TIT FOR TAT

A tired traveller once reached an inn to get a place for him to rest. He knocked at the locked door. But the greedy innkeeper refused to open and said that he had lost the key. The wise traveller understood the greediness of the innkeeper and immediately slipped a silver coin under the door. The innkeeper opened the door at once and invited the traveller happily. The wise traveller asked the innkeeper to bring his luggage in. The moment he left the traveller locked the door and waited for him to knock. When the innkeeper requested him to open the door, the traveller said that he too had lost the key. The innkeeper realised that he cannot move in unless he returned the coin. So he coin under the door. The wise traveller's clever move got his coin back and also taught a lesson to the greedy innkeeper.

WHAT YOU DO TO OTHERS GETS BACK TO YOU

4. A fisher catches a golden fish – brings to the king – the gatekeeper stops him – wants half the reward – fisherman agrees – goes in – king happy – offers reward – the fisherman asks for fifty lashes on his back – The king surprise d- thinks the fisherman is mad – after getting twenty five lashes cries out, "Stop! I have a partner" – The dishonesty of the gatekeeper comes to light – punished (JULY-22)

A WISE FISHERMAN

Once there lived a fisherman. One day he caught a golden fish. He brought it to the king. At the entrance of the palace, the gatekeeper stopped him. He demanded half of the reward given by the king.

GRAMMAR EXERCISES

UNIT -1: TENSES*(Refer Answers in- Content Section–Error Correction)***UNIT -1: MODAL AUXILIARIES**

Complete the following news item choosing the best phrases given below:

can't be	can't have	could take	may get	may not have
might be	must be	may be	may not be	ought not

As a result of the flooding, as many as 5,000 families **a) might be** homeless, although the figure is only an estimate. 'The emergency services are working hard, but I'm sure they **b) can't have** more than 20 helicopters for rescue operation. It **c) could take** days to reach everyone and take them to safety,' said an aid worker in the area. 'Conditions for those families still waiting to be rescued **d) must be** dreadful. There **e) can't be** any clean water to drink. Worryingly, more rain is forecast, so the floods **f) may be** worse in the next few days. The emergency services **g) may not have** time to reach everyone before the waters rise again.

UNIT -1: REPORTED SPEECH*(Refer Answers in- Content Section– Direct & Indirect)***UNIT -2: PREPOSITION**

Edit the following passage by circling the incorrect prepositions and writing the correct preposition against each line.

Dolphins are regarded as the friendliest between the sea creatures. **1. among** There have been several stories of dolphins helping drowning sailors. **2. about** The more we learn on dolphins, the more we realise how **3. about** amazing they are, they care off the sick, protect the weakest **4. for** at danger, they communicate very well with each other **5. in.**

UNIT -2: CONJUNCTIONS*(Refer Answers in- Content Section– Error Correction)***UNIT -3: ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE***(Refer Answers in- Content Section – Active & Passive Voice)***UNIT -3: QUESTION TAG**

Find out if the question tag used in each of the following sentences is right. If it is correct, put a tick (✓) or if it is incorrect, replace it with the correct tag question in the box provided against each sentence.

- These children look very weak and tired, aren't they? **don't they?**
- Nobody can resolve this issue, can they? **✓ (MAR-25)**
- We seldom speak to our neighbours, do we? **✓**
- The old woman sells dolls made of sea-shells, doesn't she? **✓**
- I have captured some beautiful moments in my camera, aren't I? **haven't I?**
- Pragathi put the bunch of flowers in the vase, doesn't she? **didn't she?**
- Arun was in a great dilemma at that time, didn't he? **wasn't he?**
- I am an expert in cooking, amn't I? **aren't I?**
- Let's take this matter to court, can we? **shall we?**
- Don't forget to hand over this file to my manager, do you? **will you?**
- The pair of shoes near the door is not yours, are they? **is it?**
- They have a resort in Yercaud, isn't it? **haven't they?**
- Our dog scarcely sleeps at night, doesn't it? **does it?**
- You do a lot of social service, don't you? **✓**
- There is a stadium near your office, isn't it? **isn't there?**

UNIT -4: KINDS OF SENTENCES –**SIMPLE, COMPLEX AND COMPOUND**

*(Refer Answers in- Content Section –
Simple, Complex and Compound Sentences)*

UNIT -5: NON- FINITE VERBS

Fill in the blanks using suitable gerunds.

1. My friend is good at **playing** the saxophone.
2. They don't like **working** on Saturdays.
3. They started late, so they were afraid of **missing** the train.
4. She enjoys **watching** horror movies.
5. **Walking** on the wall can prove dangerous.
6. **Driving** a two wheeler without a helmet may prove fatal.
7. **Wearing** uniform to school is compulsory.
8. **Growing** trees is a must, to prevent soil erosion.
9. Seema apologized for **coming** late.
10. **Completing** an event successfully is a challenge.

Unscramble the sentences.

*(Refer Answers in-Content Section-
Rearrange the Shuffled words)*

Complete the conversation with the words from the box.

Man : Could you show the way to the hospital?

Woman : Sure. I will guide you **(1) to reach** the hospital. In about 15 minutes you will get there. Start by taking the GST Road for about 10 minutes. Remember, **(2) to drive** carefully. The road is usually very busy. After 10 minutes you will reach a grey wall. From there you have **(3) to turn** right and go straight. As you drive along you will notice a bank. It is also important for you **(4) to pay** attention to the road as there is a school nearby. Once you

cross the school, you will get **(5) to know** the whereabouts of the hospital.

to reach	to drive	to pay	to know	to turn
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Rewrite changing the gerund in each of the following sentences to infinitives without changing the meaning.

1. **Teach me swimming.** / Teach me to swim.
2. **Giving is better than receiving.**
To give is better than to receive.
3. **Seeing is believing.** / To see is to believe.
4. **I like reading.** / I like to read.
5. **He managed reaching there in time.**
He managed to reach there in time.
6. **Walking in the sun is harmful to the eyes.**
To walk in the sun is harmful to the eyes.
7. **Stealing is a crime.** / To steal is a crime.
8. **What I hate most is running across traffic.**
What I hate most is to run across traffic.
9. **Sitting here is wasting time.**
To sit here is to waste time.
10. **Exercising is good for health.**
To exercise is good for health.

Spot the errors, if any.

(Refer Answers in- Content Section – Error Correction)

UNIT -5: DETERMINERS

(Refer Answers in- Content Section –Determiners)

UNIT -5: DEGREES OF COMPARISON

Identify the error in each of the following sentences and correct them appropriately.

1. **Oxygen is more heavier than hydrogen.**
Oxygen is heavier than hydrogen.

2. **Very few indoor games are more interesting than chess.**

Very few indoor games are as interesting as chess.

3. **Henry is the most strongest of all the players in the team.**

Henry is the strongest of all the players in the team.

4. **Faster you run, sooner you get tired.**

The faster you run, the sooner you get tired.

5. **Diamond is more precious than any gem.**

Diamond is more precious than any other gem.

6. **Mr. Sridhar is wiser than all men in our family.**

Mr. Sridhar is wiser than all other men in our family.

7. **The Biology lab in our school is spacious than the Chemistry lab.**

The Biology lab in our school is more spacious than the Chemistry lab.

8. **This is one of the busier streets in our town.**

This is one of the busiest streets in our town.

9. **The sparrow is the most unique bird.**

The sparrow is a unique bird.

10. **Beema is stronger among the five Pandava brothers.**

Beema is the strongest among the five Pandava brothers.

11. **An ounce is lesser than a gallon.**

An ounce is less than a gallon.

12. **Let me introduce my oldest daughter to you all.**

Let me introduce my eldest daughter to you all.

13. **Of the two sisters, Helen is the prettiest.**

Of the two sisters, Helen is the prettier.

14. **This is the most least mark I have ever scored.**

This is the least mark I have ever scored.

15. **Mickey Mouse is one of the most popular cartoon characters among children. (MAR-24)**

(Rewrite using the comparative degree of adjective)

Micky Mouse is more popular than many other cartoon characters among children.

SPELL TEST

Task 1

Encircle the word that has been spelt correctly, in each pair below:

	beleive	<i>believe</i>
	<i>separate</i>	seperate
	<i>assistant</i>	asisstant
	<i>hippocrites</i>	hypocrites
	<i>secretary</i>	secretery
	<i>buoyantly</i>	bouyantly
	<i>necessary</i>	neccesary
	<i>evolution</i>	evolusion
	<i>athletics</i>	atheletics
	<i>warehouse</i>	wearhouse
	contemtuously	<i>contemptuously</i>
	indispensible	<i>indispensable</i>
	tommorrow	<i>tomorrow</i>
	foriegn	<i>foreign</i>
	<i>dysentery</i>	dysentry
	lieing	<i>lying</i>
	conciencie	<i>conscience</i>
	<i>competent</i>	competant
	<i>pleasant</i>	plaesant
	<i>chocolate</i>	choclote
	<i>awfully</i>	awefully
	<i>amatuer</i>	amateur

Task 2: Edit the following passages by correcting the spelling mistakes:

Passage – 1

Some parents are (notorious) **notorious** in maintaining a somber environment at home, (especially) **especially** during the period when their children have examinations. They should understand that brief (diversions) **diversions** from the main task can dramatically improve their attention span. Entertainment is, without any doubt, (indispensible) **indispensable** for children. However, parents should educate their children to use (moderation) **moderation** in their entertainments, and above all, not to (seek) **seek** enjoyment at the (expence) **expense** of their health and success.

Passage – 2

(Tolerance) **Tolerance** refers to an attitude of (openness) **openness** and respect for the differences that exist among people. It was originally used to refer to (ethenic) **ethnic** and (religeous) **religious** differences and the concepts of diversity. But in the present times, (forbaerance) **forbearance** can also be applied to gender, people with physical and intellectual (diseibilities,) **disabilities** and other differences, too. (Tolerance) **Tolerance** means respecting others, (valueing) **valuing** differences, (bridgeing) **bridging** cultural gaps, rejecting unfair (steriotypes,) **stereotypes** discovering common ground, and creating new bonds.

PUNCTUATION

Punctuate the following.

1. India's Prime Minister, Lal Bahadur Shatri, who coined the slogan 'Jai Jawan! Jai Kisan!' was a man of humble origin.
2. When we're stressed, we eat a lot of sweets, chocolates and ice creams because the word 'stressed' when spelled backwards becomes

desserts.

3. To lead a healthy life, man needs three things-clean water, unpolluted air and bright sunshine.
4. The notice displayed on the pin-board read, "Those who can do. Those who can't do learn. Those who can't learn quit."
5. When we transport something by car, it's called a shipment but when we transport something by ship, it's called cargo.
6. If I remember right, I was studying in Tagore Middle School at that time. One day my English teacher looked at me and said, "Name two pronouns". I said, "Who me."
7. What is punctuation? To quote Lynne Truss, "Punctuation marks are the traffic signals of a language. They tell us to slow down, notice this, take a detour and stop."
8. Behold how beautiful these flowers are! They don't blossom for their own sake-rather they take pride in spreading fragrance around and making people happy.
9. Edison built a huge plant at Ogdensburg, New Jersey to process iron ore. This venture was one of Edison's few failures. However, Tom shrugged off the losses incurred. "Well it's gone," he said of the money, "but we had a good time spending it."
10. Alexander the great was eagerly awaiting the arrival of his mother while he was on his deathbed. Fearing that he may not live to see her he said, "Take my entire kingdom. Oh! God I wish I knew before and that my entire strength of men and material can't be exchanged for a single breath of life. For then I wouldn't have wasted my life in amassing this empire."

விடுதலைக் கிணற்றுக்கும் நேரமெல்லாம் படித்தலைக் கிணற்றுப்பேரம்

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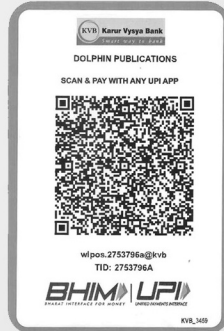
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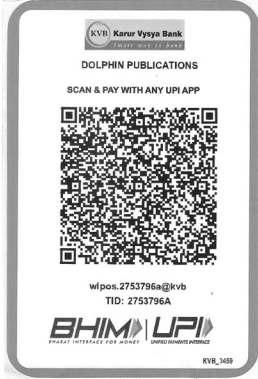
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PROSE**1. TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA****(Q. NO: 1-3) SYNONYMS:**

1. As we drove through the foothills of the Alps, two small boys stopped us on the **outskirts** of Verona.
a) heart of the town b) inner part of the town
c) outer part of the town d) loose outer garment
2. Yet, gazing at the two little figures, with their brown skins, tangled hair and **earnest** eyes, we felt ourselves strangely attracted.
a) bright b) gloomy
c) serious d) small
3. ----- we saw our friends bent over shoe shine boxes beside the fountain in the public square, doing **brisk** business.
a) lethargic b) quick
c) active d) lazy
4. We watched for a few moments; then as trade **slackened** we went over.
a) reduced b) improved
c) careless d) developed
5. He **glanced** at us hopefully.
a) jumped b) gasped
c) improved d) looked
6. My interest was again **provoked** by their remarkable demeanour.
a) pulled b) excited
c) either a or b d) neither a
7. My interest was again provoked by their remarkable **demeanour**.
a) appearance and behaviour b) sight
c) strength d) size
8. Nicola's smile was **steady** and engaging.
a) learn b) gloomy
c) weak d) firm
9. Nicola's smile was steady and **engaging**.
a) weak b) attractive
c) ugly d) forming
10. Nicola and Jacopo could be **relied upon** to satisfy our needs.
a) understood b) depended
c) believed d) relevant
11. Nicola was glaring at his younger brother in **vexation**.
a) annoyance b) happiness
c) sadness d) pleasure
12. He bit his lip, then in a rather **put out** tone he said "Very well."
a) interested b) disinterested
c) selfish d) uninterested
13. I imagined that our destination would be some humble **dwelling**.
a) dealing in business b) staying or living place
c) walled place d) good place
14. But directed by Jacopo, we **drew up** at a large re-roofed villa.
a) signed b) waved
c) stopped d) painted
15. I could **scarcely** believe my years.
a) hardly b) ever
c) always d) quickly
16. I found a grilled side-entrance and **determinedly** rang the bell.
a) quickly b) gladly
c) fearlessly d) firmly
17. At the door of a little cubicle the nurse **paused**.
a) signed b) stopped
c) ran d) stalked
18. ----- with a smile **bade** me look through the glass.
a) asked b) pushed
c) pulled d) touched
19. The two boys were seated at the bedside of a girl of about twenty who **propped up** on pillows -----
a) smiled b) gathered
c) supported d) showed
20. ----- wearing a pretty lace jacket, was listening to their **chatter**, her eyes soft and tender
a) face b) talk
c) shouting d) laughter
21. I felt I could not bear to **intrude** upon this happy family party.
a) inform b) exclude
c) include d) interfere
22. For months they had barely kept themselves alive in a **sort** of shelter they built with their own hands amidst the rubble.
a) kind b) short
c) small d) classification
23. For months they had barely kept themselves alive in a sort of **shelter** they built with their own hands.
a) roof b) stay
c) canopy d) depot
24. For months they had barely kept themselves alive in a sort of shelter they built with their own hands amidst the **rubble**.
a) pebbles b) small pieces of stone
c) friends d) enemies / foes

25. Their selfless action brought a new **nobility** to human life -----
 a) devotion b) interest
 c) dignity d) shape

(Q. NO: 4-6) ANTONYMS:

1. One boy had on a **worn** jersey and cut-off khaki pants.
 a) old b) clean / neat
 c) shabby d) dirty
2. A shortened army tunic gathered in **loose** folds.
 a) slack b) free
 c) unfastened d) tight
3. **Tangled** hair and dark earnest eyes, we felt ourselves.
 a) straight b) twisted
 c) curled d) jumbled
4. Tangled hair and dark **earnest** eyes, we felt ourselves.
 a) serious b) solemn
 c) grave d) frivolous
5. We felt ourselves **strangely** attracted.
 a) oddly b) peculiarly
 c) commonly d) happily
6. Nicola answered **seriously**.
 a) cunningly b) normally
 c) extremely d) utterly
7. He glanced at us **hopefully**.
 a) positively b) confidently
 c) doubtfully d) desperately
8. Jacopo was **lively** as a squirrel.
 a) dull b) bright
 c) active d) sparkling
9. They proved **extremely** useful to us.
 a) exceptionally b) prevalently
 c) adequately d) moderately
10. We came upon them in the **windy** square.
 a) stormy b) calm/ quiet
 c) breezy d) confused
11. We came upon them in the **deserted** square.
 a) uninhabited b) habituated
 c) inhabited d) habitual
12. I could **scarcely** believe my eyes.
 a) sufficiently b) barely
 c) hardly d) narrowly
13. Wearing a **pretty** lace jacket?
 a) beautiful b) smart
 c) cute d) ugly
14. A bomb had **destroyed** their home.
 a) ruined b) created
 c) demolished d) preserved

15. They had suffered **horribly** from near starvation.
 a) greatly b) greeted
 c) mildly d) strongly
16. They had suffered from **exposure** to the cold winter.
 a) concealment b) expression
 c) hunger d) suffering
17. They were selling **wild** strawberries.
 a) strange b) strong
 c) local d) domestic
18. Nicola's smile was steady and **engaging**.
 a) alluring b) appealing
 c) unappealing d) attracting
19. I **imagined** some humble dwelling.
 a) perceived b) guessed
 c) thought d) unimagined
20. Their **selfless** action brought new nobility.
 a) selfish b) generous
 c) kind d) motivated
21. Their selfless action brought new **nobility**.
 a) greatness b) ignobility / meanness
 c) profoundness d) tediousness
22. Their **devotion** had touched me deeply.
 a) loyalty b) sincerity
 c) disloyalty / insincerity d) gentleness
23. They **disappeared** beyond the corner of the wall.
 a) vanished b) appeared
 c) grown d) developed
24. He smiled **uncomfortably**.
 a) comfortably b) easily
 c) toughly d) difficult
25. They sat **beside** me, not speaking.
 a) by the side of b) on left side
 c) on right side d) very far away

(Q. NO: 34-36) SHORT ANSWERS:**I. Answer the questions in one or two sentences.**

- a) Who did the narrator meet at the outskirts of Verona?
- b) Why did the driver not approve of the narrator buying fruits from the boys?
- c) The boys did not spend much on clothes and food. Why?
- d) Were the boys saving money to go to the States? How do you know?
- e) Why did the author avoid going to Lucia's room?
- f) What was Lucia suffering from?
- g) What made the boys join the resistance movement against the Germans?
- h) What made the boys work so hard?
- i) Why didn't the boys disclose their problem to the author?

II. Answer the questions in four or five sentences.

- What is 'liberty' according to the old lady?
- How would „liberty cause universal chaos?
- Why is there a danger of the world getting 'liberty drunk'?
- Curtailement of private liberty is done to establish social order' - Do you agree?

(Q. NO: 41-47) PARAGRAPH:**III. Answer the following in a paragraph.**

- What do you infer from Gardiner's essay
- Explain in your own words, "What freedom means?"
- "My right to swing my fist ends, where you to, 'On the Rule of the Road'.
- Civilization can only exist when the public collectively accepts constraints on its freedom of action –Explain.

POEM**1. THE CASTLE****I. APPRECIATION QUESTIONS:**

- All through the summer at ease we lay,
And daily from the turret wall
We watched the mowers in the hay*
 - Who does we refer to?
 - What work do the mowers do?
 - How did the soldiers spend the summer days?
 - What could they watch from the turret wall?
- Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,
So smooth and high, no man could win.*
 - How was the castle?
 - What was the firm belief of the soldiers?
 - How safe was the castle?
 - What 'gates' are talked of here?
 - Explain no man could win?
- A foothold there, no clever trick
Could take us dead or quick,
Only a bird could have got in.*
 - What was challenging?
 - Which aspect of the castles strength is conveyed by the above line?
- Oh then our maze of tunneled stone
Grew thin and treacherous as air.
The castle was lost without a groan,
The famous citadel overthrown,*
 - Bring out the contrast in the first two lines.
 - What happened to the castle?
- We could do nothing, being sold.*
 - Why couldn't they do anything?
 - Why did they feel helpless?
- And the enemy half a mile away
They seemed no threat to us at all*
 - Where was the enemy?
 - Why didn't they seem to be a threat?
- For what, we thought, had we to fear
With our arms and provender, load on load*
 - What do you mean by 'provender'?
 - Did they actually fear anything?
 - Explain 'load on load'.
- Our towering battlements, tier on tier,
And friendly allies drawing near
On every leafy summer road.*
 - What are 'towering battlements'?
 - What does 'friendly allies' mean?
- What could they offer us for bait?*
 - Who is the speaker?
 - Whom does they refer to?
 - What is bait?
- Our captain was brave and we were true....*
 - Where was the captain?
 - What are the qualities discussed here?
 - What does the line convey?
- There was a little private gate,
A little wicked wicket gate.*
 - Where was the little private gate?
 - Why was the gate wicked?
 - What is a wicket gate?
 - What do you mean by 'wicked wicket gate'?
 - What is the figure of speech employed in the second line?
- The wizened warder let them through.*
 - Explain 'wizened warder'
 - Who were let in?
 - Who let them in?
 - Why did he let them in?
 - What was the consequence?
- The famous citadel overthrown,
And all its secret galleries bare.*
 - What is a citadel?
 - How was it overthrown?
 - Why are the galleries bare?

14. *How can this shameful tale be told?*
 - a) What is a tale?
 - b) What was the shameful tale?
 - c) Why can't the tale be told?
15. *Our only enemy was gold,
And we had no arms to fight it with.*
 - a) Who was their enemy?
 - b) Why does the narrator call it as their enemy?
 - c) Why didn't they have weapons to fight gold?

II. POETIC DEVICES:

FIGURES OF SPEECH:

- 1) A little wicked wicket gate.
- 2) Oh then our maze of tunneled stone
- 3) Grew thin and treacherous as air.
- 4) How can this shameful tale be told?
- 5) Our only enemy was gold,

ALLITERATION:

- With our arms and provender, load on load.
- A little wicked wicket gate.
- The wizened warder let them through.
- Our towering battlements, tier on tier.
- How can this shameful tale be told?

RHYME SCHEME & RHYMING WORDS:

1. All through that summer at ease we lay,
And daily from the turret wall
We watched the mowers in the hay
And the enemy half a mile away
Rhyming words: Rhyme scheme:
2. Oh then our maze of tunneled stone
Grew thin and treacherous as air.
The cause was lost without a groan,
The famous citadel overthrown,
Rhyming words: Rhyme scheme :

III. ERC:

1. They seemed no threat to us at all.
2. How can this shameful tale be told?
3. I will maintain until my death
4. Our only enemy was gold
5. Our gates were strong, our walls were thick
6. A foothold there, no clever trick
7. What could they offer us for bait?
8. Our captain was brave and we were true....
9. A little wicked wicket gate.
10. Grew thin and treacherous as air.
11. And we had no arms to fight it with.
12. We could do nothing, being sold;

13. "The wizened warder let them through"

IV. PARAGRAPH:

- How safe was the castle? How was it conquered?
- Bring out the contrasting picture of the castle as depicted in stanzas 3 and 5.
- Human greed led to the mighty fall of the citadel. Explain.
- Describe the capture of the Castle.
- Bring out the message of the poem "THE CASTLE".
- Describe how the castle was seized and captured?

2. OUR CASUARINA TREE

I. APPRECIATION QUESTIONS:

1. *A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound
No other tree could live.*
 - i) Which tree is referred to in the above lines?
 - ii) How does the tree survive the tight hold of the creeper?
 - iii) Why does Toru Dutt use the expression ‘a creeper climbs’?
2. *The giant wears the scarf, and flowers are hung
In crimson clusters all the bough among!*
 - i) Who is the giant here
 - ii) Mention the figure of speech used in this line. –
 - iii) Why is the scarf colourful?
3. *Like a huge python, winding round and round
The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars,
Up to its very summit near the stars
A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound
No other tree could live.*
 - a) What does poetess talk about here?
 - b) Is the tree tall or short? How?
 - c) What is compared to a python?
 - d) Which tree is referred to in the above lines?
 - e) How does the tree survive the tight hold of the creeper?
 - f) Why does Toru Dutt use the expression ‘a creeper climbs’?
 - g) What is the creeper compared to?
 - h) What quality of tree is highlighted here?
 - i) What looks like a Python?
 - j) Identify the poetic device employed here?
 - k) What is winding round and round?
 - l) Identify the figure of speech in the first line.
4. *But gallantly the giant wears the scarf, and
flowers are hung
In crimson clusters all the boughs among,
Whereon all day are gathered bird and bee;*

SUPPLEMENTARY**PARAGRAPHS:**

1. Aksionov – Vladimir – bade good bye – wife had a bad dream – charged with murdering a merchant – driven to Siberia – Makar semyonich confessed – Aksionov was already dead – order for his release.
2. Iran Dmitrich – Merchant- Russia – decides – business venture – Wife – bad dream – Iran disregards – meets another merchant – travel together – retrieve separately – stopped by – police- Sentenced – Siberia- new prisoners came discloses the fact – Makaradmits – Aksionov dies.
3. Robert Baldwin an honest man - fraud in a bank - Gresham arrested - pressurized Baldwin - to falsely declare - offered huge bribe - Baldwin refused - family members tempted - ashamed of greed - stood for justice - Gresham confessed - Baldwin rewarded.

4. Ausable - Secret agent – important paper- Fowler thrilled – Max – Pistol – Wanted report – Ausable – fabricated story – balcony – knocking heard – befooled Max – jumps – died.
5. Life of Venus - other planet - raining for seven years - school children - nine years old - forgotten the sun - appeared once in 7 years - Margot from Earth - came five years before - children hated her - locked her in a room - sun came - only for two hours - rained again - unlocked the door - let Margot out - missed the chance.
6. Lord Weston – Pompous and vain – expressed displeasure for Roger's request – discovered a piece of paper – some one affected by his Judgement – both Weston and Roger took measures – appointment to visit garden – absent mindedness – crux of the play.

QUESTION PATTERN WISE CONTENT**Q. NO. 1-3 SYNONYMS 3 MARKS****GOVERNMENT MODEL QUESTIONS:**

1. Nicola was glaring at his young brother in vexation. (MDL-19)
a) Approval b) Appreciation
c) Annoyance d) Admiration
2. Suffering seems so cruelly prevalent in the world today. (MDL-19, PTA-5, SEP-21)
a) Common b) Scarce
c) Abundant d) Meager
3. You may..... Seeing your car pulled up by his insolence of office, feel that your liberty has been outraged. (MDL-19, PTA-1, SEP-20)
a) gentleness b) modesty
c) awareness d) rudeness
4. I experienced not only agony and fear but also anger. (PTA-1, MAR-24)
a) suffering b) frustration
c) confusion d) pride
a) delight b) pain (HY-19)
c) excitement d) anxiety
5. We watched for a few moments; then as trade slackened we went over. (PTA-1, 6, SEP -20, MAY-22, JUN-24)
a) increased b) heightened
c) reduced d) multiplied
6. I continued making the trail on up the ridge. (PTA-2)
a) design b) signal
c) sound d) track

7. I have liberty to be indifferent to you. (PTA-2, 5)
a) concerned b) interested
c) unconcerned d) anxious
8.but there is not much stimulation in it. (PTA-2)
a) energy b) acceptance
c) respect d) excitement
9. One is liable to put in too much milk. (TB, PTA-3, MAR-23, JUN-24)
a) likely b) responsible
c) eager d) certain
10. Liberty is not a personal affair only but a social contract. (PTA-3)
a) concern b) commitment
c) allotment d) connection
11. The trolley was commandeered by an intrepid crew of two. (PTA-3)
a) gallant b) timid
c) happy d) sad
12. As we made the rounds, my interest was again provoked by their remarkable demeanour. (PTA-4)
a) appearance and behaviour
b) sloth
c) awareness d) rudeness
13. My progress, although slow, was steady. (PTA-4)
a) weak b) bad
c) firm d) worse
14. Individual liberty would have become social anarchy. (PTA-4, MAY-22)
a) lawlessness b) order
c) control d) lawfulness

15. In some countries, teapots are fitted with little **dangling** baskets. (PTA-5)
 a) colouring b) brimming
 c) twisting d) hanging freely
16. These are not the only **controversial** points to arise in connection with tea drinking. (PTA-6)
 a) acceptable b) peaceful
 c) arguable d) agreeable
17. Suffering was something basic that was full of **solace** for me. (PTA-6)
 a) comfort b) distress
 c) anguish d) boredom

GOVERNMENT EXAM QUESTIONS:

1. Yet their **devotion** had touched me deeply.
 a) dedication b) information (QTY-19)
 c) satisfaction d) vexation
2. In some countries under the spout to catch the **stray** leaves. (QTY-19)
 a) tender b) rotten
 c) loose d) harmful
3. I had eleven broken ribs and **perforated** lung.
 a) weak b) swollen (QTY-19)
 c) sticky d) punctured
4. Nicola and Jacopo were childish enough in many ways quite **artless**. (HY-19, JUN-23)
 a) strange b) innocent
 c) gentle d) wicked
 a) selfless b) artistic (SEP-22)
 c) guileless d) foolish
5. One does not feel wiser, braver or more **optimistic** after drinking a tea. (HY-19)
 a) natural b) positive
 c) energetic d) healthy
6. that they only drink it in order to be warmed and **stimulated**. (MAR-20, 25)
 a) admired b) motivated
 c) comforted d) welcomed
7. It was a great thrill to look straight down this **enormous** rock face. (MAR-20)
 a) huge b) rough
 c) steep d) lofty
8. the end of such liberty would be universal **chaos**. (MAR-20, JULY-22, MAR-23)
 a) mystery b) destruction
 c) confusion d) harmony
9. and no more humps to **tantalize** us with hopes of success. (SEP-20)
 a) attract b) disappoint
 c) taunt d) encourage

10. I follow my **fancy** and ask no man's permission
 a) plan b) instinct (SEP-21)
 c) temper d) desire
11. He was a walking horror, with a **disfigured** face and long flap of skin hanging from the side of his neck to his body. (MAY-22)
 a) majestic b) marred
 c) dismantled d) diseased
12. What is **important** is what you have left.
 a) suitable b) significant (JULY-22)
 c) impulsive d) motivating
13.they had barely kept themselves in a sort of shelter they built... amidst the **rubble**. (JULY-22)
 a) circumstances b) crisis
 c) granite d) debris
14. My **gloom** thoughts probably stem from an accident I had a few years ago. (JUN-23)
 a) sensible b) mixed
 c) sorrowful d) profound
15. he was sitting in **splendor** on his chair. (JUN-23)
 a) excitement b) magnificence
 c) satisfaction d) hesitation
16. When our ridicule overstepped the limits, Amma would pretend to **chide** us. (MAR-24)
 a) scold b) tease
 c) thrash d) advise
17. The snow on this face was dangerous, but we **persisted** in our efforts to beat a trail up it.
 a) rejoiced b) focussed (MAR-24)
 c) continued d) survived
18. You may prefer yoghurt to **shandy**. (JUN-24)
 a) milk b) coffee
 c) lemonade d) tea
19. These two children had given me a **profound** lesson. (MAR-25)
 a) genuine b) complete
 c) prosaic d) very great

TEXTUAL QUESTIONS:

Synonyms (PAGE-6):

cautious, disapprove, brisk, engaging, humble, eager, resistance, persuade, scarce, nobility

- a) Find out the synonym of the underlined word in each of the following sentences. (PAGE -39)
1. But because the best manner of making it is the subject of violent **disputes**.
 a) agreements b) applauses
 c) conflicts d) discussions
2. The mainstays of **civilization** in the country.
 a) a society in an advanced state of social development
 b) a society that has slow progress

- c) a society that has no progress
d) a society in an average state of social development
3. ...that they only drink it in order to be warmed and **stimulated**.
a) motivated b) discouraged
c) passive d) admired
4. ...under the spout to catch the **stray** leaves.
a) fresh b) loose
c) gathered d) harmful
5. One is **liable** to put in too much milk.
a) likely b) certain
c) eager d) responsible

Go through the lesson and spot the words which mean the same as the following. (PAGE-71)

1. profession(para 1) 5. sorrowful (para 2)
2. decency (para 5) 6. destiny (para 6)
3. hijacked(para 8) 7. motivation(para 9)
4. serious (para 10) 8. significant(para 13)
- a) Find out the synonym of the underlined word in each of the following sentences. (PAGE-149)
1. Just as we thought our chuckles had **subsided**.
a) diminished b) increased
c) completed d) submerged
2. Our father rejected it, saying it wouldn't be **sturdy**.
a) weak b) strong c) tall d) good
a) strong b) fine (MAR-25)
c) suitable d) comfortable
3. Anna would say with an **impudent** smile.(MAR-23)
a) innocent b) fake c) disrespectful d) decent
4. A silver tumbler of buttermilk **seasoned** with asafetida.
a) mixed b) garnished
c) filled d) loosened
5. A few people from the house of **bereavement** stood outside.
a) rejoice b) celebration c) grief d) war

Q. NO. 4-6	ANTONYMS	3 MARKS
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GOVERNMENT MODEL QUESTIONS:

1. Let me state **unequivocally** that Tamil is one of the greatest classical literature. (MDL-19)
a) Ambiguously b) Clearly
c) Unmistakably d) Undoubtedly
2. China tea has virtues which are not to be **despised**. (TB, MDL-19, PTA-3)
a) Hated b) Loath
c) Averted d) Liked
3. One night we came upon then in the windy and **deserted** square. (MDL-19, PTA-1,2, MAR-20)
a) Inhabited b) Unoccupied
c) Crowded d) Shrouded

- a) empty b) uninhabited (MAR-25)
c) isolated d) occupied
4. The end of such liberty would be universal **chaos**.
a) confusion b) orderliness (PTA-1)
c) disorder d) Commotion
5. He had returned to the hospital because he had a **malignant** tumour of the bone.
(PTA-1,6,SEP-20, JULY-22,JUN-24)
a) serious b) big
c) benign d) harmful
6. Their **devotion** had touched me deeply.(PTA-2,4)
a) dedication b) attraction
c) loyalty d) disloyalty
7. Far away across the clouds, the great bulk Kanchenjunga **loomed** on the horizon. (PTA-2)
a) emerged b) loosened
c) appeared d) vanished
8. We have a whole kingdom in which we rule alone, can do what we choose, be wise **ridiculous**... (PTA-3)
a) comical b) senseless
c) sensible d) absurd
9. I imagined that our destinations would be some **humble** dwellings. (PTA-3)
a) meek b) yielding
c) mild d) proud
10. He had full **confidence** in the mechanic.
a) trust b) diffidence (PTA-4, 5,
c) reliance d) acceptance SEP-21)
11. A **stout** old lady was walking with her basket in the middle of a street. (PTA-4)
a) fat b) bulky
c) plump d) thin
12. Suffering **ennobles** you, makes you better person.
a) flatters b) humiliates (PTA-5)
c) honours d) exalts
13. The best manner of making tea is the subject of **violent** disputes. (PTA-5)
a) rough b) gentle
c) severe d) harsh
14. I shall not **inquire** of you whether I may eat mustard with my mutton. (PTA-6)
a) respond b) ask
c) investigate d) interrogate
15. Tenzing **collapsed** at the top like a giant fish.
a) refreshed b) fell down (PTA-6)
c) gave way d) fainted

GOVERNMENT EXAM QUESTIONS:

1. A few days before the race, his shoulder and arm were **amputated**. (QTY-19)
a) removed b) joined
c) treated d) touched
2. but at least four others are acutely **controversial**. (QTY-19)
a) proactive b) doubtful
c) agreeable d) enthusiastic
3. He glanced at us **hopefully**. (QTY-19)
a) positively b) desperately
c) furiously d) confidently
4. We made **frequent** changes of lead. (HY-19)
a) rare b) special
c) strange d) gradual
5. "oh, but", Margot **whispered**, her eyes helpless. (HY-19)
a) giggled b) belched
c) screamed d) gargled
6. A stout old lady was walking with her basket down the middle of a street in great **confusion**. (HY-19)
a) weakness b) fatigue
c) bafflement d) clarity
7. Suffering seems so cruelly **prevalent** in the world today. (MAR-20)
a) unbelievable b) unavoidable
c) unfair d) uncommon
8. It seemed **vital** to her that they do so... (MAR-20)
a) jovial b) social
c) trivial d) partial
9. One does not feel wise, braver or more **optimistic**. (TB, SEP-20, JUN-23)
a) opportunistic b) cheerful
c) realistic d) pessimistic
10. She was a very **frail** girl. (SEP-20)
a) strong b) brilliant
c) wealthy d) modern
11. The **anticipation** of this imagined separation only increases their fondness for the calf. (TB, SEP-21)
a) expectancy b) contemplation
c) ignorance d) outlook
12. Nicola was glaring at his brother in **vexation**. (SEP-21)
a) confusion b) anger
c) surprise d) happy agreement
13. In those days, they didn't have **sophisticated** heart surgery. (MAY -22, MAR-23)
a) artificial b) painful
c) primitive d) modern
14. Our father rejected it, saying it wouldn't be **sturdy**. (MAY -22)
a) pretty b) weak
c) fashionable d) strong
15. We have a whole kingdom in which we rule alone, can do what we choose, be wise or.... **conventional** or odd. (MAY -22)
a) unconventional b) inefficient
c) insufficient d) unbiased
16. A stout old lady was walking with her basket down the middle of a street... with no small **peril** to herself. (JULY-22, JUN-23,24)
a) safety b) reward
c) danger d) recognition
17. Jus as we thought, our chuckles had **subsided**. (JULY-22)
a) diminished b) submerged
c) increased d) completed
18. We can't **appreciate** light if we haven't known darkness. (MAR-23)
a) reduce b) forget
c) neglect d) condemn
19. and set ourselves to the task of safely **descending** the ridge (JUN-23)
a) proceeding b) ascending
c) treading d) expanding
20. I opened it the way I had the first and its contents **vanished**. (MAR-24)
a) overflowed b) developed
c) shattered d) appeared
21. Everything is so difficult, food is so **scarce** and dear. (MAR-24)
a) nutritious b) expensive
c) adequate d) important
22. Anna would say with an **impudent** smile. (JUN-24)
a) innocent b) disrespectful
c) decent d) courteous
23. I experienced not only **agony** and fear but also anger. (MAR-25)
a) surprise b) pleasure
c) suffering d) sorrow

TEXTUAL QUESTIONS

PAGE-6: careful, condemn, hurried,appealing, unpretentious, excited, struggle, convince, unusual, goodness

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**CUMULATIVE INTERNAL ASSESSMENT
STUDENT'S ANSWER BOOKLET**

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 Std _____ Sec _____ of our school for the higher secondary second
 year public examination held in **March 2020**.

1) INTERNAL TEST MARKS (4)

TEST	TOTAL MARKS	MARKS AWARDED
1	25	
2	25	
3	25	
4	25	
AVERAGE		/ 4

2) ASSIGNMENT / PROJECT / FIELD WORK (2)

MARKS AWARDED	/ 2
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3) CLUB ACTIVITIES / PLANTING (2)

MARKS AWARDED	/ 2
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4) ATTENDANCE MARKS (2)

NO. OF WORKING DAYS	
NO. OF DAYS ATTENDED	
PERCENTAGE OF ATTENDANCE	
MARKS	/ 2

DATE:

TOTAL MARKS AWARDED

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QUESTION BANK

- iv) _____ (exercise) is good for health. (Use the gerundial form of the verb)

(OR)

- b) Read the following sentences, spot the errors and write them correctly.**

- i) The childrens are playing in the park.
- ii) Let us go out today, should we?
- iii) Yeshwanth prefers coffee than tea.
- iv) I didn't knew what to do.
- v) A vase of flowers stood on her table besides a dish of fruits.

47. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

a) Humans have long been fascinated by fiction. We experience excitement in assigning supernatural power to imaginary characters in fictional stories and so we have Spider man, Batman, He-man, Titans and many more. The 'Cyborg' was an offshoot of such wild imagination of humans to invest our species with superhuman powers. Today, the Cyborg is no more an imaginary organism. In other words, a Cyborg is partly human and partly machine. Intelligence is sought to be infused into machines since the needs of humans are not limited. As time passes, food habits changes, thinking patterns changes and even appearances change. Computers and smart phones have become our masters. Robotics are designed in such a way to give man, a virtual have become our masters. Robotics are designed in such a way to give man, a virtual human companion. The field of Artificial Intelligence is overtaking the human brain

- i) What do you mean by Cyborg?
- ii) Name a few imaginary characters in fictional stories.
- iii) What have become our masters?
- iv) Mention the field that overtakes the human brain.
- v) Is Cyborg an imaginary organism.

(OR)

- b) Develop the hints into a story.**

Big cotton merchant - owned a factory - many employees - one day - a heap of cotton stolen - no clue - merchant's secretary assured to find out - asked him to host dinner - invite all workers - merchant agreed - middle of feast - secretary suddenly shouted - cotton sticking to hair of thieves - the guilty dusted their heads - tried to clear - caught in the trap - punished.

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PART – I

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

- These two children had given me a profound lesson.
a) genuine b) complete
c) prosaic d) very great
- They only drink it in order to be warmed and stimulated.
a) perplexed b) motivated
c) admired d) discouraged
- Our father rejected it, saying it wouldn't be sturdy.
a) strong b) fine
c) suitable d) comfortable

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

- 4. We came upon them in the windy and deserted square.**
a) empty
b) uninhabited
c) isolated
d) occupied
- 5. Fortuitously, a guest visited our house.**
a) unfortunately
b) luckily
c) happily
d) peacefully
- 6. I experienced not only agony and fear but also anger.**
a) surprise
b) pleasure
c) suffering
d) sorrow
- 7. Choose the word that has been spelt correctly.**
a) wearhouse
b) separate
c) foreign
d) secretery
- 8. Choose the word that is not a noun.**
a) stimulate
b) destruction
c) strength
d) wisdom
- 9. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
There was a grand _____ of scattered plates and silverware after the show.**
a) feeling
b) final
c) finally
d) finale
- 10. Fill in the blank with the suitable phrasal verb.
After a long break, the regiment began to _____ towards their destination.**
a) set off
b) set up
c) set for
d) set in
- 11. Choose the polite alternative for the underlined word in the following sentence.**

The burglars were sent to jail.

- a) rehabilitation centre b) asylum
c) prison d) correctional facility

12. Choose the suitable American English word equivalent to the British English word in the following sentence.

Aswin bought sweets from the stall.

- a) jelly b) candies
c) muffins d) cream

13. Choose the correct combination of the compound word – 'software'.

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

14. Choose the word that can be blended with the word - 'smoke'.

- a) hail b) mist
c) fog d) snow

15. Choose the correct meaning of the Idiom in the given sentence.

When they had to climb through deep snow the party sometimes had to wait for the dust to settle.

- a) to wait for a long time
b) to wait for a situation to become clear
c) to wait for the guide d) to wait for the Sun to set

16. Choose the suitable preposition to fill the blank in the following sentence.

She was popular _____ her schoolmates.

- a) along b) with c) among d) between

17. Choose the right expansion for TNPSC.

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

18. Choose the appropriate linker.

We fail to harness the rain water, _____ we suffer.

- a) consequently b) nevertheless
c) besides d) whereas

19. Choose the appropriate determiner.

There are only _____ chocolates left for you.

- a) a few b) more
c) much d) a little

20. Choose the right article and fill in the blank.

Radha is _____ tallest of the three.

- a) the b) an c) no Article d) a

PART – II

SECTION – 1

Choose any four of the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow. 4x2=8

21. This is my son, mine own Telemachus

To whom I leave the sceptre and the isle
Well-loved of me,

- a) What does 'the sceptre' mean?
b) Whom does Ulysses entrust his Kingdom to?

22. A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound
No other tree could live.

- a) How does the tree survive the tight hold of the creeper?
b) Pick out the words in alliteration.

23. Seeking the bubble reputation
Even in the cannon's mouth.

- a) Mention the figure of speech employed here.
b) What does 'cannon' mean?

24. Our gates were strong, our walls were thick,
So smooth and high, no man could win.

- a) How safe was the castle?
b) What was the firm belief of the soldiers?

25. Tell him solitude is creative if he is strong
and the final decisions are made in silent rooms.

- a) Can being in solitude help a strong human being? How?
b) Identify the poetic device used here.

26. With neck out-thrust, you fancy how,
Legs wide, arms locked behind,
As if to balance the prone brow
Oppressive with its mind.

- a) Identify the rhyme scheme of the given lines.
b) Whose action is described here?

SECTION – 2

Do as directed.

Answer any three questions. 3x2=6

27. Please tell me what the time is.

(Rewrite as a Simple sentence)

28. The chief guest was distributing the prizes.

(Change into Passive Voice)

29. Unless we plant more trees, we cannot save our planet.

(Rewrite using 'if' without changing the meaning)

30. Change into reported speech.

The manager said, "I will speak to you on Friday".

PART – III

SECTION – 1

Explain any two of the following with reference to the context. 2x3=6

31. Brutes have been gentled where lashes failed.
 32. It is the tree's lament, an eerie speech,....
 33. To follow knowledge like a sinking star,
 Beyond the utmost bound of human thought.

SECTION – 2

Answer any two of the following questions in not more than 30 words each. 2x3=6

34. Describe the appearance of Nicola and Jacopo.
 35. What did Tenzing and Edmund Hillary gift to the Gods of lofty Summit?
 36. Why did the family find it difficult to make a chair?

SECTION – 3

Answer any three of the following. 3x3=9

37. Create a catchy slogan for each of the following topics.

a) Junk Food b) Save Water c) Eye Donation

38. Extend the conversation with three more relevant exchanges.

Passenger : Has the Rockfort Express arrived?

Railway Staff : No, it will arrive in ten minutes.

Passenger : _____

Railway Staff : _____

Passenger : _____

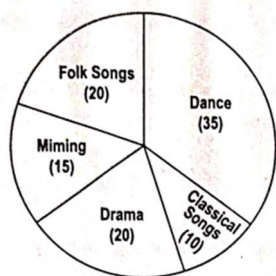
Railway Staff : _____

Passenger : _____

Railway Staff : _____

39. Study the following pie-chart and answer the questions given below.

The pie-chart represents the number of participants in School Annual Day events.



- i) How many students participated in dance and drama?
 ii) Which event has the least number of participants?
 iii) Write true or false:
 Drama and Folk Songs have equal number of participants.
40. Describe the process of preparing apple juice.

PART – IV

Answer the following:

7x5=35

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

a) Summarise George Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice Cup of Tea".

OR

b) What do you infer from Gardiner's essay 'On the Rule of the Road'?

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

a) Describe the various stages of a man's life picturised in the poem "All the World's a Stage".

OR

b) What is the role of the young soldier in the victory of the French at Ratisbon?

43. Develop the following hints into a paragraph of about 150 words.

a) Pi Patel – Indian boy – 227 days – shipwreck – Bengal tiger – Richard Parker – hyena – search water – succeeded – cans of drinking water – left Richard Parker in a jungle – reunited.

OR

b) The Scientist – Venus – children wait for Sun – seven years – getting ready – Margot – William – rain stopped – Sun comes out – started raining – let her out.

44. a) Write a summary of the following passage.

In recent years, environmental pollution has increased so much that it has become a global problem. Almost all cities in Asian Countries face this problem. The causes of environmental pollution are quite obvious. Vehicles burn petrol and emit toxic smoke. Various chemical factories pollute the air as well as water. Water is so contaminated because of effluents that both marine and organic life is destroyed. The ozone layer has developed a big hole due to this pollution and lets in harmful rays.

This environmental pollution has begun to affect human health. School children are easy victims to this pollution because they come in direct contact with fumes from the exhaust pipes of the vehicles. Crops have failed in many places. Flora and Fauna have been deeply affected. The sea water level has begun to rise and coastal cities may sink due to this.

We need to pay attention to this as human survival is in grave danger. More and more trees should be planted in every available inch of land. A public awareness programme must be launched to fight this manmade menace.

OR

b) Write a paragraph in about 150 words on 'The Hazards of the Internet'.

45. a) Write a letter to the Manager of Waves Furniture Company ordering furniture for a coaching centre. Include the following details: description of the furniture, number of pieces, mode of payment, time and delivery options. **OR**

b) Write a letter to your friend describing how you celebrated Pongal.

46. a) Fill in the blanks appropriately.

i) Nobody can solve this issue, _____?

[Add a suitable question tag]

ii) She bought _____ useful gadget.

[Fill in with appropriate determiner]

iii) I _____ like to have a cup of tea.

[Fill in with suitable modal verb]

iv) The police tried to _____ the information from the culprit regarding the source of _____ materials. [elicit / illicit] **OR**

b) Identify the error in each of the following sentences and correct them appropriately.

i) Oxygen is more heavier than hydrogen.

ii) It was a shame breaking up.

iii) Professor Uma is not only a writer but an actor.

iv) A man walked through the bank of the river.

v) If you exercise regularly, you would become strong.

47. a) Prepare a dialogue between Rahim and Ragav discussing their preparation for a tour, in not less than five exchanges. **OR**

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

When Andrew Carnegie came to America from Scotland, he was just a lad. He started out by running errands and ended up as one of the largest steel manufacturers in the United States. Someone once asked Mr. Carnegie how he dealt with people. Andrew Carnegie replied, "Dealing with people is a lot like digging for gold. When you go digging for an ounce of gold, you have to move tons of dirt. But when you go digging, you don't go looking for the dirt, you go looking for the gold".

Andrew Carnegie's reply has a very important message. Though sometimes it may not be apparent, there is something positive in every person and every situation. We have to look deep for the positive.

Questions:

- i) Who is Andrew Carnegie?
- ii) Where did he come from?
- iii) How did Carnegie start out in his career?
- iv) What does Carnegie compare dealing with people to?
- v) Pick one word from the passage that means the opposite of 'shallow'.

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