

## Language - Part II – ENGLISH

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 100

### PART – I

14×1=14

Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicised words.

- The young bird kept calling her mother *plaintively*.
  - happily
  - sadly
  - rigorously
  - vainly
- Aditya and the narrator reached a point where the road *bifurcated*.
  - restrained
  - combined
  - divided
  - conditioned
- The owner of the tea shop, now over sixty, a little *rustic* in appearance.
  - old
  - typical countryside
  - traditional
  - modern

**Solution:**

- (b) sadly
- (c) divided
- (b) typical countryside

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the italicised words.

- His father was *preening* the feathers.
  - cleaning
  - clearing
  - dirtying
  - colouring
- A portion of a wall of the attic had *crumbled* down.
  - withered
  - attached
  - broken
  - taken
- India's disabled are deprived by attitudinal barriers as they grapple with the challenges of acceptance and *inclusion*.
  - addition
  - separation
  - diversion
  - adoption

**Solution:**

- (c) dirtying
- (b) attached
- (d) adoption

7. Choose the correct plural form of "accessory" from the following :

- (a) accessorys
- (b) accessories
- (c) accessoryes
- (d) accessoris

**Solution:**

- (b) accessories

8. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word "Child" :

- (a) -ment
- (b) -ies
- (c) -hood
- (d) -tion

**Solution:**

- (c) Childhood

9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation "GPS" :

- (a) Global Protective System
- (b) General Police System
- (c) Global Positioning System
- (d) Global Pre-defining System

**Solution:**

- (c) Global Positioning System

10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.

Mr. Hamel \_\_\_\_\_ the blackboard and took a piece of chalk to write.

- (a) turned up
- (b) turned to
- (c) turned for
- (d) turned with

**Solution:**

- (b) turned to

11. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'side' to form a compound word :

- (a) path
- (b) walk
- (c) way
- (d) road

**Solution:**

(b) walk → sidewalk

12. Fill in the blank with the appropriate prepositional phrase given below.

The trial was conducted \_\_\_\_\_ the procedure of law.

- (a) in accordance with
- (b) due to
- (c) despite of
- (d) in addition to

**Solution:**

(a) in accordance with

13. Choose the appropriate meaning for the given idiom "over the moon" :

- (a) Extremely agile
- (b) Extremely happy
- (c) Extremely visible
- (d) Extremely attentive

**Solution:**

(b) Extremely happy

14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.

They faced many hardships \_\_\_\_\_ they are always cheerful.

(although, nevertheless, whenever, otherwise)

**Solution:**

nevertheless

## PART - II SECTION - I

Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two.

3×2=6

15. What did the young bird do to seek the attention of his parents?

16. Why was the attic 'a favourite place' for the children?

17. How many people in India suffer with disability?

18. What did M. Hamel say about the French language?

**Solution:**

15. The young bird called out plaintively to its parents to seek their attention. It made loud, desperate sounds in an attempt to get their notice and care.

16. The attic was a favourite place for the children because it was a place full of secrets and curiosity. They enjoyed exploring it, discovering old objects, and imagining stories behind them.

17. According to the 2011 Census, approximately 2.68 crore people in India are living with disabilities. This number includes a variety of physical, sensory, and mental disabilities.

18. M. Hamel passionately stated that the French language was the most beautiful, the most logical, and the most important language in the world. He emphasised that it should be preserved and passed on to future generations.

## SECTION - II

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following.

3×2=6

19. Not hurrying to, nor turning from the goal;  
Not mourning for the things that disappear.

(a) Why do you think the poet is not in a hurry?

(b) What should one not mourn for?

20. Strong is she in her faith and beliefs.

"Persistence is the key to everything," says she.

(a) What is she strong about?

(b) How does she deal with the adversities in life?

21. But remember, please, the law by which we live, We are not built to comprehend a lie,

(a) What does the poet expect us to remember?

(b) How are the machines built?

22. A woman is beauty innate,  
A symbol of power and strength.

(a) How is a woman?

(b) What does she symbolize?

### Solution:

19.(a) The poet is not in a hurry because they believe in a calm, steady approach towards achieving the goal, focusing on the process rather than rushing to the destination.

(b) One should not mourn for the things that disappear, as life is constantly changing and some things are beyond control.

20. (a) She is strong in her faith and beliefs, trusting in herself and her principles.

(b) She deals with adversities by remaining persistent, believing that persistence is key to overcoming challenges in life.

21. (a) The poet expects us to remember the law of truth, that we are meant to live by honesty and not deception.

(b) The machines are built to follow a specific design or logic, but unlike humans, they are not equipped to understand or process lies.

22. (a) A woman is inherently beautiful, with qualities that reflect both physical and emotional beauty.

(b) She symbolizes power and strength, representing resilience, determination, and inner strength.

### SECTION - III

Answer any three of the following.

3×2=6

23. Rewrite the following sentence in passive voice.

When will you finish the building ?

24. Change into indirect speech.

Balu said "Asia is the largest continent".

25. Punctuate the following sentence.

were you not a good student i asked

26. Transform the following sentence into a compound sentence.

On seeing the teacher the children stood up.

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

(a) a sudden/it/Aditya's/I noticed/asked/reason for/expression/and I/change in/him the.

(b) at once/church-clocks/twelve/All/ the/struck

**Solution:**

23. Passive voice: When will the building be finished by you?

24. Indirect speech: Balu said that Asia is the largest continent.

25. Punctuated sentence: "Were you not a good student?" I asked.

26. Compound sentence: The children stood up, for they saw the teacher.

27. (a) I noticed a sudden change in Aditya's expression, and I asked him the reason for it.

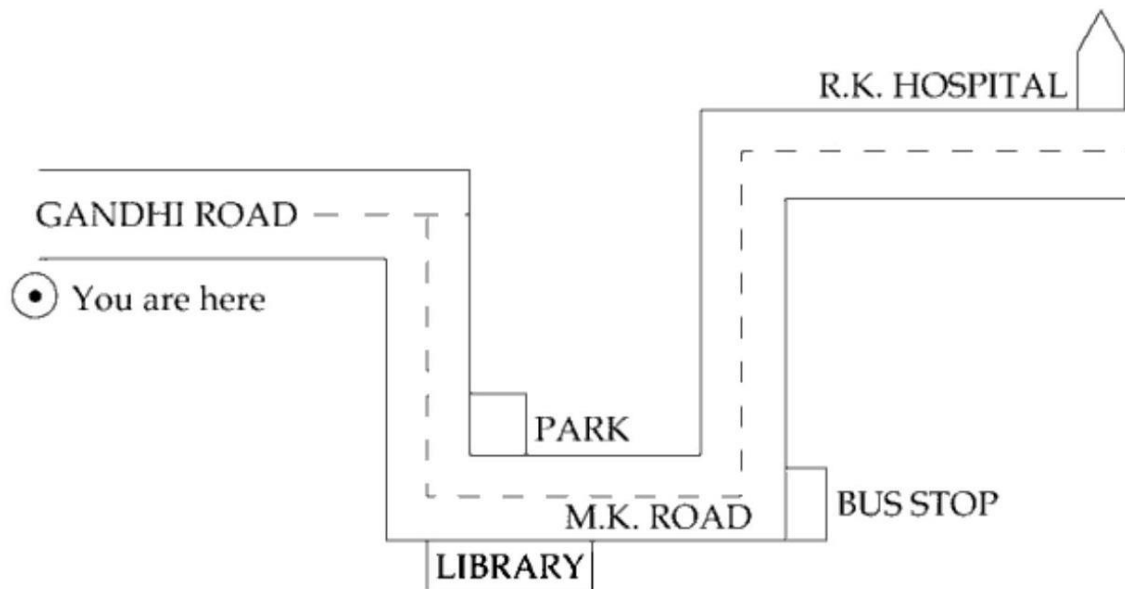
(b) At once, all the church clocks struck twelve.

### SECTION - IV

Answer the following question.

1×2=2

28. A stranger wants to go to a hospital. Write the steps to guide him to reach his destination.



**Solution:**

Go straight along Gandhi Road, the road will turn right, stay on the same road. After sometime, you will see a park to our left hand and the road will turn left from the park into M.K. Road. Continue on M.K. Road as it turns left from the bustop. It will again turn right after some distance. Continue on the same road and R.K. Hospital will be on your left.

**PART - III  
SECTION - I**

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.

2×5=10

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.

- 29. Highlight the factors responsible for the all-women Indian Navy crew to carry out their expedition.
- 30. Give a detailed account of all thoughts and questions in the narrator's mind while accompanying Aditya from the tea shop to Sanyal's house.
- 31. "Technology is a boon to the disabled". Justify.
- 32. We appreciate the value of something only when we are about to lose it. Explain this with reference to the French language and M. Hamel.

**Solution:**

29. The all-women Indian Navy crew's successful expedition was driven by rigorous training, physical endurance, and a strong sense of teamwork. Their preparation included survival skills and the ability to work together in challenging conditions. The expedition also highlighted gender equality in the military, demonstrating women's capabilities in a traditionally male-dominated field.

30. The narrator was filled with curiosity and uncertainty while accompanying Aditya. He wondered about the purpose of their journey and Sanyal's role in it. The narrator questioned the significance of the events unfolding and was anxious about what would happen next, unsure of what awaited them.

31. Technology has been a boon for the disabled by improving accessibility and independence. Assistive devices, like hearing aids and wheelchairs, help individuals perform daily tasks. Communication tools, such as speech recognition software, enable those with impairments to connect with others. These advancements have empowered disabled individuals and promoted inclusion.

32. M. Hamel's reflection on the French language illustrates the idea that we often value something only when it's at risk. The villagers, who took French for granted, realised its importance when the language was replaced by German. In his final lesson, M. Hamel urged them to appreciate their language, showing how regret sets in only when it's too late.

## SECTION - II

Answer any two of the following.

2×5=10

33. What qualities have made women powerful according to "Rakhi Nariani Shirke"?

34. What feelings are evoked in us by the machines in the poem 'The Secret of Machines'?

35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.

We can pull and haul and push and lift and drive,  
 We can print and plough and weave and heat and light,  
 We can run and race and swim and fly and dive,  
 We can see and hear and count and read and write!

(a) Pick out the rhyming words in the above lines.

(b) Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.

(c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line of the given stanza.

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

36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

In the dim past, nor holding back in fear  
 From what the future veils; but with a whole  
 And happy heart, that pays its toll  
 To Youth and Age, and travels on with cheer.

### Solution:

33. According to "Rakhi Nariani Shirke," women are powerful due to their resilience, emotional intelligence, and ability to balance multiple roles. They show strength through their adaptability, nurturing qualities, and determination to overcome challenges. Women's courage and perseverance make them a powerful force in both personal and professional life.

34. In "The Secret of Machines," the poem evokes admiration for the machines' capabilities and efficiency. At the same time, it highlights a sense of detachment, as the machines are mechanical and lack human emotion. This contrast makes readers reflect on the role of technology and its impact on human connection.



35. (a) The rhyming words are: drive and live, light and write, fly and high, read and deed.

(b) The rhyme scheme is AABBCDD.

(c) The figure of speech in the first line is anaphora due to the repetition of "We can."

(d) The alliterating words in the second line are plough and print.

36. The stanza reflects how people, in the past, faced the future with courage, not held back by fear. They embraced both youth and aging with a cheerful heart, willing to face life's challenges. The poet encourages a positive, fearless approach to life, accepting both its joys and difficulties with optimism.

### SECTION – III

37. Answer any one of the following.

1×5=5

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

(a) With the help of the spirits Prospero could command the winds, and the waves of the sea.

(b) Prospero and his daughter Miranda lived in a cave.

(c) Ariel then went to fetch Ferdinand.

(d) These gentle spirits were ever after obedient to the will of Prospero.

(e) Ariel gave a lively description of the storm, and of the terrors of the mariners.

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

Six days passed. Six frantic days of checking their e-mail day and night. Six torturous days of having the deafeningly loud KNGRRDRRWHEEZE resound in their home, most nerve wrackingly. Maya complained that she heard a permanent rumbling sound in her ears even when she was miles away from home and that her ears ached all the time. Arvind confessed that, for the first time in his life, he was actually looking forward to going to school considering it was as calm as a monastery compared to their house. Mrs. Krishnan had lost interest in painting. Zigzag would sometimes wake up briefly when he wanted to eat some fruit, and sometimes he would sit on the veranda looking sulky and bored. Zigzag never spoke to anyone, though everyone tried several times. He only slept. And snored.

On the seventh day, Dr. Somu's e-mail arrived. It was, as Dr. Krishnan predicted, ridiculously simple.

Questions :

(a) How did the days pass?

(b) What was Maya's complaint?

(c) What was Arvind's confession?

(d) What was Zigzag's routine?

(e) What was Dr. Krishnan's prediction about Dr. Somu's e-mail?

**Solution:**

37. Rearranged sentences in coherent order:

(b) Prospero and his daughter Miranda lived in a cave.



- (a) With the help of the spirits, Prospero could command the winds, and the waves of the sea.
- (e) Ariel gave a lively description of the storm, and of the terrors of the mariners.
- (c) Ariel then went to fetch Ferdinand.
- (d) These gentle spirits were ever after obedient to the will of Prospero.

38. (a) The days passed in a state of anxiety and frustration as Maya, Arvind, and others checked their email constantly and endured the loud, nerve-wracking sound from Zigzag.
- (b) Maya complained that she heard a permanent rumbling sound in her ears, even when away from home, and her ears ached constantly.
- (c) Arvind confessed that he was looking forward to going to school because it was calm compared to the noise at home.
- (d) Zigzag's routine involved mostly sleeping, occasionally waking up to eat fruit or sit sulkily on the veranda. He did not interact with anyone.
- (e) Dr. Krishnan predicted that Dr. Somu's email would be simple, and it turned out to be exactly that.

#### **SECTION – IV**

Answer any four of the following.

4×5=20

39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.  
Raj appliances - Aadi sale - 20-50% - special offers - first hundred - special prizes  
Vivek and co., - Gandhi Road - Trichy.
40. You are Anand/ Aruna living in a remote village in Salem. You participated in a health camp organised by your school. You were surprised to observe that most of the residents were unaware of health and hygiene. As a concerned citizen, write a letter to the editor stating the need to organise such camps focusing on the importance of health and hygiene.
41. You are Deepan/Deepa, the Literary Association Secretary of GHSS Madurai. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school, inviting the students to participate in the oratorical competition to be conducted next month.
42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.



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

The necessity to preserve, transmit and propagate the rich cultural legacy left behind by the builders of music in the country in general and in Tamil Nadu in particular was felt in the year 1949. It was felt necessary that the inherited musical urge in our youngsters and the past tradition of our musical culture with its ancient purity could be well preserved only when opportunities have been provided to those who have an aptitude for learning music.

The Central and State Governments with their financial aids established the Central College of Carnatic Music in August 1949. The college is functioning at 'Brodie Castle' on Greenways Road with 600 students and it has been named 'Thendral'. In the beginning there were only Vocal, Violin and Veena sections besides general Musicology Candidates with a considerable standard in music alone, were admitted into the two year Sangeetha Vidwan Title course and after completion they were permitted to appear for the 'Sangeetha Vidwan' Title examination conducted by the Director of Government Examinations, Madras.

44. Write your favourite recipe by starting your own blog.

**Solution:**

**39. Advertisement:**

🎉 Aadi Sale at Raj Appliances! 🎉

Get ready for massive discounts of 20-50% on all appliances!

🔥 Special Offers for the first 100 customers!

🌟 Exclusive Prizes for lucky winners!

📍 Visit Vivek & Co., Gandhi Road, Trichy.

Hurry, offer valid while stocks last!

**40. Letter to the Editor:**

To,  
The Editor,  
The Times of India,  
Chennai  
3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2025

**Subject:** The Need to Organise Health and Hygiene Camps

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am Anand, a resident of a remote village in Salem. Recently, I had the opportunity to participate in a health camp organised by my school, where I was shocked to observe that most of the residents in our village are unaware of the basic principles of health and hygiene. Many of them lack knowledge about proper sanitation, nutrition, and the importance of clean surroundings.

This alarming situation calls for urgent attention. I kindly request the concerned authorities to organise more health camps in rural areas, educating the residents about the importance of hygiene, sanitation, and preventive healthcare. These camps can go a long way in improving the quality of life and health in our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Aruna

**41. Notice:**

G.H.S.S Madurai  
Literary Association  
Notice

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2025

Oratorical Competition

The Literary Association of GHSS Madurai is pleased to announce an Oratorical Competition for all interested students. The event will be conducted next month. Participants will have the opportunity to showcase their speaking skills on various topics.

Date of Competition: 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Venue: School Auditorium

Time: 11.00 a.m.

Eligibility: Open to all students of GHSS Madurai.

Interested students are requested to register with the Literary Association Secretary by 22<sup>nd</sup> February. We encourage everyone to participate and make this event a success.

Deepa  
Literary Association Secretary  
GHSS Madurai

44.  
Spicy Vegetable Stir-fry Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 cup mixed vegetables (carrot, capsicum, beans, peas)
- 1 onion (sliced)
- 2 cloves garlic (minced)
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 tsp red chilli flakes
- 1/2 tsp turmeric powder
- Salt to taste
- Fresh coriander (for garnish)

Instructions:

- Heat olive oil in a pan and sauté minced garlic for a minute.
- Add sliced onions and cook until translucent.
- Add mixed vegetables, turmeric, and salt, stir well, and cook for 5-7 minutes.
- Sprinkle red chilli flakes, add soy sauce, and stir for 2 minutes.
- Garnish with fresh coriander and serve hot.
- Enjoy with rice or as a standalone dish!
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**SECTION - V**

45. Quote from memory.

1×5=5

She's a lioness;.....  
.....Today's woman, dear.

**Solution:**

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

**PART - IV**

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

2×8=16

(a) There was an island - Prospero and his daughter Miranda - Ariel was the chief storm created - Ferdinand and Miranda - Prospero ungentle - Prospero's brother - King of Naples - repented - Ariel dismissed.

OR

(b) Dr. Ashok T. Krishnan - Zigzag Somu's pet - children happy - bird can talk sing - Zigzag unmoved - sulking - snoring - neighbours complaining - Seventh day Somu's e-mail - Zigzag in the clinic - showing strange - genius.

**Solution:**

46. (a) The Island of Prospero and Miranda

Once, there was an island where Prospero, the rightful Duke of Milan, and his daughter Miranda lived in exile. Ariel, a powerful spirit, served Prospero and was instrumental in creating the tempest that brought Ferdinand, the Prince of Naples, to the island. Upon meeting Miranda, Ferdinand and she instantly fell in love. At first, Prospero was ungentle with Ferdinand, testing his sincerity. Meanwhile, Prospero's brother, Antonio, who had betrayed him to seize the dukedom, was also on the shipwrecked vessel, along with the King of Naples. After much turmoil, Antonio repented for his wrongdoings, and the King of Naples realised his mistakes. In the end, Ariel, who had carried out Prospero's bidding throughout the storm, was finally dismissed, and peace was restored on the island. Prospero's plans came to fruition, and he was reconciled with his enemies, ensuring a hopeful future for Miranda and Ferdinand.

(b) Zigzag, the Talking Pet Bird

Dr. Ashok T. Krishnan had a pet bird named Zigzag, who could talk and sing. The children of the house were always thrilled by Zigzag's ability to mimic sounds and engage in conversations. However, Zigzag's mood was unpredictable. He would often sulk and spend his time snoring, leaving everyone puzzled. The neighbours, disturbed by the constant noise, began to complain about the bird's antics. Despite the complaints, the Krishnans had no answers. On the seventh day, Dr. Somu, a specialist, sent an email suggesting that Zigzag's behaviour might be more than just a pet's laziness. When Zigzag was taken to the clinic, the doctor discovered that the bird was exhibiting strange signs of genius. It seemed that Zigzag had a unique intelligence, and with further attention, he could be trained to do more than just talk and sing. This discovery left everyone amazed and fascinated by Zigzag's extraordinary abilities.

47. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions that follow.

Water use in a country depends very much on its efficiency in water use. Even in most technologically advanced country, the efficiency of irrigation is only 30 percent. As the people of California, in the United States of America, and Israel use water ethically and with enormous care the efficiency in use is high. They are also good in water management activities. For example, drip irrigation has been used in Israel as well as California to best effect. The farmers and horticulturists make the water drip drop-by-drop at the roots of the crop plants. This system of irrigation has now come into use in India too. With this method of irrigation a high output of crops



is being harvested with small amount of water. In this way, salination of the lands is also averted to a great extent.

Questions:

- (a) Why is the efficiency in water use high in some countries ?
- (b) Explain drip irrigation.
- (c) What is the result of the use of drip irrigation?
- (d) (i) Give the appropriate meaning for the word : 'ethically'
- (ii) Choose the word opposite to : 'efficiency'

OR

When things go wrong as they sometimes will;  
 When the road you're trudging seems all uphill;  
 When the funds are low, and the debts are high;  
 And you want to smile, but you have to sigh;  
 When care is pressing you down a bit  
 Rest if you must, but don't you quit.  
 Success is failure turned inside out;  
 The silver tint of the clouds of doubt;  
 And you can never tell how close you are;  
 It may be near when it seems afar.  
 So, stick to the fight when you're hardest hit  
 It's when things go wrong that you mustn't quit.

Questions :

- (a) When do you want to smile but sigh, according to the poet?
- (b) Explain the line :  
 "When care is pressing you down a bit"
- (c) What seems afar?
- (d) Give a suitable title for the poem.

**Solution:**

- (a) The efficiency in water use is high in some countries because people use water ethically and with great care, and they excel in water management practices.
- (b) Drip irrigation is a method where water is delivered directly to the roots of plants in small, controlled amounts, reducing water wastage.
- (c) The result of using drip irrigation is high crop output with minimal water usage, and it helps prevent salination of the land.
- (d) (i) Ethically means in a morally right and responsible way.
- (ii) The opposite of efficiency is inefficiency.

OR

- (a) According to the poet, you want to smile but sigh when things go wrong, and you're facing challenges.
- (b) The line "When care is pressing you down a bit" means when worries or responsibilities weigh heavily on you, causing stress.
- (c) Success seems afar, even though it may be closer than it appears.
- (d) A suitable title for the poem is "Don't Quit."