

## Language - Part II – ENGLISH

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum marks: 100

### PART – I

14×1=14

Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicised words.

1. The great expanse of sea stretched down *beneath*.

- (a) inferior
- (b) above
- (c) below
- (d) higher

2. It is a 55 foot sailing vessel built *indigenously* in India.

- (a) domestically
- (b) spuriously
- (c) globally
- (d) unsafely

3. We had reached a point where the road *bifurcated*.

- (a) ended
- (b) divided into two
- (c) connected
- (d) collapsed

**Solution:**

- 1. (c) below
- 2. (a) domestically
- 3. (b) divided into two

Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicised words.

4. He could not rise, *exhausted* by the strange exercise.

- (a) crippled
- (b) weakened
- (c) energetic
- (d) surprised

5. But it would have been *frustrating* and difficult.

- (a) annoying
- (b) pleasing
- (c) disappointing
- (d) gigantic

6. I love it when people *appreciate* the food that I cook.

- (a) dispose
- (b) judge
- (c) admire
- (d) despise

**Solution:**

4. (c) energetic
5. (b) pleasing
6. (d) despise

7. Choose the correct plural form of 'deer' from the following :

- (a) deers
- (b) dears
- (c) deer
- (d) deeres

**Solution:**

- (c) deer

8. Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word 'understand':

- (a) dis
- (b) in
- (c) mis
- (d) im

**Solution:**

- (c) mis

9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation "BPT".

- (a) Bachelor of Para Therapy
- (b) Bachelor of Past Treatment
- (c) Bachelor of Psychological Treatment -
- (d) Bachelor of Physiotherapy

**Solution:**

- (d) Bachelor of Physiotherapy

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

It helps to \_\_\_\_\_ the calories.

- (a) warm up
- (b) stretch out
- (c) put on
- (d) burn off

**Solution:**

- (d) burn off

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

- (a) pass
- (b) card
- (c) fast
- (d) pause

**Solution:**

(a) pass

12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.

The fox jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the well.

- (a) on
- (b) into
- (c) in
- (d) to

**Solution:**

(b) into

13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below.

If I were a millionaire, I \_\_\_\_\_ the needy.

- (a) would help
- (b) would have helped
- (c) will help
- (d) can help

**Solution:**

(a) would help

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

\_\_\_\_\_ he was honest, he was punished.

- (a) While
- (b) As
- (c) Though
- (d) But

**Solution:**

(c) Though

## PART - II SECTION - 1

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

3×2=6

15. Why did the seagull fail to fly ?

16. What does the term circumnavigation mean ?

17. What did Aditya offer Sanyal ?

18. How does David operate computers with the Liberator Communication Device?

**Solution:**

15. The seagull failed to fly because he was afraid to take the leap. He lacked confidence in his ability to fly and hesitated despite encouragement from his family.

16. Circumnavigation means traveling all the way around the world. It is usually done by sea or air, covering the entire globe.
17. Aditya offered Sanyal a ten-rupee note as compensation. This was for the silver medal he had taken from Sanyal during their childhood.
18. David operates computers using the Liberator Communication Device. He controls it with slight movements of his head and eyes to communicate and perform tasks.

## SECTION - 2

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

3×2=6

- 19: Let me but live my life from year to year,  
With forward face and unreluctant soul;
- (a) Whom does the word 'me' refer to?  
(b) What kind of life does the poet want to lead?
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 adversities in life?
21. Don't ever try to saw her pride, her self-respect.  
She knows how to thaw you, saw you - so beware!
- (a) What do the words 'thaw' and 'saw' mean here?  
(b) What is the tone of the author?
22. Some water, coal, and oil is all we ask,  
And a thousandth of an inch to give us play:
- (a) Who does 'we' refer to?  
(b) What do they ask for?

### Solution:

19. (a) The word 'me' refers to the poet.  
(b) The poet wants to lead a life with a positive attitude, facing the future bravely and without hesitation.
20. (a) She is strong in her faith and beliefs.  
(b) She deals with adversities in life with persistence, believing that perseverance is the key to success.
21. (a) 'Thaw' means to weaken or soften, and 'saw' means to cut or harm.  
(b) The tone of the author is strong, assertive, and cautionary.
22. (a) 'We' refers to the machine or mechanical parts.  
(b) They ask for water, coal, oil, and a very small space to function efficiently.

## SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following.

3×2=6

- 23, Rewrite the following sentence in other voice.

Rosy will solve the problem.

24. Change into indirect speech.

Somu said, "It's his favourite pet."

25. Punctuate the following sentence.

O my young gentleman said ariel.

26. Combine the following sentence into a simple sentence.

I saw a tiger. It was wounded.

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

(a) loan/apply/you/if/for/you/a/get/will/immediately/it/

(b) himself/preferred/he/mail/by/handling

**Solution:**

23. The problem will be solved by Rosy.

24. Somu said that it was his favourite pet.

25. "O my young gentleman," said Ariel.

26. I saw a wounded tiger.

27. (a) If you apply for a loan, you will get it immediately.

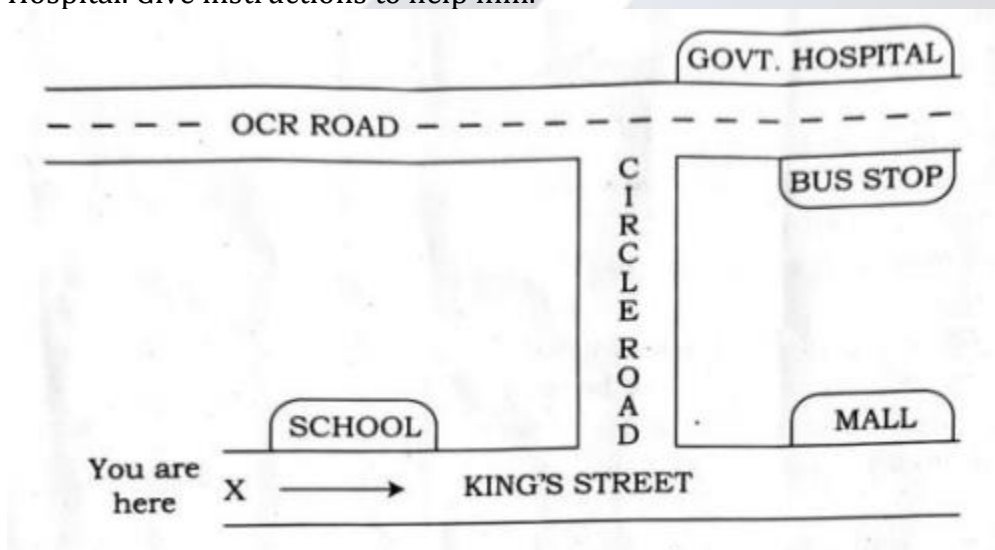
(b) He preferred handling mail by himself.

#### SECTION - 4

Answer the following question.

1×2=2

28. You are near the School. A stranger asks you to direct him to the Government Hospital. Give instructions to help him.



**Solution:**

Go straight through the King's street. After crossing the school, take the first left to circle road. The circle road will intersect the OCR road. Cross the road at the intersection and turn right. The Govt. hospital will be on your left.

## PART - III

### SECTION - 1

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.

2×5=10

29. Explain the experience of the young seagull in "His First Flight" written by Liam O'Flaherty.
30. Highlight the factors responsible for the All-Women Indian Navy crew to carry out their expedition.
31. 'Man does change with time' - What were the various changes that came about in Aditya ?
32. "Technology is a boon to the disabled". Justify.

**Solution:**

29. In "His First Flight", the young seagull experiences fear and hesitation as he faces the daunting task of flying for the first time. Initially, he is too scared to leave the edge of the cliff and try to soar, despite the encouragement from his family. The turning point comes when hunger drives him to make the leap, and he discovers that flying is not as frightening as he had thought. His first flight is a mix of fear, freedom, and exhilaration, marking the moment of personal growth and independence. The experience is symbolic of overcoming self-doubt and embracing challenges in life.

30. The All-Women Indian Navy crew's successful expedition was influenced by several factors. First, their rigorous training ensured that each member was physically and mentally prepared for the demanding journey. Second, their unity and teamwork were crucial in overcoming the challenges of navigating the vast ocean. Third, the support and confidence from the Indian Navy allowed them to pursue their goal of circumnavigation. Additionally, advancements in technology and the availability of modern naval equipment ensured their safety and success. The expedition also symbolized the empowerment of women and their ability to excel in male-dominated fields.

31. Aditya undergoes significant changes throughout the story. Initially, he is a carefree, somewhat self-centered person, primarily concerned with his own ambitions and desires. As he matures, his perspective shifts, and he begins to take responsibility for his actions. The major turning point occurs when he learns about the importance of selflessness and empathy, particularly when he helps Sanyal by returning the silver medal. Aditya also starts to appreciate the value of relationships and acknowledges the impact of his past actions. These changes reflect his growth from a self-absorbed individual to someone who is more considerate and compassionate.

32. Technology has proven to be a boon for the disabled, offering various tools and devices that enable them to lead more independent and fulfilling lives. For instance, assistive technologies such as speech recognition software, Braille displays, and mobility aids allow individuals with physical or sensory impairments to communicate, work, and navigate their environments. Devices like the Liberator Communication Device empower those with speech impairments to operate



computers and interact with others. Technology not only enhances the quality of life but also opens up new opportunities for disabled individuals in education, employment, and social engagement. It bridges the gap, enabling them to participate more fully in society.

## SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following.

2×5=10

33. Describe the journey of life as depicted in the poem by Henry Van Dyke.

34. What qualities have made women powerful?

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 from the given stanza. 2

(b) Give the rhyme scheme for the given stanza. 1

(c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line of the given stanza. 1

(d) Pick out the alliterating words in the second line. 1

36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

A woman is beauty innate,  
 A symbol of power and strength.  
 She puts her life at stake,  
 She's real, she's not fake!  
 The summer of life she's ready to see in spring.

### **Solution:**

33. In the poem by Henry Van Dyke, the journey of life is depicted as a quest for self-discovery, growth, and fulfillment. The poet speaks of living each year with a forward-looking attitude, embracing the challenges and opportunities that come with time. Life is portrayed as a process of constant movement and change, where the individual seeks to live fully and purposefully, not with regret, but with courage and joy. The journey involves overcoming obstacles and making progress, always moving ahead with optimism and unrelenting spirit.

34. Women have become powerful through a combination of qualities that include resilience, determination, compassion, intelligence, and leadership. Their ability to multitask, adapt to changing circumstances, and overcome societal challenges has made them influential in various spheres of life. Women have consistently broken barriers in education, business, politics, and social reform. They possess emotional strength, wisdom, and a nurturing spirit that enable them to lead and inspire others, showing that power comes from within, alongside the support of solidarity and mutual respect.

35. (a) The rhyming words in the stanza are:

lift / shift

light / write

dive / live

hear / dear

(b) The rhyme scheme for the given stanza is:

ABAB

(c) The figure of speech employed in the first line is Anaphora (repetition of a word or phrase for emphasis). In this case, the repetition of "We can" at the start of each clause creates a rhythmic and emphatic tone.

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

36. Paraphrase of the stanza: A woman is naturally beautiful, and she symbolizes strength and power. She is willing to risk her life for others, and she is authentic, not pretending to be something she is not. She is ready to embrace the summer of life, prepared for its challenges and joys, much like the fresh beginnings of spring.

### SECTION - 3

37. Answer any one of the following.

1×5=5

Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

- (i) He ordered Ariel to torment the inmates of the ship.
- (ii) Prospero and Miranda came to an island and lived in a cave.
- (iii) He raised a violent storm in the sea to wreck the ship of his enemies.
- (iv) Using his powers, Prospero released the good spirits from large bodies of trees.
- (v) Ariel was instructed to bring Ferdinand, the prince of Naples to his cave.

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

Arvind, finding that Zigzag was sulkily refusing to say a word despite all their efforts at striking a conversation, dashed into the kitchen to return with a plate heaped hurriedly with juicy fruit slices and some nuts.

Bored eyes brightened momentarily as Zigzag picked up a walnut. But refusing to speak, he dropped one wrinkled eyelid in a solemn wink and flew clumsily to deposit the nut on the enormous chandelier hanging from the ceiling. Bit by bit, and in total silence, all the fruit on the plate was transferred to the chandelier and on to the blades of the ceiling fan. Then perching comfortably on a curtain rod, Zigzag winked and sank his beak into a plump guava.

Questions:

- (a) Did Zigzag converse with the inmates of the house?
- (b) What made Arvind rush into the kitchen?
- (c) What did Arvind bring for the bird?
- (d) Where did Zigzag transfer all the fruits and nuts?
- (e) Where did Zigzag perch comfortably?

**Solution:**

37. Rearranged sentences in coherent order:

- (ii) Prospero and Miranda came to an island and lived in a cave.
- (iii) He raised a violent storm in the sea to wreck the ship of his enemies.
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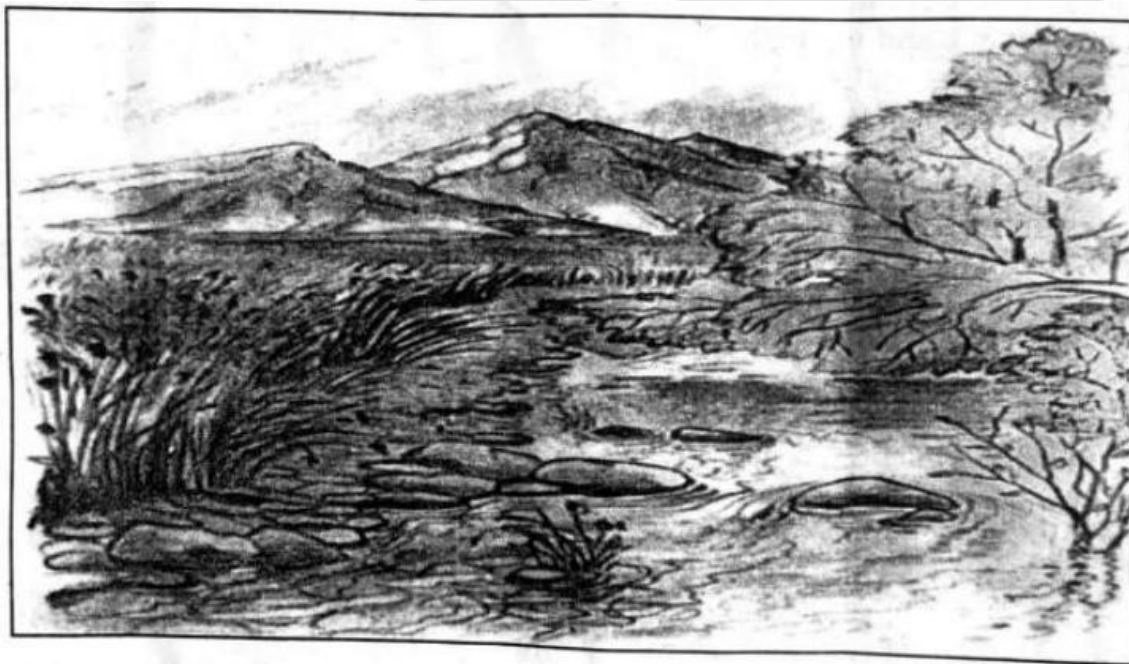
38. (a) No, Zigzag did not converse with the inmates of the house. Despite all efforts to start a conversation, he refused to speak.  
 (b) Arvind rushed into the kitchen because Zigzag was sulkily refusing to say a word and seemed disinterested in any conversation.  
 (c) Arvind brought a plate heaped with juicy fruit slices and some nuts for Zigzag.  
 (d) Zigzag transferred all the fruits and nuts onto the chandelier and the blades of the ceiling fan.  
 (e) Zigzag perched comfortably on a curtain rod.

### SECTION - 4

Answer any four of the following.

4×5=20

39. Colourful and beautiful toys - Eco-friendly - non-toxic - handy - buy one get one discount 10%-4, Amman Koil Street, Salem.  
 Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given above.  
 40. Write a letter to a newspaper highlighting the unhygienic condition of your area.  
 41, You are Akash/Anita. Head of the Sports Club in your school. Your school is participating in The National Chess Championship next month. Write a notice to the students inviting them to participate.  
 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.  
 A forest is known as an intricate ecosystem that is densely covered with trees, shrubs, grasses and mosses. The trees and other plants that form a part of the forest create an environment that is healthy for breeding several species. Thus it becomes a habitat for a large variety of wild animals and birds. Different types of forests grow

in different parts of the world. These are mainly divided into three categories - Rain Forests, Coniferous Forests and Deciduous Forests. Forests form an important part of the ecological system mainly because they aid biodiversity.

Unfortunately, forests are being cut at rapid speed to serve various purposes. The increase in the demand of various commodities derived from the trees that grow in different forests and need to accommodate the growing population are the major reasons for deforestation. It is important to realise that forests are essential for the survival of mankind. Forests help in purifying the atmosphere, aid in climate control, act as a natural watershed and source of livelihood for many people. Forests must thus be preserved. Deforestation is a global issue and effective measures must be taken to control this.

44. Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.

- (a) The ship with its crew were drowned.
- (b) He is angry on me.
- (c) Games and sports helps in recreation.
- (d) The poet and actor are dead.
- (e) I live in United States.

**Solution:**

39.

Advertisement:

🌟 Colourful & Beautiful Toys for Kids! 🌟

🌟 Eco-friendly | Non-toxic | Handy

🇮🇳 Buy One, Get One 10% Discount! 🇮🇳

Come visit us at 4, Amman Koil Street, Salem and explore a wide range of safe and fun toys for your little ones.

Hurry, offer valid while stocks last!

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Begur,  
Bengaluru, 560068  
30<sup>th</sup> January, 2025

The Editor,  
The Times of India  
MG Road,  
Bengaluru, 560061

Subject: Unhygienic Conditions in Our Area

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to draw your attention to the deplorable unhygienic conditions prevailing in our area, [mention area name]. The streets are littered with garbage, and there is a lack of proper waste management. Open drains and stagnant water have become breeding grounds for mosquitoes, posing a health risk to the residents.

The local authorities need to take immediate action to address this issue by organizing regular cleanliness drives and ensuring proper drainage systems. Public awareness programs can also help educate the residents on maintaining hygiene. I hope that this issue will be taken seriously and prompt action will be taken.

Yours sincerely,

Mohan Gowda

41.

GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL

Sports Club

NOTICE

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2025

This is to inform all students that our school will be participating in the National Chess Championship next month. Interested students who wish to represent our school in this prestigious event are invited to sign up. The competition will take place at Netaji Indoor Stadium and will feature players from various schools across the country.

Eligibility: Open to all students

Last Date to Register: 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

Contact: Akash, Head of Sports Club

Come forward and showcase your chess skills!

Akash

Head of Sports Club

44.

(a) The ship with its crew **was** drowned.

(b) He is angry **with** me.

(c) Games and sports **help** in recreation.

(d) The poet and **the** actor are dead.

(e) I live in **the** United States.

## SECTION – 5

45. Quote from memory.

1×5=5

Not mourning for the .....

**Solution:**

"Not mourning for the **dead, but the living,**

**Not lamenting what's gone, but what's still to be."**

## PART - IV

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

2×8=16

(a) Inhabitants of the island - Prospero and Miranda - Prospero, magical powers - his brother Antonio, king of Naples, his son Ferdinand and Gonzalo - on the ship - Prospero raised storm - repent for the injustice - instructed Ariel to bring Ferdinand - Miranda had more concern - Prospero set severe task - he forgave all - restored dukedom.

OR

(b) Dr. Ashok - entrusts his - pet bird - Dr. Krishnan - children excited of his entry - it can speak - 21 - languages - Zigzag - sleeps endlessly - with heavy snore - no peace at - home - Mrs. Krishnan - not happy - shouts and asks for solutions - Dr. Krishnan writes - to Ashok - finding solution - no reply Dr. Krishnan - takes Zigzag to clinic - turn of event - Zigzag - takes - care of - the orderliness - clinic - very quiet - all suprised - Zigzag commands Dr. Krishnan happy - finds - secret - Zigzag - must be engaged - if not he sleeps - family is happy with his presence.

### Solution:

#### 46. (a) **The Story of Prospero and Miranda**

The inhabitants of the island were Prospero and his daughter Miranda. Prospero, once the Duke of Milan, was skilled in magical powers. He and Miranda had been exiled to the island by his brother Antonio, who had usurped his throne. On the ship, which was sailing through the sea, Prospero raised a storm, causing the ship to be wrecked. Among those on board were Antonio, the king of Naples, his son Ferdinand, and Gonzalo, who was loyal to Prospero. The shipwreck was part of Prospero's plan to make Antonio and the others repent for the injustice they had done to him. He instructed his magical servant Ariel to bring Ferdinand to the island. Miranda, who had never seen a young man before, immediately felt concerned for Ferdinand. Prospero, seeing the bond between them, set a severe task for Ferdinand to prove his worth. Eventually, Prospero forgave all his wrongdoers and restored his dukedom, bringing peace to the island.

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

The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) commenced work on establishing a 2,000MW thermal power plant at Cheyyur in Kancheepuram district in April 2007. Top level officials of NTPC held talks regarding the project with the TNEB on November, 30 . Work on the project was completed in three years. The project cost was estimated at Rs 8,000 crore and the entire investment was made by the NTPC. The Tamil Nadu Government was only providing land and a No Objection Certificate from the Environment Department.

Questions :

(a) What did NTPC plan to establish ?

(b) When did the meeting take place between the managers of TNEB and NTPC?

(c) How long did it take to complete the project ?

(d) What was the role of the Government of Tamil Nadu in this project ?

OR

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below.

As we rush, as we rush in the train,  
 The trees and the houses go wheeling back,  
 But the starry heavens above the plain  
 Come flying on our track.  
 All the beautiful stars of the sky,  
 The silver doves of the forest of Night,  
 Over the dull earth swarm and fly,  
 Companions of our flight.  
 We will rush ever on without fear;  
 Let the goal be far, the flight be fleet!  
 For we carry the Heavens with us, dear,  
 While the earth slips from our feet!

Questions :

- (a) What happens to the trees and houses when the train speeds?
- (b) How do the sky and star move then?
- (c) How are the stars and night described?
- (d) How does the poet deal with the Heavens and earth, during the journey?

**Solution:**

- 47. (a) NTPC planned to establish a 2,000MW thermal power plant at Cheyyur in Kancheepuram district.
- (b) The meeting between the managers of TNEB and NTPC took place on November 30.
- (c) It took three years to complete the project, from its commencement in April 2007.
- (d) The Government of Tamil Nadu provided land and a No Objection Certificate from the Environment Department for the project.

OR

- 47. (a) When the train speeds, the trees and houses seem to go wheeling back, as if they are moving in the opposite direction.
- (b) The sky and stars appear to come flying on the track, keeping pace with the train's motion, as if they are moving along with the passengers.
- (c) The stars and the night are described as beautiful stars and the silver doves of the forest of Night, symbolizing their ethereal and graceful nature.
- (d) The poet deals with the Heavens and earth by stating that the Heavens are carried with them on the journey, while the earth slips away from their feet, implying that they leave the mundane behind while being enveloped by the vastness of the sky.