

Language - Part II – ENGLISH

Time Allowed: 3.00 hours

Maximum Marks: 100

PART – I

14x1=14

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the italicised words.

1. We have to be active and need to *anticipate* what could be there ahead.

- (a) foresee
- (b) unexpected
- (c) careless
- (d) sudden

Solution: anticipate – (a) foresee

2. They can control a computer screen with *Eye Gaze*.

- (a) control
- (b) shape
- (c) colour
- (d) stare

Solution: gaze – (d) stare

3. The lady seems *hysterical*.

- (a) calm
- (b) serious
- (c) emotional
- (d) missing

Solution: hysterical - (c) emotional

Choose the appropriate antonyms for the italicised words.

4. The Sun was now *ascending* the sky.

- (a) climbing

- (b) rising
- (c) mounting
- (d) descending

Solution: ascending - (d) descending

5. The spoilt child of affluent parents!

- (a) poor
- (b) healthy
- (c) wealthy
- (d) happy

Solution: affluent - (a) poor

6. The whole school seemed so strange.

- (a) odd
- (b) usual
- (c) weird
- (d) new

Solution: strange - (b) usual

7. Choose the correct plural form of 'eskimo' from the following.

- (a) eskimoss
- (b) eskimos
- (c) eskimose
- (d) eskimo

Solution: eskimo - (b) eskimos

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

- (a) hood
- (b) ment
- (c) ure
- (d) ion

Solution: The correct suffix to form a derivative of "Child" is:

(a) hood → Childhood

9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation 'AAC'.

(a) Augmentative and Alternative Communication

(b) Accumulative and Alternative Communication

(c) Augmentative and Assessive Communication

(d) Augmentative and Artificial Computer

Solution: The correct expansion of "AAC" is:

(a) Augmentative and Alternative Communication

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

I never _____ in the gym.

(a) work after

(b) work out

(c) work on

(d) work in

Solution: The most appropriate phrasal verb:

I never work out in the gym.

(b) work out

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

(a) hall

(b) house

(c) man

(d) clock

Solution: The suitable option to form a compound word with "Watch":

(c) man → Watchman

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

The young seagull was alone _____ his ledge.

- (a) of
- (b) on
- (c) into
- (d) with

Solution: The most appropriate preposition:

The young seagull was alone on his ledge.

- (b) on

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

Siva _____ (attend) music classes regularly.

- (a) attends
- (b) attended
- (c) will attend
- (d) will be attending

Solution: The most appropriate tense form:

Siva attends music classes regularly.

- (a) attends

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

Call me _____ you need money.

- (a) incase
- (b) though
- (c) but
- (d) and

Solution: The most appropriate linker:

Call me in case you need money.

- (a) in case

PART – II

SECTION – 1

Answer any three of the following questions in a sentence or two. 3×2=6

15. What woke up the mother?
16. Which devices are controlled using ACTIV controller?
17. Why did Holmes want Smith to treat him?
18. What was Frank sorry for?

Solution:

15. The mother was woken up by a strange cry from her baby during the night.
16. Devices such as fans, lights, air conditioners, and other smart appliances can be controlled using the ACTIV controller.
17. Holmes wanted Smith to treat him so he could cleverly extract a confession from Smith about his criminal activities.
18. Frank was sorry for misleading Helen and indirectly causing harm to her family.

SECTION – 2

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three of the following. 3×2=6

19. There's a family nobody likes to meet;
They live, it is said, on Complaining Street
 - (a) Where does the family live?
 - (b) Why do you think the street is named as Complaining Street?
20. At last by starvation and famine made bold, All dripping with wet, and all trembling with cold,
 - (a) What made the cricket bold ?
 - (b) Why did the cricket drip and tremble ?
21. So let the way wind up the hill or down,
O'er rough or smooth, the journey will be joy:
 - (a) How is the way of life?

(b) How should be the journey of life?

22. And now, if you will set us to our task, We will serve you four and twenty hours a day!

(a) Who does the pronoun 'you' refer to here?

(b) Whose task is referred to as 'our task' here?

Solution:

19. (a) The family lives on Complaining Street.

(b) The street is named Complaining Street because the people living there always complain and are never satisfied with anything.

20. (a) Starvation and famine made the cricket bold.

(b) The cricket was dripping with wet and trembling with cold because it was winter, and it had neither food nor shelter.

21. (a) The way of life is unpredictable, sometimes going uphill (difficult times) and sometimes downhill (easy times).

(b) The journey of life should be faced with joy, accepting both the rough and smooth paths with a positive attitude.

22. (a) The pronoun 'you' refers to humans or the people using clocks.

(b) The task referred to as 'our task' is the duty of the clocks to serve people all day, every day.

SECTION - 3

Answer any three of the following.

3×2 = 6

23. Rewrite the sentence in Reported speech. He said, "I have bought five apples from the shop."

24. Rewrite the following sentence in other voice. Have you invited Raman to the party?

25. Punctuate the following sentence. do you know the symptoms asked smith

26. Change the following sentence into a simple sentence. He followed what I suggested.

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

(a) had/made/He/flight/his/first.

(b) heard/from/tent/her/this/Mulan/inside.

Solution:

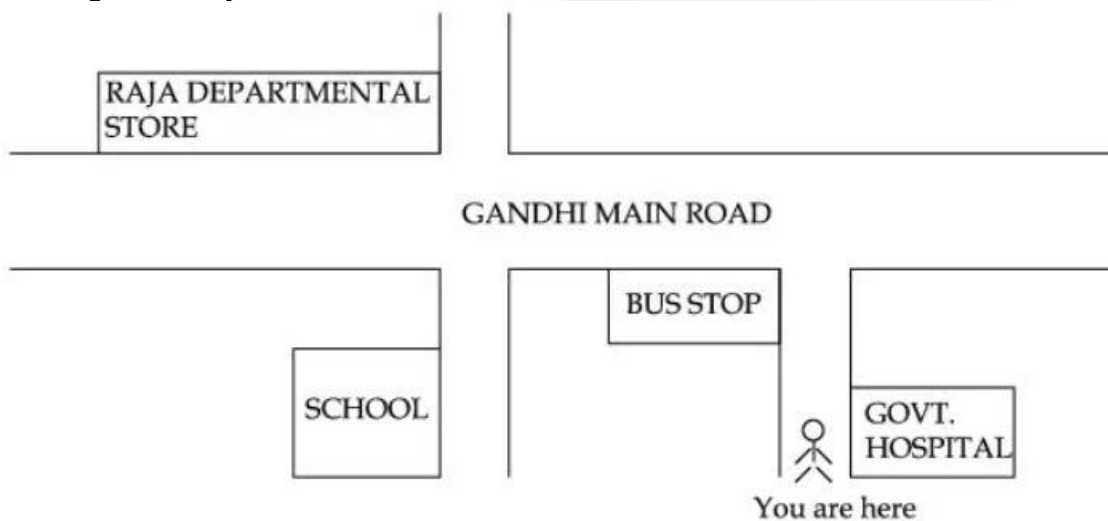
- 23. Reported speech: He said that he had bought five apples from the shop.
- 24. Passive voice: Has Raman been invited to the party by you?
- 25. Punctuated sentence: "Do you know the symptoms?" asked Smith.
- 26. Simple sentence: He followed my suggestion.
- 27. Rearranged sentences: (a) He had made his first flight. (b) Mulan heard this from inside her tent.

SECTION - 4

28. Answer the following question.

1×2=2

A stranger asked you to direct him to the school. Guide him to reach his destination.



Solution:

Go straight and turn left from the bus stop on the Gandhi Main road. Take the next left from the Gandhi Main road and the school will be on the opposite side.

PART - III
SECTION - 1

Answer any two of the following in a paragraph.

- 29. Narrate the extensive search operation made by the policeman in the house.
- 30. 'Technology is a boon to the disabled'- Justify.

31. Give a brief character sketch of Sasanka Sanyal.
32. Highlight the factors responsible for the all-women Indian Navy Crew to carry out their expedition.

Solution:

29. The policeman conducted an extensive search in the house, inspecting every corner, closet, and drawer. Despite his thorough efforts, he found no evidence, as the occupants had skillfully hidden anything suspicious. His exhaustive search ended without success.

30. Technology has greatly improved the lives of disabled individuals by providing tools like screen readers, hearing aids, and prosthetics. Devices such as smart wheelchairs and voice-controlled systems enable them to live independently. It empowers them in education, employment, and daily life, proving to be a true boon.

31. Sasanka Sanyal is a selfless and compassionate person dedicated to helping others. He is humble, principled, and values honesty, making him an inspiring figure. His calm demeanor and sense of duty reflect his noble character.

32. The all-women Indian Navy crew succeeded due to their rigorous training, teamwork, and determination. Their technical expertise and advanced navigation skills played a vital role. Support from the Navy and their courage helped them overcome challenges and achieve their goal.

SECTION - 2

Answer any two of the following.

2×5=10

33. What optimistic attitude should the readers possess according to the poem 'The Grumble family'?
34. Compare and contrast the attitude of the ant and the cricket.
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.

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Beside the house sits a tree.

It never grows leaves,

Not in the winter, spring, summer or fall.

It just sits there, never getting small or ever growing tall,

(a) Pick out the rhyming words from the given stanza.

(b) Give the rhyme scheme for 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 third line.

36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

Remember, no men are strange, no countries foreign

Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes

Like ours : the land our brothers walk upon

Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie.

Solution:

33. According to the poem "The Grumble Family," readers are encouraged to adopt an optimistic attitude by focusing on the positive aspects of life and avoiding constant complaining. They should cultivate gratitude, contentment, and cheerfulness, as these qualities lead to a happier and more fulfilling life. The poem highlights the importance of spreading joy and positivity instead of grumbling about trivial matters.

34. The ant is hardworking, responsible, and farsighted, as it plans for the future by gathering food during summer. In contrast, the cricket is carefree, irresponsible, and short-sighted, as it spends its time singing without preparing for winter. While the ant exemplifies prudence and diligence, the cricket represents recklessness and lack of foresight.

35. (a) The rhyming words in the stanza are: "fall" and "tall".

(b) The rhyme scheme of the stanza is: ABCC.

(c) The figure of speech in the first line "Beside the house sits a tree." is Personification, as the tree is described as "sitting," which is a human action.

(d) The alliterating words in the third line "Not in the winter, spring, summer or fall." are: "spring, summer" (repetition of the 's' sound).

36. The stanza emphasizes the unity of all human beings, regardless of nationality or differences. It reminds us that no one is truly different or foreign. Beneath the uniforms of soldiers, every person is the same, sharing the same life force. The land that others walk upon is the same earth we all live on and will eventually return to after death. The poem promotes universal brotherhood and peace, urging us to see beyond borders and differences.

SECTION - 3

Answer any one of the following.

1×5=5

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

- (i) Mulan went into her room and cut her long hair.
- (ii) In the army, Mulan proved to be a brave soldier.
- (iii) Mulan, a teenage girl who lived in a faraway village of China heard the news.
- (iv) The Emperor said that one man from each Chinese family must join the army.
- (v) She climbed on a horse and joined the army.

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

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

Questions:

- (a) What did Peter's mother want him to do ?
- (b) What was her advice?
- (c) Why was the little boy glad ?
- (d) What did the little boy tell his friend ?
- (e) What did the little boy remember?

Solution:

37. The correct coherent order of the sentences is:

- (iii) Mulan, a teenage girl who lived in a faraway village of China, heard the news.
- (iv) The Emperor said that one man from each Chinese family must join the army.
- (i) Mulan went into her room and cut her long hair.
- (v) She climbed on a horse and joined the army.
- (ii) In the army, Mulan proved to be a brave soldier.

38. (a) Peter's mother wanted him to take cakes to his friend, the blind man, across the dike.

(b) Her advice was to go quickly, not stop to play, and return home before dark.

(c) The little boy was glad because he enjoyed going on such an errand.

(d) The little boy told his friend about his walk along the dike, the sun, the flowers, and the ships far out at sea.

(e) The little boy remembered his mother's wish to return home before dark.

SECTION - 4

Answer any four of the following.

4×5=20

Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.

39. Tasty and hygienic - home made taste -200 varieties to select - Purely vegetarian - special combo offers - available - Icecream and Fruit juices - Mani Vilas - M.G. Road, Madurai.

Solution:

- ✨ Mani Vilas – A Delightful Vegetarian Experience! ✨
- 🍽️ Tasty & Hygienic – Experience the goodness of homemade flavors!
- 🌱 Purely Vegetarian – 100% fresh & delicious!
- 🍽️ 200+ Varieties – A wide range of mouth-watering dishes!
- 🎉 Special Combo Offers – Great deals for food lovers!
- 🍦 Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit Juices Available!
- 📍 Visit us at Mani Vilas, M.G. Road, Madurai.
- ☎️ Call us for orders & reservations!

Come, savor the taste of purity and tradition! 😊 ✨

40. You are Gomathi, a resident of a colony adjacent to the Cauvery River. Daily you see many people throwing waste into it, spoiling the pure water. Write a letter to a newspaper showing your concern about it and also voicing your worry.

Solution:

Gomathi
 Resident of Surya Colony,
 Chikkabegur,
 Mysore,
 9th January, 2025
 The Editor,
 The Times of India,

MG Road,
Bangalore

Subject: Concern Regarding the Pollution of the Cauvery River

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the increasing pollution of the Cauvery River, which flows near our colony. Every day, I witness many individuals and groups carelessly throwing waste, including plastic, food scraps, and other refuse, into the river. This disturbing behavior is not only disrespectful to nature but is also threatening the purity and health of the water that many depend on.

The Cauvery River, one of the most important rivers in our region, has been a source of life and livelihood for countless people. However, the growing pollution is not only damaging the ecosystem but is also putting the health of local communities at risk. The once-clear waters have turned murky, and the local wildlife is increasingly endangered.

I urge the authorities to take immediate action to stop this practice and enforce strict rules to ensure that the river remains clean. Public awareness campaigns must be held to educate the residents about the consequences of polluting the river. Additionally, proper waste disposal facilities should be provided near the riverbanks.

We must all take responsibility for preserving our environment. I hope my appeal will lead to positive change and a cleaner, healthier Cauvery for future generations.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Gomathi

41. You are Nikhil/Nikitha, school pupil leader of GHSS, Trichy. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school inviting the grandparents of the students to celebrate WORLD ELDERS DAY in your school auditorium on the 20th of next month.

Solution:

G.H.S.S, Trichy

NOTICE

Date: 9th January, 2025

Subject: Invitation for World Elders Day Celebration

This is to inform all students of GHSS, Trichy that the school will be celebrating World Elders Day on the 20th of January in the school auditorium. The event aims to honour and celebrate the invaluable contribution of our elders in shaping our lives.

We extend a warm invitation to the grandparents of all students to join us for the celebration. The event will feature various performances, activities, and a tribute to the wisdom and love that our elders provide.

Event Details:

Date: 20th January

Time: [Insert Time]

Venue: School Auditorium

Students are requested to bring their grandparents along and confirm participation by 15th January.

Let us come together to celebrate and show our respect for the elders in our lives.

Nikhil

Pupil Leader

G.H.S.S, Trichy

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

- (a) A earth goes round the sun.
- (b) It poured outside now.
- (c) I can be fifteen next April.
- (d) Her cousins as well as she is hard working.
- (e) As we were late, so we apologised.

Solution:

Here are the errors identified and the corrected sentences:

(a) Error: "A earth" should be "An earth."

Correct sentence: An earth goes round the sun.

(b) Error: "It poured outside now" is incorrect in tense.

Correct sentence: It is pouring outside now.

(c) Error: "I can be fifteen next April" is incorrect in expressing future age.

Correct sentence: I will be fifteen next April.

(d) Error: "Her cousins as well as she is hard working" is incorrect in subject-verb agreement.

Correct sentence: Her cousins, as well as she, are hard working.

(e) Error: The use of "so" after "As we were late" is redundant.

Correct sentence: As we were late, we apologised.

SECTION – 5

45. Quote from memory.

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Not mourning for.....
with cheer.

Solution:

"Not mourning for what has passed away,
 Nor dreading what is yet to be;
 But with a whole and happy heart,
 That pays its toll to youth and age,
 And travels on with cheer."

PART– IV

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

2×8=16

(a) The Emperor of Shining - orders - old people - to be - deserted - farmer - very sad carries old mother - to Obatsuyama - leaves mother - arranges bed to sleep - mother warns - son - of danger - asks to follow - twigs - son moved - carries mother back home - hides - at home - Emperor orders - rope of ashes - farmer worried - old mother helps - emperor surprised - farmer revealed the truth - Emperor - calls back the order abolished his cruel law.

Solution:

Once upon a time, the Emperor of Shining issued an order that all old people must be deserted by their families. A poor farmer, who was very sad about this order, had to leave his elderly mother in a place called Obatsuyama, as per the Emperor's command. He carefully arranged a bed for her to sleep on and left her there. However, the old mother warned her son of danger, urging him to follow the twigs she had scattered to find his way back. The son, deeply moved by his mother's words, carried her back home, hiding her there to protect her from the Emperor's harsh law. The Emperor later issued an order for a rope of ashes, which the farmer was unable to complete. His old mother helped him secretly, and the Emperor was surprised to see the farmer succeed. When the truth was revealed, the Emperor realized the cruelty of his law and called back the order, abolishing it forever.

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

(a) Books are the greatest treasure of mankind. The habit of reading them is a source of pleasure. He, who is in the habit of reading books should buy books for himself. He should start collecting books from his youth. The books collected and arranged properly in a room not only decorates the room but also makes the presence of their authors felt. Books contain eternal truths and are better friends than those of flesh and blood as they not only entertain but also guide us.

Questions:

- (i) What are the treasure and what gives pleasure?
- (ii) When should one start collecting books?
- (iii) What do books contain in them?
- (iv) Mention any two uses of reading books.

Solution:

Here are the answers to the questions:

- (i) What are the treasure and what gives pleasure?

Books are the greatest treasure, and the habit of reading them gives pleasure.

- (ii) When should one start collecting books?

One should start collecting books from their youth.

- (iii) What do books contain in them?

Books contain eternal truths.

- (iv) Mention any two uses of reading books.

Reading books entertains and guides us.