

English I Paper (June-2013)

Time: 2 ½ hrs

Max. Marks : 100

Section I – Vocabulary (20 marks)**1. Choose the appropriate synonym of the underlined words: 5**

The children stared at the Taj Mahal which was an **amazing**(i) structure and one among the seven wonders of the world. It was an architectural marvel of immense **glory** (ii) it exhibits the **diligence**(iii) of those who worked day in and day out to create this **rare**(iv) piece of magic. All the children **jostled**(v) for their positions to get photographed, in front of the Taj Mahal.

- (i) (a) bright (b) alarming (c) wonderful (d) superior
 (ii) (a) beauty (b) popularity (c) strength (d) integrity
 (iii) (a) carefulness (b) steady effort (c) struggle (d) intelligence
 (iv) (a) important (b) different (c) Uncommon (d) common
 (v) (a) quarrelled (b) campaigned (c) completed (d) fought

2. Choose the appropriate antonym of the underlined word: 5

In **ancient** (i) India, the social and economic status of women was not very good. They were not **fortunate** (ii) enough to inherit an equal share of their ancestral property. The society was so **narrow** (iii) minded that it paid no heed to their needs. It imposed various restrictions upon women. They were given **harsh** (iv) treatment at home too. Due to this, many of them had to lead a **miserable** (v) life.

- i) (a) old (b) modern (c) new (d) current
 ii) (a) lucky (b) unfortunate (c) unhappy (d) foolish
 iii) (a) broad (b) great (c) clear (d) simple
 iv) (a) good (b) clever (c) gentle (d) rough
 v) (a) pathetic (b) joyful (c) safe (d) submissive

Part II Answer any 10 of the following. 10x1=103. The common expansion of **TANSI** is:

- (a) Tamil Nadu Science Institutions
 (b) Tamil Nadu Small Scale Industries
 (c) Tamil Nadu Scheme Institutions
 (d) Tamil Nadu Savings Information

4. Choose the sentence that is correct in meaning:

- (a) Children crept in through a **hole** in the wall
 (b) Children crept in through a **whole** in the wall

5. Replace the underlined word with its equivalent American English word: Children like **biscuits**.6. Which of the words given below can be placed after the word **sea** to form a compound word?

- (a) toll (b) roar (c) thunder (d) food

7. What is the plural form of the word '**crisis**'?

- (a) crisae (b) crises (c) crise

8. Add a suffix to the word **danger** from the list given below to complete the sentence.

A snake is a very danger _____ reptile.

- (a) _ness (b) _ous (c) _able (d) _ly

9. Replace the underlined words in the sentence with one of the phrasal verbs given below to convey the same meaning.

The champion **yielded** to the strength of his opponent.

- a) gave on b) gave back c) gave in d) gave up

10. Separate the syllables of any one of the following words

- (a) about (b) entertainment (c) internal

11. Choose appropriate word to make meaningful sentence

During the Holi festival my cousin _____ the colour powder on me.

- (a) Shriek (b) Spattered

12. Construct sentence using one of the following words given:

- (a) Courage (b) Courageous (c) Courageously

13. Reframe sentence using the underlined word as a noun:

I **decided** to get first class in this examination.

14. Which of the two sentences given below conveys the following meaning?

Any one easily learn English

- (a) No one can easily learn English
 (b) Every one can easily learn English

SECTION II – GRAMMAR**Part I Respond to the following as directed 10**

15. Which of the options suit the following sentence?

If it rains, _____

- a) I shall have been wet b) I shall get wet
 c) I should be wet

16. Identify the pattern of the following sentence?

We wear woolen clothes in winter season

- (a) SVOC (b) SVIDODO (c) SVOA

17. Choose correct question tag for following statement

Shreya draws well, _____?

- (a) won't she (b) doesn't she (c) do she

18. Complete the sentence:

The man is _____ than the boy.

- (a) as tall as (b) tallest (c) taller

19. Choose which conveys correct meaning of given below.

Nothing is impossible in life.

- (a) Everything is possible in life. (b) Something is impossible in life. (c) Nothing is possible in life.

20. Complete the sentence with correct prepositional phrase

_____ his poverty, he is honest.

- a) In spite of (b) In the event of (c) On account of

21. Choose correct verb form to complete the sentence:

Everyone wishes _____ life.

- a) enjoying (b) to enjoy (c) enjoy

22. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence:

He is fond _____ with children

- (a) for playing (b) in playing (c) of playing

23. Choose the appropriate article to complete the sentence:

Karthik is _____ famous percussionist.

- (a) an (b) a (c) the

24. Choose the correct tense form of verb to complete sentence:

We _____ Delhi last summer.

- (a) visit (b) visited (c) will visit

II. Rewrite as directed.**5x2=10**

25. Combine two sentences

The box is very heavy. I cannot lift it.

26. Rewrite the sentence using other voice;

The man completed his work. His master paid him.

27. Rewrite the sentence in the direct speech:

The old man requested the students to help him to cross the street.

28. Rewrite as a single sentence using relative pronoun

Did you buy the book? You saw it in the shop.

29. Read the following sentences about the length of the girl's ribbon and write your observation in a single sentence using any one of the degrees of comparison:

- (a) Seema's ribbon is 15 cm long
 (b) Neela's ribbon is 18 cm long
 (c) Kamala's ribbon is 12 cm long
 (d) Vimala's ribbon is 20 cm long
 (e) Sonia's ribbon is 15 cm long

III. 30. Punctuate the following sentences

have i been here for five hours

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SECTION – III (Prose- 15 marks)**I. Answer briefly any five of the questions: 5x2=10**

31. What was Hughie's financial status?
32. How is music different from astronomy?
33. How is character influenced by surroundings?
34. What made Chaya triumphantly smile?
35. Which are the states in India that have shown concern for the domestic workers?
36. What could be the meaning of the phrase "Carrying winter on their back"?
37. List out the specialties of Thanjavur.

II. Answer in a paragraph any one (not exceed 120 words) 5

38. (a) What was the result of Hughie's mistaking the Baron for a beggar?(OR)
- b) What are the various duties of a student? Describe any two duties of a student as pointed out by Gokhale?
- c) How would our research on migration benefit the birds?

Section – IV (Poetry)**I Quote from memory one of the following 1x5=5**

39. (a) Five lines of the poem "MANLINESS"
From :Except the will.....
To :.....my son.
- (b) Five lines of the poem "MIGRANT BIRD"
From : "No Flags.....
To :unknown lands"

II Read the poetic lines and answer the questions 5

40. "Good men perform just deeds, and brave men die,
And win not honour such as gold can give"
Who wins the honour?
41. "A child sitting under the piano,....tingling strings".
Who does 'child' refer to?
42. "And underneath our heavy eye-lids drooping
The reddest flower would look as pale as snow"
Why would the flowers look pale?
43. Virgin rock takes form Rugged lines melt.
What is meant by virgin rock?
44. "Sharp edges merge
Into smoothen well moulded curves"
How are well moulded curves formed?

III. Read the poem lines and answer the questions 5 X 1 = 5

45. The world in gloom and splendor passes by
And thou in the midst of it with brows that gloom
A creature of that old distorted dream
that makes the sound of life an evil cry
Pick out the rhyming words in these lines.
46. I breed my brood where'er I will
Pick out the words in alliteration.
47. Like pearls and now a silver blade
Name the figure of speech used in the above line?
a) Simile (b) Metaphor (c) Personification
48. Not loth to have excuse to go,
Because the autumn eve was fair
(Though chill,) because the fields were ours,
And by the brook our woods were there.
Point out the rhyme scheme employed in these lines.
49. O ye wheels (breaking out in a mad moaning)
'Stop! be silent for to-day!
(a) Simile (b) Personification (c) Metaphor

IV Answer in a paragraph any one of the questions: (not exceed 120 words) 1 X 5=5

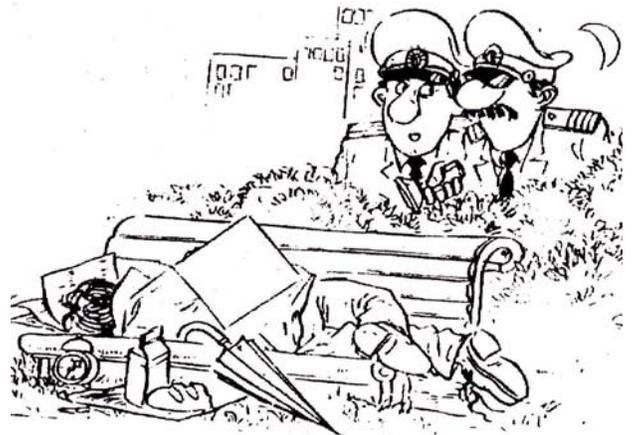
50. a) What are the views of the poet on the manner in which the millionaire acquires his wealth **OR**
- b) Describe the experiences of the children on their way to the brook to seek water **OR**
- c) Attempt a description of the physical appearance of the shilpi as portrayed in the poem.

Section – V (Language Functions – 20)**The Autobiography of a Euro**

It took three long years for my coming into existence after the idea of a new currency was conceived. I was conceived and named on 1st Jan, 1999, when eleven European countries decided to have a new money from i.e. the Euro. My value was determined according to the conversion rate fixed by these countries in terms of their own currencies. On 1st January 2002, I was circulated as currency notes when twelve countries adopted me as their currency. Some countries opposed the idea of using me and initially refused to accept me. But now almost all the European countries have accepted me as valid currency. My brother Dollar who is in America, my brother Lira residing in Italy and my sister Sterling were quite jealous of me but soon they accepted my existence and started respecting me. I now enjoy a place of pride among all the currencies in the world and almost everyone accepts me freely.

Questions:

- (a) What is the passage about?
 - (b) How many countries decided to have a new money form?
 - (c) When was the Euro circulated as currency?
 - (d) Name the currencies of America and Italy.
 - (e) What is the present status of the Euro?
52. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences:5
- a) Do you know which is world's tallest building?
 - b) I place great confidence on you.
 - c) He is good athlete who performs well.
 - d) I am absent yesterday.
 - e) I cannot drive as fast as Rahul.



- (a) Which place do you think is depicted in this picture?
- (b) Whom do you think are the two persons amidst the bushes?
- (c) What are they looking at?
- (d) What are the various objects that you see near th bench?.
- (e) What would be the reason for the man to sleep there at night?

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SECTION – I (NON - DETAILED)

1. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate phrases **5x1=5**

Kumar was an...(i)...young man. He was living in a very comfortable and ...(ii)...apartment ...(iii)... One day he stood staring out through the window. But he felt ...(iv)... in his heart. His thought drilled to his house which was in ...(v)...

- a narrow congested street
- an emptiness
- fully furnished
- intelligent and enterprising
- in New York

2. Read and identify the character / speaker **5x1=5**

- 'Enough is Enough'
- "No, we'll ring the fire brigade"
- "Oh Ma! How I miss you"
- "Can I keep him, Mom?"
- "More Snuff"

3. Match the following **5x1=5**

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| (a) Shelly | -Celine's daughter |
| (b) Amandine | -the three thieves |
| (c) 'V' shaped formation | -Felt like a princess |
| (d) Mum | -a school boy |
| (e) Three hefty men | -flying birds |

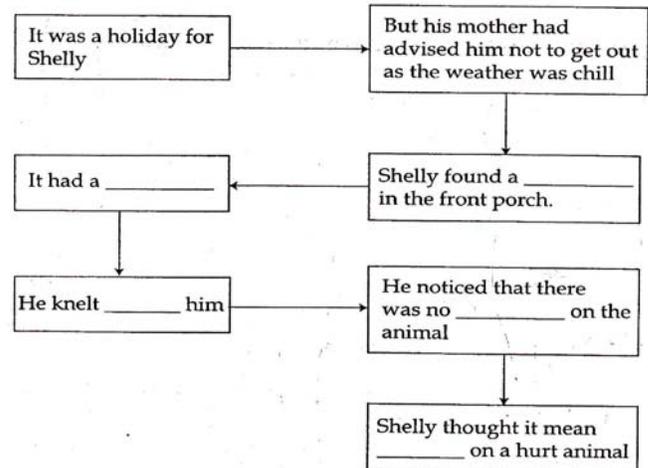
4. Complete the following sentences choosing the correct answer from the options: **5x1=5**

- The artist was engaged to paint a _____
(a) mural (b) scenery (c) portrait (d) building
- The narrator's brother was a _____
(a) student (b) teacher (c) tinker (d) doctor
- Kumar's outstanding performance at college had gained him a wonderful career at _____
(a) the LIC (b) the BSNL (c) an MNC (d) the NLC
- Mum had seen a piano before _____
(a) in the Church (b) at the Catholic Kindergarten (c) at the Shop (d) in the neighbour's house
- Hubert was _____ years old.
(a) eight (b) twelve (c) fifteen (d) fourteen

5. Read the passage and answer the questions: **5x1=5**

It turned out that since returning from the war, Dad had been unable to find a job. At that time I was too young to understand why anyone would get sad and worried about that, because I thought I would be as happy as a cat in a fish shop to have such a long holiday. Then, a few weeks later, I observed the same big horse pulling a cart down our street and it clip clopped right up into our drive way. Soon two men began to load Mum's Piano onto the wagon while all the neighbours gathered around to watch. Mum stayed in the Kitchen, sobbing. She was a proud person and couldn't bear to see her beloved Piano sitting on top of the wagon. Dad sat out in the backyard next to the Chickenshed, looking sadder than I had ever seen him.

- How was the Piano being taken away?
- Why was Mum sad and sobbing?
- Where was Dad sitting?
- Why was Dad looking sadder than ever?
- What did the author think about his father staying at home without a job?

6. Study the given mind map and fill the details. **5**7. Answer in a paragraph any **one** of the questions:5

- How did the encounter bring the brothers closer to each other?
- Narrate the story "Sam" in your own words
- Narrate the clever manner in which Hubert outwitted the thieves.

SECTION – II (LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS)

8. Make notes of the following passage and prepare a summary using the notes : **5+5=10**

The use of tobacco can also seriously impair the user's health. It can lead to cancer, heart attack, strokes and chronic lung disease. Babies born to mothers who smoke are often smaller and not healthier than babies born to mothers who do not smoke. Bronchitis and Pneumonia are serious illnesses common in babies born to parents who smoke, but less common in babies born to parents who do not smoke. Babies whose parents smoke also have a greater risk of suffering from chronic lung disease after they become adults.

We know that alcoholic beverages actually poison the body. Drinking alcohol causes changes in mood and results in lack of judgments and restraint, slurred speech, staggering and clumsiness. Larger amount of alcohol can produce drowsiness, stupor and even death. (128 words)

9. Complete the following dialogue appropriately: **5**

Ganesh: Hi Dinesh! You seem to be very busy of late.
Dinesh: Oh, yes Ganesh! My uncle has come from (i)____
Ganesh: How long will he be staying here?
Dinesh: He has come here for a medical check-up. So he will be ..(ii)..
Ganesh: That's quite a long time. You have to (iii)____
Dinesh: Yes, Luckily I have my holidays now, so (iv)____
Ganesh: Ok Dinesh, I hope your uncle (v)_____

SECTION – III (COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS)

10. Write a dialogue with at least five utterances between the Headmaster and an old student who has come to get a testimonial from the Headmaster.5

11. Rani wrote a letter to her friend Revathy describing her visit to a holiday resort. She started her letter but could not complete it. Complete the content of her letter in about 100 words.

14A 3rd Street
K.K.Nagar, A.City
2nd October 2012

My dear Revathy,

Address on the envelope
To K.Revathy,
15,A.V.R.Road,
B.City, Pin xxxxxx

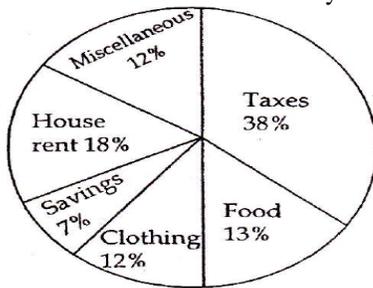
Your's lovingly,
Rani

12. Prepare an advertisement on the information given below; 5
- (a) Fresh fruits – Vegetables from farms – healthy – juicy – tasty – low price – care for health – fruits and vegetable – 59, Mint street, Trichy. OR
- (b) Colourful toys – novel – lovely, safe to use – non toxic – handy etc – 10% discount – sale for 3 days only. Venue – Guild of Service Hall – Egmore – Chennai-8.

SECTION – IV (EXPANSION OF IDEAS)

13. Expand the following head lines : 5x1=5

- (a) Mobile phones banned in schools
(b) 108 service welcomed by the poor
(c) Tata motors hikes vehicle prices
(d) Heart surgery for Children at low cost
(e) SBI releases new coin – Big temple centenary
14. Study the pie chart and answer the questions given below : 5
Annual Expenditure of Mr.Krishnan's family is Rs. 48000



- (i) Mr.Krishnan spends equally on _____
(a) Food and education (b) house rent and clothing
(c) clothing and miscellaneous (d) taxes and food
- (ii) State whether the following statement is true or false:
Sum of the expenditures on food and clothing is equal to the sum of the expenditures on house-rent and the money saved
- iii) The difference between the expenses on taxes and house rent is equal to the sum of the _____
(a) expenses on food and house rent
(b) expenses on food and savings
(c) expenses on clothing and house rent
(d) expense on miscellaneous items
- iv) The amount saved by Krishnan is _____
(a) 4000 (b) 3360 (c) 2500 (d) 4800
- v) The least percentage of Mr.Krishnan's income is directed towards _____
(a) his saving (b) food (c) clothing (d) miscellaneous expenses

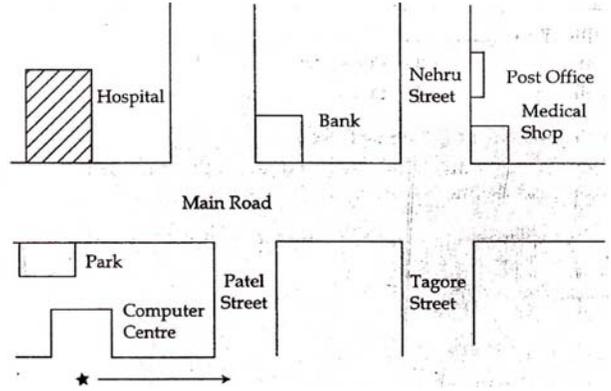
15. Write a paragraph using any one of the following outlines in about 100 words. 5

- (a) Delay is dangerous – postpone things-work gets accumulated – try to finish in a hurry – slipshod – quality gets affected – earn a bad name – don't give room to laziness-prompt action – fetches good returns.
- (b) National integration – need of the hour – dividing forces – language, religion, etc.-develop tolerance – give up fights – encourage broadmindedness – patience – courteous behavior – patriotism – unity results in victory – peace – happiness.

16. Match the following products and slogans appropriately: 5

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|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| (a) Eraser | - handle with care |
| (b) Air conditioner | - gives clear vision |
| (c) Lens | - erases everything but the past |
| (d) Glass | - for dashing and smashing looks |
| (e) Dress | - keeps cool |

17. Observe the map and write the instructions required 5
You are near the computer centre. A stranger asks you to direct him to the post office. Guide him with your directions in about 50 words.



18. Read the poem given below and complete its paraphrase with suitable words or phrases in the given blanks. 5x1=5

I took a piece of plastic clay
And idly fashioned it, one day,
And as my fingers pressed it, still
It moved and yielded to my will
I came again, when days were passed
That bit of clay was hard at last
The form I gave it, still it bore,
And I could change that form no more.

The artist took a piece of ..(i).. He pressed it with ..(ii).. It moved and gave into... (iii)... Finally he moulded it into a statue and went away. He returned after many days. The clay was now... (iv)... It still bore the form he had given. But he... (v)... that form no more.

19) (a) Translation

A foreigner wants to go to a super market. As he did not know Tamil, help him to understand the instructions through your translation

பிரதான சாலையில் வடக்கு நோக்கி நேராகச் செல்லவும். சிறிது தூரம் கடந்த பின்னர் இடதுபுற சந்தில் திரும்பவும். “மணி உணவு விடுதி” க்கு அடுத்து ‘காந்தி’ சாலையை அடைவீர்கள். அங்கிருந்து நேர்பாதையில் சென்றால் இரண்டு நிமிடங்களில் சாலையின் வலதுபுறத்தில் பல்பொருள் அங்காடியைச் சென்றடைவீர்கள்.

(b) Look at the picture given below. Express your views on it in about five sentences

