

As per G.O. No. 161 dated 13.9.2019, English Paper - I and Paper - II are combined into a single paper. Accordingly, Govt. has released a New Model Question paper, and it is given below with answers.

Govt. Model Question Paper - 2019-20

X STD

ENGLISH

Time allowed : 15 mins + 3 hours*] as per Govt's notification

[Maximum Marks : 100

Instructions :

1. Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall supervisor immediately.
2. Use Blue or Black ink to write and underline.

Part - I

- i) Answer all the questions. 14 × 1 = 14
- ii) Choose the most suitable answer and write the code with corresponding answer.

Choose the appropriate synonyms for the italicised words.

1. The mother seagull *swooped* upwards.
(a) leap (b) rush (c) move very quickly (d) ascend
2. The *attic* has always been favourite with children.
(a) loft (b) terrace (c) apartment (d) strong room
3. It is a 55-foot sailing vessel built *indigenously* in India.
(a) Fully (b) collectively (c) innately (d) specially

Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicised words.

4. She screamed back *mockingly*.
(a) disrespectfully (b) ridiculously (c) jeeringly (d) respectfully
5. We don't have to use any means of *repulsion*.
(a) attraction (b) distaste (c) hate (d) horror
6. I *indulged* in banking.
(a) Took part (b) participated (c) abstained (d) yielded
7. Choose the correct plural form of *alga* from the following.
(a) Algum (b) algi (c) algae (d) algas
8. From a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word - *document*.
(a) -ory (b) -ise (c) -ation (d) -ly
9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation *SIM*.
(a) Subscriber Information Module (b) Subscriber Identification Module
(c) Student Identification Module (d) School Identification Module

10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below :
The crew _____ of water and food before they could complete their expedition.
(a) ran on (b) ran about (c) ran in (d) ran 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
12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below :
Mulan heard this _____ her tent.
(a) by (b) from (c) at (d) for
13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below :
After he _____ his lunch, he went across to the window.
(a) will finish (b) finish (c) was finishing (d) had finished
14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the given four alternatives.
_____ he is ninety years old, he is in the pink of health.
(a) When (b) Since (c) Even though (d) Yet

Part - II**(10 × 2 = 20)****Section - I****Answer any THREE of the following questions in a sentence or two.****3 × 2 = 6**

15. Mention the special features of INSV Tarini.
16. What prompted the seagull to fly finally?
17. What was the daily routine of Mr. Sanyal?
18. What were the various things that tempted Mr. Franz to spend his day outdoors?

Section - II**Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any THREE of the following. 3 × 2 = 6**

19. *Let us learn to walk with a smile and a song,
No matter if things do sometimes go wrong;*
(a) What does the poet want everyone to learn?
(b) What should we do when things go wrong?
20. *She's a lioness; don't mess with her.
She'll not spare you if you're a prankster.*
(a) How is a woman described here?
(b) Who is a prankster?
21. *Not a flower could he see,
Not a leaf on a tree.*
(a) Who does 'he' refer to?
(b) Mention the season when he could not see a flower or a leaf on a tree.

22. *Beside the house sits a tree*
It never grows leaves.
 (a) What is found near the house?
 (b) Why does it never grow leaves?

Section - III

Answer any THREE of the following.

3 × 2 = 6

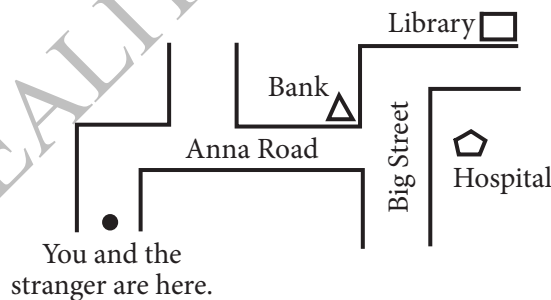
23. Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice.
 Please assemble in the ground.
24. Rewrite using indirect speech.
 "Where are we going, sir?" asked the aero-coachman.
25. Punctuate the following sentence.
 Wherefore said miranda did they not that hour destroy us
26. Transform the following sentence into a simple sentence.
 As Catherin is a voracious reader, she buys a lot of books.
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences:
 (a) he saw / When / in the / platform / the train / he rushed.
 (b) as / I / healthy / are / you / am / as.

Section - IV

Answer the following question.

1 × 2 = 2

28. A stranger wants to visit the library. Write the steps to guide him to reach his destination.



Part - III

(10 × 5 = 50)

Section - I

Answer any TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines.

2 × 5 = 10

29. Describe the struggles undergone by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.
30. 'Technology is a boon to the disabled'. Justify.
31. How did Watson help his friend to arrest the criminal?
32. 'Man does change with time' - What were the various changes that came about in Aditya?

Section - II**Answer any TWO of the following in utmost 10 lines.****2 × 5 = 10**

33. How is mystery depicted in the poem, 'The house on Elms street'?
34. Compare and contrast the attitude of the ant and the cricket.
35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below:

*The weather is always too hot or cold;
 Summer and winter alike they scold.
 Nothing goes right with the folks you meet
 Down on the gloomy Complaining street.*

- (i) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.
- (ii) Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.
- (iii) Identify the figure of speech employed in the fourth line of the given stanza.
- (iv) Pick out the alliterating words.
36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

*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!*

Section - III**Answer any ONE of the following:****1 × 5 = 5**

37. Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.
- (i) Using the powers, Prospero released the good spirits from large bodies of trees.
- (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) The King of Naples and Antonio the false brother, repented the injustice they had done to Prospero.
- (v) He ordered Ariel to torment the inmates of the ship.
38. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

The country Shining was governed by a despotic leader who though a warrior, had a great and cowardly shrinking from anything suggestive of failing health and strength. This caused him to send out a cruel proclamation. The entire province was given strict orders to immediately put to death all aged people. Those were barbarous days, and the custom of abandoning old people to die was not uncommon. The poor farmer loved his aged mother with tender reverence, and the order filled his heart with sorrow. But no one ever thought twice about obeying the mandate of the governor, so with many deep and hopeless sighs, the youth prepared for what at that time was considered the kindest mode of death.

- (i) Who governed Shining?
- (ii) What was the cowardly act of the governor?
- (iii) What proclamation did the governor send out?
- (iv) How did the poor farmer treat his mother?
- (v) Did the people obey the governor's order?

Section - IV**Answer any FOUR of the following:****4 × 5 = 20**

39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.
Home appliances – Aadi Sale – 20-50% - Special Combo Offers – Aadhav & Co., Raja Street, Chennai.
40. Write a letter to the manager of a famous daily, ordering subscription for your school library.
41. You are Adhira / Athiran, the 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.
42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in about five sentences.



43. Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.
There are many different kinds of books that are published each year. These are the new titles available for us to read. Besides these, there are books that have been published through the years. Together, there are millions of books available throughout the world in as many languages as are spoken by people. There are different genres in which books are published. There are fiction and non-fiction categories in books, and each of these categories has many different genres of books. The academic books we study at school belong to the text book category. We study them to complete our syllabus and pass the examinations at the end of each academic session. There are other books that we read for our pleasure and enrichment. We read story books of different types. There are comedy, horror, detective and thriller stories in prose, plays and poetry forms. Books are our best friends.
44. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences.
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| (a) You may speak politely to the elders. | (b) This is the boy whom won the race. |
| (c) He come late to school every day. | (d) Though he was hungry but he did not eat. |
| (e) Is this a book that you wanted to buy. | |

Section - V

45. Quote from memory.

1 × 5 = 5

Let me live back in fear.

Part - IV

46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints. **2 × 8 = 16**
- (a) Many years ago - China - the emperor ordered - one man from - family - join army - Mulan heard - told father - she join army - father objected - she is a girl - Mulan - wore - fathers robes cuts her hair - convinced father - she has learnt - Kung fu - no one will find - she is a girl. Mulan left - village - fought

bravely - war - given top - position - very soon - fever swept - the army - Mulan - sick - doctor examines - finds the truth - spreads the news in the army - everyone objects - to follow a girl leader - Mulan stood tall - gave command - soldiers - followed her - attacked enemies - won the battle - Emperor glad - offered Mulan positions - court - Mulan refused - went back - village - royal - gifts.

(OR)

- (b) Holland - land - below sea level - dikes protected the country - every one did best to - protect - Holland - Years ago - little - boy Peter - lived Holland - His father - attended - dyke gates - opened - closed dykes - one day - Peter mother - gave cakes to Peter - to be given - old blind friend of Peter - across the dyke - Peter happily left home - Peter visited - old man - returned near by the dyke - heard - water trickling - stopped to see - small hole - dyke - called for help - in vain - he put his little - finger - throughout the night - slept near the dyke - morning - found by passer by - alerted the people - Peter and Holland - saved.

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

Kung Fu – 'kung' meaning 'energy' and 'fu' meaning 'time' – is a Chinese martial art whose recorded history dates back to around 525 CE, during the Liang dynasty. The man credited with introducing martial arts to China is said to be an Indian monk known as Bodhidharma.

Many people have a misconception that Chinese Kung Fu is about fighting and killing. It is actually based on Chinese philosophy and is about improving wisdom and intelligence. Taoist philosophy is deeply rooted in and had a profound influence on the culture of Chinese martial arts.

The five traditional animal styles of Shaolin Kung Fu are the dragon, the snake, the tiger, the leopard and the crane. The union of the five animal forms clearly displayed the efficacy of both hard and soft movements, of both internal and external energy – this form of Chinese martial arts was known as Shaolin Kung Fu, named after the temple in which it was developed.

Questions.

- Which country does the martial art Kung Fu belong to?
- What is the meaning of the term "Kung Fu"?
- Write any two martial arts of India?
- What are the five animal styles followed in Shaolin Kung Fu?

(OR)

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below :

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,
Be a scrub in the valley – but be
The best little scrub by the side of the rill;
Be a bush, if you can't be a tree.
If you can't be a bush, be a bit of the grass,
And some highway happier make;
If you can't be a muskie, then just be a bass-
But the liveliest bass in the lake!

We can't all be captains, we've got to be crew,
There's something for all of us here.
There's big work to do and there's lesser to do
And the task we must do is the near.
If you can't be a highway, then just be a trail,
If you can't be the sun, be a star;
It isn't by size that you win or you fail-
Be the best of whatever you are!

Questions.

- Where does the best scrub grow?
- What makes a highway traveller happy?
- Does size matter? Give reason.
- What is the underlying theme of the poem?



Answers

1. (c) move very quickly
2. (a) loft
3. (c) innately
4. (d) respectfully
5. (a) attraction
6. (c) abstained
7. (c) algae
8. (c) ation → documentation
9. (b) Subscriber Identification Module
10. (d) ran out
11. (c) man → watch man
12. (b) from
13. (d) had finished
14. (c) Even though
15. INSV Tarini is the second sailboat of the Indian Navy. It is a 55 feet sailing vessel built in India by M/s Aquarius Shipyard Pvt. Ltd, located in Goa. After undergoing extensive sea trials, she was commissioned to the Indian Navy service on 18th February 2017.
16. The young seagull's mother picked up a piece of fish and flew across to him with it. But then she halted, just opposite to him. She was almost within reach of his beak. Maddened by hunger, the young seagull dived at the fish. This act of his mother prompted the young seagull to fly finally.
17. Mr. Sanyal comes to the tea shop, has tea and biscuits and always remembers to pay for it as he has an acute sense of self-respect.
18. The day was warm and bright. The birds were chirping and in the open field back of the saw mill, the Prussian soldiers were drilling.
19. (a) The poet expects everyone to live a happy life by smiling and singing all the time.
(b) We should not bother ourselves, if things go wrong sometimes.
20. (a) The woman is described as a lioness.
(b) Prankster is a person who acts mischievously.
21. (a) 'He' refers to the cricket.
(b) In winter season, he could not see a flower or a leaf on a tree.
22. (a) A tree is found near the house.
(b) It never grows leaves because it is a mysterious tree.
23. You are requested to assemble in the ground.
24. The aero-coachman asked where they are going.
25. "Wherefore," said Miranda, "did they not that hour destroy us?"
26. Being a voracious reader, Catherin buys a lot of books.
27. (a) When he saw the train in the platform he rushed.
(b) I am as healthy as you are.
28. 1. Please go straight and at the end of this road, turn right.
2. You will enter into Anna Road and walk along the road. After seeing a Bank, turn left.
3. Proceed further on Big Street and then turn right.
4. In a few seconds, you will find the Library on your left side.

29. The young seagull was afraid of flying. His parents strove their level best to teach the young seagull to fly but in vain. The parents, brothers and sister thought a plan to teach him to fly. They flew away to another rock and left him alone. They did not give him anything to eat. He stood there on one leg and closed his eyes. He was very hungry. He searched for food everywhere. He even chewed the dried pieces of the eggshells. He saw his mother tearing a piece of fish. He begged his mother to give him food. So the mother flew with the piece of fish to the young seagull. When she reached over him, she became motionless in the air. She did not get down on the rock. She wanted to give the young seagull an incentive to fly. The seagull bent forward and jumped at the fish. He was much frightened. But he began to flap his wings to save himself.
30. 'Technology is a boon to the disabled', because it made to a lot of difference in their life. Now the differently-abled people can do their day to day tasks of life like travelling, communicating, learning, doing business and living a comfortable life. They are able to fight with the challenges of access, acceptance and inclusion. In this lesson, Alisha and David's life has changed with the use of technology. Alisha couldn't physically type as just as she thinks. After she was introduced to a piece of technology called Dragon Dictate, she can speak now the words appear on her screen. Then she can print them out. Kim, who is an Assistive Technologist helps students to use technology in different ways. The use of technology enabled David and others to communicate and be independent.
31. Holmes sent Watson to 13 Lower Burke Street, where Culverton Smith lived. Watson pleaded with Smith to save Holmes, who was suffering from plague. On hearing Holmes' name, Smith was shocked. Before Smith could come along, Watson left, to meet Holmes to inform about Smith's arrival. He disappeared to the next room before Smith came. As Holmes and Smith were speaking about the dangerous ivory box and the spring that drew blood, Smith said that Holmes would die of it, as Victor had died. But Holmes stated he was sure Smith was behind the murder of Victor. But Smith told that none could prove it. When Smith tried to get away with the ivory box, which was the last piece of evidence, Inspector Morton came in to arrest him on charges of murder. Thus Watson brought Smith to Holmes and made way for the arrest.
32. Twenty-nine years ago Aditya was a child of a wealthy family. Sanyal and Aditya studied in the same school. Sanyal was always in the first position. Aditya was in the second position. Though he was a fairly good student, he could never beat Sanyal. He was jealous of Sanyal. One day, Sanyal got a medal as a prize for his recitation. Aditya could not bear it. He took the prize from Sanyal to show to his father. But he never returned it to Sanyal. He told lies that there was a hole in his pocket and it had fallen through it. This attribute of Aditya angered Sanyal and he thought he could never forgive him for his misdeeds. At present, time has changed him. He repented for what he had done to Sanyal. He was the cause for all his grievances. He got a chance to rectify his mistakes. So he gave Sanyal ₹150 as the price for the medal. But Sanyal refused it, saying that he only wanted his lost glory back, the medal. He got it back.
33. The house on Elms street is lonely. No one knows what happens inside. It is spacious and empty. During the night, lights go on and off. The poet is afraid to go in and see. There is a bare tree that neither grows nor becomes small. During all the seasons it remains the same. The rumours spread continuously. Each day the house becomes dim, and the poet doesn't know what happens inside the house. Thus the house remains a mystery forever.
34. The cricket in the poem is a silly creature who sings and dances all summer and does not save any food for its future. It used to enjoy its good times during the summer season. He didn't plan anything for the future. Whereas the ant is clever and saves food during summer, so that he doesn't have to do any work during winter. The ant gives a very important lesson of life during its conversation with the cricket. The ant says that ants never borrow from anyone. They never lend to anyone. They are hard working creatures who save for their future. Though it says that it is a friend and servant to the cricket, it gets angry with what the cricket has done during the summer. It turns him out of his house saying to sing and dance once again during winter. This shows that the ant is hardworking and clever.

35. (i) The rhyming words are 'cold - scold; meet - street';
 (ii) The rhyming scheme of the above lines is 'aabb'.
 (iii) Epithet (complaining street)
 (iv) The alliterating words : summer - scold.
36. In this stanza, the poet Rudyard Kipling says that the machines can do all sorts of work. They can pull, drag, push, lift and drive. They can also print, plough, weave, heat and light. Further they can run, race, swim, fly and dive. They can also see, hear, count, read and write. All these tasks were done earlier by the humans. Now these machines have made their work easier.
37. (ii) Prospero and Miranda came to an island and lived in a cave.
 (i) Using the powers, Prospero released the good spirits from large bodies of trees.
 (iii) He raised a violent storm in the sea to wreck the ship of his enemies.
 (v) He ordered Ariel to torment the inmates of the ship.
 (iv) The King of Naples and Antonio the false brother, repented the injustice they had done to Prospero.
38. (i) A despotic leader governed Shining.
 (ii) The cowardly act of the governor was to shrink from anything.
 (iii) The governor sent out a proclamation to put to death all the aged people.
 (iv) The poor farmer loved his mother with tender reverence.
 (v) Yes. The people obeyed the governor's order.

39.

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40. **From**

R. Balu,
School Pupil Leader,
Govt. H.S.S.,
Anna Nagar, Chennai – 600 040.

26th September, 2019

To

The Manager,
The Times of India,
T. Nagar, Chennai – 600 017.

Sir,

Sub : Subscription for our school library.

Our school has decided to subscribe to The Times of India newspaper. Hence, as a School Pupil Leader of our school, I request you to send four copies of the daily to our school library. I request you to start the subscription from 1st October, 2019 onwards.

Please let us know if any special discount in the price of the newspaper for students.

Payment will be made on a monthly basis.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

R. Balu

School Pupil Leader

41.

NOTICE**GOVERNMENT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, TRICHY****World Elders' Day**

21th September 2019

All the students are informed that our school is celebrating World Elders' Day on the 20th of October 2019, at 3.30 p.m. in our school auditorium.

Interested students are requested to bring their grandparents for the celebration. Tea and snacks will be provided. Fun activities will also be organised.

Adhira / Athiran
School Pupil Leader

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1. This picture depicts the pathetic condition of a flooded area.
 2. People are walking along this flooded area.
 3. They wade through hip-deep water on this road.
 4. Some people carry their kids on their shoulders.
 5. They may be going to temporary relief camps for food and shelter.

43. Summary making

Rough Copy :

Different kinds of books

Each year different kinds of books, with new titles, are published. Millions of books are available in many languages. There are fiction and non-fiction categories in books. Each has many different genres of books. The academic books come under the textbook category. We study them to complete our syllabus and pass the examinations at the end of each academic session. We read some other books for our pleasure and enrichment. These are comedy, horror, detective and thriller stories in prose, plays and poetry forms. Books are our best friends.

Fair Copy :

Different kinds of books

Each year different kinds of books, with new titles, are published. Millions of books are available in many languages. There are fiction and non-fiction categories. Each has many different genres. The academic books come under the textbook category. We study them to complete our syllabus and pass the examinations. We read some other books for our pleasure and enrichment. These are comedy, horror, detective and thriller stories in prose, plays and poetry forms. Books are our best friends.

(OR)

Note making

Different kinds of books

1. Books
 - (a) different kinds
 - (b) new titles
 - (c) millions of books throughout the world
 - (d) in many languages
2. Different genres
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 - (b) non-fiction
3. Academic books
 - (a) textbook category
 - i) to complete the syllabus
 - ii) to pass the exams
4. Other books
 - (a) for pleasure and enrichment
 - (b) story books
 - i) comedy
 - ii) horror
 - iii) detective
 - iv) thriller stories
 - (c) in prose, plays, poetry forms

44. (a) You should speak politely to the elders.
 (b) This is the boy who won the race.
 (c) The comes late to school every day.
 (d) Though he was hungry, he did not eat. (but → deleted) (or)
 He was hungry, but he did not eat. (Though → deleted)
 (e) Is this the book that you wanted to buy?
45. Let me but live my life from year to year,
 With forward face and unreluctant soul;
 Not hurrying to, nor turning from the goal;
 Not mourning for the things that disappear
 In the dim past, nor holding back in fear
46. (a) Many years ago, In China, the Emperor ordered that one man from each family must join the army. Mulan heard it and told her father. She wanted to join the army. Her father objected to it as she was a girl. She wore her father's robes and cut her hair. She convinced him. Earlier she had learnt Kung Fu from him. She told that no one would find her as a girl. She left the village and joined the army. She fought bravely in the war. She became the General of the army. Very soon, a fever swept the army. Mulan fell sick. When the doctor examined her, he found the truth and spread the news in the army. Everyone objected to following a girl leader. Just then, a battle came. With a good plan, she commanded the soldiers. They followed her and attacked their enemies and won the battle. The Emperor was glad. He offered her a position of a Royal Adviser in his palace. But she refused. Then the Emperor gifted her with six horses and six swords. Mulan went back to her village.
- (OR)
- (b) Holland is a country where the land lies below sea level. Only dikes protected the country. Everyone did their best to protect Holland. Years ago, a little boy named Peter lived in Holland. His father tended the dike gates. He opened and closed the dikes for the ships to cross. One day, Peter's mother asked him to go across the dikes to give cakes to his blind friend. Peter happily left home. He visited the old blind man. On his way back, Peter walked beside the canal. Just then he heard a sound of trickling water. He stopped and looked down. There was a small hole in the dike, through which water was leaking. He shouted for help, but in vain. He put his little finger into the hole to stop the leakage. He stayed throughout the night. His eyes were closed, but he was not asleep. Next day morning, a passer-by found Peter and alerted the people. Peter was saved. Holland was saved by Peter.
47. (a) The martial art Kung Fu belongs to India and an Indian monk introduced it to China.
 (b) 'Kung' means 'energy' and 'fu' means 'time'.
 (c) 1. Kalaripayattu, 2. Silambam.
 (d) The dragon, the snake, the tiger, the leopard and the crane are the five animal styles followed in Shaolin Kung Fu.

(OR)

- (a) The best scrub grows by the side of the rill.
 (b) A bit of the grass makes a highway traveller happy.
 (c) No. Little scrub is useful than a tall tree. Size is not a hindrance for winning. Our success will depend only on how good we are at it.
 (d) The underlying theme of the poem is that whatever we do, we need to be the best.

