

## 10<sup>th</sup> Reduced Syllabus Model Question 2021

### X-ENGLISH

Time - 3hours

100Marks

#### Part-I

Answer all the questions (choose the best)

(14×1=14)

#### Choose the appropriate synonyms

1)Scarping his beak now and again to **whet** it

a)clean b)blunt c)sharp d)wet

2)But something **choked** him.

a)praised b)blocked c)answered d)encouraged

3)Trying to **revive** old childhood memories may prove disappointing

a)review b)restore c)rescue d)revitalize

#### Choose the appropriate antonyms

4)One can control the computer screen with a **gaze**

a)blink b)stare c)look d)trace

5)Those are the times we have to be **active**

a)dynamic b)lively c)energetic d)inactive

6)The sun was now **ascending** the sky

a)descending b)scaling c)climbing d)flying

7)Choose the correct plural form of **lady**

a)ladye b)ladies c)ladys d)ladyes

8)Choose the appropriate prefix for **practice**

a)in b)im c)mal d)un

9)Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word '**rain**'

a)ball    b)box    c)fall    d)walk

10)Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation **WHO**

- a)World Human Organisation
- b)World Health Outstation
- c)World Health Organisation
- d)World Health Ordination

11)Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below:

The match was ..... due to rain.

- (a) called upon
- (b) called on
- (c) called off
- (d) called at

12)Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below:

The cat was hiding ..... the table.

- (a) by
- (b) under
- (c) at
- (d) for

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

We ..... Elagiri last summer.

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

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

The situation was Do ..... die.

- (a) else
- (b) so
- (c) but
- (d) or

**PART - II**  
**Section-I**

**Answer any three of the following**

**(3×2=6)**

- 15) What did the seagull fail to fly?
- 16) What was the usual scene when school began every day?
- 17) Who is Tara-Tarini?
- 18) Why was the attic 'a favourite place' for children?

**Section-II**

**Answer any three of the following**

**(3×2=6)**

- 19) "But remember, please, the Law by which we live,  
We are not built to comprehend a lie,  
We can neither love nor pity nor forgive,  
If you make a slip in handling us you die!"

(a) What do you understand by the word, 'slip'?

- 20) Strong is she in her faith and belief  
"Persistence is the key to everything..

- a) What is she strong about?
- b) How does she deal with the adversities in life?

- 21) "She's today's woman. Today's woman dear.  
Love her, respect her, keep her near..."

- (a) Describe today's woman according to the poet.
- (b) How should a woman be treated?

- 22) So let the way wind up the hill or down  
Over rough or smooth the journey will be joy

- a) How is the way of life?
- b) How should be the journey of life?

### Section-III

**Answer any three of the following**

**(3×2=6)**

23) Rewrite the following sentence to the other voice.  
The novel was read by Mom in one day.

24) Rewrite using indirect speech.  
Rohit asked me, 'Did you see the cricket match on TV last night?'

25) Punctuate the following.  
i don't know what we do without her we'd lose out on so many opportunities

26) Transform the following sentence into a simple sentence.  
As he is poor, he is honest

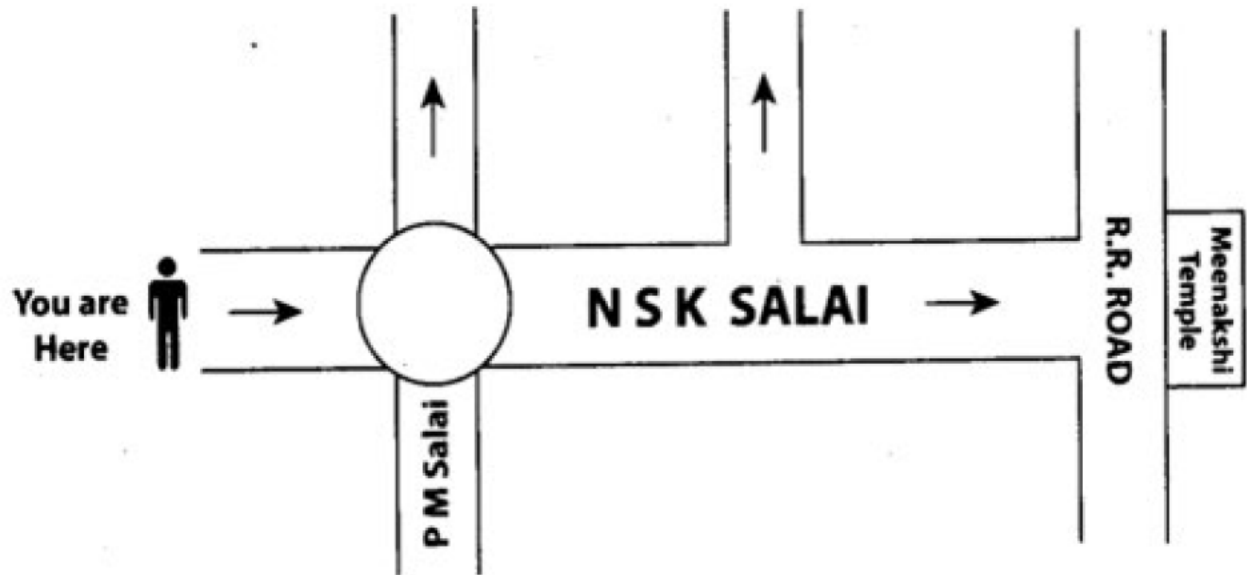
27) Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.  
(a) Six puppies / to / had / Maya's / given birth / dog  
(b) Many times / Sita told Ravi / two dogs / have / already / we

### Section-IV

**Answer the following**

**(1×2=2)**

A stranger asks you the way to go to Meenakshi Temple. Help the stranger to reach his/ her destination with the help of the given road-map and write down the steps.



### PART-III

#### Section-I

30) Describe the struggles underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.

31) Write in detail about the selection and training process which the crew underwent.

32) Man does change with time - what were the various changes that came about in Aditya

#### Section-II

**Answer any two of the following**

**(2×5=10)**

33) What qualities have made women powerful?

34) Describe the journey of life as depicted in the poem by Henry Van Dyke

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

(i) "A woman is beauty innate,  
A symbol of power and strength.  
She puts her life at stake,  
She's real, she's not fake!"

- (a) What is the rhyme scheme of the above stanza?
- (b) Pick out the rhyming words.
- (c) What is meant by 'innate'?
- (d) Explain the line, 'She puts her life at stake'.
- (e) What do you understand by the term, 'not a fake'?

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!

**Answer any one of the following**

**(1×5=5)**

37) Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

- 1. a. Of these Ariel was the chief.
- b. By virtue of his art, he had released many good spirits from a witch called Sycorax.
- c. Prospero and his daughter Miranda were the only inhabitants in an island.
- d. Ariel took pleasure in tormenting an ugly monster called Caliban.
- e. These gentle spirits were ever after obedient to the will of Prospero.

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

'Zigzag!' interrupted their nine-year-old daughter Maya.  
Isn't that Uncle Somu's prized giant green-and -gold fighting beetle. The one that spits deadly poison straight into its opponent's eye?'  
'No, no,' corrected her older brother Arvind, eyes shining in pure delight. 'The beetle is called Spitfire. Zigzag must be Uncle Somu's pet snake. The African sidewinder! You know, the one that slithers zigzag all over his house!'

'You're both quite mistaken,' their father hastened to explain, seeing his wife's horrified expression. 'Zigzag is a most harmless, unusual and lovable bird. Apparently, it was bred by a genuine African witch doctor, who gifted it to Somu when he being a child specialist like me cured the witch doctor's son while he was touring the deepest jungles of equatorial Africa last month. Somu says the bird is an absolute treasure and a real help. It's his favourite pet, you know'.

- (a) Who is Maya?
- (b) What did Maya mistake Zigzag to be?
- (c) According to Maya's brother, who was Zigzag? Why?
- (d) Why did Ashok hasten to explain to his children the mistaken identity?
- (e) Who was Zigzag according to Ashok?

#### **Section-IV**

**Answer any four of the following**

**(4×5=20)**

39) Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.  
Mobile Galaxy -Smart phones -accessories -SIM Cards-Recharge -Free power bank

40) You are a librarian of Chennai Public School, Chennai. Write a letter to the store manager of a bookseller placing order for some story books in English for the school library.

41) You are Ramesh/Rashmi. As President of the Literary Club of your school you have organized an inter-school debate competition on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of your school. Write a notice in about 50 words, informing the students of your school about the competition.

Literary Club

ST. Thomas Public School, Trichy

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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.

The epidemic of heart attacks has been attaining alarming proportion in recent times causing grave concern specially to the medical fraternity. To contain and control the increasing death and disability from heart attacks and to focus on public awareness and their involvement at global level, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Heart Federation observed September 24th as the World Heart Day.

What causes heart attacks? Dr H.S. Wasir, Chief Cardiologist and Medical Director, Batra Hospital and Medical Research Centre lists four main habits which adversely affect the heart health. These are lack of physical exercise, wrong eating habits, cigarette smoking and excessive alcohol consumption, and stressful lifestyle. The importance of physical exercise in minimizing the incidence of heart attacks cannot be underestimated. "Physical exercise," says Dr. Wasir, "plays a major role in achieving a long and healthy life in general and prevention of heart attacks in particular." There are several studies showing that physically active people have higher longevity than those sedentary or physically inactive

44) Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences.

- a) One of his sons are a doctor by profession in the United States of America for nearly ten years.
- b) Though his mother tongue is Tamil but he always speaks in English.
- c) The workers formed an union for their welfare.
- d) He did not listen to his father's advise
- (e) She said that she will mind if I refused her offer.

### Section-V



**45) Quote from memory**

**(1×5=5)**

Let me live.....back in fear

**PART-IV**

46) Write a paragraph by developing the following hints

**(2×8=16)**

a) Krishnan's residence – tottered ZigZag – Somu's cook, Visu – tall -crown of shocking pink feathers – plumage – beak – eyes – Ziggy-Zagga-king-of-the-Tonga – talks French Poetry – human grumpiness – Arvind's effort – Bored eyes brightened – picked a walnut – wrinkled eyelid solemn wink – flew clumsily – chandelier fruit transferred – ceiling fan – Visu left – Zigzag slept.

[OR]

b) Prospero overthrown – teenage daughter – isolated island – marooned – companion Ariel, Caliban – appropriated by Antonio – King of Naples – Ferdinand, Antonio – wrecked in sea storm – Prospero's orders – invisible and spy – Miranda sees Ferdinand – plan works – test Ferdinand's loyalty – menial tasks – pleasant – propose marriage – shipwrecked crew' grieve – magical delicious banquet – Ferdinand and Miranda marry.

47) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

Housed in an 18th century style Heritage building with wooden panelling running through the thirty seat dining area, "Lean and Lovely" is the latest attraction in Siddhapuram Nagar. Says the owner Chef Virina, "People come to us for the unusual feast that we serve. Fairly ordinary Indian recipes are ignited with a dash of sauce and spiced with colour. There is harmony and balance between taste, lightness and tradition. Wholly organically grown vegetables and flour are used. We use the freshest of ingredients that are cut and cooked so as to display their colour and individual texture.

Questions.

- (a) What is special about the vegetables and flour used by "Lean and Lovely"?
- (b) Where is "Lean and Lovely" located?
- (c) Who is a 'Chef'?
- (d) How do the people in "Lean and Lovely" make the ordinary Indian recipes more attractive?

[OR]

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below:

## Rough Boys

My parents kept me from children who were rough

And who threw words like stones and who wore torn clothes.

Their thighs showed through rags; they ran in the street And climbed cliffs and stripped by the country streams.

I feared more than tigers their muscles like iron

And their jerking hands and their knees tight on my arms.

I feared the salt coarse pointing of those boys Who copied my lisp behind me on the road.

They were lithe, they sprang out behind hedges Like dogs to bark at our world. They threw mud And I looked another way, pretending to smile,

I longed to forgive them, yet they never smiled.

### Questions.

(a) Why were the children said to be rough?

(b) Describe the appearance of the rough children as portrayed by the poet.

(c) What physical nature of the rough children did the poet fear?

(d) Identify the comparison in the last