

**English Answer Key – March 2024**

12 Std

**Part-I (Vocabulary)**

05.03.2024

**Synonyms:**

1. Chide - (a) scold  
 2. agony - (d) suffering  
 3. persisted - (c) continued

**Antonyms:**

4. conventional - (b) abnormal  
 5. vanished - (d) appeared  
 6. scarce - (c) adequate  
 7. (a) will - goodwill  
 8. staycation - (d) stay+vacation  
 9. RAW - (b) Research and Analysis Wing  
 10. (c) pails  
 11. vibes - (a) vibrations  
 12. (c) misappropiate  
 13. twiddling my thumbs - (d) being idle  
 14. ship - (d) container  
 15. (c) vague  
 16. lorry - (b) truck  
 17. (a) moreover  
 18. (a) crumbled  
 19. (d) in spite of  
 20. (c) SVOA

**Part-II****Section-1 (Appreciation)**

21. (a) The concerned mother eagle sees her bruised eagle that breathes painfully.

Likewise Napoleon worriedly looks at the wounded soldier.

(b) eagle- eye; bruised -breathe;

22. (a) A grey baboon's offspring is mentioned here.

(b) The offspring was playing on the lower boughs of casuarina tree.

23. (a) one should face life like a rock.

(b) Metaphor

24. (a) Ulysses is the speaker.

(b) The people of Ithaca were barbarians / savage race.

25. (a) Betrayal of the castle is the shameful acts.

(b) Rhetorical Question

26(a) In this stage the soldier is full of promises. He has a beard like a leopard.

He tries to gain honour and he is quick to take up any argument. Even at the risk of his life he tries to achieve reputation .

(b) 'Bubble' means empty. It stays for a short time. Reputation also is as short lived as a bubble. / bubble reputation-short lived glory.

### Section-2 (Grammar)

27. The boy removed the shoes and then he jumped into the river.

28. I am not allowed to eat junk food by my parents,

29. Micky Mouse is more popular than many other cartoon characters among children.

30. Weston asked Roger if he had opened the door to the gardener.

Roger replied negatively and added that he had spoken through the shutter.

### Part-III (Section -1 ERC)

31. **Poem Line:**

His youthful hose, well sav'd , a world too wide

For his shrunk shank...

**Reference :**

These lines are taken from 'All the World's a Stage' which is an extract from Shakespeare's 'As You Like It'

**Context:**

The poet compares human life to a drama stage and describes, classifying it into seven stages.

**Explanation :**

In this extract Shakespeare says that the world is a stage. Man plays many roles on the stage. The sixth stage brings him to lean pantaloons. He has spectacles and develops pouch. His youthful dress becomes too big for him.

**Comment:**

The poet signifies the life cycle and highlights the philosophy of life.

### 32. Poem Line:

What could they offer us for bait?

Our captain was brave and we were true....

#### Reference :

This line is taken from 'The Castle' written by Edwin Muir.

#### Context :

The narrator laments the capture of a well-guarded castle.

#### Explanation :

The soldiers were very confident that the enemies could not enter their castle because they had very strong gates and thick and tall walls. Moreover they had enough quantity of stock and more amenities and provisions for the soldiers. They thought that the enemies could never win over them. The captain of the army was very brave and all the soldiers were very loyal to him. No one can offer any bribe to enter into the castle.

#### Comment:

Greediness is the worst vice.

### 33. Poem Line:

“How dull it is to pause, to make an end,  
To rust unburnished, not to shine in use”!

#### Reference :

These lines are taken from the poem 'Ulysses' written by Alfred Tennyson.

#### Context :

Ulysses expresses his unquenchable thirst for adventure.

#### Explanation :

In the poem 'Ulysses' he describes his intention to travel to unknown places to gain knowledge and experience. He does not want to stop his travel to unknown places. It will be boring for him to give a short gap between travels. He wants to travel continuously. If he stops his travel his life will be rusted like the unused swords. Only when we use the swords do they shine. In the same way his life will shine only when he travels.

#### Comment :

The biggest adventure you can take is to live the life of your dreams .

### Section-2 (Prose Q & A)

34. The cylindrical cup keeps the heat for some time. So he prefers the cylindrical cup. The other types of cup will make the tea cold before we start drinking it.
35. The little boys sold fruit to the tourists, shoe-shined at the public squire, guided the tourists to different tourist centers and sold newspapers. Their wish to cure their sister of tuberculosis made them work so hard.
36. The chair was made of black wood with a mirror like gleam. Children and adults of the village arrived in hordes to see the chair. A few stroked it.

### Section-3 (Composition)

#### 37. Slogan Writing:

- (a) Donate Blood, Save Life.
- (b) Educate a child, Lighten up a society.
- (c) The best suit to your size and taste.

#### 38. Instructions to maintain good eyesight.

- a. Eat healthy food.
- b. Avoid watching cell phone for a long time.
- c. Wear plain glass or helmets while riding bike.
- d. Sleep well during night time.
- e. Do exercises regularly.

#### 39. Proverbs:

- a.(iii) barely
- b.(i) grease
- c.(ii) enemies

#### 40. Table Interpretation:

- a. The table presents the points scored by the IPL Teams during 2023 season.
- b. Gujarat Titans overtakes all the other teams with 20 points in 20 matches.
- c. Mumbai Indians is the last team to qualify for the play off.
- d. The two super teams (Lucknow Super Giants&Chennai Super Kings) have scored equal points.

**Part-IV**

- 41.(a)      **Title**        : In Celebration of Being Alive  
              **Author**        : Dr. Christian Barnard  
              **Theme**        : The business of living is the celebration of being alive.

**“The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or touched.  
They must be felt with the heart.”**

- ★ Dr. Barnard was a successful heart surgeon.
- ★ A few years ago, he met with an accident and was hospitalized.
- ★ As a patient, he experienced agony, fear and anger.
- ★ One day, he watched an incident of the two young boys.
- ★ The boys used the unattended trolley to put up a show.
- ★ Despite physical disabilities, the boys enjoyed themselves.
- ★ Mechanic became blind because of the fight between the drunken parents.
- ★ The driver had a hole in his heart and it was closed by Dr.Barnard.
- ★ A malignant tumour of the bone caused the removal of his arm.
- ★ Dr.Barnard learnt a profound lesson of life.
- ★ What we have lost is not important but what we are left with is important.

**“Don’t save anything for a special occasion.  
Being alive is the special occasion.”**

<b>Title</b>	<b>: The Summit</b>
<b>Author</b>	<b>: Edmund Hillary</b>
<b>Theme</b>	<b>: Adventures on Mt. Everest</b>

**"Life begins at the end of comfort zone"**

- ★ The summit is a slightly adapted excerpt from "The Ascent of Everest" by John Hunt.
- ★ It reveals the successful attempt of mountaineers -Hillary and his team.
- ★ The climbing started during the spring of 1953-29th May - 11.30.a.m.
- ★ After drinking lemon juice and eating sardines on biscuits, the climbers left the camp at 6.30.a.m.
- ★ Hillary had checked the Oxygen sets.
- ★ The climbers faced the obstacles like soft snow, large cornices and ridges.
- ★ They overcame the obstacles in an optimistic way, they belayed perfectly.
- ★ The climbers expressed their cheer and relief, after reaching the summit.
- ★ They placed eatables and the crucifix on the lofty summit.
- ★ The climbers could reach their destination through perfect understanding, selfless, determination and higher spirit.

**"Nothing is impossible"**

42.(a)

**Poem : Our Casuarina Tree**

**Author : Toru Dutt**

**Theme : Fond Memories of the Glorious Tree.**

**“In nature, everything is perfect in its own way.”**

- ★ The Casuarina Tree is tall and strong. It had a creeper like a python.
- ★ The tree stands like a giant with a colourful scarf of flowers.
- ★ There were birds, bees and monkeys on the tree.
- ★ Birds surround the garden and the sweet song of the birds is heard.
- ★ The poet is delighted to see the Casuarina tree through her casement.
- ★ She sees a grey monkey on top of the tree. The cows were grazing.
- ★ The water lilies were springing in the pond.
- ★ The poet feels that the tree is dear to her not for its impressive appearance but for the memories of her happy childhood.
- ★ She strongly believes that nature communicates with human beings.
- ★ Even when she is in a far-off land as she could hear the tree lamenting her absence.
- ★ The poet consecrates the tree’s memory to her loved ones, who are not alive.
- ★ She immortalizes the tree through her poem like Wordsworth who sanctified the yew tree of Borrowdale in verse.
- ★ She expresses her wish that the tree should be remembered out of love.
- ★ The tree was a symbol of holiness and immortality.

**“Plant a memory , Plant a Tree .. do it today for tomorrow.”**

42(b)

<b>Poem</b>	: A Father to his Son
<b>Poet</b>	: Carl August Sandburg
<b>Theme</b>	: A Father's advice to his son for better future.

**“The sign of great parenting is not the child's behaviour....**

**The sign of truly great parenting is the parent's behaviour.”**

- ❖ This poem is a father's advice to his son to understand the world.
- ❖ The son reaches manhood.
- ❖ The father wants to guide him in the right path, to manage life and the people around him.
- ❖ He also guides him to lead to a meaningful life.
- ❖ One should have a deep desire and strong will to achieve.
- ❖ Too much money has killed men and left them dead years before burial.
- ❖ The money gained in a dishonourable way has twisted good men into thwarted worms.
- ❖ Being alone helps to be creative.
- ❖ Final decisions are always taken in silent rooms.
- ❖ Be different from others
  - to have lazy days,
  - to find inherent abilities,
  - to know the purpose of life.
- ❖ Finally, he says that money is important to satisfy our needs.
- ❖ But he condemns that one should not lose himself in search of money.
- ❖ Work hard to achieve success like great men.

**“Fathering is not something perfect man does, but something that perfects the man”.**



**43. (a)**

**Topic** : God Sees The Truth But Waits.  
**Author** : Leo Tolstoy  
**Theme** : Forgiveness is the best form of Revenge

**Always forgive your enemies- nothing annoys them so much.**

- Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov lived at Vladimir in Russia.
- One day he started to Nizhny Fair.
- But his wife stopped him from going to the fair since she had a bad dream.
- Ivan ignored her and set off.
- On the way he met another merchant and they stayed in an inn together.
- They had some tea and retired to bed.
- The next morning Ivan started early.
- On the way, the police arrested Ivan for homicide and robbery.
- He was imprisoned for 26 years in Siberia.
- After many years, there came a few criminals.
- One among them was Makar Semyonich.
- Makar confessed that he had killed the merchant.
- The order for release came but Ivan had already died in prison.
- Aksionov's forgiveness is the best form of revenge.

**“Forgive others not because they deserve forgiveness  
but because you deserve peace”.**

**Delayed justice is denied justice.**

**43 (b)**

<b>Title</b>	: Remember Caesar (Play)
<b>Author</b>	: Gordon Daviot
<b>Theme</b>	: Beware of Absent-mindedness.

**"The eyes are useless, when the mind is blind"**

- Lord Weston was a well known and strict Judge in England.
- He expressed his displeasure over Roger's request for a half-holiday.
- He found a paper in his pocket with a phrase 'Remember Caesar'.
- He thought that it was sent by one of his enemies on 15th of March.
- It was the day on which Julius Caesar was assassinated.
- Moreover, he expected life threat from the convicted person.
- Sensing the definite attack, he closed all the doors and windows.
- But his wife remained calm and her heartless reaction made him angry.
- He ordered the cook and the gardener to go away.
- Finally, Lord Weston remembered that he himself had written the message "Remember Caesar" as reminder.

**"Rule your mind or it will rule you"**

#### **44. Summary**

##### **Rough Copy:**

##### **Energy Conservation**

It is very important for us to use and conserve energy for the future. We have to reduce the consumption of non-renewable energy by finding alternative methods for transportation. Renewable energy can be utilized. One should find ways of getting energy from animal waste. Through fermentation, we may get biogas for cooking and manure for the field. Wind mill produces electricity. Another ways may be tried to make of the sun light and heat for creative purposes. This will be beneficial.

##### **Fair Copy:**

##### **Energy Conservation**

We are in a critical time to find a suitable means to properly use the non-renewable energy and minimise the use but to devise new methods and techniques to get renewable energy. Animal waste can be used for getting biogas and manure. Sun light and heat can be converted into electrical energy to fulfil the needs of the mankind.

#### **44. (b) General Paragraph on one's experience in reading a recent news item.**

**45. (a) Letter of Application**

Date:05.03.2024

Place :Kumbakonam .

From

XXX (Name) ,

YYY (Place) ,

YYY .

To

The Manager ,

CTK Glass manufacturers,

Chennai-63.

Respected Sir/Madam,

Sub: Applying for the post of 'Clerk' – reg

Ref: Your advertisement in 'The Hindu' dated on 04.03.2024

With reference to your advertisement cited above, I would like to offer my service as a clerkin your esteemed company. I have a creative and pleasing personality. Besides I am well versed in communicative skills and computer knowledge.

If I am given an opportunity, I will discharge my duty in an exemplary manner.

Kindly find the Resume enclosed for your perusal and consideration.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

XXX

Enclosures:

1. Resume
2. Photocopies of Certificates

**RESUME**

XXX (Name) ,

YYY ( Address ) ,

Contact No: 97xxxxxx91

YYY.

E-Mail id: abc@gmail.com

**CAREER OBJECTIVE :**

- To achieve career growth which will allow me to grow professionally and help to promote the vision of the company.

**EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION :**

S.No	Degree	Name of the Institution	% of Marks
1	B.Com	St.Josephs College, Trichy	78%
2	M.Com	Bishop Heber College, Trichy	84%

**ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION:**

- Completed PGDCA in 2017
- Typewriting - Higher

**TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION :**

- Java , C++ , Linux , MS office .

**EXPERIENCE :**

S.No	Designation	Name of the Company / Institution	No.Of. Years
1	Clerk	ANC Private Limited	2 years
2	Clerk	J.K & Co.company	1 year

**EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES :**

- Basket ball – District Player
- NSS Volunteer

**HOBBIES :**

- Reading books ,
- Glass painting & Hiking .

**STRENGTH :**

- Hard working & Punctual
- Good verbal & written skills.

**PERSONAL DETAILS :**

- Name : xxx .
- Father's Name : Mr. Raj.
- Date of Birth : 03/10/1990
- Gender : Male
- Nationality : Indian
- Languages known : Tamil, English, Hindi, Telugu

**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that the information provided above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date : 00.00.0000

xxx

Place : YYY .

Signature

**45. (b) Letter to Friend**

Kumbakonam

05.03.2024

Dear Raju,

I hope you are fine by the grace of God. As you know, I am writing my public exams and all the exams will be over by the end of this month. I have another two months before going to higher studies. I don't want to waste these two months. I have an idea to join computer course. I would like to know if you too are interested in joining me. If so, let me know soon so that I can plan accordingly.

Convey my regards to all at home.

Yours lovingly

Xxxx

Address on the envelope:

To

Raju A

No.2, Tejas Street

Pudukkootai-2

**46. (a) Fill in the blanks:**

- (i) seller; cellar
- (ii) aren't they
- (iii) not only; but also
- (iv) had seen

**46 (b)**

- (i) word order change-> when I would return
- (ii) much → many
- (iii) sister → sisters
- (iv) were → was
- (v) at → from

**47. (a) Conversation:**

Tenant : Good Morning Sir... is this Packers and Movers company?

Employee: Yes sir. Would you like our assistance with a move?

Tenant : Yes, actually I would.

Employee: What would you like us to move for you?

Tenant : I need you to move my furniture.

Employee : Could you tell me what kind of residence that we will be picking the furniture up from?

Tenant : The furniture is in my apartment.

Employee: Where will we be moving it to?

Tenant : You'll be taking it to the house I just bought.

Employee: All right. I just need both addresses, and we will take care of the moving for you.

Tenant : Excellent. Thank you very much.

**(b) Passage Comprehension:**

- (i) Carver was a slave but he became a scientist and educator by his ability.
- (ii) He used to get up early to study nature. He left home and began to work when he was 10 years.
- (iii) Dr.Carver used his life's savings to found scholarships for research in Agricultural Chemistry.
- (iv) A national monument has been built in America to honour him.
- (v) Dr.Carver said that he had discovered nothing but God's agent-an instrument.