SECTION - A
(VOCABULARY - 20 MARKS)

PART - I

1. Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined words:  \((5 \times 1 = 5)\)

While (i) \textit{rising} to acknowledge the (ii) \textit{indispensable} services of those who (iii) \textit{compaigned} for resources to the victims of floods, I, in the first place (iv) \textit{tender} my (v) \textit{profound} thanks to such noblehearted souls who have revived our city with great effect and determination.

(i) (a) raising  (b) contributing  (c) caring  (d) responding
(ii) (a) essential  (b) dispensable  (c) varied  (d) impartial
(iii) (a) conducted classes  (b) carried out activities  (c) built companies  (d) taught procedures
(iv) (a) soft  (b) activate  (c) create  (d) offer
(v) (a) proficient  (b) exceptional  (c) intense  (d) versatile

2. Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words:  \((5 \times 1 = 5)\)

Today there is an (i) \textit{immense} need for the awareness about the evils of pollution. The government (ii) \textit{constantly} informs the people to keep our surroundings clean and tidy. Yet, pollution has become an (iii) \textit{unsustainable} phenomenon. Each of us should understand that there is no (iv) \textit{hidden} secret to keep pollution under control except by (v) \textit{private} interests of the individuals.

(i) (a) great  (b) big  (c) powerful  (d) little
(ii) (a) widely  (b) rarely  (c) continuously  (d) collectively
(iii) (a) maintainable  (b) admirable  (c) valuable  (d) measurable
(iv) (a) scolded  (b) forbidden  (c) miserable  (d) observable
(v) (a) delicate  (b) soft  (c) public  (d) polite

PART - II

Answer any ten of the following:  \((10 \times 1 = 10)\)

3. Which of the following is the right expansion of SSC?
   (a) State Subordinate Commission
   (b) Staff Selection Commission
   (c) State School Certificate
   (d) School System Common

4. Choose the sentence that is correct in its meaning:
   (a) The \textit{whether} is pleasant today.
   (b) The \textit{weather} is pleasant today.

5. Replace the underlined word with its equivalent American English word:
   English movies have no \textit{interval}.

6. Which of the words given below can be placed after the word \textit{water} to form a compound word?
   (a) sea  (b) child  (c) rain  (d) man
7. What is the plural form of ‘aquarium’?  
   (a) auarius   (b) aquaria   (c) aquariae

8. Add a prefix to the word ‘noble’ from the list given below.  
   Don’t be _______ noble.  
   (a) in ___ (b) ig ___ (c) un ___ (d) im ___

9. Replace the underlined word in the sentence with one of the phrasal verbs given below to convey the same meaning.  
   Our workers ‘Perform’ their jobs well.  
   (a) Carry off   (b) Carry over  
   (c) Carry out   (d) Carry for

10. Separate the syllables of any one of the following words:  
    (a) future   (b) suddenly  
    (c) temper

11. Choose appropriate word to make a meaningful sentence.  
    They _______ clean drinking water for the party.  
    (a) prepare   (b) provide

12. Construct a sentence using any one of the words given below:  
    (a) high   (b) highly   (c) height

13. Reframe the sentence using the underlined word as verb:  
    His behaviour is remarkable.

14. Which of the two sentences given below conveys the following meaning?  
    I owe my success to you.  
    (a) I made you succeed.  
    (b) I succeeded because of you.

15. Which of the options given below will suit the following sentence?  
    If Raja had got enough water, _______.  
    (a) he will share it with his neighbour  
    (b) he would share it with his neighbour  
    (c) he would have shared it with his neighbour.

16. Identify the pattern of the following sentence:  
    Velu grew tired after the match.  
    (a) SVCA   (b) SVIODO   (c) SVOC

17. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement:  
    You can study well, ______?  
    (a) can you   (b) can’t you  
    (c) don’t you

18. Complete the sentence:  
    Kindness is the ____ of all virtues.  
    (a) as noble as   (b) nobler   
    (c) noblest

19. Choose the correct sentence which correctly conveys the meaning of the sentence given below:  
    I can never forget how you saved me.  
    (a) I remember very well how you saved me.  
    (b) I cannot remember how you saved me.  
    (c) I can never remember how you saved me.

20. Complete the sentence with a correct prepositional phrase:  
    My father knows Hindi _______English.  
    (a) on account of   (b) in addition to  
    (c) in spite of

21. Choose the correct verb form to complete the sentence:  
    He avoids _______ much time on the computer.  
    (a) to spend   (b) been spent   
    (c) spending

22. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence:  
    Music has a way of _______ us figure out the position of things inside us.  
    (a) help   (b) to help   (c) helping
23. Choose the appropriate article to complete the sentence:
The mobile phone is ______ utility item.
(a) the    (b) an    (c) a

24. Choose the appropriate proposition to complete the sentence:
Wait there ______ I come.
(a) behind    (b) until    (c) near

**PART - II**

**Answer the following:**  (5 × 2 = 10)

**Rewrite as directed.**

25. Combine the two sentences into a single sentence:
He won the elections. Everyone congratulated him.

26. Rewrite the sentence using the active voice:
The poor should be helped by us. They should not be insulted.

27. Rewrite the sentence in direct speech:
The Headmaster advised us to switch off the fans when we leave the class.

28. From the context of the two sentences given below frame a single sentence using the ‘If’ clause.
Solve the cross word puzzle. You win a prize.

29. Read the following sentences and write an observation in a single sentence using any one of the degrees of comparison.
(a) Kokila’s ribbon is 14 cm long.
(b) Priya’s ribbon is 12 cm long.
(c) Kothai’s ribbon is 16 cm long.
(d) Durga’s ribbon is 18 cm long.

**PART - III**

30. Punctuate the following sentence:  (5)
father said to his son study well.

**SECTION - C**

**(PROSE - 15 MARKS)**

**PART - I**

**Answer briefly any five of the following questions. Your answer should not exceed 30 words each:**  (5 × 2 = 10)

31. Why is the model’s face his fortune?
32. Why isn’t music an extravaganza or a hobby?
33. What are the two valuable qualities to be practised by you as students?
34. What according to Diwan Singh will happen if the rivers dwindle?
35. What is the distance covered by the smallest bird every winter? Name that smallest bird.
36. What are the causes for the increase in domestic workers?
37. What is written on the Vimanam of the ‘Big Temple’?

**PART - II**

**Answer in a paragraph any one of the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 120 words.**  (1 × 5 = 5)

38. (a) Who was Hughie? How had Hughie treated the model who posed for Trevor?
(b) Describe the duties of students to the government and to the wider world.
(c) Narrate the sufferings of domestic workers.

**SECTION - D**

**(POETRY - 20 MARKS)**

**PART - I**

**Quote from memory any one of the following extracts:**  (1 × 5 = 5)

39. First five lines of the poem “Going for water”.
From:  “The barren boughs .................
To:  ......................... to hiding new”.
OR
PART - II
Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions given below:

40. The outside looks dull and grey
    How is its outside?
41. ..........till the heart of me weeps to belong
    To the old Sunday evenings at home,........
    What does the heart wish to belong to?
42. Except the will which says to, them “Hold on”:
    What does the word ‘them’ refer to here?
43. We fall upon our faces, trying to go.
    Whom does ‘we’ refer to?
44. The tempo is fickle.
    Now synchronized, now not
    What do you mean by ‘fickle’?

PART - III
Read the following lines from the poems you have studied and answer the questions given below:

45. Sparkling in the light
    Such wonderful inner beauty
    Now apparent for our delight.
    Pick out the rhyming words in these lines.
46. If you can dream and not make dreams your master.
    If you can think and not make thoughts your aim
    If you can meet with triumph and disaster.
    And treat those two impostors just the same.
    Bring out the rhyming scheme used in these lines.
47. I weep like a child for the past.
    Identify the figure of speech employed in the above line.
48. The reddest flower would look as pale as snow.
    What is the figure of speech employed in this line?
49. Sinews taut yet steady.
    Pickout the words that are alliterated.

PART - IV
Answer in a paragraph any one of the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 120 words.

50. (a) How is the significance of inner beauty brought out by Paul Holmes in the poem, ‘Beautiful Inside’?
    (OR)
(b) Describe the various qualities of manliness.
    (OR)
(c) Bring out the efforts of the Shilpi in his attempt at shaping a raw stone into an image.

SECTION - E
(LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS : 20 MARKS)

51. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:
    (5 × 2 = 10)

It is said that the earliest hospitals known to mankind were those provided by the Buddhist priests in India. In the middle ages, the Christian Monks made it part of their duty to tend the sick. But most of the modern hospitals, both in India and in Europe, are founded and supported either by the government or by the rich benefactors of mankind. Now there is hardly a town in India which has not at least one hospital. In big cities like, Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata and Chennai, there are separate hospitals for men and women and children, and for different diseases. These hospitals are staffed with physicians and surgeons and are provided with up-to-date medical and surgical instruments.
In these hospitals, even the poorest, who cannot afford the doctor’s fees, are treated free, and get the best medical aid and the service of trained nurses for nothing.

Questions:
(a) How did the earliest hospitals originate?
(b) Under whose support do the modern hospitals in India and in Europe function?
(c) State whether the following sentence is True or False. Almost every Indian town has a hospital now.
(d) Describe the facilities available in the hospitals in big cities.
(e) Complete the sentence: In the hospitals in big cities, the poorest are offered excellent treatment ______.
   (i) at concessional rates
   (ii) free of cost
   (iii) with the help of sponsors.

52. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences: (5 × 1 = 5)
(a) One of these cycle is defective.
(b) He is good athlete.
(c) This is a hardly nut to crack.
(d) I met an one - eyed man.
(e) If he studied well, he will pass the exam.

53. Look at the picture given below and answer the following questions in one or two sentences of your own: (5 × 1 = 5)

Questions:
(a) What is the location depicted in the picture?
(b) What is the little boy driving?
(c) Does the boy require an ‘L’ board for his vehicle?
(d) Can the boy travel a long distance using his vehicle?
(e) Why do the others in the picture watch the boy with amusement?
Answers

**PAPER - I**

**Section - A**

(Part - I)

1. (i) (d) responding (ii) (a) essential (iii) (b) carried out activities (iv) (d) offer (v) (c) intense
2. (i) (d) little (ii) (b) rarely (iii) (a) maintainable (iv) (d) observable (v) (c) public

(Part - II)

3. (b) Staff Selection Commission
4. (b) The weather is pleasant today
5. Intermission
6. (d) man - waterman
7. (b) aquaria
8. (b) ignoble
9. (c) carry out
10. (a) fu-ture - 2 syllables (b) sud-den-ly - 3 syllables (c) tem-per - 2 syllables
11. (b) provide
12. The rent is very high.
   She is highly intelligent.
   The height of Mount Everest is 8848 metres.
13. He behaved remarkably.
14. (b) I succeeded because of you.

**Section - B**

(Part - I)

15. (c) he would have shared it with his neighbour.
16. (a) SVCA
17. (b) can’t you
18. (c) noblest
19. (a) I remember very well how you saved me.
20. (b) in addition to
21. (c) spending
22. (c) helping
23. (c) a
24. (b) until

(Part - II)

25. Everyone congratulated him on winning the elections.
26. We should help the poor. We should not insult them.
27. The Headmaster said to us, “Switch off the fans when you leave the class.”
28. If you solve the cross word puzzle, you will win a prize.
29. Durga’s ribbon is the longest of all.

(Part - III)

30. Father said to his son, “Study well”.

**Section - C**

(Part - I)

31. The artist’s expectations are fulfilled by the expressions on the model's face. The model earns money if the artist is successful. Hence the model’s face was his fortune.
32. Music gives meaning to our lives. It is an expression of our innermost feelings of joy or sorrow. It is the language of the soul and it helps us to understand things with our hearts when we cannot with out minds. So music can either be an extravaganza nor a hobby.
33. The two valuable qualities to be practised by students are:
   (i) Co-operation with other students.
   (ii) Obedience to parents and reverence for teachers.
34. According to Diwan Singh, a Delhi Environmental Activist, if the rivers dried up, the situation would become unmanageable. There would be a mass evacuation which is likely to happen in five to ten years.
35. The willow warbler covers 3200 km to reach its destination every winter.
36. Millions of people, particularly from the tribal areas leaving their homes because of the increasing number of industries. These are the women who join the class of domestic workers. An increase in the number of small families has also led to an increase in the need for the domestic workers.
37. The Vimanam has inscriptions that tell about King Rajaraja Chola’s gifts to the temple.
38. (a) Hughie was a young man with good looks and grey eyes. Men and women admired him. He loved Laura but had to wait to fulfil her father’s condition. Alan Trevor an artist was his friend. One day, he visited him at his studio. He saw a model posing as a beggar. He looked very realistic as he was dressed shabbily. He looked worn out. His face was wizened. He was leaning on a rough stick holding out a battered hat as if to ask for alms. Hughie was very much moved and searched in his pocket and found a single sovereign, his sole possession. But he gave that sovereign to the beggar so that it would bring relief to the beggar.

“Charity flows from one who loves his fellowmen”.

(b) The student’s attitude to the Government should be one of acquiescence – that is they must accept the Government and honour its rules and regulations. The duty of a student towards the world is to be aware of the injustice, the wants, struggles and sufferings of the people around him. He can sympathise with them. He can make a contribution only when he grows up. But first, he must observe and study and he should never contribute to remedial measures without knowledge.

(OR)

(c) Domestic workers wash, sweep, clean, cook and take care of the young, the aged and even pets. The brutal treatment, harassment and even murder as in the case of Sonu are hidden from the public eyes except when something tragic happens. But the employers use children for housework under the pretext of looking after them. Another injustice meted out to domestic workers is bonded labour. People work for generations as slaves to pay off the debt incurred by their forefathers. Most of the Labour laws cover workers over the age of 18 years only. So there is no remedy for those children under 18 years of age.

Section - D

39. (a) The barren boughs without the leaves, Without the birds, without the breeze. But once within the wood, we paused Like gnomes that hid us from the moon, Ready to run to hiding new

(b) No flags, no machine guns that blast Citizens of these border states Brothers of her brother’s sons. No maps, no boundaries to block My sojourn into unknown lands.

40. Its outside is dull and grey.
41. The poet’s heart wishes to belong to the old Sunday evenings at home.
42. The word ‘them’ refers to the heart, nerve and sinew.
43. ‘We’ refers to the child labourers in the coal mines and factories.
44. ‘Fickle’ means ‘Changing’.

45. ‘light’, ‘delight’ are the rhyming words.
46. The rhyme scheme is ‘a b a b’.
47. Simile. ‘Like a child’ is open comparison.
48. Simile. ‘As pale as snow’, Here the flower is openly compared to snow.
49. The alliterating words are sinews and steady.

50. (a) According to Paul Holmes, inner beauty cannot be viewed from outside, at a superficial view. It’s validity is hidden in a very dull and unattractive external view but it takes time for one to realize inner beauty. One would never guess its presence inside a plain external appearance. Yet it
dazzles when seen, as in the geode, and experienced. The inner beauty is a generous dose of kindness waiting to be shared without limit. Such inner beauty has to be prized and cherished. (OR)

(b) A person can be called truly a ‘Man’ if he does not make his dreams his masters, his thoughts his aim, goal or focus and if he is able to take both defeat and victory in the same spirit. The poet says if a person puts all his heart, his energy and strength to make use of any opportunity that comes his way, and does not give up even if it is not there, and has the ‘Will’ to hold on when there is nothing in him, he would be a Man. In the race of life, with his goal just 60 seconds away, if he reaches the winning post without throwing away “the unforgiving minute” the earth will be his and he would own every thing in it. More than anything he will be a ’MAN’.

(c) As the virgin stone is cut with initial hammering, ‘steady throbs’ flow from his hammer to the chisel. To suit the Shilpi’s imagination of the sculpture to be carved, the hammer knocks in ‘staccato rhythm’. The abrupt, disjointed blows on the stone soon become accustomed to the ‘oblivious ears’ of the Shilpi. They turn out to be a ‘harmonic cacophony’ - an ironic description. The ears get attuned to the disrupted blows. Hence ‘The tempo is fickle’. To add to this, the thoughts of the Shilpi become a cause to the series of blows (due a series of thought) as well as discordant blows. These undoubtedly reveal ‘his changing moods’. Soon, with dull eyes and tight muscles, he hammers and chisels. The blows slowly ‘soften’. They become ‘mild taps’. The sounds reflect the stone taking shape. Minute touches need soft taps from the hammer. ‘Rugged lines’ are shaped to merging ‘curves’ smoothened to a finish. The work is surveyed; every detail is closely scrutinized and then with expert eyes, the Shilpi looks with ‘critical glare’ at his own creation. His eyes are ‘bloodshot’. The pride of the skilled craftsman soon is accompanied by reverence - reverence at having successfully kept up the rich tradition as a heirloom. He is like God marvelling at his own creation. 

“In art, the hand, head and heart of man go together.”

SECTION - E

51. (a) The earliest hospitals were originated by the Buddhist priests in India.
(b) The modern hospitals in India and in Europe function with the support either by the government or by the rich benefactors of mankind.
(c) True.
(d) In big cities like Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata and Chennai, there are separate hospitals for men and women and children, and for different diseases. These hospitals are staffed with physicians and surgeons and are provided with up-to-date medical and surgical instruments.
(e) (ii) free of cost.

52. (a) One of these cycles is defective
(b) He is a good athlete
(c) This is a hard nut to crack.
(d) I met a one - eyed man.
(e) If he studies well, he will pass the exam.

53. (a) The location depicted in the picture is the main road.
(b) The little boy is driving a tricycle.
(c) No, the boy does not require an ‘L’ board for his vehicle.
(d) No. The boy cannot travel a long distance using his vehicle.
(e) A tricycle with an ‘L’ board is seemed to be ridiculous.
4. Complete the following sentences choosing the correct answers from the options given below:  
   \((5 \times 1 = 5)\)

   (i) Mum squealed with _______.
      (a) anger    (b) surprise
      (c) delight  (d) fuss

   (ii) The artist was painting _______.
      (a) the life of Judas Iscariot
      (b) the life of a young man
      (c) the life of an aged man
      (d) the life of Jesus

   (iii) Celine was ______ years old.
      (a) 22    (b) 32
      (c) 42    (d) 43

   (iv) The clothes line caught the rider under his _______.
      (a) chin    (b) neck
      (c) legs    (d) arms

   (v) Kumar’s family lived in _______.
      (a) New York (b) Delhi
      (c) The Arctic (d) Vadanthangal

5. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:  
   \((5 \times 1 = 5)\)

   He remembered his childhood picnic with his parents to Vedanthangal, where he had seen flocks of birds nestled among the trees. Dad had hired a telescope to give him a closer view of the nest, where he saw tiny little nestlings - five of them! Dad had then told him that even though these families resided here, they would soon go...
back to their homes far in the cold regions of the planet. His father’s words rang clear in his ears. “You see Kumar, though they have stayed here for almost half a year and enjoyed our climate and the food available, they know that their home is in the Arctic. And there’s no place like home, is there?”

(a) What had Kumar seen in Vedanthangal?
(b) Why do the birds migrate?
(c) What incident made him to realise the importance of home?
(d) Why did his dad hire a telescope?
(e) What did Kumar see through the telescope?

6. Study the given mind map and fill in the incomplete details: (5 × 1 = 5)

Mom felt that the dog had been ____(i)____.

**Despite the advertisement in the paper**

no one ____(ii)____.

Mom permitted Shelly to ____(iii)____.

The dog even walked ____(iv)____.

Shelly and the dog played ____(v)____.

7. Answer in a paragraph any one of the following questions: (1 × 5 = 5)

(a) How did the author’s mother overcome her disappointment of not being able to play the piano?

   (OR)

(b) Narrate the story “The Face of Judas Iscariot” in your own words.

   (OR)

(c) How did the encounter bring the brothers closer to each other?

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

Books are the greatest treasure of mankind, and the habit of reading them is the greatest source of pleasure. He, who is in the habit of reading books should buy books for himself. Borrowed books do not give so much pleasure, as the bought ones because in the case of borrowed books, the reader has to be very careful in handling them. The books which belong to the reader himself give a special pleasure because, the reader has no worry about handling them and he has not to worry about the return. He who is interested in reading books should start collecting them in his youth. The books collected and arranged properly in a room, not only decorate the room but also make the presence of their authors felt. The knowledge of the presence of the great personalities in the room is very inspiring and refreshing because, they are always prepared to talk heart to heart with the reader. Books contain in them eternal truths and are better friends than those of flesh and blood as they not only entertain but also guide us.

9. Complete the following dialogue appropriately: (5 × 1 = 5)

Selvi : ____(i)____

Librarian: Yes, come in ____(ii)____

Selvi : I wish to become a member of the Library.

Librarian: You have to pay a membership fee.

Selvi : ____(iii)____

Librarian: An annual fee of two hundred repees.

Selvi : ____(iv)____

Librarian: You can borrow four books at a time.

Selvi : ____(v)____

Librarian: You should return the books within fifteen days.
SECTION - III
(COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS : 15 MARKS)

10. Write a dialogue with at least five utterances between a mother and her daughter. The daughter spends much time on computer games and her mother advises her to give up this habit. (5)

11. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper. Complaining about the nuisance of loud speakers. (5)

   From:
   XXXX,
   24, Bharathi Nagar,
   YYYY.

   To,
   The Editor
   The Hindu,
   Chennai.

   Sir,
   Sub: Nuisance of loud speakers complaint-reg.

   ______________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________

   Thanking you,
   Yours faithfully,
   XXXX

12. Prepare an advertisement on the information given below: (5)

   Footking footwear - shoes, chappals - imported footwear - 20% discount - gents - ladies - kids.

   (OR)

   Mouthwatering delicious food - Hygienic preparation - Affordable price - makes you long for more and more.

SECTION - IV
(EXPANSION OF IDEAS : 35 marks)

13. Expand the following headlines: (5 × 1 = 5)
   a) India wins medals at Olympics.
   b) Foreign Secy meets CM to discuss rehab.
   c) Students collect funds for flood relief.
   d) Smart cards to be distributed on Jan.10.
   e) Mobile phones banned in Schools.

14. Study the Pie-Chart and answer the questions given below: (5 × 1 = 5)

   Source of energy

   Petroleum 41%  Coal 25%
   Natural gas 20%  Nuclear 9%
   Hydro Electric 4%  Others 1%

   (i) Which source of energy is highly used?
   (a) Nuclear  (b) Petroleum  (c) Natural gas  (d) Others

   (ii) Which two sources of energy have least difference in its usage?
   (a) Petrol and coal  (b) Nuclear and hydroelectric  (c) Hydroelectric and others  (d) Natural gas and coal

   (iii) Which source of energy utilization must be increased?
   (a) Natural gas  (b) Hydroelectric  (c) Both (a) and (b)  (d) Petroleum
(iv) The percentage of coal and natural gas is equal to the percentage of ________
(a) Petroleum and coal
(b) Petroleum and hydroelectric
(c) Hydroelectric and others
(d) Natural gas and coal
(v) State whether the statement is true (or) false.
The Solar energy could be used as an alternative energy for all types of energies.

15. Write a paragraph of any one of the following outlines in about 100 words:
   (5)
(a) An ant - falls into a river - on the way finds a twig - hold on to it - water everywhere - calls for help - dove hears - picks twig and ant - put on dry land - ant thanks - my duty replies dove - hunter sees - flying dove - aim an arrow about to shoot - ant bites hunter - misses aim - dove flies away - good friend's help.
(OR)
(b) Books - have great value - made good companions - elevates our character - many varieties - select good books - don't judge the books by its wrapper - scan and select - take the best out of a book.

16. Match the following products and slogans appropriately : (5 × 1 = 5)
(a) Health drink - For long shiny hair
(b) Camera - Plastic money
(c) Hair oil - Save your bones
(d) Motor bike - Keep the moments
(e) Credit cards - Moves like wind

17. Observe the map given below and write the instructions required: (5)
Guide the stranger to Malar Hospital. Give instructions to help him.

18. Read the poem given below and complete its paraphrase with suitable words or phrases in the given blanks: (5 × 1 = 5)
A plump little girl and a thin little bird
Were out in the meadows together
How could that poor little bird must be
Without any clothes like mine, said she,
Although it is sunshiny weather
A nice little girl is that, said he,
But, oh how cold she must be, for see!
She hasn't a single feather!
So each shivered to think of the poor thing,
Although it was sunshiny weather.
A ________ (i) ________ and a little bird went out in ________ (ii). The girl felt that the bird was shivering with cold as it had ________ (iii) like her. The bird thought that the girl must be feeling cold as she ________ (iv). Each shivered with sorrow for the other although the weather was ________ (v).

19. (a) The following is an announcement in Tamil which you hear while on the electric train. A foreign co-passenger is not able to understand it. Translate it into English for him. (5)

(OR)

(b) Look at the picture given below and express your views on it in about five sentences:
PLANTING TREES

(i) touch the bottom (ii) rose until (iii) hard protruding (iv) consciousness (v) pieces of plastic

2. (a) Rob Reilly (b) Shelly (c) Model for Judas (d) Rex Coker (e) Hubert

3. (a) Nuns - Teaching piano (b) Mural - The Jesus model (c) Lunel - Southern France (d) Battery - Old chevy (e) Sneeze - Cupboard

4. (i) c) delight (ii) d) the life of Jesus (iii) b) 32 (iv) a) chin (v) b) Delhi

5. (a) Kumar had seen flocks of birds nestled among the trees in Vedanthangal. (b) The birds migrate to enjoy the climate and for food.

(c) Though the migratory birds had stayed in Vedanthangal for almost half a year, they would return to their home in the Arctic. This incident made Kumar to realise the importance of home.

(d) Kumar’s dad hired a telescope for a closer view of the nest.

(e) Kumar saw five tiny little nestlings, through the telescope.

6. (i) belonged to some one (ii) came to get the dog (iii) keep the dog (iv) beside Shelly to school (v) frisbee and football.

7. (a) Mother’s disappointment on the loss of the piano and her attitude:

The author’s father did not have a job and he did not have money to pay the installments for the piano. So, the piano was taken away by the company. Mum was very much disappointed. Mum did not show her sadness to others. This shows her self-control. She did not want to make other people unhappy by expressing her unhappiness.

(OR)

b) A great artist was once engaged to paint the life of Christ on the walls of the cathedral. He laboured for years. Yet his work was incomplete. He couldn’t find models for two characters - Christ and Judas. He searched far and wide.

One day he happened to meet a twelve year old boy in the street of the old city. The boy’s face stirred the painter’s heart. It was the face of an angel-the face he needed. The boy posed as a model patiently, until the painting was completed. But the artist could not find a model for the portrait of Judas - the one who had betrayed Christ. The
artist searched for a face which would be an embodiment of evil.

One day he met a man as he had envisioned. Overwhelmed with excitement he took him home and continued his masterpiece. As the artist was engrossed in his work he noticed a change in the model's behaviour. On his gentle inquiry the model poured out his grief. He revealed the truth that it was he who had posed as a model for Christ years ago.

The transformation from the innocent face to the wicked one could possibly have been due to trials and tribulations he had undergone during his short span of life from childhood to youth. The happenings in and around him had played havoc in his life.

(OR)

c) The author’s brother, a tinker with his innovative ideas tried to create a new bike. An old Schwinn bike was remodeled with different attachments. The day of the test run behind their house had them laughing with excitement. The author’s brother ‘saddled up’ on his beast of an invention. He put on his bike helmet and leather gloves. They exchanged the ‘thumbs up’ as in old war movies. He switched on the engine and the beast came to life. Rex tried to run after his bother but in vain. The bike disappeared and reappeared after a few minutes. It headed straight towards the author at a great speed.

The author ran for life and managed to escape. Unfortunately his brother got entangled in the clothes line. The author ran to save his brother. They picked up a quarrel and accused each other for what had happened. The situation changed when they saw the condition of their bike. They laughed and were pleased to have some quality time together. They were optimistic in their views.

Section - II

8. Note Making:

Books - greatest treasure - mankind - habit of reading - source of pleasure - buy books - himself - Borrowed books - no pleasure - as the bought books - Handling borrowed books - to be very careful - The books - belong to the reader - a special pleasure - No worry - handling and returning - interested - reading books - collecting them - in his youth - the books - collected and arranged - decorate the room - make the presence felt - the knowledge - the presence - great personalities - very inspiring - refreshing - always prepared - talk heart to heart - the reader - Books contain - eternal truths - better friends - than of flesh and blood - not only entertain but guide us.

Summary:

Rough Copy:

BOOKS

Books are the greatest treasure of mankind and the habit of reading them is the greatest source of pleasure. Borrowed books do not give so much pleasure, as they have to be handled carefully. The books which belong to the reader himself, give a special pleasure. He should start collecting the books in his youth. The books, which are collected and arranged properly in a room, not only decorate the room, but also make the presence of their authors felt. The knowledge of the presence of the great personalities is very inspiring and refreshing as the reader can talk to them heart to heart. Books contain eternal truths and are better friends. They not only entertain us but also guide us.
Books are the greatest treasure of mankind and the habit of reading them gives much pleasure. Borrowed books do not give so much pleasure, as they have to be handled carefully and returned. The books, bought by the reader gives pleasure and make the presence of their authors felt. They contain in them eternal truths and are better friends. They also entertain and guide us.

No. of words in the given passage: 182.
No. of words in the fair copy: 65.

9. (i) May I come in sir?
(ii) What can I do for you?
(iii) How much should I pay?
(iv) How many books can I borrow at a time?
(v) When should I return the books?

Section - III

10. Mother: Stop playing games on the computer, Sahana. You are at the computer the whole evening.

Sahana: Mom, what else do you want me to do? Shravan is always at his studies.

Mother: Certainly, he has to prepare for his exams.

Sahana: Then I don't have anybody else to play with.

Mother: That's not an excuse. There's Sathvi and Rathi next door.

Sahana: Oh, it's always a bore playing hide and seek with them; the computer is more interesting.

Mother: No, the computer is more addictive. You sit there all the time and then step into the kitchen for chips and snacks. What a habit.

Section - IV

11. I wish to bring to your kind attention that the residents of Bharathi Nagar at Ambattur are facing several difficulties due to nuisance of loud speakers. Children are unable to prepare for their exams and the elders and the sick are being disturbed continuously with the jarring sound throughout the day. I humbly request you to publish this complaint in your news column, so that the authorities may take immediate steps to solve this problem.

12. (a) Foot King Footwear
Shoes
Chappals
Imported footwear for Gents, Ladies & Kids
20% Discount
No. 12, Market Road, Kanchipuram. Phone: 98831 56291

(OR)

(b) The BREEZE
An open air Restaurant

Ph: 9600175757 / 8124201001
13. (a) India participated in the Olympics held at Beijing and won many medals in different fields.

(b) The foreign secretary met Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and discussed with him on the rehabilitation of the refugees.

(c) The students of Chennai schools collected Rs. 3 lakhs towards flood relief and gave it to the Chief Minister.

(d) Smart cards would be distributed to all working in Government offices as a start off on Jan.10.

(e) The Government of Tamilnadu has banned the usage of mobile phones in the schools. For emergency purposes, they can use the landline phones of the school.

14. (i) (b) Petroleum

(ii) (c) Hydroelectric and others

(iii) (c) Both (a) and (b)

(iv) (b) Petroleum and hydroelectric

(v) True

15. (a) One day, an ant, falls into a river. It struggles to come out of it. On the way, it finds a twig. It holds on to it and tries to move slowly. As there was water everywhere, it couldn't hold on to the twig any longer. It calls for help. A dove hears its call and picks the twig along with the ant. It saves the ant and puts it on the dry land. The ant thanks the dove and the dove replies that it is its duty. After a moment, a hunter sees the dove flying and aims his arrow to shoot it. The ant, bites the hunter's foot. The hunter misses his aim and so the dove flies away.

Moral: Good friends help each other.

(OR)

15. (b) Books are man's true friends. They have great value and are a source of great pleasure. They are always our good companions. They elevate our characters. There are many varieties of books. Most of them contain in them eternal truths and are better friends. They also guide us and entertain us. If we select a book by its wrapper, it is misjudgment. We should select good books. We should scan many books and take the best out of a book.

Moral: Books are the friends of friendless.

16. (a) Health drink - Save your bones

(b) Camera - Keep the movements

(c) Hair oil - For long shiny hair

(d) Motor bike - Moves like wind

(e) Credit cards - Plastic money

17. ♦ Walk straight ahead to reach the Main Road.

♦ Turn left. Go past the bus stop on your left. Keep walking.

♦ You’ll see the Malar Hospital on your right after a lane, just opposite SBI.

18. (i) plump little girl

(ii) the meadows

(iii) no clothes

(iv) had no Feathers

(v) Sunshiny weather

19. (a) This electric train will halt at the next station for extra two minutes. Passengers are requested to alight and board with care.

(b) PLANTING TREES

- I can see students planting trees in this picture.

- The students have been paired in groups of two to do this work.

- There are teachers supervising them.

- The students are planting the trees in a barren land.

- Afforestation should be encouraged among students.