

QUARTERLY EXAMINATION - 2025

CLASS: 10 | SUBJECT: ENGLISH

MAXIMUM MARKS: 100

PART – I (VOCABULARY & GRAMMAR: 14 MARKS)

1. **b) move quickly**
2. **a) pulled**
3. **d) anxious**
4. **c) attached**
5. **a) tapped**
6. **a) calmly**
7. **a) eskimos**
8. **b) de** (*deactivate*)
9. **c) Global Positioning System**
10. **a) go away**

11. **c) glasses** (*Sunglasses*)

12. **a) on**

13. **c) enjoy**

14. **a) or else**

PART – II (28 MARKS)

SECTION – I (PROSE: 3×2=6 MARKS)

(Any Three)

15. **The young seagull's feeling during its first flight:**

A monstrous terror seized him at first and his heart stood still. But soon, his wings spread outwards, he felt the wind against his breast feathers, and he realized he was soaring gradually downwards and upwards, filled with joy and no longer afraid.

16. **Why Herman and the author slammed the doors:**

They heard mysterious footsteps coming downstairs and were terrified, suspecting that a burglar had broken into the house.

17. **Meaning of circumnavigation:**

Circumnavigation means to travel all the way around something, especially the entire earth or world by sea or air.

18. **Engraving on the medal:**

'Sriman Sasanka Sanyal – Special Prize for Recitation – 1948' was engraved on the medal.

SECTION – II (POETRY: 3×2=6 MARKS)

(Any Three)

19. a) **What the poet sought:** New friendship, high adventure, and a crown (glory/success).
- b) **How the journey should be:** The journey of life should be joyful, whether the path is rough or smooth.
20. a) **Season mentioned:** Winter.
- b) **'He' refers to:** The foolish young cricket.
21. a) **'She' refers to:** Today's woman / the empowered modern woman.
- b) **Tone of the author:** Fierce, stern, and warning / cautioning.
22. a) **Ways of the Grumble Family:** They constantly grumble, complain, and find fault with everything around them.
- b) **The worst thing:** The visitor will get accustomed to their negative ways and learn to become a grumbler too.

SECTION – III (GRAMMAR: 3×2=6 MARKS)

(Any Three)

23. Voice Change:

The tickets have not been bought by anyone. (or) The tickets have been bought by no one.

24. Indirect Speech:

Kavi says that he will never go to work. (Note: Reporting verb is in simple present, so tense remains unchanged).

25. Complex Sentence:

Though Charles was ill, he was not hospitalised. (or) Although Charles was ill, he was not hospitalised.

26. Rearranged Sentences:

a) Mulan proved to be a brave soldier.

b) Happiness depends upon ourselves.

27. Punctuation:

"The general is a woman!" yelled the soldiers. (or) "The General is a woman," yelled the soldiers.

SECTION – IV (ROAD MAP: 2 MARKS - COMPULSORY)

28. Road Directions to SBI Bank:

- Step out of the present spot onto the Main Road.
- Turn left and walk along the pavement past the Bus Stop on your left.
- Walk straight ahead past Malar Hospital on the opposite side.
- Continue walking straight; the **SBI Bank** is on your left at the end of the road.

PART – III (50 MARKS)

SECTION – I (PROSE PARAGRAPHS: 2×5=10 MARKS)

(Any Two)

29. Young seagull's struggle to overcome fear:

The young seagull was alone on his ledge, afraid to fly while his siblings had already mastered flight. His parents cajoled, threatened, and starved him for twenty-four hours. Driven by desperate hunger, when his mother flew near with a piece of fish and halted, he dived for it. Falling into space, his wings instinctively spread outward, catching the air. He discovered he could fly, floated safely on the sea, and overcame his fear.

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30. Policemen's search operation:

Alerted by the narrator's mother, a squad of police officers broke into the house. They thoroughly ransacked the premises, pulled out drawers, searched closets, shined flashlights into dark corners, and opened windows. When grandfather heard noises in the attic, he mistook them for deserters, grabbed a gun, and shot a policeman in the shoulder before the confusion was cleared.

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31. Selection and training process of the INSV Tarini crew:

Out of thirty women applicants, six were shortlisted based on survival skills and endurance. They trained extensively at the Indian Naval Ocean Sailing Node in Goa and other naval schools. Their training covered theoretical navigation, weather forecasting, emergency repair drills, and hands-on sea voyages across the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean to handle adverse maritime conditions.

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32. Narrator's thoughts while accompanying Aditya:

The narrator observed Aditya's sudden nostalgia and curiosity when visiting his native village. He wondered why Aditya visited Nagen's tea shop, showed intense interest in Sasanka Sanyal, and insisted on climbing into his ruined ancestral attic. The narrator realized Aditya was seeking redemption to return a stolen childhood medal and restore his conscience.

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SECTION – II (POETRY PARAGRAPHS & APPRECIATION: 2×5=10 MARKS)

(Any Two)

33. Portrayal of Today's Woman:

The poet portrays modern women as strong, innately brave, and resilient. She is the symbol of life, power, and dedication. Though she faces trials and tribulations, she never gives up. She takes pride in her dignity and self-respect, fiercely protecting her boundaries while remaining loving and caring to those who treat her with honor.

34. The Grumble Family and their attitude:

The Grumble family lives on 'Complaining Street' in the city of 'Never-Are-Satisfied' beside the 'River of Discontent'. They are habitual faultfinders who grumble at weather, seasons, work, and people. Nothing satisfies them; they maintain a chronically pessimistic attitude that spreads negativity to anyone who associates with them.

35. Poetic Appreciation (The Ant and the Cricket):

a) **Rhyming words:** rain – grain; borrow – tomorrow – sorrow.

b) **Rhyme Scheme:** a a b b b

c) **Figure of Speech:** Personification (the cricket wishing to borrow and speak) / Alliteration.

d) **Alliterating words in the last line:** starvation – sorrow.

36. Paraphrase of the Stanza (Life by Henry Van Dyke):

The poet declares that even as an adult, he continues to seek the dreams of his youth—valuable friendships, great adventures, and personal achievements. He keeps his spirit brave and resolute during his life's quest, maintaining faith that the final turn of his journey will lead to the best destination.

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SECTION – III (SUPPLEMENTARY: 1×5=5 MARKS)

(Any One)

37. Coherent Order:

- (iii) Mulan heard about the surprise attack.
- (iv) She got dressed and went outside.
- (ii) Mulan ordered the soldiers to hide so they could attack when the enemy king arrived.
- (i) The war was over and China was saved.
- (v) No one cared anymore that Mulan was a woman.

(Correct sequence: iii → iv → ii → i → v)

38. Passage Comprehension (Zigzag):

- a) No, they were not able to stop Zigzag from snoring.
- b) Lakshmi is the Krishnan family's domestic maid.
- c) Mrs. Krishnan was trying to unroll cotton wool to stuff into her ears.
- d) They shut themselves in the bedroom furthest away from Mrs. Krishnan's studio.
- e) Lakshmi screamed as if she had been electrocuted.

SECTION – IV (WRITING SKILLS: 4×5=20 MARKS)

(Any Four)

39. Advertisement:

CAFÉ & COFFEE
~ The Best Taste in Town ~
Freshly Brewed Cappuccino Mocha Rich Espresso
★ SPECIAL FLAT 20% INAUGURAL OFFER! ★
Cozy Ambience • Free Wi-Fi • Takeaway & Dine-in
Visit Us Online: www.reallygreatsite.com

40. Letter of Subscription:

From:

The School Pupil Leader,
ABC Higher Secondary School,
Dharmapuri.

Date: September 2025

To:

The Circulation Manager,
The Hindu, Mount Road, Chennai.

Subject: Order for daily newspaper subscription for school library – Reg.

Sir/Madam,

We would like to subscribe to 10 copies of your esteemed English daily *The Hindu* for our school library for the academic year 2025–2026. Kindly provide the best institutional discount and send the newspapers starting from the 1st of next month. The payment will be remitted by crossed cheque upon receipt of the invoice.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Signature)

School Pupil Leader

41. Report on Annual Sports Day:

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY CELEBRATION

By School Pupil Leader

Dharmapuri: Our school celebrated its 25th Annual Sports Day with great zeal on September 15. The event commenced with the hoisting of the Olympic flag followed by a march past by the four school houses. The Chief Guest, the District Sports Officer, declared the meet open. Track and field events including 100m sprint, relay, long jump, and shot put were conducted. Red House bagged the overall championship trophy. The Chief Guest distributed medals and certificates to the winners, praising the students' discipline and sportsmanship. The day concluded with the National Anthem.

42. Picture Comprehension (5 Sentences):

- The picture illustrates that education is the stepping stone to success.
- Books stacked one over another represent continuous learning, knowledge, and hard work.
- The graduation cap at the top symbolizes academic achievement and qualification.
- The individual climbing the stairs with a briefcase shows determination to build a rewarding career.
- It conveys the moral that systematic education leads one to the pinnacle of career success.

43. Summary Writing:

ROUGH COPY

~~Art is a wide range of human creative activities and emotional expression. It includes visual arts, dance, music, and writing. It acts as communication reflecting culture and shaping human values.~~

FAIR COPY: THE POWER OF ART

Art is the expression of human imagination and creative skills in varied forms like painting, sculpture, music, and literature. It serves as a vital medium of communication that reflects culture and societal identity. Through personal expression and emotional enrichment, art deepens human understanding of life and the world.

Words in passage: 110 | Target words: ~40

44. Error Spotting:

- a) **May** I have your autograph? (or **Could** I have your autograph?)
- b) **Are** your father and mother at home?
- c) I like **to drink** payasam. (or I like **drinking** payasam)
- d) My flight departs **at** 5 am.

e) **Neither** Umar nor Riyaz has to pay the fine.

SECTION – V (MEMORITER: 5 MARKS - COMPULSORY)

45. Quote from Memory (I am Every Woman - Rakhi Nariani Shirke):

She'll not spare you if you're a prankster.

Don't ever try to saw her pride, her self-respect.

She knows how to thaw you, saw you -- so beware!

She's today's woman. Today's woman, dear.

Love her, respect her, keep her near.

PART – IV (SUPPLEMENTARY PARAGRAPH: 8 MARKS)

(Either a or b)

46. a) The Aged Mother:

The despotic ruler of Shinano ordered that all aged citizens be put to death. A poor farmer loved his mother deeply and carried her up Mount Obatsuyama to leave her to die. Along the path, the mother snapped twigs and dropped them so her son could find his way back home. Touched by her unconditional love, he brought her back and hid her in the closet beneath the floor. Later, the governor demanded a rope made of ashes. The wise mother advised burning a twisted straw rope on flat stones. Astonished, the ruler asked who conceived the idea. The farmer confessed the truth. The ruler recognized the indispensable wisdom of the elderly and abolished the cruel law.

(OR)

b) The Tempest:

Prospero, the rightful Duke of Milan, lived with his daughter Miranda on an isolated enchanted island after being betrayed by his brother Antonio. With the aid of Ariel, Prospero raised a great magical tempest shipwrecking Antonio, King Alonso of Naples, and Prince Ferdinand. Ariel brought Ferdinand to the cave, where Ferdinand and Miranda fell in love. Prospero tested Ferdinand's sincerity with hard labor. Eventually, Antonio and Alonso repented their misdeeds, and Prospero restored his dukedom, uniting the kingdoms through the marriage of Ferdinand and Miranda.

PART – V (GENERAL COMPREHENSION: 8 MARKS)

(Either a or b)

47. a) Prose Comprehension:

1. Her friends were rude because obscene messages and videos had been sent to them from her hacked account.
2. She talked to her friends directly, explained that her account had been compromised, and cleared the misunderstanding.
3. I would immediately change my password, enable two-factor authentication, inform friends/family not to open suspicious links, and report the hack to cyber authorities.
4. We can use strong passwords, enable two-step verification, avoid clicking on suspicious links, and keep privacy settings strictly restricted.

(OR)

b) Poem Comprehension:

1. The poet loves all beauteous (beautiful) things.
2. Man is in his hasty days.
3. The empty words of a dream are remembered on waking.
4. When he seeks beauteous things, he adores and honors them.