Tamil Nadu State Board - Class X
English - I
(Model Paper)

Time Allowed: 2 ½ Hours   Maximum Marks: 100

General Instructions:

  i. Answer all the questions in the answer-book given separately.
 ii. Read the questions carefully and try to understand them fully before answering them.
iii. Write down the question numbers correctly in the margin in your answer-book.

Section - A (Prose)

I. Answer any five of the following questions in about three lines each: (*5 × 3 = 15 marks*)

1. In which series and how did Sachin lead India into the finals?

2. What kind of a person was the Bishop?

3. What was Sambu's reaction when he heard that he was invited to London?

4. Give the difference between travelling by the old Ambassador cars and today's air-conditioned ones.

5. What sort of physical exercise did Gandhi indulge in?

6. Describe the inspector.

7. Name a few fields where multimedia is used.

8. What is a hard copy?

II. Answer any one of the following questions in a paragraph of about ten lines: (*1 × 5 = 5 marks*)

1. Describe the sufferings of Jean Vatjean.

2. Explain how the black-market case was solved.

3. Did Margie long for the old schools? Why?

III. Answer any one of the following in about twenty lines: (*1×10 = 10*)

1. Sachin, the Master Blaster.

2. Gandhiji's experiment with truth started even from his school days.

3. Mass Media and Multimedia,

IV.
A) Choose the correct synonyms for the italicized words from the given options: (*5 ×1 = 5 marks*)

1. "Whatever you do in life, be sincere and honest, was my parents *credo*".

    a. psychology
    b. philosophy

c. disbelief

2. Detective Sambu *chided* himself.

   a. praised
   b. mattered
   c. scolded

3. The *daredevil* Charles Lindberg was the first person to fly across the Atlantic Ocean.

   a. timid
   b. giant
   c. fearless

4. But this did not *deter* men from exploring the world.

   a. interest
   b. discourage
   c. attract

5. They generated reports on the cost of products, inflation, *negotiations* of price, etc.

   a. bargains
   b. disagreements
   c. exchanges

B) Choose the correct antonyms for the italicized words from the given options: (*5 × 1 = 5 marks*)

1. The *modern* game as we know as hockey evolved in the British Isles in the 19th Century.

   a. sophisticated
   b. updated
   c. ancient

2. He landed near Paris 34 hours after taking off from New York with no *fancy* equipment to help him.

   a. crude
   b. pleasing
   c. refined

3. The utter simplicity of the subject was *revealed* to me.

   a. showed
   b. hidden
   c. explained

4. With this, the computers will behave with the same *flexibility*, ...

   a. elasticity

       b. capacity
       c. stiffness

5. Do you understand? I am a *convict*

       a. criminal
       b. prisoner
       c. Samaritan

C) Supply the full forma for any three of the following *abbreviations / acronyms*: (*3 × 1 = 3 marks*)

1. UNICEF

2. RADAR

3. CRY

4. CPU

5. IAS

D) Fill in the blanks choosing the correct word from the options given brackets (*3×1 = 3 marks*)

1. ....(*Officious / Official*) secrets should not be discussed in the public.

2. Meena has a...................(*luxurious / luxuriant*) growth of hair.

3. Gandhiji's................... (*childlike / chlidish*) appearance and activities endeared him to all.

E) Write the spelling in American English for the following words: (*6 × ½ = 3 marks*)

1. Fibre

2. Colour

3. Marvellous

4. Enroll

5. Jewellery

6. Programme

F) The following are some words that English has borrowed from other Languages. Match the words with their meaning in English: (*6×1 = 6 marks*)

Foreign Words	Meanings
1. adieu	boat
2. chef	a large vehicle
3. sine die	genuine / legal
4. catamaran	good-bye
5. Juggernaut	without assigning a date
6. bonafide	a professional cook.

Section - B (Poetry)

V.

A)Quote from your memory: (*6 + 4 = 10 marks*)

1. "Honest Thought and Simple Truth" (*6 lines*)
    From: How.......................................
    To: ....death.

2. 'The Table Turned' (*4 lines*)
    One................................
    .... can.

B) Answer any four of the following as directed: (*4 × 2 = 8 marks*)

1. it was a keen, determined school
    Unorthodox and free.

        a. Pick out the words that describe the school
        b. Give the meaning of the word 'unorthodox'

2. Our tents His glorious roof of night and day.

        a. What does the phrase 'our tents' refer to?
        b. Can we see His glorious roof?

3. I am going out rarely, now and then
    Only, this is price of old age.

        a. How often can an old person move out?
        b. What is the price of old age?

4. Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
    And sorry I could not travel both.

        a. What does the poet mean by 'roads' here?
        b. Why is the wood 'yellow'?

5. And having nothing, he hath all

        a. Who does he refer to here?
        b. What are his possessions?

6. Let Nature be your teacher.

        a. Who does the poet recommend as a teacher?
        b. What is his opinion about books?

C) Explain with reference to the context any three of the following: (*3 × 4 = 12 marks*)

1. He was both umpires, crowd, and all,
    And piled a busy chalk.

2. That inward light the stranger's face made grand.
   Which shines from all self-conquest.

3. By God's grace, all my children
   Are well settled in life.

4. Whose state can neither flatterer's feed
   Nor ruin make accusers great.

5. Enough of Science and Art:
   Close up those barren leaves,

Section - C (Other Competencies)

VI.

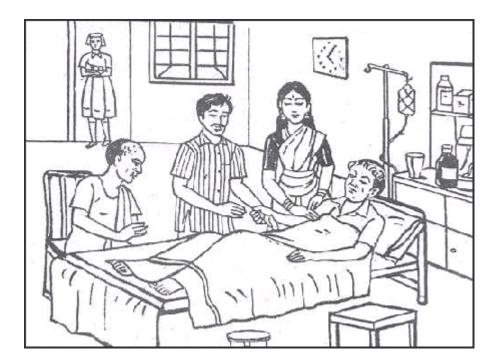A) Snippets of an Item of news are given below. Prepare a newspaper report: (*5 marks*)

   Chennai March 23

   - Special team - Chennai city police
   - Arrested six persons - recovered stolen property worth Rs. 10 Lakhs, Gold, jewels, electronic goods, computers, cellphones and two-wheelers.
   - City Police Commissioner requested people to inform the nearest police station when they leave the city.

B) Using the technique of editing and drafting prepare a paragraph of the following passage: (*5 marks*)

"Number, please," says the telephone operator, and our minds fly back to Alexander Graham Bell, the Scotsman who gave us this wonderful instrument. His father was a teacher of the deaf, and so from early years the boy learned about the laws of speech and the vibrations of sound. He began to study electricity, and to wonder if it would not be possible to convey the human voice along the wire, Just like the telegraphic code.

Slowly his experiments Look shape, until at last he was able to speak along a wire to a friend in another room. Now. by the wonderful gift received from Graham Bell we can call for help when it is needed, ask for information or have a quiet chat with a friend.

C) From the Picture Answer the following Questions: (*5 × 1 = 5 marks*)

1. What place is this?
2. What do you call the person in the bed?
3. Who is standing near the door?
4. Where is the wall clock?
5. How many visitors are there near the patient?

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