

# Tamil Nadu Board – English Public Question Paper 2026

Time Allowed :3 Hours	Maximum Marks :100	Total Questions :41
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## General Instructions

Read the following instructions carefully:

- (i) This question paper contains four parts – Part I, Part II, Part III and Part IV.
- (ii) All the questions are compulsory.
- (iii) In Part I, choose the most appropriate answer and write the option code and the corresponding answer.
- (iv) In Part II, answer the questions in a sentence or two.
- (v) In Part III, answer the questions as instructed.
- (vi) In Part IV, answer the questions in detail.
- (vii) Use Blue or Black ink to write your answers.
- (viii) Draw diagrams wherever necessary using a pencil.

## PART – I

Answer all the questions. Choose the most appropriate answer from the options given.

1. Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicised word.

He even gnawed at the dried pieces of seashell.

- (A) swallowed
- (B) bit
- (C) drank
- (D) gulped

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2. Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicised word.

There was a sudden rush and scuffle.

- (A) dance
- (B) talk
- (C) fight
- (D) distraction

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3. Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicised word.

Those are the times we have to be active and need to anticipate what could be there ahead.

- (A) foresee
  - (B) forebear
  - (C) avoid
  - (D) treat
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**4. Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicised word.**

The project was undertaken in consonance with the National policy.

- (A) argument
  - (B) agreement
  - (C) disagreement
  - (D) amusement
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**5. Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicised word.**

I saw a frail man with bald head sitting.

- (A) strong
  - (B) weak
  - (C) delicate
  - (D) fragile
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**6. Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicised word.**

I would have forgotten that unpleasant incident of my childhood.

- (A) ugly
  - (B) bad
  - (C) pleasant
  - (D) unhappy
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**7. Choose the correct plural form of 'loaf'.**

- (A) loaves
  - (B) loafes
  - (C) loafes
  - (D) loavs
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**8. Form a derivative by adding the right prefix to the word 'accurate'.**

- (A) il
  - (B) in
  - (C) un
  - (D) dis
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**9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation 'BCE'.**

- (A) Before Complete Era
- (B) Beside Common Era
- (C) Beside Complete Era

(D) Before Common Era

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**10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb.**

There will be a \_\_\_\_\_ next week in the office.

- (A) shut out
  - (B) shut down
  - (C) shut up
  - (D) shut in
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**11. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word 'house' to form a compound word.**

- (A) keeping
  - (B) ride
  - (C) rain
  - (D) play
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**12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition.**

There are many problems of the disease \_\_\_\_\_ the East.

- (A) until
  - (B) on
  - (C) by
  - (D) in
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**13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form.**

Mani \_\_\_\_\_ in the school for five years.

- (A) is working
  - (B) has been working
  - (C) working
  - (D) have been working
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**14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the given alternatives.**

My mother called me \_\_\_\_\_ I was playing football.

- (A) while
  - (B) or
  - (C) by
  - (D) if
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## **PART – II**

**Answer any three of the following in a sentence or two.**

**15.** What was the daily routine of Sanyal?

**16.** How did the bird try to reach its parents without having to fly?

17. Why did Herman and the author slam the doors?  
18. Who is Mr. Culverton Smith?
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**SECTION – 2**

**Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any three.**

**19.**

Nothing goes right with the folks you meet  
Down on that gloomy complaining street.

- (a) What is the opinion about the folks you meet down the street?  
(b) What does the word 'gloomy' mean here?

**20.**

Their hands are ours, and in their lines we read  
A labour not different from our own.

- (a) What does the word 'their' refer to?  
(b) What does the poet mean by 'lines we read'?

**21.**

Not a crumb to be found  
On the snow-covered ground.

- (a) What couldn't he find on the ground?  
(b) Why was the ground covered with snow?

**22.**

Not hurrying to, nor turning from the goal;  
Not mourning for the things that disappear.

- (a) Why do you think the poet is not in a hurry?  
(b) What should one not mourn for?
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**SECTION – 3**

**Answer any three of the following.**

**23.** Rewrite the sentence in Reported Speech.

Balu said, "Asia is the largest continent."

**24.** Rewrite the following sentence in Passive Voice.

The carpenter was driving a car.

**25.** Punctuate the following sentence.

thats my delicate ariel said Prospero

**26.** Change the following sentence into a simple sentence.

Raghav was old yet he walked fast.

**27.** Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.

- (a) in / position / women / almost / the / all / major / society / occupy
- (b) Delighted / them / assist / I / to / was
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## SECTION – 4

- 28.** You are at the Bus stop. An old woman asks for direction to the hospital. Guide her with your instructions using the map given.
- 29.** How did Watson help his friend to arrest the criminal?
- 30.** “Technology is a boon to the disabled.” Justify.
- 31.** Give a brief character sketch of Sasanka Sanyal.
- 32.** Write in detail about the selection and training process which the Indian Navy crew underwent.
- 33.** What feelings are evoked in us by the machines in the poem?
- 34.** How is mystery depicted in the poem “The House on Elm Street”?
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- 35.** Read the following stanza and answer the questions.

Let me but live my life from year to year,  
With forward face and unreluctant soul;  
Not hurrying to, nor turning from the goal;  
Not mourning for the things that disappear.

- (a) Pick out the rhyming words in the stanza.  
(b) Give the rhyme scheme.  
(c) Identify the figures of speech in the last two lines.  
(d) Pick out the alliterated words in the first line.

- 36.** Paraphrase the following stanza.

She’s a lioness; don’t mess with her.  
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!

- 37.** Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

- (i) The Emperor gave her fine gifts.  
(ii) She was very brave and won many battles.  
(iii) When Mulan’s father heard about the Emperor’s order he was about to prepare himself.  
(iv) Then Mulan disguised as a man and joined the army.  
(v) The emperor ordered one man from each family to join the army.

**38.** Read the following passage and answer the questions.

This story speaks about the people of the twenty-ninth century who live in fairyland. The year is 2889, the date 25th July and the place is the office block of the Managing Editor of the Earth Herald, the world's largest newspaper. In this futuristic story written in 1889, the writer describes how he visualizes the world a thousand years later – a world of technological advancements where newspapers are not printed but 'spoken'.

Questions:

- (a) What does the story speak about?
- (b) Which is the world's largest newspaper mentioned in this passage?
- (c) When is this futuristic story written?
- (d) How does the writer describe the world?
- (e) Are the newspapers printed?

**39.** Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.

Garuda Motors – EV world – Two wheelers – Electric – Eco-Friendly – Long range – Budget Friendly – Long Life – No.25 Carmel Convent Road – Nagercoil.

**40.** Write a letter of complaint.

You are Raja. The street lights of your area do not work properly. Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper about the problem and suggest ways to brighten the area.

**41.** You are Nikhil/Nikitha, school pupil leader of GHSS, Trichy. Prepare a notice inviting the grandparents of the students to celebrate World Elders' Day in the school auditorium on the 20th of next month.

**42.** Look at the following picture and express your views on it in a paragraph of five sentences.

