2007 Public Examination

Tamil
Continuers Level

Thursday 18 October: 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time
Reading Time: 10 minutes
Working Time: 2 hours and 50 minutes

- You have 10 minutes to read all the papers and to familiarise yourself with the requirements of the questions. You must not write during this time.
- Monolingual and/or bilingual printed dictionaries may be consulted during the reading time and also during the examination.

Section 1: Listening and Responding (30 marks)

Instructions to Students

1. Allow approximately 50 minutes for Section 1.
2. Write all your answers to the questions in Section 1 in this booklet in blue or black ink or ball-point pen. Space is provided for you to make notes.
3. You must answer ALL questions in Part A and Part B.
4. Answer Part A in ENGLISH and Part B in TAMIL.
5. Write your student/registration number and the centre number (if required) on the front cover of this booklet.
6. All question booklets will be collected at the end of the examination.

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Part A (Questions 1–3) (20 marks)

When judging performance in this part, the examiner(s) will take into account the extent to which the student demonstrates the capacity to:

- understand general and specific aspects of texts by identifying and analysing information and convey the information accurately and appropriately.

You will hear THREE texts. Each text will be played twice. There will be a short break between the first and second playings in which you may make notes.

Listen carefully to each text and then answer the questions in ENGLISH.

Text 1

1. (a) What evidence is there of the strong bonds between these two speakers?

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(b) Explain why the grandfather could not come until just before the party.

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(c) Why is there such a large crowd at this special party?

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(d) If the grandfather’s wishes are granted, what will Nilani do in the following year?

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You may make notes in this space.
Text 2

2. What are the features of this new restaurant which may appeal to members of the Tamil community in Australia?

Complete the following.

**Type of cuisine**

- Complete the following.

**Method of cooking and serving**

- Complete the following.

**Choice of dishes**

- Complete the following.
Text 3

3. (a) At what event is this announcement made?  

(b) How can parents participate in today’s activities?  
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(c) Name one event that took place before the interval.  

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Part B (Questions 4–5) (10 marks)

When judging performance in this part, the examiner(s) will take into account the extent to which the student demonstrates the capacity to:

- understand general and specific aspects of texts by identifying and analysing information;
- convey the information accurately and appropriately.

You will hear TWO texts, one relating to Question 4 and one relating to Question 5. Each text will be played twice. There will be a short break between the first and second playings in which you may make notes.

Listen carefully to each text and then answer the questions in TAMIL.

**Text 4**

4. Explain why Shankar’s mum has many reasons to be happy today.

- Shankar's parents are happy because Shankar has achieved great success in his exams.
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5. (a) Explain why the doctor wishes to appoint Mary to work in his practice.

(b) Why is the doctor temporarily in a difficult position?

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Section 2: Reading and Responding (30 marks)

Instructions to Students

1. Allow approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes for Section 2.
2. Write all your answers to the questions in Section 2 in this booklet in blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
3. You must answer ALL questions in Part A and Part B.
4. Answer Part A in ENGLISH and Part B in TAMIL.
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Part A (Questions 6–7)
(20 marks)

When judging performance in this part, the examiner(s) will take into account the extent to which the student demonstrates the capacity to:

- understand general and/or specific aspects of texts, by, for example, comparing, contrasting, summarising, or evaluating, and convey the information accurately and appropriately.

6. Read the text and then answer in ENGLISH the questions that follow.
QUESTIONS

(a) What would you say are the social problems affecting this country as described in the pamphlet?

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(b) How does the author view promotional campaigns? What are his reasons for holding this view?

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7. Read the text and then answer in ENGLISH the questions that follow.
QUESTIONS

(a) Explain the simile in this article.

(b) Label the mind map boxes correctly using relevant nouns.

| Intelligence | Thinking skills |

(c) How does the story in the third paragraph illustrate the ideas expressed in the first and the second paragraphs?

(d) Why was it difficult to build the dam across the River Kaveri?

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(e) What device does the author use to link the last two paragraphs? How effective is this device?
When judging performance in this part, the examiner(s) will take into account the extent to which the student demonstrates the capacity to:

- understand general and specific aspects of a text by identifying, analysing, and responding to information;
- convey information coherently (structure, sequence, accuracy and variety of vocabulary and sentence structure) and appropriately (relevance, use of conventions of the text type).

8. Read the text and then answer the question in 150–200 words in TAMIL on page 7.
Do not remove this page from the question booklet.

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Question 8

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Section 3: Writing in Tamil (15 marks)

Instructions to Students

1. Allow approximately 45 minutes for Section 3.
2. Write your answer to a question from Section 3 in this booklet in blue or black ink or ball-point pen. Space is provided for you to make notes.
3. You must answer ONE question in TAMIL.
4. Write your student/registration number and the centre number (if required) on the front cover of this booklet.
5. All question booklets will be collected at the end of the examination.
Section 3 (Questions 9–12)  
(15 marks)

When judging performance in this section, the examiner(s) will take into account the extent to which the student demonstrates:

- relevance and depth of treatment of ideas, information, or opinions;
- accuracy and range of vocabulary and sentence structures;
- the capacity to structure and sequence response and capacity to use conventions of the text type.

Answer ONE question from this section in 200–250 words in TAMIL.

9. You are going to apply for a position as a newsreader with a Tamil television company in Australia. Write a personal profile giving details about yourself and your abilities, your reasons for applying, and what you can contribute to the company.

10. Write an informative report for a Tamil newspaper explaining the actions Australia has been taking to reduce road accidents.

11. Write an imaginative story about a student who has discovered a magic word; when the word is spelled the student knows what the person next to him/her is thinking.

12. You have witnessed a huge waste of water. Write an article for your local newspaper persuading the community to take steps to conserve water.
You may make notes in this space.