

MUKULAM - SSLC MODEL EXAMINATION FEB-2015

ENGLISH

Time 2.30 hrs

score 80

Instructions:.

Attempt all questions

Fifteen minutes cool off time to read questions

Questions 1-5. Read the given passage and answer the that follow:

The old banker remembered all this and thought:

'Tomorrow at twelve o'clock he will regain his freedom. By our agreement I ought to pay him two millions. If I do pay him it is all over with me: I shall be utterly ruined '

Fifteen years before his millions had been beyond his reckoning; now he was afraid

to ask himself which were greater , his debts or assets. 'cursed bet!' muttered the old man ,clutching his despair, why didn't the man die? He is only forty now. He will

take my last penny from me,he will marry,will enjoy life,will gamble on the Exchange,while I shall lookat him with envy like a beggar,and hear from every day

the same sentence ' I am hndebted to you for the happiness of my life,let me help you' No,it is too much! The one means of saved from bankruptcy and disgrace is the death of that man.

1. what does the banker worry about ?

1

2. what does the banker plan to do at the end ?

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3. what was the agreement that troubled the old banker ?

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4 '.I am indebted to you for the happiness of my life'. Who are the 'I' and ' you' referred here?

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5. 'He will take my last penny from me' begin the sentence with 'My last penny.....'

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6. pick out a word from the passage that means 'not having enough money to pay one's debts'

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Questions 7-10 Read the following lines from 'The Himalayas' and answer the questions that follow

I begin a long one
in which the Himalayas rise
as a metaphor
Suddenly I am ashamed
to have used the Himalayas like this,
ashamed to speak of my imaginary mountain
to a man who walked through
the ice and snow of Gangotri
barefoot
a man who lived close to Kanchenjunga
and Everest clad only in summer cotton
I pause to apologise
but he says 'Just continue'.

7. why does the poet feel ashamed ?

1

8. Where and how did the man walk ?

1

9. pick out the line that suggests Swami Anand encouraged the poetess?

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10. ' I begin a long one' what is the 'long one' mentioned here ?

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questions 11-14. read the lines from 'cactus ' and answer the questions that follow

Thorns are my language.

I announce my existence

with a bleeding touch

Once these thorns were flowers

I loathe lovers who betray.

Poets have abandoned the deserts

to go back to the gardens.

Only camels remain here, and merchants

who trample my flowers to dust.

11. how does the cactus announce its existence ? 1

12. why does the poets abandon the desert ? 1

13. pick out any two images of desert from the stanza . 1

14. pick out the line that indicates cactus had a different life. 1

questions 15-19. read the following passage and answer the questions that follow

For thousands of years, the spice - growing lands of India, the moluccas, and Indonesia had exchanged their spices for incense, precious stones, slaves, and many other goodies with traders from Arabia. These Arab traders then took the spices to Europe sold them there, with fantastic stories about the far away lands from which the spice came.

In A D 1455, though a Turkish empire called the Ottoman empire captured constantinople [now Istambul] from the Romans, ending rule of the 1500 year old Roman empire. No longer could the spices of the East travel freely to Europe over land.

Europe missed its beloved spices so much that people decided a new route to be found. so entire fleets were encouraged to go on voyages by European kings and queens, to find a sea route to India.

15. who introduced the spices to Europe ? 1

16. what did the Arab traders give in exchange for spices ? 1

17. why did European kings promote voyages ? 1

18. who ruled Constantinople before the Turkish empire ? 1

19. How long did the Romans rule Constantinople ? 1

Question 20. Answer any **one** of the following in about 120 words 7

A. Art is some thing more than a pastime. It has deeper and wider functions in human life prepare a **write up** based on the story 'Balthazar's Marvelous Afternoon' and the speech 'Art that Heals'

hints: ambitions in life - general concept about art as entertainment - Balthazar more than an artist - more humane - cage gifted to Pepe - paulnack's view - music makes man more humane and sympathetic - relieves tension and stress - makes life more meaningful

B. prepare a **speech** on the Importance of Teacher -pupil relationship and its importance in a child's development , in the light of the story' Father's Help ' to be delivered at the school assembly on the 'Teachers Day'

21.The stranger, in the story' The Blue Bouquet' fails to get the blue eyes. so he decides to write a letter to his beloved describing the incident happened in the street. How would the **letter** be ?

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22.The servant plays an important role in the development of the play 'the Beggar and the King'. Though he supports the king ,he never negates the demands the Beggar puts forward. Write a **character sketch** of the servant

5 23.The film club of your school conducted a seminar on the topic 'Is tea-shop an ideal place to reveal the' messages' and concerns of the film'.Dr. c.s venkiteswaran inaugurated the function. Prepare a **seminar report**

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24. Balthazar brought the cage to Jose Montiel's house to sell the cage to pepe.

There he met Jose Montiel and had a conversation between them.what would be the likelly conversation ?

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Questions 25 -- 29 study the table below and answer the questions that follow :

FILM	YEAR	PRODUCTION	ACTOR
Here Comes the Navy	1934	Warner Brothers	Lou Edelman
Lost Horizon	1937	Columbia	Frank Capra
One Foot in Heaven	1941	Warner Brothers	H &B.Wallis
The Snake Pit	1948	20 th Century Fox	Robert Bassler
Roman Holiday	1953	Paramount	George Stevens

25. Which films in the list are produced by Warner Brothers ?

1

26. If you want tosee the performance of George Stevens which film will

you see ? 1

27. who is the hero in Lost Horizon ? 1

28. In which year was Roman Holiday released ? 1

29. Name the company produced the movie The Snake Pit ? 1

30. Complete the following conversation suitably 5

Ursula : _____ [a] _____ ?

Balthazar : I will ask for thirty pesos .

Ursula : thirty only ? The cage is rather large, _____ [b] _____ ?

Balthazar : certainly. The bigger the cage is _____ [c] _____

Ursula : you're right. Unless you ask for fifty _____ [d] _____

Balthazar : Will they buy it for fifty ?

Ursula : You had better _____ [e] _____

Balthazar : yes .I will try .

31. Read the following dialogue answer the questions that follow 2

Watson : How do you know what I'm doing ?

Holmes : I have a well - polished silver pot in front of me .

a. What did Watson ask ?

b. What was holmes ' reply ?

32. Read the following passage carefully and edit the underlined words

The poets mother was sting[a] by a scorpion. The peasants 4
came for [b]the mother whom[c]was groaning in pain.

The fatheras well as the peasant were [d] in agony .

33. fill in the blanks with suitable phrasal verbs from the brackets below.4

The night was so hot that the narrator found it difficult to _____ a _____

the weather. Hence he went out for a walk in the street .Suddenly a

man ___b___ before him and asked for his eyes. Somehow the narrator ___c___ and reached the hotel. The frightened narrator ___d___ his journey as the place was quite strange to adjust with.

[turn up, put up with, set off, put on, get away]

34. Supply the missing words in the following passage from the brackets below. 4

Swami went to his seat ___a___ a bleeding heart. He had never met a man so good ___b___ Samuel. The teacher was inspecting the home lessons, ___c___ usually produced great scenes ___d___ violence.

[with, of, on, which, as]

35. Write a profile of Akira Kurosawa, one of the greatest film makers the World has ever seen, using the following hints : 6

birth : 1910
nationality : japan
career : , director, producer, screen play writer, editor
major works : druken angel [1948], ikru[1950], seven samurai [1954]
awards : oscar award for life time achievement. Named asian of the century.
Death : 1998

36. Look at the following sentences . 2

a. Please give a glass of water .

b. Arun watered the plants .

In sentence [a] the water is used as noun and in sentence [b] as verb.

Now write two meaningful sentences using the word ' Cage' both as noun.