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**DIRECTORATE OF GOVERNMENT EXAMINATIONS, CHENNAI – 6**  
**SSLC EXAMINATION MARCH 2017**  
**KEY ANSWER FOR ENGLISH I PAPER**

**MAXIMUM MARKS : 100**

<b>SECTION - A</b> <b>( VOCABULARY : 20 MARKS)</b> <b>PART - I</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>SYNONYMS :</b>	<b>5 X 1 = 5</b>
	i) c) Offerings	
	ii) d) sorrowful	
	iii) a) Strong / c) Sincere	
	iv) b) Offered	
	v) d) Clearly marked	
<b>2</b>	<b>ANTONYMS :</b>	<b>5 X 1 = 5</b>
	i) c) external	
	ii) a) friendship / b) warmth	
	iii) b) better	
	iv) a) ignored	
	v) d) mortal	
<b>PART – II</b> <b>ANY TEN :</b>		<b>10 X 1 = 10</b>
<b>3</b>	AIR - c) All India Radio	
<b>4</b>	a) He wants to <u>buy</u> a flat.	
<b>5</b>	Jug - Pitcher	
<b>6</b>	safe - b) safe guard	
<b>7</b>	aquarium - c) aquaria	
<b>8</b>	perform - c) <u>performance</u>	
<b>9</b>	yielded - c) gave in	

10	a) permanent - per/ ma /nent - 3 syllables	
	b) guitarist - gui / ta / rist - 3 syllables	
	c) barely - bare/ ly - 2 syllables	
11	b) provide	
12	Any meaningful sentence without grammatical error	
13	He behaved like a gentle man . (or) He behaved as a gentle man. (or) He behaved as if he were a gentle man. (or) He behaved that of a gentle man / Any relevant / meaningful sentence	
14	b) Everyone can learn English easily.	

<b>SECTION - B (GRAMMAR : 25 MARKS) PART - I</b>		<b>10 X 1 = 10</b>
15	b) you will pass the exam	
16	a) S V A	
17	b) hasn't it ?	
18	c) taller	
19	a) Everything is possible in life.	
20	c) On account of	
21	c) to finish	
22	a) for the poor	
23	a) an	
24	a) behind	

PART – II		5 X 2 = 10
25	<p>i) Kiran is <b>too</b> ill <b>to</b> go to school today .</p> <p>ii) Kiran is <b>so</b> ill <b>that</b> she cannot go to school today.</p> <p>iii) Kiran is very ill <b>and</b> / <b>and so</b> / <b>so</b> she cannot go to school today.</p> <p>iv) Kiran cannot go to school today <b>because</b> she is very ill</p> <p>v) Sentences starting with <b>Owing to</b> / <b>Due to</b> / <b>On account of</b> / <b>Being</b> / <b>As</b> / <b>Since</b> without grammatical errors can be given marks.</p> <p>(Any relevant sentence without grammatical error can be given marks)</p>	
26	<p>Sweets were given by Santa Claus to all the children and he was thanked by them profusely.</p> <p>(Or)</p> <p>Sweets were given to all the children by Santa Claus and he was thanked profusely by them .</p> <p>(Or)</p> <p>All the children were given sweets by Santa Claus and he was thanked by them profusely.</p> <p>(Or)</p> <p>All the children were given sweets by Santa Claus and he was thanked profusely by them.</p>	
27	<p>The teacher <b>told</b> the students <b>that they were</b> going on an excursion to Kerala <b>the following week</b> / <b>a week after</b>.</p>	
28	<p><b>If</b> they evade taxation, they will be punished.</p>	
29	<p>i) Ravi's income is the highest of all.</p> <p>ii) Kumar's income is the lowest / least of all .</p> <p>iii) Arun's income is lower than Ravi's income P.M. / per month</p> <p>iv) Ravi's income is higher than Raju's income P.M.</p> <p>v) Raju's income is not so high as Ravi's income P.M.</p> <p>vi) No other income is so high as Ravi's income P.M.</p> <p>vii) Raju's income is not so low as Arun's income P.M.</p> <p>(Any relevant sentence without grammatical error can be given marks)</p>	

<b>PART - III</b>		<b>5 Marks</b>
30	" <u>W</u> hat a pretty girl you are ! " exclaimed Rashmi.	

**SECTION - C**  
**(PROSE : 15 MARKS)**  
**PART - I**

<b>ANY FIVE:</b>		<b>5 X 2 = 10</b>
31	Hughie mistook the Baron as a beggar and gave him alms / a sovereign / gold coin.	
32	<p>a) Music is the basic need for our survival.  b) It is one of the ways we make sense of our lives  c) It is one of the ways in which we express feelings when we have no words  d) It is a way for us to understand things with our heart  e) Music is not a part of art and entertainment.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Any two points)</p>	
33	Obedience to parents and respect / reverence for teachers are the two valuable qualities to be practised as students.	
34	Lack of water / sharing of water / scarcity of water / tension over shared water resources can lead the world to violence.	
35	Changes in the economy and developmental policies / Increase in nuclear families / increase in infrastructure, projects and industries.	(Any two points)
36	Birds migrate / travel during autumn and early winter / They move to southern warmer lands.	
37	<p>i) Thanjavur is the Granary of Tamil Nadu.  ii) The big temple / Brihadeesvarar temple is in Thanjavur.  iii) It is the home of Carnatic Music, dance, and traditional handicrafts.  iv) It was the capital of the Cholas .  v) It is also famous for bronze work.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Any two sentence)</p>	

<b>PART - II</b>		<b>1 X 5 = 5</b>
38 a)	Hughie - good looking young man - loved Laura - Colonel's condition - ten thousand pounds - Alan Trevor - artist - studio - amazed to see the model - went up to the model - gave a sovereign - to the beggar - millionaire - one of the richest men in Europe - presented ten thousand pounds - wedding gift.	
b)	Brihadeesvarar temple - 1000 years old - built by Raja Raja Chola - donated Gold and silver - Majestic look - Timeless marvel - Symbol of our culture - vimanam - topmost stone weighs 80 tons - engineers wonder - without modern machines - perfect geometry - unshaken by anything .	
c)	Art - essential part - human survival - spirit - meaning to our life - Twin towers of America - destroyed - September 11, 2001 - many died - city lost its function - avoided shopping - overcame the fall - first communal response - music concert - "we shall overcome" - "America the beautiful" sang - recovery by music.	

**SECTION D**  
**(POETRY : 20 MARKS)**  
**PART I**

<b>Any one</b>		<b>1 x 5 = 5</b>
39 a)	From : If you can dream and not make dreams your master; If you can think and not make thoughts your aim; If you can meet with triumph and disaster; And treat those two impostors just the same; If you can force your heart, and nerve, and sinew	
b)	From : No flags, no machine guns that blast Citizens of those border states- Brothers of her brother's sons. No maps, no boundaries to block My sojourn into unknown lands.	

<b>PART II</b>		<b>5 x 1 = 5</b>
40	A Noble / kind / generous heart / A person with noble and good qualities.	
41	"We" refers to the children.	
42	The children drive / drag / pull the wheels of iron / work all the day.	
43	Vista means view / range.	
44	Triumph and disaster / success and failure / pretenders / tricky persons are the two impostors.	

<b>PART III</b>		<b>5 x 1 = 5</b>
45	Rhyming words - song, belong outside, guide	
46	Alliteration: <u>w</u> ith <u>w</u> orth / <u>s</u> ixty <u>s</u> econds	
47	Metaphor	
48	ab cb	
49	Simile	

<b>PART IV ( any one)</b>		<b>1 x 5 = 5</b>
50 a)	The poet hears - song of a woman - plays the piano - reminds him - childhood - his mother - playing the piano - sits under the piano - touches her feet - mother smiles - Sunday evening - hymns- comfortable parlour - attractive sounds - flooded - childhood memories - weeps for the past.	
b)	The bird - unlimited freedom - birds fly anywhere - treats clouds as its kin - man is worried - small problem destroys his happiness - birds are above fears - flight cannot be stopped - birds stay anywhere - doesnot want to look down - no borders - machine guns - kills citizens.	
c)	The well - beside the house - dry - children went - brook - fetch water - behind the house - in the woods - children - ran - forest - meet the moon - behind the trees - play hide and seek - heard the noise of the brook - a silver blade.	

**SECTION-E**  
**(LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS : 20 MARKS)**

<b>COMPREHENSION</b>		<b>5 x 2= 10</b>
51 a)	Important / necessary	
b)	Discipline shapes our mind to religious, social and economic pattern when we grow up to be an active citizen.	
c)	They merely long for unlimited freedom without understanding the meaning of discipline . .	
d)	An athlete disciplines himself and keeps himself fit . He refrains from smoking, observing good food habits and keeps good health.	
e)	Discipline increases the human energy and implies control , resistance and adjustment. Our energy is saved and made vital for a good output.	

<b>Error Spotting</b>		<b>5 x 1= 5</b>
52 a)	<u>As</u> the child fell down, it started crying / The child fell down <u>so</u> it started crying.	
b)	He is <u>an</u> honest man .	
c)	Neither the secretary nor the manager <u>was</u> available.	
d)	The cat <b>drinks</b> milk	
e)	One of the chairs <u>is</u> broken.	

<b>Picture comprehension</b>		<b>5 x 1= 5</b>
53 a)	Karagam / Karagattam / Kumbattam / Kumbam	
b)	Temple festival / school functions / rural areas / villages / National festivals etc.	
c)	The dancers have karagam / pot / decorated pot on their head .	
d)	This folk dance signifies the art / culture / custom / tradition / Balancing the pot on the head.	
e)	Kollattam, Koothu, Mayilattam, Oyilattam, Kavadiattam, Kummiattam, etc.	

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