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### MUKULAM – SSLC EXAMINATION, 2017-18

#### ENGLISH

Time : 2½ hrs

Score : 80

#### Instructions

1. 15 minutes is given as cool-off time.
2. This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
3. You are not supposed to write anything during the cool-off time.
4. Attempt the questions according to the instructions.

#### 1-5. Read the excerpt from 'Project Tiger' and answer the questions that follow.

Every animal in a Hollywood film is well trained. It is not difficult to train a horse or a dog. But have you ever heard of trained ravens? Not just one or two, but nearly a hundred of them? Even this was made possible in Hollywood when the creator of some of the best suspense films in the history of cinema, Alfred Hitchcock, decided to make a film called 'Birds.' In the story the birds from all over the world start attacking humans. Hitchcock needed a variety of birds, but what was required in the largest number was ravens. Notices were placed in the press all over the United States, asking people to contact the filmmaker if they knew how to get hold of trained ravens.

1. What is the theme of the film 'Birds?' (1)
2. 'This was made possible in Hollywood.' What was made possible in Hollywood films?(1)
3. Who was the creator of the best suspense films mentioned in the passage? (1)
4. How did Hitchcock manage to get a number of ravens? (1)
5. Why were notices placed all over the United States? (1)

#### 6-9. Read the following lines from the poem, 'The School Boy' and answer the questions that follow.

O father and mother if buds are nipped,  
And blossoms blown away;  
And if the tender plants are stripped  
Of their joy in the springing day,  
By sorrow and care's dismay, -

How shall the summer arise in joy,  
Or the summer fruits appear?  
Or how shall we gather what griefs destroy,  
Or bless the mellowing year,  
When the blasts of winter appear?

6. Who is the speaker in the poem? (1)
7. What does 'the tender plants' in the poem refer to? (1)
8. What is the rhyme scheme followed in the first stanza? (1)
9. Pick out two examples for visual image. (1)
10. Read the following lines from the poem, 'Mother to Son' and write an appreciation focusing on the theme, imagery and other poetic devices. (5)

But all the time  
I've been a-climbin' on,  
And reachin' landin's,  
And turnin' corners,  
And sometimes goin' in the dark  
Where there ain't been no light.  
So, boy, don't you turn back.  
Don't you set down on the steps.  
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.  
Don't you fall now—  
For I've still goin', honey,  
I've still climbin',  
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

**11-13. Read the following questions and answer any two of them. (5x2=10)**

**11.** Tagore was shocked to see the methods of punishment at the Oriental Seminary. After reaching home he jots down his thoughts in his diary. What would be the **diary**?

**12.** As the reporter of a local daily, you are assigned to make an interview with Martha who won the prestigious scholarship jacket at Texas School. Prepare five relevant **questions to interview** her.

**13.** You are impressed by the speech 'The Danger of a Single Story.' The English club of your school decided to honour Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie as part of the English fest. As the secretary of the club you are asked to prepare a notice. Draft the likely **notice**.

**14-18. Answer any three of the following questions. (6x3=18)**

**14.** 'Vanka' is the story of an orphan boy who was a victim of child labour. In the light of the story, prepare a speech on 'child labour- a social curse' to be delivered in the school assembly. Prepare the likely **speech**.

**15.** The story, 'The Snake and the Mirror' by Vaikom Muhammed Basheer is a humorous account of the lonely life of a doctor and the incidents that ensue when he encounters a snake. Prepare a **write-up** on humour and wit in the story.

**16.** The screenplay, 'My Sister's Shoes' written and directed by Majid Majidi shows the strong bond between a brother and sister in the midst of all the struggles and hardships they face. Prepare a **review** of the screenplay.

**17.** After the meeting at the deck, A.J.Cronin came to know about Mr John's effort to bring up the derelict adolescents back to their normal life. A.J.Cronin feels very happy and proud of his best investment which he made. He writes a letter to Mr. John appreciating the service he rendered to society. Draft the likely **letter**.

**18.** In the story 'Adolf,' the boy was thrilled by the baby rabbit's naughty behaviour and was sad when his father sent it back to the forest. He narrates his experience to his friend. Prepare the likely **narrative**.

**19-23. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.**

People and whales have shared a long history, with a relationship that has changed dramatically over time. Whales have been hunted professionally by whalers for their meat and blubber (that is, oil) from about a thousand years ago. Whale oil was precious and widely used to light lamps until 1860 when kerosene became the primary fuel for lamps. The scale of whale hunting that went on until that can be guessed from the fact that in the mid-1800s more than nine hundred whaling ships were sent out to sea, mainly from American ports, with an average voyage length of three or four years. As everyone knows, whales are very large creatures. Sperm whales, once described as leviathans, are truly gigantic in size. They possess the large teeth among whales and

live to be more than sixty years old. They can dive deeper than any other animal (about 3 kilometers) in order to catch deep-sea squid, their favourite food.

19. Why did the people hunt the whales? (1)

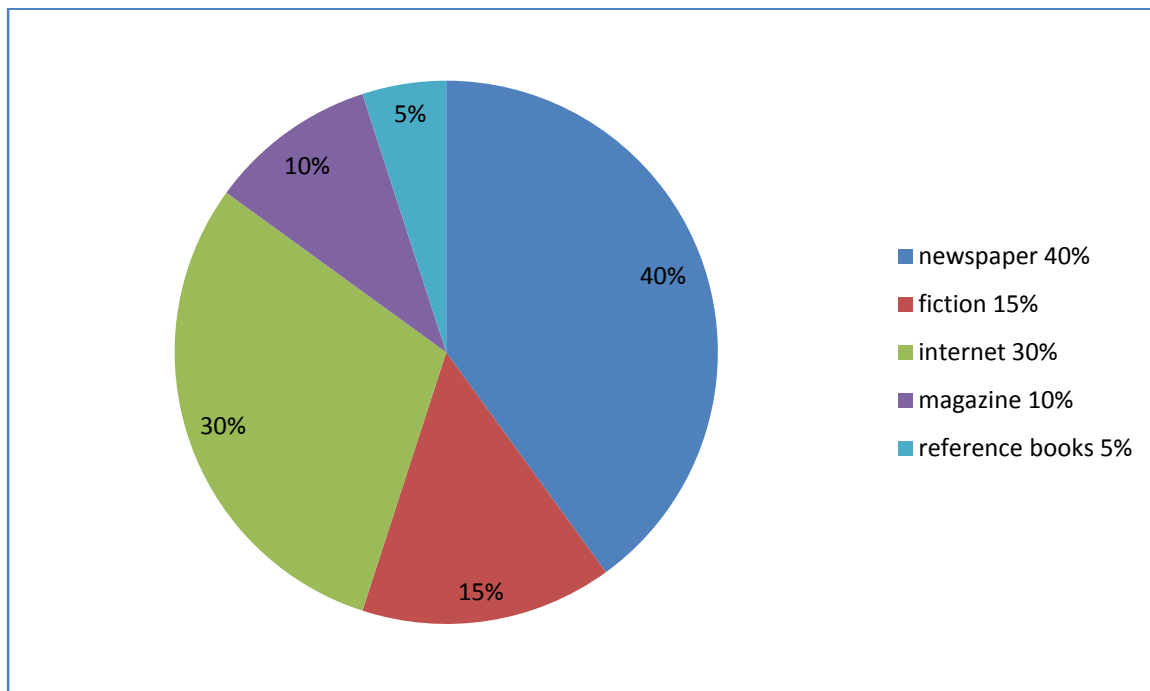
20. What is the use of whale oil? (1)

21. When did people began to use kerosene? (1)

22. Why did sperm whales describe as leviathans? (1)

23. Mention two distinguished features of sperm whale? (1)

24-28. Given below is a diagram of reading habits. Study the diagram and answer the questions that follow. (1x5)



24. Are people more likely to read fiction or magazine?

25. Which are the two sources of reading more popular than fiction?

26. What source of reading takes the smallest amount per day?

27. Which is the highest reading area as per the diagram?

28. How many percentage do people use internet?

29. Read the following conversation between father and forest officer. Complete it suitably. (5)

Father : Good morning Sir.

Officer : Good morning, you are raising a wild rabbit, .....(a).....?

Father : Yes sir, I got it from the field.

Officer : .....(b)..... ?

Father : It is kept inside.

Officer : Don't you know it is an offence to keep wild animals at home?

Father : Yes sir, but if I left it in the field, .....(c).....

Officer : You had better .....(d).....

Father : Okay sir, -----(e)-----

**30. Read the conversation given below and answer the questions that follow. (2)**

Omega : Have you any idea where we are?

Iota : I can't figure it out.

(a). Omega asked .....

(b). Iota replied .....

**31. There are certain errors in the passage given below. Edit them. (4)**

'The Book That Saved The Earth' is a play **who** (a) tells about the Martian invasion that take place in 20<sup>th</sup> century. Think-Tank and his team **is** (b) confident enough **to invaded** (c) the earth. They believed that the earthlings are **inferier** (d) creature.

**32. Read the following passage and supply the missing words. 4)**

'Project Tiger' is / (a) extract from 'Childhood Days', a memoir by the renowned film maker Satyajit Ray. It clearly reveals the stress/ (b) strain involved in the process of film making. It tells us how he managed / (c) shoot the scene of a film which included a tiger. Ray begins his article /(d) paying tribute to Alfred Hitchcock who had high regard for animal actors.

( to, by, for, a, an, and )

**33. Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of phrasal verbs given below. (4)**

Mr John decided to \_\_\_\_\_ (a) \_\_\_\_\_ his bad habits that ruined him. He and his wife have \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_ an organization to \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ the delinquent youth. He \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_ the narrator, who had saved his life some years ago.

( came across, put up with, give up, look after, set up )

**34. Prepare a profile of Neftali Ricardo Reyes Basoalto using the hints given below. Use appropriate linkers, wherever necessary. (5)**

Pen name : Pablo Neruda

Born	: July 12 1904,Parral, Chili
Studied	: Temuco Boy's School
Famous as	: Poet, diplomat, politician
Major Works	: Twenty Love Poems, A Song of Despair, World's End, The Yellow Heart, Winter Garden etc.
Awards	: Nobel Prize for Literature (1971), Lenin Peace Prize (1953)
Died	: September 23, 1973, Santiago, Chile

**35. Read the following sentences and pick out examples for a) Noun Phrase, b) Relative Clause, c) Verb Phrase and d) Prepositional Phrase (4)**

My old sister, Rosie, had won the jacket a few years back, and I fully expected to also. I was fourteen and in the eighth grade. My father was a farm labourer who couldn't earn enough money to feed eight children. So when I was six I was given to my grandparents to raise.

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