

## SSLC ANSWER KEY - ENGLISH FIRST LANGUAGE

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1. B. didn't she?
2. C. a, the
3. D. has declared
4. D. adjective clause
5. B. go through
6. A. Synecdoche

II

7. Pediatrician
8. hale
9. remembrance
10. fleet

III

11. Many have been ruined by gambling
12. Where did Radhakrishnan have his early schooling?
13. Her speech was very emotional  
or  
she was very emotional when she spoke

IV

14. The writer compares Della's hair to cascade of brown waters.
15. Donald congratulated Boone for his catch.
16. Both the teams spend the evening at "The Three Horse-shoes" restaurant.
17. The neighbour, carrying a stone in each hand, appears like "an old stone savage armed".

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18. A great christian, st: Francis Xavier, passionately prayed that his mind might always remain pure. For him devotion to God was not for enjoying a higher seat after death.
  19. Pepsi and coca-cola are sold even in the remotest nook and corner of the world today. They are multinational corporations with revenues measured in billions of dollars, bigger than the combined GNP of nearly a score of the world's poorest countries.
  20. First of all he did not express his anger. He watered it in, fears night and morning with his tears. He sunned his anger with smiles.
  21. The poet compares his situation to "twilight" of the day. Night refers to death and twilight ends when the sky is overcast (night).
  22. The speaker says that they do not need the wall because their fields are of two different kinds. The neighbour's field has pine trees whereas the speaker has an apple orchard. The speaker feels his apple trees will never get across and eat the cones under his pine, and vice versa.
  23. Captain Smollet was unhappy because he had no hand in choosing the crew. He was unhappier because everyone on board knew that they were sailing for treasure.
  24. The habitation of the cyclop showed more marks of strength than skill. The pillars were the huge oaks or pines in the natural state of the tree. It was rudely fashioned and was very huge in size.

VI

25. Ravi Varma was more creative than most other artists in India (comparative)  
Very few artists in India were as creative as Ravi Varma (positive)
26. The tall man asked the guest whether he was the person who spent hours on the doorstep chatting to strangers.
27. As soon as she moved with grace, Balarama stopped his speech.  
No sooner did she move with grace than Balarama stopped his speech.

VII

28. Pasteur filled some bottles with soup. He took some into a little hotel bedroom where the air hardly ever changed, broke their necks off so that the air could enter freely, and after a few minutes sealed them up again. He then took some bottles into a field near by and did the same with them. Finally he opened some on the top of a high mountain and again sealed them up. The bottles opened in the hotel bedroom were full of soup which had gone completely mouldy; the bottles opened in the field were mouldy, but not quite so bad; those opened on the mountain had no germs in them at all. In this way Pasteur showed the difference between pure and stale air. The air found on the mountain is extremely pure.

29. The writer introduces Karna in a very impressive manner. At the close of the day, there came suddenly from the entrance of the arena a sound, loud and compelling like thunder, the sound made by the slapping of mighty arms in challenge. All eyes turned in that direction. The crowd saw a godlike youth from whom light and power seemed to emanate. He was Karna.
30. Abraham Lincoln wants his son to be positive and optimistic person. Abraham Lincoln wants his son to learn to laugh when he is sad. He wants his son to be a good listener. He must listen to all kinds of people but not believe everything he hears. He wants his son to filter all that he hears on a screen of truth. Taking only the good and learning how to laugh when one is sad highlights positivity and optimism.
31. Basavanna tells us that a rich man can afford to build grand temples in honour of Gods but poor man can't. A rich expresses his devotion with the help of his wealth whereas a poor man offers himself to God. A temple of faith is immortal as human beings live on generation after generation but a temple of stone will perish sooner or later. Construction of temples is not true devotion but pure thoughts, actions and deeds are in fact true devotion. Faith is more important than mere display of wealth as done by the rich.

32. John Masefield feels guilty about the way women are treated. His mother underwent a lot of hardships when she bore him and when in labour. As soon as he grew up, he started disrespecting women by trampling their rights at will. By disrespecting women, he feels he has disrespected and dishonoured his mother. The poet feels his mother has suffered a lot with every child she carried and hence he regrets for being ungrateful to women there by <sup>to</sup> his mother. He regrets for all the ill-treatment towards women.

33. The girl was attracted by the drawing on the pitcher. At home, she held it in the light, turned it round and round and scanned the painting from all angles. At night, she moved out of bed, lighted a lamp and scanned it again in silence. For the first time in her life she had seen something that had no meaning and no purpose at all.

As a result when she set out for the torrent the next day, her hurrying feet were a little less hurried, than before. She became lazy.

OR

Instances shown by the narrator to impress the girl :

- \* He starts conversation with the girl
- \* He says that he didn't see her but he heard her.
- \* He vividly describes Mussorie in October.
- \* He sits at the window and pretends to see outside
- \* He makes a general comment about trees.
- \* He makes a remark about her face by calling it an interesting face.

[Note:

You can write answer in points or develop the points into a paragraph containing atleast 5 sentences]

VIII

34. Reference

This is an extract from the lesson, "The Gift of the Magi", written by O. Henry.

Context

Deena did not have enough money to buy a worthy gift to her husband, Jim. She decided to sell her beautiful long hair to be able to purchase a sterling gift. She reached Mme. Safronice who bought hair, and asked madam safronie, whether she would <sup>buy</sup> her hair. Madam safronie told Deena to take her hat to look at a sight of the hair.

35. Reference

This line is seen in the lesson "The Eyes are not Here", written by Ruskin Bond, a popular story teller.

Context:

As soon as the Saharanpur station came, author/narrator informed it to the girl, his co-passenger. When the girl heard this, she felt delighted because she did not like long journeys. She said she could not bear to sit in a train for more than two or three hours.

36. Reference

This line is taken from the play, "The Pie and the Tart", written by Hugh Chesterman

Context:

Pierre informed Jean to go and beg in the next street. Jean got ready to go but Pierre stopped him. Pierre wanted to know how Jean begged. Jean presented his style of begging. Pierre corrected it by telling the above line. Pierre wanted Jean to use the above line so as to make him feel as if he was dying of starvation.

37. Reference:

This is an extract from the poem, "To a Pair of Saus cranes," written by Manmohan Singh.

Context:

After the killers had left the place, the female bird returned to the death spot of her partner. She made some sort of long and short cries like Morse code, expressing her grief. Unable to control the emotion, she kissed with her beak the blood stained feathers of her dead mate.

38. Reference

These lines are an extract from the poem, "Buttoo," written by Toxu Dutt.

Context

Dronacharya was extremely shocked to see Buttoo performing master skills in archery. He was in fact the greatest teacher of archery but was surprised when a mere hunter boy performed the top skills. Drona asked the boy from where he had learnt the skills. In reply to Dronacharya's question, Buttoo said that, in fact, his knowledge and skills were from Dronacharya himself. He had desired inspiration from Dronacharya to become a great archer.

IX

39. Poem: Lochinvar  
Author: Sir Walter Scott

" I long woo'd your daughter, my suit you denied; -  
Love swells like the Solway, but ebbs like its tide -  
And now am I come with this last love of mine,  
To lead but one measure, drink one cup of wine."

OX

Poem: A Poison Tree  
Author: William Blake

And I water'd it in fears,  
Night and Morning with my tears;  
And I sunned it with smiles,  
And with soft deceitful wiles.



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In the poem "The stolen boat" the poet William Wordsworth steals a boat tied to a willow tree within a rocky cave, at night and stealthily rows the boat over the river in the moonlight. He could hear the sound of oars echoing from the surrounding mountains. As the boat moved on the water it left small circles of water gleaming under the light of the moon till all of them mingled up and dissolved giving way to one single track of glittering moon-light on the water. Far above in the sky he could see nothing but twinkling stars.

His eyes then were transfixed upon the craggy ridge that was the horizon's utmost boundary. The poet compares the boat to an 'elfin pinnacle' which moved over the water like a swan. The horizon was bound with huge peak towered which loomed black and huge. It seemed to up rear its head and grow in stature with every stroke of the oar. He felt that the huge peak towered between him and the stars, as if it were a living being endowed with a will and a power of its own.

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The rain-fed tanks is a common scene in south India, though badly maintained, they are a cheering sight when they are full of water. These water tanks are shallow, and the water is silt-laden and it appears dark and bottomless. It is a lovely sight to see the sun rise and set over one of these tanks. C. V Raman has compared these rain-fed tanks to the eyes in a human face, because they indicate the mood of the hour being bright and happy during the day and dark and sad when the sky is cloudy. The most remarkable fact about water is its ability to carry silt, which is floating in the flowing water and provides the original colour to water in rain-fed tanks. The silt that is carried by the water and deposited in the soil makes it very fertile. The colour depends on the earth in the catchment area and which can be seen very clearly as the water reaches the rain-fed tanks immediately after a fresh rainfall.

OR

P. T. O .

(41) An action done like a machine with no moral thought is a mechanical act but an action done with a sense of duty and moral thought is intentional act.

If our action is automatic without any feeling then such an act lacks moral substance. Here is an example of the king and his messenger. It is ethical for a king to forgive a criminal, however the messenger conveying the order no feeling attached of forgiveness is acting automatically but if the same messenger considers his utmost duty to bear the king's order then his action would be a moral one.

To understand morality one needs to spend his own intelligence and power of thought. Consider an example of: Two men perform exactly the same act, but the act of one may be moral, while that of the other non moral. one man feeds the poor out of sympathy and while the other feeds with a selfish motive of pampering his status.

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- Life in the 'Annex' with all its inevitable tensions and quarrels.
- A wonderfully delicate record of adolescence sketching with complete honesty a young girl's thought and feelings - her longings and loneliness
- Wrote - 'I feel like a song bird whose wings have been brutally torn out and who is flying in utter darkness against the bars of its own cage
- The trust she puts in a wise father
- Her grief because her mother does not understand her
- The ecstasy of a first, rapturous kiss exchanged with the Van-Daan's 17 year old son
- The flowing personality eager to face life

[NOTE - you can develop these points into Paragraph]

OR

P.T.O

(42)

The blunders committed by the three batsmen in their excitement to score the run of victory is. The Blacksmith was the last batsman to play, he leaned heavily upon the shoulder of the baker who a substitute to run for him as he was injured in the leg and was limping in the great pain. The blacksmith took guard and looking around savagely he took on the first ball and lashed at it wildly hitting straight up into the air at an enormous height. The ball kept rising higher and higher till such time it was difficult to see it properly against the deep cloudless blueness of the sky. The blacksmith forgetting his sprained ankle set out at a fast pace towards the other end roaring 'come on Joe' in a thunderous voice while he kept running. The baker who was running on behalf of the invalid blacksmith also set out on a pace and he too kept roaring 'come on Joe' and side by side like a pair of high-stepping hackneys the pair sprinted along. From the other end Joe heeding to both their request set out on his mission of sprinting and at one point all three of them dashed one another and fell down thus dashing the hopes of Ashby-de-la-Zouche.

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43.

- a. If we refuse to let other people hold their opinions on matters as religion or politics and specially if we try to force them to accept our opinions, progress is impossible.
- b. We must try to study all sides of the topic that comes before us, and not be content only with what we read in newspapers or what others say. In this way our thoughts should be formed.

XII 44. a. Educating girls empowers women

Women empowerment refers to making women powerful to make them capable of deciding for themselves. Women have suffered a lot through the years at the hands of men. In earlier centuries, they were treated as almost non-existent. As the times evolved, women realised their power. There on began the revolution for women empowerment.

It is said that education increases people's self-confidence and also enables them to find better jobs and women can work together with men, if they are too educated. They engage in public debate and make demands on government for health care, social security and other entitlements. In particular education empowers women to make choices that improve their health, their children's health, and chances of survival. Education informs of preventing and containing the disease. Through education women learn the elements of efforts to reduce malnutrition. Education empowers women to make choices that can improve their welfare, including marrying beyond childhood and having fewer children.

Critically, education can increase women's awareness of their rights, boost their self-confidence, self-esteem and provide them opportunity to assert their rights.

Education is not universally available and even today gender inequalities persist. Specifically, there should be more efforts to address the lower participation and learning achievement of girls in science, technology, engineering and mathematics education.

XII 44. b. The high cost of Global Warming

Global warming refers to climate change that causes an increase in the average of Earth's temperature. Natural events and human influences are believed to be top contributions towards the increase in average temperatures. Global warming is the rise in the surface and atmospheric temperature of the earth that has changed various life forms on the earth. The issues that ascertain global warming are divided into two broad categories - 'natural' and 'human influences' of global warming.

Effect of Global warming on the Environment:

The drastic change in the weather conditions is happening because of global warming. The effect include an unexpected rise in the sea level, melting of glaciers, extreme temperatures and natural calamities.

Effect of Global warming on Humans:

Global warming is affecting human beings in the form of various diseases and health hazards

Effect of Global warming on Animals:

The nature being disturbed due to global warming, the natural habitats of the animals are also disrupted. This has led to the extinction of several animals.

Conclusion

There is an urgent need to take preventive measures otherwise global warming may become life threatening. Let us pay attention towards afforestation. The more the forests the lesser the global warming.



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From  
Manohar  
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3-07-2020

My dear father,

Hope this letter finds you in good health and cheer. How are mom and my cute little sister? Hope they too are doing good. I am doing good as well by God's grace.

Dad, I want to be a soldier. I am intensely interested in defence. With frequent threats of aggression from neighbouring countries, the defence of India has become a very important matter. It is the duty of young men like me to enroll themselves as soldiers and officers in the Army. I hope you and mom support me in this regard. Please let me know your views and I shall abide by them.

With love to all at home, I end.

Your loving son,  
Manohar

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45. from  
Dushyanth  
Government High School  
Mysore

3-07-2020

TO  
The Curator  
Railway Museum  
Mysore

Sir,

Sub: Regarding permission to visit the museum.

Our school is planning a visit to the Railway Museum most probably on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020. We will be a group of approximately 100 students, 10 teachers and 3 peons.

Kindly, do give us permission to visit the museum. Do mention also what discount you give to schools on such visits. Any other relevant information will be appreciated. Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

I hope you will consider the request and do the needful.

Thank you,

Yours truly,  
Dushyanth