

MODEL QUESTIONS & POSSIBLE ANSWERS

S S L C - ENGLISH

Model Questions - PART 1

Marks : 30

Read the given paragraph and answer the questions.

My first friend and familiar was a small grey squirrel. Arching his back and sniffing into the air, he seemed at first to resent my invasion of his privacy. But, when he found that I did not arm myself with a catapult or air-gun, he became friendlier. And, when I started leaving him pieces of cake and biscuit, he grew bolder, and finally became familiar enough to take food from my hands.

1. Who is the narrator here?
2. How did grey squirrel resent the narrator's invasion?
3. Why did the squirrel become friendlier?
4. Give one word for 'to feel bitter or angry about something'
5. What did the narrator do to make friends with the squirrel? (5 × 1 = 5 marks)
6. Write an appreciation of the poem 'Lines Written in Early Spring' 4 marks
7. Prepare a character sketch of homeopath. 6 marks
8. Imagine the narrator in 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' is writing a diary after watching the fight between cobra and mongoose. Write a likely diary. 5 marks
9. Complete the conversation suitably. (6 × 1 = 6 marks)

(a)

Homeopath : Mother, ----- ?

(b)

Mother : Yes, I like this new house. Why ----- ?

Homeopath : That house was very old. It was dangerous staying there.

(c)

Mother : You had met with some problem there, ----- ?

Homeopath : Yes. One day I saw a snake in my room.

(d)

Mother : God! If you hadn't seen it, ----- .

(e)

Homeopath : Oh! no mother, you speak as if -----

(f)

Mother : No, you are not a small boy, still you had better -----

10. Edit the given paragraph. (4 × 1 = 4 marks)

(a)

(b)

Covid has kept of us all out of schools nowadays. We never expect the outbreak of such

(c)

(d)

a Pandemic. So hereafter we should look after the unexpected in our life.

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1. Ruskin Bond
2. He seemed to resent the narrator's invasion by arching his back and sniffing into the air.
3. When it found that the narrator did not arm himself with a catapult or air-gun, it became friendlier.
4. Resent
5. The narrator left him pieces of cake and biscuit to make friends with squirrel.
6. Appreciation of the poem 'Lines written in early spring'

It's written by a major English Romantic poet, William Wordsworth. He is celebrating the bond of man with nature and rejoices in the beauty of it.

When he sits in the garden he enjoys every sight and sound of nature. Nature has linked human souls to her fair works. But the misdeeds of man leaves the poet pensive and disappointed. He enjoys the beautiful wreaths of primrose and periwinkle. He happily watches the playful birds and the fanning twigs. Nature has blessed man a lot. The coexistence of living beings in harmony, is its holy plan. But man destroys ecosystem, flights and kills each other and harms the glory of nature. The poet laments on it.

We see many poetic crafts here. The exaggerated statement 'I heard a thousand blended notes', is hyperbole. We see alliteration in 'what man has made of man?'. 'To her fair works did nature link' is a good example of personification. We also see visual and auditory images in the poem.

In my opinion the poet could successfully reflect his mind here.

7. Character sketch of homeopath

Homeopath is a skillful narrator. He narrates the snake incident in an attractive manner. He holds a long memory of it and goes through each and every details of the incident. He's very friendly to others and shares his happy moments with them. He frankly describes his bachelor lifestyle and his hopes of a rich life partner. He is optimistic and funny. He says a fat wife is helpful to lead a happy married life as she won't run fast and attack him!

He's a man of courage and common sense. When a full-blooded cobra coiled on his arm he sat motionless as even a slight movement would bring death to him. He knew that fact and made up his mind to sit like a stone. When the snake moved towards the mirror,

he ran out and reached his friends. He shares all these with his friends even when he is middle-aged. It's his friendliness with others made his life happy always.

8. **Diary**

Date

It's an unforgettable day! It's the first time in my life I happened to watch a fight between a cobra and a mongoose! God! It was really a battle.

I was on the tree as usual and a huge black cobra appeared right beneath it. At the same time a mongoose also emerged from the bushes. When they came face to face I never expected such a fight. It was really a battle of champions!

Cobra raised three of his six feet off the ground and fought with lightning movements. The mongoose bushed his tail and his long hair stood up on his spine. Both of them fought vigorously. When the combat was going on, a crow and a myna arrived the spot. Both of them hurled themselves at the cobra. Cobra struck the crow and killed it. Then myna refrained from interfering. When cobra weakened mongoose raised himself on his short legs and had the cobra by the snout. It was a lightning snap. Cobra writhed and lashed about but all to no avail. Mongoose dragged it into the bushes.

When I narrated all these grandfather was very happy with mongoose. Even I'm happy. I can fearlessly go there when he is patrolling there.

9. a. do you like this new house?

b. why did you shift to this one?

c. hadn't you?

d. it would have bitten you.

e. I am a small boy

f. take care

10. a. all of us

b. had never expected

c. pandemic

d. look for

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Model questions - PART 2

Marks : 30

Read the following paragraph and answer the given questions

No one can beat Hollywood when it comes to making films with animals in them. I remember films in my childhood - and there were quite a few of them - that had an Alsatian called Rin-tin-tin. This dog's acting was more impressive than a human's. Later, we got to see three or four other films with a collie called Lassie.

1. Who is the narrator in this paragraph?
2. What speciality of Hollywood is mentioned here?
3. Suggest one word for 'a dog of long pointed noses and long thick hair'
4. What did the author comment on Rin-tin-tin, the Alsatian?
5. What is the noun phrase in object position in the sentence ' I remember films in my childhood '

5×1 = 5 marks

6. Write an appreciation of the poem 'Blowin' in the Wind' 4 marks
7. Prepare a review of the lesson 'My Sister's Shoes' 6 marks
8. Satyajit Ray approached Bharat Circus to get a tiger. Write a likely conversation between him and the manager in Bharat Circus 5 marks
9. Complete the conversation suitably. 6 marks

(a)

Zahra : Ali,

Ali : I don't have your shoes with me.

(b)

Zahra : Then you have left them with cobbler,

(c)

Ali : No, Zahra. A junk collector took them away.

(d)

Zahra : Hei, I can't just believe it! I

(e)

Ali : If you tell Dad,

Zahra : Then what should I do?

(f)

Ali : You had better I will wear them when you are back

Zahra : Okay, let's try that.

10. Write down the subject and predicate in the given sentences

4 marks

- a. Covid hits Kerala badly
- b. Health workers and police are fighting their best to check it
- c. Some of us behave carelessly even now
- d. We all should remain alert

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Model Questions - PART 2

Possible Answers

1. Satyajith Ray
2. Hollywood is very good in making films with animals
3. Collie
4. Rin-tin-tin's acting was more impressive than a human's
5. Films
6. Blowin' in the Wind - appreciation

It's a protest song written by Bob Dylan. The poem poses a series of rhetorical questions about peace, social justice, equality and freedom.

The poem comprises three stanzas. Each stanza begins with a rhetorical question. In first stanza he interrogates the purpose of war. He uses a Biblical image of dove searching for a land of peace. He speaks against war here.

In second stanza he vehemently protests against social injustice and discrimination. He criticizes world's ignorance on these social issues.

The third stanza states the desperate condition of man as he pretends not to hear the agonies of war : the cries, sorrows and destitution.

We see alliteration, rhyme scheme and metaphors in this poem. White dove and cannon balls are metaphors used for peace and war respectively. Road represents a struggled human life and mountain, the social injustice.

7. My Sister's Shoes - review

It's a part of the famous film 'Children of Heaven' directed by Majid Majidi. It comprises four scenes. In the first scene we get the close up shots of the protagonist Ali. Zahra's shoes emerges as an important element here. We get some concepts about Ali's life in this scene. Second scene speaks up of the discipline and obedience of the boy.

The third and fourth scenes showcase the challenges and troubles in Ali's life. The poor boy is scared to convince his problem either to the shopkeeper or to his parents. But he trusts his sister a lot and hopes she will support him. The camera could provide a detailed story of his familial background and their life style.

In my opinion, these four scenes could successfully reflect the soul of that film.

8. Manager : Hello! welcome Mr. Ray! Did you get here just now?
 Ray : Yes, only just now. Happy to meet you.
 Manager : Thanks. What's up?
 Ray : See, I'm on the track of my new movie. I need your help now.
 Manager : Got it. It's a circus based movie, isn't it?
 Ray : Actually no. I only need a tiger to shoot a scene.
 Manager : Really? Can you please explain?
 Ray : The location is NotunGram. It will take only a couple of hours for shooting.
 Manager : When is it going to be?
 Ray : As soon as possible. I hope your ringmaster will assist us.
 Manager : Of course ! I will call for him. Shall I get you a South Indian coffee?
 Ray : Yes, sure. Thanks.
9. a. Please show me my shoes / Let me see my shoes
 b. Haven't you?
 c. I lost them
 d. I will tell the matter to Dad
 e. he will beat us
 f. share my shoes
10. a. Subject - Covid
 Predicate - hits Kerala badly
 b. Subject - Health workers and police
 Predicate - are fighting their best
 c. Subject - Some of us
 Predicate - are careless even now
 d. Subject - We all
 Predicate - should remain alert

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Model Questions - PART 3

Marks 30

1. From the state of loss and despair, John in the lesson 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' came to a life of success and joy. What helped him do so? Prepare a speech on the topic 'Self help is the best help'. 5 marks
2. Prepare an appreciation of the poem 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan ' 4 marks
3. Imagine that Mr. John after meeting the narrator for the second time, writes his diary. What would be the possible diary entry? Write it down. 5 marks
4. Critically analyse the speech of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie and prepare a write-up based on the points given in it. 7 marks
5. Complete the conversation suitably. 5 marks

(a)

Roommate : Adichie, English so well?

Adichie : English is the official language in Nigeria.

(b)

Roommate : Really? Then you have had your schooling in English,?

(c)

Adichie : Yes. My parents

Roommate : Oh! great! I had had an entirely different concept on Africa.

(d)

Adichie : If you visit my homeland,

(e)

Roommate : Sure. I like to learn more about Africa. I would rather

Adichie : Good. We'll do it.

6. Edit the given paragraph. 4 marks

(a)

(a) The second on day, out from New York, while making the round of the

(b)

(c)

promenade deck, I suddenly had become aware that one of the passengers

(d)

was watching me close.

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Model Questions - PART 3

Possible Answers

1. Dear friends and teachers,

Here I like to share my views on the topic 'Self help is the best help'. We have received a commendable instance of self help in the lesson 'The best investment I ever made'. The character Mr. John, who had fallen victim to the loose society of the streets, could make up his lifestyle by self help.

Self help means our emotional, intellectual, and behavioural improvement. It also comprises of one's socio-economic uplift. We can achieve all these by lending an ear to our well wishers, following their instructions, learning new skills, confronting our fears, giving up our bad habits, reconnecting with old friends etc.

Friends, in my opinion, waiting for someone else's help is meaningless. Whenever you're in need of a help, think, there is a hand always ready at the end of your sleeve. So let me stop here. Thank you all.

2. The poem 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan' is written by the famous Irish poet W.B. Yeats. It's written in the backdrop of a fatal epidemic in the countryside where people were dying day and night.

On a day of tiredness, father Gilligan couldn't reach a dying man's home in time. But next morning he came to know that God himself had sent one of his angels to there to perform his own priestly duties. Then he knelt down there to thank God.

The poem comprises four stanzas with a rhyme scheme 'abcb'. We feel the sad and serious tone of a narrative writing here. At the end of the poem, we also enjoy the relief of father Gilligan. The poet has tried his best to transfer his feelings into the reader's mind. He has successfully used poetic crafts like rhyme scheme, alliteration, metaphor etc. in this poem.

3.

Diary

Date

This is the happiest day in my life. For many years I was eagerly waiting to meet Dr. Cronin once again. I could make it happen today.

I'm very happy to find him healthy and active even now. He couldn't recognize me. But I will recognize him ever in my life. He is the person who virtually resuscitated my life. That doctor brought life back not only to my body but to my soul also. God!, I remain thankful in

front of You today. Thankful for having met him once again. And thankful for making me a tool to uplift many delinquent youth.

4. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, the famous story teller, is unveiling the dangers of holding a single story in perceiving people and events in the world. She cites some examples from her own life. She says she read only American and British books in childhood and developed a single concept on literature. She mentions the story of Fide, the domestic help also. These instances in her own life show how vulnerable and impressionable people are in the face of a story.

Developing a single concept on others makes ourselves narrow minded. It blocks our opportunity to learn more about others. When we use a single yardstick to measure people of different cultures and nations, we lock ourselves up in the cages of prejudices. We have to unlock these types of hackneyed and stereotyped viewpoints.

Adichie says how bad she felt with the stereotypical attitude of Americans to her. In this article, she could successfully reveal her mind on holding a single story in perceiving people. Every good reader will appreciate her for having transferred this concept.

5.
 - a. Where did you learn to speak English so well?
 - b. Haven't you?
 - c. also are well educated and employed.
 - d. you will learn more on Africa.
 - e. come along with you one day.
6.
 - a. On the second day
 - b. promenade
 - c. became
 - d. closely

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Model Questions - Part 4

Marks - 30

Read the given paragraph and answer the questions

The small Texas school that I went to, had a tradition carried out every year during the eighth-grade graduation: a beautiful gold and green

Jacket was awarded to the class valedictorian, the student who had maintained the highest grades for eight years. The scholarship Jacket had a big gold 'S' on the left front side and your name written in gold letters on the pocket.

1. Where was Marta's school located? 1 mark
2. What tradition was carried out in Marta's school during the eighth-grade graduation? 1 mark
3. Find out a word which means 'the student who has the highest marks/grades amongst a particular group and who gives a speech at the graduation ceremony'. 1mark
4. What are the specialties of scholarship Jacket? 2 marks
5. Prepare an appreciation of the poem 'poetry'. 4 marks
6. Prepare a review of the drama 'The Never Never Nest'. 5 marks
7. The principal of Texas school feels uncomfortable and unhappy about the policy change. Imagine he expresses his resentment in a letter to the management. Write the likely letter. 6 marks
8. Complete the conversation suitably.

(a)

Aunt Jane : Jack,

Jack : Actually it's difficult to manage all these installments. We often borrow from Thrift and Providence Trust Corporation.

(b)

Aunt Jane : And you're paying it back in another installment scheme,

Jack : Yes, aunt. We can't help it.

(c)

Aunt Jane : If, you won't be able to manage all these.

(d)

Jack :

Aunt Jane: Yes, I can. I've got a cheque for you. You can pay off one of your bills.

Jack: Thanks a lot, Aunt Jane. It's been nice meeting you.

(e)

Aunt Jane: But Jack, you have to earn more. You had better.....

Jack: Yes, aunt. I will look for a better job.

9. Select suitable phrasal verbs.

5 marks

Covid 19 (a) in China in 2019. Experts and health officials have (b)

many precautionary measures to prevent it. As a result, we (c) mask now.

We have (d) many public gatherings to keep social distancing. Hope we

would (e) this pandemic soon.

(get over, call off, call at, put on, put forward, break out, come across)

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Model Questions - Part 4

Possible Answers

1. In Texas
2. A beautiful gold and green Jacket was awarded to the class valedictorian.
3. Valedictorian
4. It was awarded to the valedictorian. It was a beautiful gold and green Jacket embroidered with golden letters.
5. Poetry - Appreciation

The poem 'Poetry ' is written by the famous Chilean poet, Pablo Neruda. It deals with poetic inspiration and the three different phases of poetic development within him. Each phase is being described in each stanza.

In the first stanza the poet says he was unaware of his poetic skills and was living without a face (identity). Then suddenly poetry touched him and welcomed him to its world.

At first he didn't know what to write but something started in his soul. He identified that and took his pen. The first line he wrote was pure nonsense but slowly he entered into the magical world of imagination. Everything in this universe eventually became a topic of his poem.

In the last stanza, the poet says that he travelled the entire universe of poetry. He could make use of his poetic skills fully. Now he is extremely happy and his heart broke loose on the wind.

We can see instances of alliteration, metaphorical expressions and images in this poem.

6. Review - The Never Never Nest

It's a one act play with a single scene. The playwright Cedric Mount criticizes the new lifestyle of young middle class people.

He has carefully chosen the young couple Jack and Jill to showcase the 'buy now - pay later' marketing system. The lounge of their villa at New Hampstead is the setting. We also see the guidance of Aunt Jane, an elderly woman in their life.

The young couple buys every necessary and unnecessary things in installment scheme. And they find it difficult to manage. They don't realize that they are going to be in trouble later. Aunt Jane advises them to be sensible again.

The play tells us that such people will never settle happily. The double negative in the title emphasizes this.

7. **Letter**

The Principal
Texas City High school
Texas.

30/03/1964

The Manager
Texas City High school
Texas

Dear Sir,

Subject: Resentment on policy change

Being the principal of this school, I feel it is totally unfair to change the policy regarding the scholarship Jacket. If you ask for money, it's not going to be an award but only a purchase. It will affect the prestige of our school in future.

So kindly look into this matter and do the needful.

Yours sincerely

Sd/-

William Jones

8.
 - a. How do you manage to pay all these installments?
 - b. aren't you?
 - c. If you go on like this
 - d. Can you please help us?
 - e. look for a better job.
9.
 - a. broke out
 - b. put forward
 - c. put on
 - d. called off
 - e. get over

S S L C English
Model Questions - Part 5

Marks 30

1. Prepare the character sketch of Grandfather in the story 'Vanka'. 6 marks
2. Write an appreciation of the poem 'Mother to Son' 4 marks
3. Based on the lesson 'The Castaway', prepare a write up on 'The role of society in moulding a person'. 7 marks
4. Imagine you're the convenor of English club in your school. Prepare a notice for conducting a talent search competition in your school under the auspice of the English club. 5 marks
5. Complete the given conversation suitably. 6 marks

(a)

Vanka : Grandad, ?

Grandad : We're going to meet a shoe maker in Moscow.

(b)

Vanka : Oh!, you want new pair of shoes,.....?

(c)

Grandad: No, I don't want any shoes. You're going to..... .

Vanka : What? I don't want to work along with that shoemaker.

(d)

Grandad : If, you will earn a living.

Vanka : Then I will work here itself and earn.

(e)

Grandad : You won't get any work here, boy. That's why I prefer to.....

(f)

Vanka: Okay, then I will go there and learn shoe making. But you had better.....

Grandad : No, boy. I can't stay there.

6. Answer suitably. 2 marks

Kiran : "Nilkanta, have you taken Satish's inkstand ?"

Nilkanta : " No, I haven't taken that".

What did Kiran ask?

What did Nilanta reply?

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Model Questions - Part 5

Possible Answers

1. We see this grandfather, Konstantin Makarich, in the story 'Vanka', written by Anton Chekhov. He is the only caretaker of that orphan. When he was residing with Vanka, he emerged as a guardian and a good companion to the boy.

This small, lean, old man about sixty-five, is remarkably lively and agile. He has a smiling face and eyes bleary with drink. In the day time he either slept or sat joking with cook and kitchen -maids. But at night, he is alert and duty-bound as a night watchman.

He makes good company with others. Everyone, even the dogs enjoy his companionship. He was the caretaker of Vanka in the village. But we may find him responsible when the unhappy orphan cries, "Have pity on me".

2. Appreciation

The poem 'Mother to Son' is written by Langston Hughes. It's a monologue of a Black mother told to her son. It shows the dignity and determination of a mother in challenging the hardships of her life.

The poet has used an extended metaphor (metaphor used throughout the poem) of a rough and tough stair. Mother brings her real life bitter experiences to her son through this metaphor. She says her life was never a crystal stair. It had many tacks and splinters, torn up boards, bare floor and dark corners. Still she didn't give up. She proceeded her climbing with a fighting spirit. So she asks her son also to proceed without taking rest.

The poet has used imagery, figurative language and sound devices effectively.

3. 'The role of society in moulding a person' is a serious topic to contemplate. Society plays a major role in moulding one's behaviour, character and attitude. It determines how a person sees other people. It designs his/her general outlook and ethics.

In the lesson 'The Castaway ', we meet a teenager, Nilkanta. He belonged to a theatrical group and possessed a vast friendship band of naughty boys. When he happened to get in a family of high social status, the shadow of his past life fell upon him and that family. It created many conflicts in their life.

Though Kiran, his mistress, tried to better his level of values, morals, beliefs and norms, she didn't succeed. Sharat often boxed and pulled his ears. Still Nilkanta believed that the world was made up of eatings and beatings in which beatings played the predominant part.

At the same time he loved Kiran a lot. He was good in theatrical performances also. But these merits didn't save the boy from going back to street life. Here we can see the role of his past social life in moulding his personality.

4.

A B C High School**Kozhikode, Pincode****NOTICE****TALENT SEARCH COMPETITION**

Dear Friends,

The English Club of our school is going to conduct a "Talent Search Competition" in our school for high school students.

Date: 14 November 2020

Time: 10.00 am - 3.00 pm

Venue: School Auditorium

Competitions

* Recitation

* Mono-act

* Extempore

* Role play

* Cartoons

* Spelling

All are Welcome

Sd/-

Convenor

Kozhikode

01 November 2020

5.
 - a. Where are we going?
 - b. don't you?
 - c. work along with him there.
 - d. If you learn shoemaking
 - e. send you there
 - f. stay there with me

6.
 - a. Kiran asked Nilkanta whether he had taken Satish's inkstand.
 - b. Nilkanta replied negatively that he hadn't taken that.

S S L C English
Model Questions - Part 6

Marks - 30

1. The boy in the lesson "Adventures in a Banyan Tree" was very much thrilled by his acquaintance with the squirrel. Imagine he writes a letter to his friend. Prepare a likely letter. 6 marks.

2. The boy was thrilled at seeing the fight between the cobra and the mongoose. You may also have the same feeling. Narrate the fight scene in your own words.

6 marks

3. 'And amongst the wool were the three baby squirrels - all of them white!'. Imagine the boy scribbled down this unforgettable sight in his diary. Write a similar diary.

5 marks

Read the given lines and answer the questions.

I heard a thousand blended notes,

While in a grove I sate reclined,

In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts

Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link

The human soul that through me ran;

And much it grieved my heart to think

What man has made of man.

4. Where does the poet sit?

5. Give an instance of hyperbole.

6. What does the poet grieve on?

7. Give the rhyme scheme.

4×1 = 4 marks

Read the given sentences and answer.

2marks

"Doctor, when you ran, did the snake follow you?" Basheer asked doctor.

"I couldn't check it. I was running all the way", replied doctor.

8. What did Basheer ask?

9. What did doctor reply?

10. Write suitable phrasal verbs.

4 marks

At night homeopath (a) a restaurant and had his meal. Then he (b)

to his room. He took 'The Materia Medica' and (c) it for a while. He heard a

sound from the roof. But he didn't feel to (d) the matter as there was a regular traffic of rats.

[go on, go through, go back, look into, look after, call at]

11. Prepare three sentences in the given pattern.

3 marks

a. Covid19 is a pandemic.

(S+V+C)

b. It has killed lakhs of people. (S+V+O)

c. We should practice healthy habits in our daily life. (S+V+O+A)

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Model Questions - Part 6

Possible Answers

1. Ivy Cottage
Landour Cantt
Dehradun

28 April 1997

Dear Sravan,

Hope you're enjoying your vacation there. Do you have many friends to play with? Hope you're happy with them.

Here I have got a new friend. A young squirrel it is! I met him in the banyan tree. It's grey in colour. At first he was scared of me. But I remained very friendly to him. Slowly he also became friendlier. And when I started leaving him pieces of cake and biscuit, he grew bolder. Now he takes food from my hands. He often delves into my pockets! Can you believe it? I really enjoy his company now.

Try to make friends with animals also, Sravan. It gives you a lot of pleasure. Hope we'll meet soon.

Yours lovingly

sd/-

(name)

2. It was an April afternoon. When the boy was in the banyan tree he saw a huge black cobra gliding out of a cactus. At the same time a mongoose emerged from the bushes and went straight for the cobra.

They came face to face and started to fight. Mongoose was very clever and aggressive. He was a superb fighter. Cobra also was skillful and experienced. He moved swiftly and struck with the speed of light. It was to be a battle of champions.

Then a myna and a jungle crow arrived there. They stood for mongoose and interfered. Cobra struck the crow and it died. Myna, then wisely refrained from interfering. After a few minutes of vigorous fight, cobra weakened. Mongoose caught on the snout of the cobra. It writhed and lashed about but couldn't escape. Mongoose killed it and dragged it into the bushes.

3.

Diary

25 May 1997

Today is a day of surprise! One of my squirrel friends has done a miracle! She has given birth to three baby squirrels! The surprising factor is that all the three babies are white! God, I can't believe it! I have never seen white squirrels. Even Grandfather hasn't seen. How did it happen? I used to take Grandfather's white rat to the banyan tree. And I've seen it going off together with a squirrel on little excursions. But I never expected them raising a family!

I was wondering why the squirrel was putting straw and grass in my pockets. She was trying her nest! Oh! God, I never thought she was expecting three white squirrels! They are the offsprings of grey squirrel and white rat! Grandfather told me, squirrel and rat are related to each other. God! My banyan tree is a spot of miracles!

4. The poet sits in a grove.

5. In the line 'I heard a thousand blended notes', the poet is exaggerating the sounds he heard in the grove. This is an instance of hyperbole.

6. The poet grieves on the evildoings of man.

7. abab

8. Basheer asked doctor if the snake had followed him when he had run.

9. Doctor replied that he couldn't check it. He added that he had been running all the way.

10. a. called at

b. went back

c. went through

d. look into

11. a. Mask is a face cover.

b. It saved millions of people.

c. They have worn it properly.

S S L C English

Model Questions - Part 7

Marks 30

1. Alfred Hitchcock was in need of collecting a variety of birds, especially ravens to make the film "Birds". He drafted a notice to seek the attention of the public. Draft a likely notice.

5 marks

2. Imagine Satyajit Ray writes a letter to the Chairman of Animal Welfare Board of India informing him the details of the shoot and ensuring him that the rules will be strictly adhered to. Draft the likely letter.

5 marks

3. Imagine you're getting a chance to interview Majid Majidi, the famous Iranian film director. Prepare six questions for the interview.

6 marks

Read the given lines and answer the questions.

4×1=4 marks

How many roads must a man walk down

Before you call him a man?

How many seas must a white dove sail

Before she sleeps in the sand?

Yes and how many times the cannon balls must fly

Before they're forever banned?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind

The answer is blowin' in the wind.

4. What does the word 'roads' refer to here?

5. Give an instance of metaphor.

6. Why does the writer say that the answer is blowing in the wind?

7. Give an instance of alliteration.

8. Choose suitable phrasal verbs.

4 marks

To shoot the tiger scene Satyajith Ray and his team (a) a village named Boral.

The tiger had (b) a thin steel wire around its neck. Ray asked the villagers

to.....(c)from the tiger. But they didn't obey. As the team couldn't(d)their work, they opened the cage and the tiger emerged with a loud roar.

[put off, put on, keep away, call on, call at, give up]

9. Read the following sentences and answer the questions.

"How do I go to school tomorrow onwards?", asked Zahra.

"You can wear my sneakers. I will wear them when you are back from school", replied Ali.

a. What did Zahra ask?

b. What did Ali reply?

10. Edit the following. 4 marks

I realized how revarently (a) these animal-actors were treated when I had happened (b) to see the shooting of a film ago twenty years (c) in Disney Studio in hollywood. (d)

S S L C English
Model Questions - Part 7

Possible Answers

1

Hitchcock Film Company

New York

NOTICE

12/08/1949

A set of trained birds, especially ravens are needed by Alfred Hitchcock, film director, to his new film "Birds". They are expected to follow the instructions given by the director in the shooting location. Anyone who owns trained birds may take them for a trial on 25/08/1949 at Polo Grounds, New York City at 8.00 am.

For further details please contact:

The Manager

Hitchcock Film Company

33/1697 A, New York.

Sd/-

Production Controller

2. Satyajith Ray

16/ 220 A, Garpar
Kolkata

11 July 1969

The Chairman
Animal Welfare Board
Kolkata.

Dear sir,

Subject: Use of tiger in film

.....

I, Satyajit Ray, seek your kind attention to the matter that a Royal Bengal tiger is going to be used in my next film "Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne". It will be taken from Bharat Circus and its ring master will accompany it throughout the shooting. The shooting will be in Notun Gram on 20/July 1969. It will take only a couple of hours for the shooting. I will ensure that the rules of Animal Act will be strictly adhered to the handling of tiger.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Sd/-

Satyajith Ray

3. Questions to Majid Majidi

1. Sir, what's your opinion on today's film field?
 2. What are the challenges faced by the modern film directors?
 3. Do you like to give any advice to the new generation directors?
 4. How do you find Indian film industry?
 5. Where did you get the theme of 'Children of Heaven'?
 6. Why do you call Ali and Zahra 'Children of Heaven'?
4. Troubles in life
 5. 'Cannon balls' is a metaphor used for war.
 6. No one really wants to get the answer.
 7. In the words 'many', 'must' and 'man', the same consonant 'm' repeats at the initial position.
8. a. Called at
b. Put on
c. Keep away
d. Put off
9. a. Zahra asked how she went to school the next day onwards.
b. Ali replied that she could wear his sneakers. He added that he would wear them when she was back from school.
10. a. reverently
b. happened
c. twenty years ago
d. Hollywood

S S L C English

Model Questions Part-8

Marks 30

1. Drug addiction and alcoholism are major social issues today. The English club is to conduct a seminar to make the children aware of the dangers of these issues. Imagine you're the convenor of English club. Prepare a notice for it. 5 marks

Read the given lines and answer the questions. 4 marks

The old priest Peter Gilligan

Was weary night and day

For half his flock were in their beds

Or under green sods lay.

Once, while he nodded in a chair

At the moth-hour of the eve

Another poor man sent for him,

And he began to grieve.

2. Why was Peter Gilligan weary night and day?

3. What's the significance of the word 'flock'?

4. Why was his flock either in bed or lying under green sod?

5. What's the rhyme scheme of the stanzas?

6. Imagine Dr. Cronin was moved by his meeting with John and his wife. He is sharing the whole thing to his wife. Prepare an imaginary conversation between Dr.Cronin and his wife. 5 marks

7. When Chimamanda reached United States she found that her roommate had got a single story on Africa. Being unhappy with her attitude she is writing a diary. Prepare a similar one.

5 marks

Read the given sentences and answer the questions. 2 marks

"Do you want to share something with me?" asked Dr.Cronin.

"Yes, doctor, you have saved my life", said John.

8. a. What did Dr.Cronin ask?

b. What did John reply?

9. Read the following and write four similar sentences.

4 marks

a. Chimamanda is an African (subject + predicate)

b. She speaks English fluently (S + V + O + A)

c. Her roommate was shocked (S + V + C)

d. She asked Chimamanda a lot of questions (S + V + O + O)

10. Use suitable phrasal verbs

5 marks

Adichie was born and (a) in Nigeria. At the age of nineteen she (b)
 in the United States for her higher studies. Her roommate couldn't (c) where
 she had learned to speak English so well. In the U. S. whenever Africa (d)
 people turned to her. Adichie couldn't..... (e) their single story on Africans.

[call at, put up with, bring up, turn up, make out, come up, set out]

S S L C English
Model Questions Part - 8

Possible Answers

1. A B C High School
Kozhikode
NOTICE

07 November 2020

Seminar on Drug Addiction
and Alcoholism

All students are hereby informed that the English Club is conducting a seminar on "The dangers of Drug addiction and Alcoholism " on 14 November 2020 at 10. 00 am. in our School Auditorium. All of you are expected to participate in the programme.

Name

Club secretary

Sd/-

2. A lot of people were dying every day and Peter Gilligan was rushing to each dying person's home to say the last prayers.

3. The word 'flock' means a group of people who regularly attend a priest. During the epidemic Father Gilligan attends his people with the care of a shepherd.

4. A fatal epidemic had been broken out in that area.

5. abcb

6. Dr. Cronin: Agnes, you know, something strange had happened in my ship.

Wife: Really? What's that?

Dr. Cronin: I met a couple on ship-board. I had saved that man from a suicide attempt earlier.

Wife: Oh! Good! When was it?

Dr. Cronin: It was nearly twenty five years back, when I started my practice in London.

Wife: God! Then how did you recognize him?

Dr. Cronin: Actually I didn't. It's he who came to me. It seems that the couple was eager to meet me.

Wife: For what? To say thanks?

Dr. Cronin: Exactly. When he had committed that attempt, he was only a delinquent one. But now the couple works for the wellbeing of similar youth.

Wife: Wow! That's great! So you've created a good Samaritan!

Dr. Cronin: Really Agnes. When I heard him I was extremely happy. I felt he is the best reward I have ever received.

Wife: Good. I'm proud of you.

7. **Diary**

25 September 1996

It's my first day in this campus. When I reached here first, I had had a different concept on Americans. I thought all Americans are broadminded to others. I thought they learn and understand others well. But now I feel I was wrong. They have a single concept on Africans. They think all Africans are illiterate and uncivilized. God! I can't just believe it.

Today my roommate asked me where I learnt to speak English so well. She knows nothing about Nigeria. And nothing about Africa, I think. She asked me to sing African tribal music. I haven't even heard it. Better consult my mom on tribal music. Not only my roommate, all Whites in the campus hold similar view on Africans, I feel. They all believe that Africa is a dark continent. They think people don't have basic education and facilities there. What a pity! They should learn more on Africa. They should improve their general knowledge. Any way I'm here to express myself. I may get chances to show off what an African is. Hope I can wipe out these people's single story on our continent.

8.
 - a. Dr. Cronin asked whether he wanted to share something with him.
 - b. John replied positively that the doctor had saved his life.
9.
 - a. Her roommate is an American.
 - b. She likes tribal music a lot.
 - c. Chimamanda was confused.
 - d. Chimamanda gave her roommate a tape of Mariah Carey.
10.
 - a. Brought up
 - b. Turned up
 - c. Make out
 - d. Came up
 - e. Put up with

S S L C English

Model Questions Part - 9

Marks 30

1. After receiving the Scholarship Jacket, Marta delivers a speech. Prepare a similar speech. 6 marks
2. Imagine that you're a friend of Marta and you know everything that happened in connection with the Scholarship Jacket. If you narrate the story, how would you do it? 7 marks

Read the given lines and answer the following.

4 marks

And it was at that age..... Poetry arrived
 in search of me. I don't know, I don't know where
 it came from, from winter or a river.
 I don't know how or when,
 no they were not voices, they were not
 words, nor silence,
 but from a street I was summoned,
 from the branches of night,
 abruptly from the others,
 among violent fires
 or returning alone,
 there I was without a face
 and it touched me.

3. Do you think the speaker in the poem earnestly wishes to be a poet? Which line says so?
4. What is the figure of speech used in the expression 'poetry arrived'.
5. Find out an expression of contrast from the poem.
6. What's meant by 'I was without a face'?

7. 'Is Equated Monthly Installment Scheme - a boon or bane to middle-class families?'
Express your viewpoints in hundred words. 5 marks

Read the sentences and answer the questions. 2 marks

8. a. "What did your grandfather say?", asked the principal.
b. "He said to tell you he won't pay the fifteen dollars", replied Marta.
- a. What did principal ask?
b. What did Marta reply?

9. Edit the paragraph 4 marks

(a) (b)
My older sister, Rosie, had won the Jacket a few year back and I fully expected to also
(c) (d)
I had a straight 'A' student the first grade since.

10. 'She opens her handbag'. Find out the noun phrase in object position. 1 mark

11. 'The lounge of Jack and Jill's villa at New Hampstead is a beautiful one'. What's the subject in this sentence? 1 mark

S S L C English

Model Questions - Part 9

Possible Answers

1. Respected principal, teachers, parents and my dear friends,

Good morning to one and all present here. Today I'm very happy to be on this stage to receive the Scholarship Jacket. And I am very happy to deliver this valedictory speech. For me it's a dream come true. I really have been dreaming it for the past many years.

My oldest sister, Rosie, had won the Jacket a few years back. Then I also started working for it. I had been a straight 'A' student since the first grade. Now I really deserve it, I know. It's the achievement accomplished after a lot of hard work and persistence. Still I had met with some unexpected troubles on my way. Our principal's timely intervention helped me win it. So I'm very much thankful to him. And I express my immense gratitude to all my teachers. My dear parents and grandparents have played a major role in my achievement. They are the ones who built me up. They're the ones who contributed a lot to my success. I'm always bound to them with much gratitude in my heart. And I'm thankful to all my friends. I discovered my true potential in their company. So I'm bound to them also.

In this beautiful day, I once again express my sincere gratitude to every one of you. Have a nice day, dear ones.

2. Marta Salinas is my close friend. A smart and studious girl she is, I know. Winning the scholarship Jacket was always her sweet dream.

When her sister won the scholarship Jacket, she also started working for it. It was always a matter of discussion among us. I remained supportive always as she deserves it.

She had been a straight 'A' student since the first grade. Throughout the schooling she acted with tremendous spirit and enthusiasm. We both were mentally prepared for her receiving it on the valedictory day.

Meanwhile something unpleasant occurred. One day Marta overheard our Math teacher, Mr. Boone arguing for another girl. The next day principal called her and informed that the Board has decided to charge fifteen dollars for the scholarship Jacket. It was a shocking news for both of us. I asked her to speak with her grandfather. She was not hopeful, but obeyed me. But her grandfather refused to pay fifteen dollars. He told it can't be a scholarship Jacket if she needed to pay. He's right, I think. How can the Board charge for an award? How awkward it is! Anyway the principal intervened and solved the problem. Finally the Board selected Marta herself for the scholarship Jacket. Wow! What a good thing! I'm so happy today.

3. No, the speaker doesn't earnestly wish to be a poet. He says 'Poetry arrived in search of me', instead of he went in search of it.

4. It's a good instance of personification. He takes poetry as a person here.

5. 'no they were not voices, they were not words, nor silence ' is an expression of contrast.

6. He was living without an identity.

7. In my opinion, Equated Monthly Installments can be a boon to the middle-class families in many ways. First of all it provides them freedom to buy expensive utilities. It gives them a chance to meet such needs.

Secondly it's easy on wallets. We can choose a comfortable EMI scheme as per our monthly income. Finally, there are no mediators in this scheme.

At the same time it becomes a bane as it causes long term debts in a middle-class family. In case they fail to pay it in time, they are expected to provide a huge penalty. It turns a threatening factor for them.

So in my opinion, a middle-class family should consider and reconsider every details of loan and their possibilities to pay it timely before they get into it.

8.a. Principal asked what her grandfather had said.

b. Marta replied that he had said to tell him he wouldn't pay the fifteen dollars.

9. a. oldest sister

b. a few years back

c. had been

d. since the first grade

10. her handbag

11. The lounge of Jack and Jill's villa at New Hampstead

S S L C English
Model Questions - Part 10

Marks 30

1. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper describing the sad plight of children like Vanka and the need to uplift them. 5 marks

2. Prepare a character sketch of Vanka. 6 marks

Read the given lines from 'Mother to Son' and answer the following. 4 marks

Well, son, I'll tell you:

Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

It's had tacks in it,

And splinters,

And boards torn up,

And places with no carpet on the floor-----

Bare.

3. Who is the speaker in this poem?

4. What does the expression 'no crystal stair' mean?

5. Pick out an evidence to show that life was not easy for the narrator.

6. What is the significance of the word 'Bare'?

7. Write the character sketch of Nilkanta. 6 marks

8. Select suitable phrasal verbs. 4 marks

(a)
Kiran and her family Chandernagore for her treatment. There she

(b) Nilkanta, a theatre boy. She (c) showering her love and

(d)
care upon him. But her husband and family couldn't his misdeeds.

[put up with, put on, go on, carry on, come across, call at]

Read the given sentences and answer suitably.

"Grandad, will you stay in Moscow with me?", asked Vanka.

"No, boy. You will stay with Alyakhin", said Grandad.

9. a. What did Vanka ask?

b. What did Grandad reply?

10. Read the following sentences and prepare another three sentences in the same manner using 'and' or 'but'. 3 marks

a. Kiran was sick but she cared Nilkanta a lot.

(sentence + sentence)

b. She provided him food and clothes.

(noun phrase + noun phrase)

c. Nilkanta was happy but naughty. (adj. phrase + adj. phrase)

S S L C English
Model Questions - Part 10

Possible Answers

1. Avinash Babu
30/44 A, Silk Street
Kozhikode

14 November 2020

The Editor
The Hindu
Kochi

Dear Sir

Subject: Plight of Children
.....

Being a resident of Kozhikode city, I've happened to meet many children wandering in the city during school hours. I've seen them doing minor jobs instead of going to school. I also have seen teenagers travelling in motorcycles and trucks during class time. And some are merely wandering in the city. The disturbing factor is that all of them are children and supposed to be in the classroom then.

I'm not sure whether they're skipping their classes. In that case their parents and teachers may not be aware of it. Chance is there for some parents prefer them earn instead of sending to school. I'm also anxious of them getting involved in antisocial activities. They're not aware of the importance of schooling. So I humbly request you to take it a matter of concern and report the same. So that the authorities may pay more attention.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Avinash Babu

Sd/-

2. Vanka is an obedient boy. He follows the instructions of Grandad, Olga, Alyakhins etc. When others exploit him, he's weak to resist. Being a child, he remains unaware of his rights. It worsens his condition.

He knows how to please others. In the letter to Grandad he promises a lot to him. But he couldn't use this skill successfully to please Alyakhins and other working boys. He is a boy filled with love, gratitude, loyalty and sincerity. He holds the loving memories of his life in Zhivarev's estate. He valued that folk's customs and traditions.

Now he eagerly wishes to escape from his tragical situation. He is unaware of child labour and its causes and all. But he's undergoing it. And he is eagerly wishing to get rid of that life. When he writes the letter, he appears extremely scared of his masters. The poor boy complains of his plight. He's hopeful that his Grandad is able to save him. But the poor little one doesn't know the formalities of postal service. We feel pity on him when he writes an incomplete address and then dreams of his freedom.

3. Mother is the speaker.

4. 'no crystal stair ' means lack of an easy and comfortable life.

5. She says there were 'tacks' and 'splinters' on her way.

6. The word 'Bare' showcases her extreme poverty and absence of basic facilities.

7. Nilkanta has got some practical knowledge on how to seek help from good people and how to make use of them. When he met Kiran, he remained extremely happy. He could escape from his old master. And the new mistress is an icon of love and care. Instead of being cooperative with them he made friendship with naughty boys and caused a lot of troubles to them. He ignored all the warnings and punishments from Sarath and others.

Nilkanta believed that his theatrical skills will help him always. He could become a lady companion and an acolyte to Kiran using these skills. He believed that world is made up of eatings and beatings in which beatings played the predominant part. So he never cared to control his indecent behaviour.

As he had no scholastic taste, he cheated Kiran's efforts to teach him. When he enjoyed all the facilities of that rich family, he brought them a lot of pain. When Satish arrived, he developed a strong dislike towards him. It may be a psychological envy but it destroyed his future in Kiran's family.

8. a. Called at

b. Came across

c. Went on

d. Put up with

9.
 - a. Vanka asked Grandad if he would stay in Moscow with him.
 - b. Grandad replied negatively that he would stay with Alyakhin.

10.
 - a. Kiran loved Nilkanta but Sarat hated him.
 - b. Nilkanta received eatings and beatings.
 - c. Sarat was kind but irritated.