

WEFI - SSF
SSLC - EXCELLENCY TEST - 2020
ENGLISH



Time : 2 1/2 Hours

Total 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 all the questions according to the instructions.

1-5: Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

(1x5=5)

I didn't jump. I didn't tremble. I didn't cry out. There was no time to do any such thing. The snake slithered along my shoulder and coiled around my left arm above the elbow. The hood was spread out and its head was hardly three or four inches from my face! It would not be correct to say merely that I sat there holding my breath. I was turned to stone. But my hand was active.

1. Why didn't the author jump or tremble?
2. What was the problem faced by the author?
3. What did the snake do?
4. Why does the author say that he was turned into stone?
5. Pick out a word from the passage which means "to slip along" or "crawl along".

6-9. Read the lines from the poem 'poetry' and answer the questions that follow

(1x4=4)

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, not silence
But from a street I was summoned,
From the branches of night,
Abruptly from the others.

6. What is referred to as 'it' in the above lines?
7. Where was the poet summoned from?
8. Pick out an example of alliteration from the given lines.
9. Pick out the line which states that the poet was called to poetry suddenly.

10. Read the following lines from the poem "Lines written in Early Spring" and prepare a note of appreciation focusing on the theme, images and poetic devices. (5x1= 5)

The budding twigs spread out their fan ,
To catch the breezy air,
And I must think ,do all I can
That there was pleasure there.
If this belief from heaven be sent,
If such be Nature's holy plan,
Have I not reason to lament
What man has made of man?

11-15. Read the passage given below and answer the questions. (1x5=5)

There was a King who had a shocking temper and everyone was afraid of him . At one moment he would roar with laughter at a man's jokes, but the next moment he might order the same man to be hanged.

The king had a handsome horse which he loved very much. One day the horse fell ill. The king order the horse doctors to do all they could to make him well. However the King's servants brought him bad news about the horse's health everyday. This made the King roar with range. "If any man brings me the news that my horse is dead, he shall be hanged".

One day the horse died. No one would go to the King to tell him the bad news, for fear of being hanged. At last a young officer in the King's army went to the king's room boldly. "Well, how is my horse?". Asked the king your majesty answered the officer the horse is in his stable . he is lying down. He doesn't move. he does not eat. He does not drink. He does not sleep. He does not breathe. He does not

"Then" cried the king , "he must be dead!"; your majesty is right , " said the officer, and it is you who have told yourself the news'.

11. Why is it said that the king had a shocking temper?
12. What did the king do when his beloved horse fell ill?
13. What made the king roar with rage?
14. Why were the servants afraid to tell the king that the horse had died?
15. How did the army officer make the king realize that his horse had died?

16. Answer any ONE of the following in about 120 words. (1x7=7)

A) Satyajit Ray took pains to shoot the scene with a tiger for his film "Gopy Gyne Bhaga Byne". Prepare a write up detailing the difficulties Ray experienced in shooting the scene.

(Hints : contacts Bharat Circus- meets the manager – brings the tiger to the location - tiger spring out – controls – calms down – shoot the scene – too dark – retake)

OR

B)Martha has to face many obstacles to get the scholarship jacket, which was her dream. Prepare a narrative of the story 'The Scholarship Jacket'

(Hints: Martha, a Mexican –A grade- overheard teacher's conversation –principal called-change in the system-15 dollars-informed grandfather-gets the jacket.)

17-19. Answer any TWO of the following

(5x2=10)

17. Prepare a conversation between the roommate and Adichie .

18. The Film Club of your school has decided to organize a film festival. Prepare a notice with all the details inviting the students to participate in the festival.

19. Aunt Jane is worried about the foolish way of living of Jack and Jill. She writes her thoughts and feeling in her diary. Writes the likely diary

20-23. Answer any TWO of the following.

(6x2=12)

20. In the short story "The Castaway", Tagore depicts the pathetic plight of a boy Nilkanta. Prepare a character sketch of the boy.

21. The boy in the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' was very much thrilled of his acquaintance with the squirrel. He writes a letter to his friend telling him about his new friend.

22. The story 'Vanka' hints at the trouble faced by a poor child. Your school Conducts a seminar on 'the problem faced by children today' in the light of the Story 'Vanka' Prepare a report of the seminar focusing on the points discussed.

23. Chinmamanda Ngozi Adichie has visited your school and you have got a chance to interview her. Write six questions that you can ask to her.?

24-28. Read the facilities of cities given below and answer the questions that follow

(1x5=5)

City	park	stadium	shopping complex
Mumbai	55	39	100
Indore	40	18	65
Chennai	45	30	73
Delhi	65	33	86
Bangalore	40	20	45

24. Which city has the most number of parks?

25. Which city has the least number of stadium?

26. Which city provides the best facility for shopping?

27. What are the two cities having the same number of parks?

28. Which city is not good for players?

29. Prepare a short profile of W.B.Yeats using the hints given below

(6x1=6)

Birth	: June 13, 1865, Ireland
Education	: National College of Art and Design
Career	: poet
Nationality	: Irish
Awards	: Nobel Prize for literature in 1923
Notable works	: The Tower, The winding stair and Other Poems
Died	: January 28, 1939, France

30. Read the following dialogue and answer the questions given below

(1x2=2)

Kiran : What happened to you?

Nilkanta : Our ship perished in the storm while going to stage a play in a neighbouring villa

(a) What did kiran ask?

(b) What did Nilkanta reply?

31. Substitute the underlined words choosing the appropriate forms of the phrases given in Brackets.

(1x4=4)

Vanka faced (a) many difficulties in Alyakhin's house. He couldn't tolerate (b) them. He wrote a letter to his grandfather. He hoped that his grandfather would take care of (c) him. He wore (d) his Coat and went out to post the letter.

(put up with, put on, look after, come across, Given away)

32. There are a few errors in the passage given below. Edit them

(1x4=4)

Chimamanda **has visited** (a) Fide's family last week. She **is** (b) surprised to see the basket made by his brother. It was the incident **who** (c) changed her attitude. It was an **importance** (d) incident in her life.

33. Supply the missing words from the ones given in brackets to complete the passage given below

(1x4=4)

(for, of, in ,about after, to)

The Iranian movie 'Children of Heaven' is.....(a).....the adventures of a boy(b).....he loses his sister's pair of shoe. The film was nominated(c).....the Academy Award for the Best Foreign Language Film.....(d).....1998.

34. Complete the conversation between Martha and her friend.

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(1x5=5)

Friend : Martha, why are you so gloomy?

Martha : The principal just conveyed some bad news

Friend :(a).....?

Martha : He told me that there was change in the policy of awarding the scholarship

`` Jacket this year,

Friend : You are going to get it this year,

.....(b).....?

Martha : Yes, But ... they say that I've to pay fifteen dollars for it.

Friend :(c).....?

Martha : No, I haven't informed my grandfather

Friend : Don't worry, if you tell your grandfather

..... (d).....

Martha : I don't think so.

Friend : Then, You'd better..... (e).....

Martha : ok, let me ask my grandmother also.

35. Identify the noun phrase and the head noun in the subject position of the sentence given below.

(1x2=2)

The beautiful Christmas tree in front of the house came to his memory.

(a) Noun Phrase:

(b) Head Noun:.....