

**WEFI - SSF**  
**SSLC - EXCELLENCY TEST - 2021**



**ENGLISH**

Time : 2 ½ Hours

Total Score : 80

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. 20 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 questions according to the instructions
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**Questions 1-5 Read the extract from the lesson “Project Tiger” and answer the questions that follow: (5X1=5)**

I realised how reverently these animal-actors were treated when I happened to see the shooting of a film twenty years ago in Disney Studio in Hollywood. The main character in this film was a large dog. I reached the studio to find that the shooting had not yet started; the camera man was getting the lights ready. It is customary for actors to be present when the lights are arranged, for they have to show the camera man how they’ll walk, or where they’ll stand, in a particular shot. In the case of very famous stars, this job is done by their stand-ins. A stand –in is usually a person who is physically similar to the real star. The stars themselves arrive only when the lights are ready and it is time to take a shot.

1. How did the Hollywood film industry treat the animal-actors?
2. Which studio is mentioned in the passage?
3. Who is a stand-in?
4. When does the star arrive?
5. Pick out a word which means ‘with great respect’ in the passage

**Questions 6-9. Read the following lines from the poem ‘The Ballad of Father Gilligan’ and answer the questions given below (4X1=4)**

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.

6. Why was Father Gilligan weary?
7. Why was his flock either in bed or lying under green sod?
8. What is referred to as moth-hour of the eve?
9. Identify a visual image from the above lines

**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. (5x2= 10)**

The birds around me hopped and played,  
Their thoughts I cannot measure:-  
But the least motion which they made  
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

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.

**11. Read the following lines from the poem “The Ballad of Father Gilligan” and Prepare a note of appreciation focusing on the theme, images and poetic devices.**

He rode now as he never rode,  
By rocky lane and fen:  
The sick man’s wife opened the door,  
‘Father! You come again!’

‘And is the poor man dead?’ he cried  
‘He died an hour ago,  
The old priest Peter Gilligan  
In grief swayed to and fro.

**Questions 12- 16. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow (5X1=5)**

Education is a light that shows mankind the right direction to surge. If education fails to inculcate self discipline and commitment in the minds of students, it is not their fault. We have to convert education into a sport and the learning process has to generate interest in the students and motivate them to stay back in the institution rather than to run away from it. It is an integral part of their growth and helps them become good citizens. Education is an engine for the growth and progress of any society. It not only imparts knowledge, skills and values, but is also responsible for building human capital which breeds, drives and sets technological innovation and economic growth.

12. How is education helpful to man?
13. What change should be made in the field of education?
14. What else does education impart other than knowledge, skills and values?
15. Pick out a word that means ‘the introduction of new things or ideas’
16. Give a suitable title for the passage.

**Questions 17- 21. Answer the following questions in about 120 words. Each question carries seven marks (5x7=35)**

17. The boy was thrilled at seeing the fight between the cobra and the mongoose. Prepare a write up describing **the fight scene** in your own words

(Hints: The boy sits on top of Banyan Tree- a huge black cobra glide out- a mongoose emerges from the bushes- a battle of champions- a myna and a jungle crow arrives- intervenes in the fight- the crow dies- the final result of the fight|)

18. The Best Investment I Ever Made 'is a story that tells how a man was brought back to life. Imagine that you narrate the story to one of your friends. Prepare the **narrative**.

(Hints: Cronin on board the ship – a man frequently looking at him- moves away from the man- Mr&Mrs . John – comes to him- reminds him of the suicide attempt- doctor saves- gives him money to pay back the stolen amount- regains life- becomes a good man)

19. The doctor in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror' usually presents things in humorous manner. Analyse the humorous element in the story and prepare a **write up** describing how humour adds to the beauty of the story.

20. Imagine that you were really motivated by the story "The Scholarship Jacket". Reaching home you narrated this story to your mother. Write the likely **narrative**.

(Hints: Martha a poor Mexican American girl- argument regarding who should win the jacket- Mr. Boon likes John- doesn't like Martha because she is Mexican- Principal summons Martha—15 dollars for the jacket – Martha cries- turns down her request—principal felt guilty- Martha was awarded.)

21. "Taking only the stereotypical stories into consideration often mislead us". Do you agree with statement? Prepare a **write-up** based on Adichie 's speech 'The Danger of a Single Story'.

(Hints: middle class family- Fide- mother's narrative – Fide's family – feels sympathy-visit surprised to see the dyed raffia- goes to America- roommate's attitude)

**Questions 22- 27. Answer the following questions in about 80 words. Each question carries six marks (6x6=36)**

22. Mr. Satyajit Ray wants to get permission from the chairman of Animal Welfare Board of India for shooting a film in which a tiger is used. Prepare the likely **letter**.

23. The news about the robbery that happened in the homoeopath's house appeared in a leading daily. Write the likely news **report**.

24. The literary club of your school is conducting an elocution competition based on the story 'Vanka' by Anton Chekov . The topic for the speech is 'Child Labor in India'. Prepare the likely **speech**.

25. Martha was shocked when the principal informed her that the policy regarding the scholarship jacket had been changed that year. But finally she won it. Imagine that she writes a letter to her friend describing her experiences. Draft the likely **letter**.

26. 'A man's life is shaped by the surroundings in which he lives'. Imagine you are asked to deliver a speech in the school assembly on this topic. Prepare the **speech** in the light of the story. The Best Investment I Ever Made

**27. Prepare a profile of W.B. Yeats using the hints given below. Use appropriate linkers wherever necessary**

Name : W.B. Yeats  
Birth : June 13, 1865, Ireland  
Famous as : Irish poet  
Awards : Nobel Prize for literature in 1923  
Notable Works : The Tower, The Winding Stair and Other Poems  
Died : January 28, 1939

**Questions 28 - 36. Answer the following questions in about 50 words. Each question carries five score. (9x5=45)**

**28.** After the cobra – mongoose episode, the boy goes to meet his grandfather and tells him about the fight between them. Construct a **conversation** between the boy and his grandfather based on the event.

**29.** The doctor in the story- The Snake and The Mirror- writes about his strange experiences in his diary. Prepare the likely **diary** entry.

**30.** Sathyajith Ray arranges a press meet soon after the shooting of his film 'Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne'. You are one of the reporters present on the occasion. prepare the **five questions** that you may ask Ray about the shooting.

**31.** The story "The Best Investment I Ever Made" delineates the experience of A.J. Cronin while he was on a cruise. He came across a fellow voyager who had been earnestly watching him. From the steward the author got to know that the young man was Mr. John. Prepare a brief **Character sketch** of Mr. John

**32.** Vanka's grandfather was sad after he had let the boy at Alyakhin's work place. He writes his feelings in his diary. Prepare the likely **diary** entry of the grandfather

**33.** The English club of your school has decided to stage the play based on the story "The Snake and the Mirror". Draft a **notice** inviting all teachers and students to watch the play.

**34.** Aunt Jane is worried about the foolish way of living of Jack. She wants to make him aware of the deep consequences of installment scheme. Prepare the likely **conversation** between Jack and Aunt Jane.

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

**36.** Ali writes a letter to his friend narrating his mental state about missing Zahra's shoe. Write the likely **letter**.

37. Read the following conversation and complete it suitably.

(5x1=5)

John : Do you remember me, sir?  
Doctor : Sorry I don't.  
John : You saved from a suicide attempt, ----- (a) -----?  
Doctor : I remember you now.  
----- (b) -----?  
John : Yes, -----(c)-----?  
Doctor : I am going to the United States.  
----- (d) -----?  
John : I live in London. If you had not saved  
That day ----- (e) -----  
Doctor : That's my duty.

38. There are some errors in the passage. The errors are underlined. Edit them.

(5x1=5)

Another lovely thought struck me. I would got (a) married to woman doctor who have (b) Plenty of money and a good medical practice. She had to be fat; for a wild reason. If I made some mistake(c) and needs (d) to run away, she should not be able to ran after(e) me.

39. Read the following passage and replace the underlined words choosing the correct phrasal verbs given in bracket (5x1=5)

Ray decided to postpone the shooting. Thorat could not tolerate wasting time. He suggested an idea. He told Ray to shoot the scene from a new location near the circus camp. The shooting continued smoothly in the new location. So they performed well.

(Put forward, put up with, carry out, went on, put off)

Questions 40- 44. Study the table carefully and answer the question that follow

(5x1=5)

Name	Class	District	item	Grade
Sneha	1X	Idukki	Essay writing	A
Anjana	VIII	Kozhikode	Recitation	B
Ayisha	X	Thrissur	Elocution	A
Basith	X	Malappuram	Versification	A
Nihala	1X	Wayanad	Short story	B
Fathima	X	Alapuzha	Slogan writing	A

40. In which item did Basith participate?

41. Which participant represents Thrissur district?

42. Who are the participants failed to secure A grade in the fest?

43. The district which got first place for recitation is -----

44. Name the only participant in the list who studies in class eighth