

# SSLC MODEL EXAMINATION, MARCH 2021

## ENGLISH

Time: 2 ½ hrs

Maximum Score: 80

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### Instructions

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### Questions 1-5 : Read the following excerpt from the anecdote, ‘The Best Investment I Ever Made’ and answer the questions that follow:

A moment later I was occupying the vacant chair beside them. Haltingly he told me that this had been their first visit to America. It was not entirely a holiday trip. They had been making a tour of the New England states, inspecting many of the summer recreational camps for young people there. Afterwards, they had visited settlement houses in New York and other cities to study the methods employed in dealing with cases of backward, maladjusted and delinquent youth.

There was in his voice and manner, indeed in his whole personality, a genuine enthusiasm that was disarming. I found myself liking him instinctively. Questioning him further, I learnt that he and his wife had been active for the past 15 years in the field of youth welfare. He was by profession, a solicitor, but in addition to his practice at the courts, found time to act as director of a charitable organisation devoted to the care of boys and girls, mostly from city slums, who had fallen under the ban of the law.

1. Who had been making a tour of the New England states? (1 score)
  2. What was the purpose of Mr John’s visit to the recreational camps? (1 score)
  3. What was disarming according to the narrator? (1 score)
  4. What was John? How long had he been active in the field of youth welfare? (1 score)
  5. Divide the given sentence into Noun Phrase and Verb Phrase. (2 score)
- (a) He and his wife had been active for the past 15 years in the field of youth welfare.

### Questions 6 – 9 : Read the lines from the poem, ‘Lines Written in Early Spring’ and answer the questions that follow:

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?

6. Why do the budding twigs spread out their fan? (1 score)

7. What makes the poet feel to say, 'That there was pleasure there'? (1 score)

8. Give an example each for personification and visual image from the given lines. (2 score)

9. Comment on the line, 'What man has made of man.' (1 score)

**10. Read the lines from the poem 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and prepare a note of appreciation focusing on its theme, imagery and other poetic devices. (6 score)**

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.

**11. Read the lines from the poem 'Ballad of Father Gilligan' and prepare a note of appreciation focusing on its theme, imagery and other poetic devices. (6 score)**

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.

'I have no rest, nor joy, nor peace,  
For people die and die;  
And after cried he, 'God forgive!  
My body spake not I!'

**Questions 12-17: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow: (1score each)**

The great advantage of early rising is the good start it gives in our day's work. The early riser has done a large amount of hard work before other men get out of bed. In the early morning the mind is fresh and there are few sounds and distractions so that work done at that time is generally well done. In many cases, the early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air and this exercise supplies him with a fund of energy that will last until the evening. By beginning so early he knows that he has plenty of time to do thoroughly all the work he can be expected to do and is tempted to hurry over any part of it. He gets to sleep several hours before mid-night, at the time when sleep is most refreshing and after a night's sound rest, early next morning he is in good health and spirits for the labours of a new day.

12. How does our day's work get affected by early rising?
13. How is one's mind in the early morning?
14. What is the benefit of exercising in the morning?
15. Do people get enough time to do their works if they rise early? Identify the phrase from the passage that supports it.
16. When do we get the most refreshing sleep?
17. What is the effect of good sleep on a person?

**Questions 18 – 22: Answer in about 120 words. (7 score each)**

18. The homeopath had a strange experience of coming face to face with a full blooded cobra. Imagine he narrates his experience to his friend. Write the likely **narrative**.

(Hints – hot summer night – small rented room – no ceiling – regular traffic of rats – table – mirror – great admirer of beauty – important decisions – dull thud – landed on the shoulder – simultaneous – hood spread out – turned to stone – presence of God - death four inches away – snake looked into the mirror – admiring – unwound – man of flesh and blood – ran – thief – final insult)

19. The movie industry has seen a lot of advancement with respect to the use of technology. Prepare a **write-up** on the topic, Technology and movies based on the memoir, Project Tiger.

(Hints – Movie making – Hollywood – Indian movies - changes – Satyajith Ray – Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne – tiger – Notun Gram shots dark – retake Boral – digital world – studios – technological advancement)

20. **Narrate** in your own words the story of the young man who fell into unlawful hands and his making as a solicitor, based on your reading of the anecdote, The Best Investment I Ever Made.

(Hints – John – parents dead – clerk – friendless –victim - loose society – lost savings – stole sum of money – office safe – terrified – shut himself – doctor –sergeant – landlady – help – solicitor – youth welfare – charitable organisation – cases of maladjusted and delinquent youth)

21. The boy in the story, Adventures in a Banyan Tree realized the need to conserve nature after living close to the trees. Imagine he decides to deliver a speech on the topic of conservation of nature in the school assembly. What would he say? Write the likely **speech**.

(Hints – banyan tree – home to animals and birds – harmony – nature’s beauty – wonder – the Strange Case of the Grey Squirrel and the White Rat – baby squirrels – plant trees - protect nature - conserve –take care – live close to nature)

22. Vanka was a victim of atrocities inflicted by his employers and wasn’t able to cope up with it. Imagine he narrates his sufferings to one of his friends. Attempt the likely **narrative**.

(Hints – Vanka Zhukov – apprentice – Alyakhin – Moscow – Christmas Eve – mistress – senior apprentices – punishments – dragged out – steal – bread in the morning – gruel for dinner – suffer – nobody cares – fed up)

**Questions 23 – 27: Answer in about 80 words**

**(6 score each)**

23. The doctor in the story, The Snake and the Mirror thought himself to be an eligible bachelor. Imagine he shares his resolutions with one of his friends through a letter. Write the likely **letter**.

24. Imagine Satyajith Ray wanted a few stand-ins from the Disney Studio for one of his movies and writes a letter to the director of studios to arrange them through a letter. Write the likely **letter**.

25. Mr John was able to get back to his normal life after facing a lot of troubles in his early life. Prepare a **character sketch** of John as presented in the anecdote, The Best Investment I Ever Made.

26. Imagine you get a chance to interview Mr John and know about his noble initiative of helping the maladjusted youth. Frame a **set of six questions** you would use to enquire.

27. Prepare a short profile of **Rabindranath Tagore**

Birth : 7 May 1861

Place of Birth : Calcutta

Famous as : Writer, Song Composer, Play wright, Essayist, Painter

Language : Bengali, English

Notable Works : Gitanjali, Gora, Jana gana mana

Notable Awards : Nobel Prize in Litratione (1913)

Spouse : Mrinalini Devi

Died : 7 August 1941

**Questions 28 – 36: Answer in about 60 words.**

**(5 score each)**

28. Grandfather couldn't climb trees anymore but was extremely happy to see his grandson live close to the nature. Imagine he compiles his feelings of happiness as his diary entry. What might he write? Attempt the likely **diary**.

29. The tiger that had been brought for the shooting pranced around causing a lot of trouble. Imagine you were one of the spectators who talks about the experience with one of your friends. Write the likely **dialogue**. (5 exchanges)

30. The boy understood the importance of trees by living close to nature and started a project named 'Plant a Tree' with his friends. Imagine such a project being reported in a local daily. Write the likely **news report**.

31. Imagine the English Club of your school decides to stage the play, 'Never Never Nest' as part of the English fest in your school. Prepare a **notice** to be circulated among the students for the same with the details of the programme.

32. Vanka was extremely sad living a life of an orphan in Moscow under his master Alyakhin. Imagine he compiles his feelings of sadness on a paper as his thoughts. Write the likely **thoughts**.

33. Satyajith Ray felt relieved after completing the shooting of his movie at Boral. Imagine he writes his feelings of satisfaction in his diary. What would be his feelings then? Attempt the likely **diary**.

34. Martha overheard her teachers Mr Boone and Mr Schmidt talking about the change in policy with respect to the scholarship jacket. Attempt the possible **conversation** between the two teachers. (**5 exchanges**)

35. The doctor admired himself and took some earthshaking decisions. Many thoughts revolved around his mind at the moment. Recollect his thoughts as his **diary**.

36. Adolescence is a crucial period in the life of an individual. Share your views through a **paragraph** keeping in minds Mr. John, who had fallen prey to the unlawful means during the crucial phase of his life as shown in the anecdote, The Best Investment I Ever Made.

**Questions 37-42: Study the table and answer the questions that follow. (1score each)**

<b>International Cricket Matches – 2019</b>			
<b>Country</b>	<b>Test Match</b>	<b>ODI</b>	<b>T20</b>
India	15	30	25
Australia	18	24	22
England	16	28	20
Sri Lanka	15	26	27
Pakistan	12	22	25

37. Which country played the maximum number of ODI's?

38. What is the similarity in the statistics with respect to Test matches played by India and Sri Lanka?

39. How many matches in total did Pakistan play in the year 2019?

40. Identify the European country among the above.

41. Which are the neighbouring countries of India that are enlisted in the given table?

42. How many international T20 matches did Australia play in the given year?

**43. Complete the conversation. (6 score)**

Jack : Why do you worry about the instalments?

Aunt Jane: It is quite obvious on my part,.....(a).....?

Jack : I don't think it matters.

Aunt Jane: .....(b).....?

Jack : We just manage it anyhow with the resources we have.

Aunt Jane: .....(c).....?

Jack : Yes. It is a bit difficult to make ends meet.

Aunt Jane: If you continue like this.....(d).....

Jack : You don't worry. We are happy with everything.

Aunt Jane: You had better.....(e).....

Jack : Let me see.

Aunt Jane: .....(f).....

44. **Replace the underlined words in the following passage with suitable phrasal verbs given in brackets. (4 score)**

The sergeant visited the doctor and informed about the suicide case. Immediately, the doctor began his journey to do his duties. After reaching the building, the doctor began the work of resuscitation, which ultimately paid off. As a result, the young man took a convulsive gasp and told about his past life. Not being able to tolerate the debt, the young man had resorted to the extreme step and had decided to surrender against the challenges.

**(put up with, call for, set out, give up, call on)**

45. **There are certain errors in the passage given below. They are underlined. Edit them. (5 score)**

One day we visited Fide's house. We go (a) there to know more about his life and his family. According to my mother he was very poor and was lead (b) a pathetic life. When we reached their (c) Fide's mother greeted us warm (d). She showed us a beautifuly (e) patterned basket that Fide's brother had made. I was startled.

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### Questions 1-5 : Read the following excerpt from the story, 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' and answer the questions that follow:

Cobra knew only too well that the grey mongoose, three feet long, was a superb fighter, clever and aggressive. But the cobra was skilful and experienced fighter too. He could move swiftly and strike with the speed of light, and the sacs behind his long, sharp fangs were full of deadly venom.

It was to be a battle of champions.

Hissing defiance, his forked tongue darting in and out, the cobra raised three of his six feet off the ground, and spread his broad, spectacled hood. The mongoose bushed his tail. The long hair on his spine stood up (in the past, the very thickness of his hair had saved him from bites that would have been fatal to others).

1. What do you know about the mongoose? (1 score)
2. Who was a skilful fighter? Why was he called so? (2 score)
3. What was filled in the sacs, behind the sharp fangs of the cobra? (1score)
4. Why did the mongoose bush his tail to escape from the snake's bite? (1 score)
5. Which word in the passage means, 'A challenge to meet in a combat or a contest' (1 score)

### Questions 6 – 9 : Read the lines from the poem, 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and answer the questions that follow:

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.

6. Where did the poet sit reclined? (1 score)
7. What do you mean by 'her fair works' mentioned in the poem? (1 score)
8. 'What man has made of man', what does this line convey? (1 score)
9. Identify the poetic devices in the line, 'I heard a thousand blended notes'? (2score)

**10. Read the lines from the poem 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and prepare a note of appreciation focusing on its theme, imagery and other poetic devices. (6 score)**

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,  
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;  
And 'tis my faith that every flower  
Enjoys the air it breathes.

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.

**11. Read the lines from the poem 'Ballad of Father Gilligan' and prepare a note of appreciation focusing on its theme, imagery and other poetic devices. (6 score)**

Upon the time of sparrow chirp  
When the moths came once more,  
The old priest Peter Gilligan

Stood upright on the floor.

'Mavronee, mavrone! The man has died

While I slept in the chair.'

He roused his horse out of its sleep

And rode with little care.

He rode now as he never rode,

By rocky lane and fen;

The sick man's wife opened the door,

'Father! you come again!'

**Questions 12-17: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow: (1 score each)**

Of all the amusements which can possibly be imagined for a hard working man, after his daily toil, there is nothing like reading an entertaining book. It calls for no bodily exertion, of which he had enough. It relieves his home of its dullness. It transports him to a livelier and a more interesting scene; and while he enjoys himself there, he may forget the evils of the present moment. Nay, it accompanies him to his day's next work, and if the book he has been reading be anything above the very idlest and lightest, gives him something to think about, besides the drudgery of his evening occupation. If I were to pray for a taste which should stand me in good stead under every variety of circumstances, and be a source of happiness and cheerfulness through life, it would be the taste for reading. Give a man this taste and the means of gratifying it and you can hardly fail to make him happy.

12. What is the best amusement for a hard-working man after his daily toil?
13. Is there any bodily exertion in reading?
14. What is one supposed to forget with the habit of reading?
15. What is the result of reading even the very idlest and lightest book?
16. Which word in the passage means 'toil'?
17. Give a suitable heading to the given passage.

**Questions 18 – 22: Answer in about 120 words.**

**(7 score each)**

18. Imagine a short function is going to be held on board to congratulate Mr John for his humanitarian works. As a shipmate, you are asked to deliver a felicitation speech on the occasion. Attempt the likely **speech**.

(Hints – John – the hero – his mission – purpose of voyage – humanitarian works – youth welfare- values of life – social responsibility – role model)

19. The doctor in the story, 'The Snake and the Mirror' used to live alone in a rented house. When the snake coiled around his arm, he was frightened and at last ran for his life. Having reached his friend's house, he narrates the incident to his friend. Write the likely **narrative**.

(Hints – Doctor- bachelor – rented house – often looks into the mirror – admires himself – hears a thud – snake falls – coils onto the arm – freezes – snake slips to the table – runs out )

20. The banyan tree was home to quite a few animals and birds. It was a happy dwelling place for the boy as well, thereby symbolising an excellent example for a harmonious living. Based on the above idea, prepare a **write-up** on the need of harmony to have a peaceful living.

(Hints – banyan tree – home to animals and birds – happy living – noisiest place – man's relation with nature – co-existence – better understanding – harmony – wonders all around – white squirrels – need to live together)

21. Vanka missed the life he had lived when he used to stay with his Grandfather. Imagine he narrates his past life to one of the fellow apprentices in Moscow. Attempt the likely **narrative**.

(Hints – Parents dead – care taker - Konstantin Makarich – night watchman – Zhivarev – Eel and Kashtanka– Christmas celebration – fun – Olga Ignatyevna – sweets – happy memories)

22. Prepare a **write-up** on the stress and strain of making films using animals in the light of the article, 'The Project Tiger' by Satyajith Ray.

(Hints – Hollywood film making – trained animal – animal stars – stand-ins – trained dogs and horses – using tiger in film – Bharath Circus – Shooting at Notun Gram – protective measures – tiger prancing around – controlling mob – difficult task – technical problems)

**Questions 23 – 27: Answer in about 80 words**

**(6 score each)**

23. After being saved from the suicide attempt, Mr. John resolved to be a different person and was ever thankful to the doctor who had helped him. Imagine he wrote a letter thanking the doctor for what he had done for him. Write the likely **letter**.

24. Prepare a **character sketch** of Martha's Grandfather as presented in the story, 'The Scholarship Jacket'.

25. Prepare a **profile** of Satyajith Ray from the given hints.

Born : May 2, 1921, Kolkata

Nationality : Indian

Famous as : Writer, Producer, Screenwriter, Lyricist and Composer

Awards : Academy Honorary Award, Bharat Ratna

Education : Viswa-Bharati University, Presidency University, Kolkata

Died : April 23, 1992, Kolkata

26. The homeopath had a terrifying experience on the night when a snake fell on him and coiled round his arm. Imagine you are one of his neighbours who enquired about the incident. Frame **six questions** you would use to enquire.

27. A news reporter comes to know about the sufferings of Vanka as a victim of child labour. Imagine he reports it as news in one of the local dailies. Write the likely **news report**.

**Questions 28 – 36: Answer in about 60 words.**

**(5 score each)**

28. Vaikom Muhammad Basheer narrates a frightening incident in a humorous way in the story, 'The Snake and the Mirror'. Write a **paragraph** analysing the humorous elements in the story.

29. Mr. Thorat was very happy that he could successfully manage his tigers in an open ground. Imagine he shares his happiness with his friend. Attempt the likely **conversation** among them. **(5 exchanges)**

30. Among the wool were the three baby squirrels – all of them white! The boy couldn't stop wondering about the white squirrels. To share his excitement he writes a letter to his friend. Draft the likely **letter**.

31. A.J Cronin is invited to inaugurate the 'Home for Derelict Youth' started by Mr John and his wife. Imagine you are asked to prepare a **notice** to invite the public to attend the function and make it a grand success.

32. Aunt Jane was extremely anxious to know about the lifestyle of Jack and Jill. On the day she knows about it, she writes down her thoughts in the form of a diary. Write the likely **diary**.

33. Mr John feels regretful on taking the extreme step of suicide. Imagine he compiles his thoughts for the moment later. What might he have written? Write the likely **thoughts**.

34. Nature is not a place to visit, it's a home. All the lessons in the unit Glimpses of Green emphasize the importance of coexistence in nature. Write a **paragraph** highlighting the necessity of protecting nature and its harmony.

35. Sathish's inkstand goes missing in the story, 'The Castaway' and he believes that Nilkanta might have taken it and questions him angrily. Attempt the heated **conversation** between them.

36. Prepare a **description** of Konstantin Makarich as you find in the story Vanka written by Anton Chekov.

**Questions 37-42: Study the table and answer the questions that follow. (1 score each)**

<b>Film</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Production</b>	<b>Actor</b>
Here comes the Navy	1934	Warner Brothers	Lou Edelman
Lost Horizon	1937	Columbia	Frank Capra
One Foot in Heaven	1941	Warner Brothers	H&B Wallis
The Snake Pit	1948	20th Century Fox	Robert Bassier
Roman Holiday	1953	Paramount	George Stevens

37. Which production house launched the movie Lost Horizon?

38. Who is the lead actor of the movie Roman Holiday?

39. Which movies are to the credit of Warner Brothers?

40. Which movie was made in the year 1948 among the above?

41. Name the movie in which H&B Wallis acted?

42. When was the movie, 'Here comes the Navy' made?

**43. Complete the conversation. (6 score)**

John : Good morning Sir.....(a).....?

Doctor : Sorry. I don't remember you.

John : You saved me from the jaws of death 25 years ago.

Doctor : Oh! Now, I remember you. ....(b).....?

John : I am fine. Thank you.

Doctor : If I had not saved you, .....(c).....

John : Yes doctor. Thank you for your kind help.

Doctor : It's ok. It was my duty,.....(d).....?

John : Yes I agree. But you had given me a new life.

Doctor : What do you do now?

John :.....(e).....

Doctor: I am so happy to hear that you are a solicitor now. You had better.....(f).....

John: Indeed.

**44. Replace the underlined words in the following passage with suitable phrasal verbs given in brackets. (4 score)**

Vanka wore (a) his shirt and went to the place where the post box was kept. He decided (b) to post the letter he had written. He walked quickly because he wanted to come back before his master and family returned (c) from church. He had to tolerate (d) the cold outside.

(make up one's mind, put up with, turn up, put on, give away)

**45. There are certain errors in the passage given below. They are underlined. Edit them. (5 Score)**

Another lovely thought struck me. I would got (a) married to a woman doctor who had plenty of money and an (b) good medical practice. She had to been (c) fat; for a valid reason. If I made some silly mistake and needed to run away she shall (d) not be able to run after me and cacth (e) me!

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**Questions 1-5 : Read the following excerpt from the memoir, ‘The Project Tiger’ and answer the questions that follow:**

Mr Thorat's men had fixed a five foot iron rod to the ground, about thirty feet from the area where the tiger was supposed to take a walk. They took a thin, long wire and fixed one end to the collar made of tiger-skin that the tiger was already wearing. The other end was tied firmly to the visible portion of the iron rod. The door of one of the cages was unfastened and Mr Thorat called out to the tiger. It responded almost at once and sprang out of its cage to land on the open space outside. What followed was totally unexpected. One look at Mr Thorat's startled and helpless face told us that he was as taken aback as the rest of us. Instead of walking sedately in a dignified manner, the tiger started prancing around with tremendous enthusiasm. It leapt, it jumped, and it rolled about, dragging its poor trainer who was desperately clutching the wire tied to the tiger's collar in a futile attempt to bring it under control. We stood around foolishly, watching a new and strange kind of circus which we were getting to see for free! The camera was still standing on its three legs, staring into the wood, but the tiger was showing no sign of making its way there.

1. Who was Mr. Thorat? (1 score)
2. How did the tiger respond when the door of the cage was unfastened? (1 score)
3. What might be the reason for the tiger's unexpected behaviour? (1 score)
4. Identify the sentence from the passage which reveals Satyajith Ray's sense of humour?  
(1 score)
5. Pick out two words/phrases from the passage which means 'shocked'? (2 score)

**Questions 6 – 9 : Read the lines from the poem, ‘Lines Written in Early Spring’ and answer the questions that follow:**

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.

'When you were gone, he turned and died,  
As merry as a bird.'  
The old priest Peter Gilligan  
He knelt him at that word.

6. How did Father Gilligan ride through rocky lane and fen? Pick out the line which states so. (2 score)
7. Why did the sick man’s wife ask, 'Father! you come again!'? (1 score)
8. 'And is the poor man dead?' What does the word ‘poor’ mean? (1 score)
9. Pick out an instance of simile from the given lines. (1 score)
10. **Read the lines from the poem ‘Lines Written in Early Spring’ and prepare a note of appreciation focusing on its theme, imagery and other poetic devices.** (6 score)

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. Read the lines from the poem 'Ballad of Father Gilligan' and prepare a note of appreciation focusing on its theme, imagery and other poetic devices. (6 score)**

'When you were gone, he turned and died,  
As merry as a bird.'  
The old priest Peter Gilligan  
He knelt him at that word.

'He Who hath made the night of stars  
For souls who tire and bleed,  
Sent one of this great angels down,  
To help me in my need.

'He Who is wrapped in purple robes,  
With planets in His care  
Had pity on the least of things  
Asleep upon a chair.'

**Questions 12-17: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow: (1 score each)**

Success in life depends largely on good health. Keep your body fit and strong by being clean, inhaling fresh air and following regular habits and suitable entertainment. Avoid anything that will weaken your strength. Smoking harms the body and clouds the brain. Beware of drink. It is the deadly enemy of health and efficiency. Above all, remember that your character is a precious possession. Be truthful in all things, courteous and considerate to everybody, fair to your opponents, kind and helpful to all who are weak and suffering, and do not be afraid to have the courage to stand up for what is good, pure and noble.

12. What is the reason for success in life according to the given passage?
13. What is the key to attain good health?
14. What are the things we should avoid?
15. What are the qualities that make good character and the one supposed to be nurtured?
16. Find the word from the passage that means, 'showing concern for the rights and feelings of others'
17. Give a suitable title to the passage.

**Questions 18 – 22: Answer in about 120 words.**

**(7 score each)**

18. If I made a silly mistake and needed to run away, she should not be able to run after me and catch me. The doctor in the story, 'The Snake and the Mirror' usually presents things in a humorous manner. Analyse the humorous elements in the story and prepare a **write-up** describing how the humour adds to the beauty of the story.

(Hints – the kind of person the doctor was – his important decisions – admirer of beauty – bachelor – encounter with the snake – the snake taken by its own beauty – his thoughts – the thief's final insult)

19. The mynah in the story, 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' narrates its experience of watching the intense fight between the cobra and a mongoose and the death of his friend, the crow. Write the likely **narrative**.

(Hints – cobra and mongoose face to face – mongoose superb fighter – cobra skilful – swift – venomous fangs – deceptive movements – mesmerize the mongoose – crow determined to participate – dived – cobra struck – crow flung – twenty feet away – mongoose fearlessly dragged into the bushes)

20. 'No animal is harmed in the production of this film.' You might have noticed this statement in the beginning of the films. Do you think that animals are harmed while shooting? Prepare a **speech** in response to the statement.

(Hints – Movie making –statement at the beginning – modern technology – animals are fellow beings – right to live – respect – movies with animals - no exploitation – love them – let live)

21. Is the title, 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' appropriate to the anecdote? Why do you think so? Prepare a **review** of the story in the light of the above statement.

(Hints – ship – fellow voyager – man of forty – Mr John\_S – solicitor – cares adolescents from juvenile courts – reminds of a past event – gambling – ruins life – suicide attempt – help from the sergeant – landlady and the doctor)

22. I could hardly believe my eyes. I spoke in a trembling rush. 'Oh! Thank you, Sir. Suddenly I felt great.' These words of happiness show how much the scholarship jacket meant to Martha. Briefly **narrate** her story in your own words. You may use the given hints.

(Hints – Wishes to get the scholarship jacket – works hard – overhears the conversation between Mr Boone and Schmidt – principal asks her to pay for the scholarship jacket – grandpa refuses – finally awarded)

**Questions 23 – 27: Answer in about 80 words**

**(6 score each)**

23. Imagine the news about the robbery that happened in the homeopath's house gets reported in a local daily. Write the likely **news report**.

24. The management decides to change the policy regarding the scholarship jacket. The teachers feel unhappy about this change and the Principal writes a letter to the management expressing his resentment. Write the likely **letter**.

25. The Grandfather in the story, 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' loves to live in harmony with the nature. Prepare a **character sketch** of the Grandfather in your own words.

26. Imagine Alyakhin is in police custody and is enquired by the police for employing Vanka as a child labourer. Frame a **set of six questions** he would use to enquire.

27. Prepare a **profile** of A. J Cronin from the given hints.

Name : Archibald Joseph Cronin

Born : 19 July 1896

Popular as : Scottish novelist and physician

Spouse : Agnes, Mary Gibson

Awards : National Book Award for Fiction

Education : Dumbarton Academy, University of Glasgow

Died : 6 January 1981

**Questions 28 – 36: Answer in about 60 words.**

**(5 score each)**

28. The English Club of your school decides to conduct a seminar on the topic 'Rights of Children' in connection with the World Day against Child Labour. Prepare a **notice** to be circulated among the students for the same with the details of the programme.

29. The shooting at Notun Gram was an unsuccessful attempt yet a memorable experience for Satyajith Ray. Imagine he decides to recollect his feelings in the form of a diary entry. Write the likely **diary**.

30. Suppose the homeopath shares the terrible experience he had on that hot summer night with one of his friends through a letter. Write the likely **letter**.

31. The boy was thrilled to watch the fight between the cobra and the mongoose. Imagine he tells his grandfather about the fight. Write the possible **conversation** among them.

32. Mr John recognises the narrator when he sees him on the ship but feels reluctant to go and speak to him. Imagine he writes his thoughts for the moment. Write the likely **thoughts**.

33. Satyajith Ray meets the manager of the Bharat Circus to arrange for a trained tiger that was required in his movie, Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne. Write the likely **conversation** among them.

34. Living a life on loans was not easy according to Aunt Jane in the one-act-play, Never Never Nest. Write a short **paragraph** discussing the matter.

35. Martha is awarded the scholarship jacket by the Vice Chancellor of the University. Prepare a **news report** that may appear in the newspaper, the next day.

36. Prepare of a short **description** of Mr John as mentioned in the story, The Best Investment I Ever Made.

**Questions 37-42: Study the table and answer the questions that follow. (1 score each)**

North Sea Hotel	Hawah Beach Hotel	Spellock Hotel
• Luxurious king-sized rooms	• Luxurious king-sized rooms	• Semi-luxurious double bed rooms
• Private balcony for forest view	• Beach front with sunset view	• Walking distance to town
• Free shuttle from airport and town	• Free boat ride to surrounding islands	• Free tour to Mount Kinabalu
• Rs 3000/- per night	• Rs 2500/- per night	• Rs 2000/- per night

37. Which hotel is in a walking distance to the town?

38. What is the similarity in North Sea Hotel and Hawah Beach Hotel?

39. What is the fare one has to pay for a night's stay at Spellock Hotel?

40. Which hotel is supposed to be near the woods?

41. What is the offer to the airport given by North Sea Hotel?

42. What is the name of a tourist spot mentioned in the table?

43. **Complete the conversation.**

**(6 score)**

Villager : You look so terrified, ..... (a) .....

Doctor : Yes, I had an encounter with a deadly snake.

Villager : .....(b).....?

Doctor : I didn't do anything.

Villager : If the snake had bitten you, ..... (c) .....

Doctor : Yes. I would have died.

Villager : ..... (d) .....

Doctor : No, I didn't kill the snake.

Villager : You had better ..... (e) .....

Doctor : I too feel the same.

Villager: Nobody should have such an experience ever.

Doctor: True indeed. The more I think of it .....(f).....

44. **Replace the underlined words in the following passage with suitable phrasal verbs given in brackets.**

**(4 score)**

Vanka wore (a) his cap and ran out. On the way he met (b) a man at the butcher's shop. Vanka asked him about the way to the city. The man doubted whether Vanka would succeed (c) to reach the city since snowfall was heavy. The man asked Vanka to postpone (d) his journey for the next day.

**(make it, put on, come across, put off, put out)**

45. **There are certain errors in the passage given below. They are underlined. Edit them.**

**(5 score)**

Mr Thorat's men had fix (a) a five foot iron rod to the ground, about thirty feet from the area whom (b) the tiger was supposed to take a walk. They took a thin, long wire and fixed one end to the collar maid (c) of tiger-skin that the tiger was already wearing (d) the other end were (e) tied firmly to the visible portion of the iron rod.