

# എസ് എസ് എൽ സി പഠന പിന്തുണാ സാമഗ്രി



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പ്രിയ അധ്യാപകരെ,

2020- 21 അധ്യയനവർഷത്തിൽ ഓൺലൈൻ പ്ലാറ്റ്ഫോമിലൂടെയുള്ള പഠനപ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്കാണ് കൂടുതൽ പ്രാമുഖ്യം ലഭിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്. അതുകൊണ്ടുതന്നെ 2021 മാർച്ചിൽ എസ്.എസ്.എൽ.സി പരീക്ഷ എഴുതുന്ന എല്ലാ കുട്ടികൾക്കും കൂടുതൽ പിന്തുണ അനിവാര്യമാണ്.

2020 ഓഗസ്റ്റ് മുതൽ പാലക്കാട് ഡയറ്റിന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ ആരംഭിച്ച ഇന്റർബെൽ എന്ന ഗവേഷണാത്മക പദ്ധതിയിലൂടെ ഫസ്റ്റ് ബെൽ ഓൺലൈൻ ക്ലാസ്സുകളുടെ തുടർച്ചയായി കുട്ടികൾക്ക് വേണ്ടി തയ്യാറാക്കിയ വർക്ക് ഷീറ്റുകൾ പഠന വിടവ് ഒരു പരിധിവരെ നികത്തിയിരുന്നു എന്ന് നമുക്കറിയാം. എന്നിരുന്നാലും പൊതു പരീക്ഷയെ ആത്മവിശ്വാസത്തോടെ നേരിടാനും സമയബന്ധിതമായി പരീക്ഷ എഴുതാനും കുട്ടികളെ പ്രാപ്തരാക്കേണ്ടതുണ്ട്. അതിനു സഹായകമായ സാമഗ്രികൾ ആണ് ഇതിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുള്ളത്. താരതമ്യേന കുട്ടികൾക്ക് വിഷമം അനുഭവപ്പെടാറുള്ള ഇംഗ്ലീഷ്, ഗണിതം, ഊർജ്ജതന്ത്രം, രസതന്ത്രം, ജീവശാസ്ത്രം, സാമൂഹ്യശാസ്ത്രം എന്നീ വിഷയങ്ങളാണ് തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളത്. ഓരോ വിഷയത്തിലും എസ് .സി .ഇ .ആർ .ടി നിഷ്കർഷിച്ച ഫോക്കസ് മേഖലയെ കേന്ദ്രീകരിച്ചുള്ള ചോദ്യശേഖരങ്ങളാണ് ഈ പഠന സഹായിയിലെ പ്രതിപാദ്യം.

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**S.S.L.C. EXAMINATION – 2021 – SUPPORT MATERIAL**

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**SET - A**

**Time : 2 1/2 hrs**

**Maximum Score: 80**

**Read the excerpt from ‘Adventures in a Banyan Tree’ and answer the questions that follow.**

It was an April afternoon. And the warm breezes of approaching summer had sent everyone, including Grandfather, indoors. I was feeling drowsy myself and was wondering if I should go to the pond behind the house for a swim, when I saw a huge black cobra gliding out of a clump of cactus and making for some cooler part of the garden. At the same time a mongoose (whom I had often seen) emerged from the bushes and went straight for the cobra.

1. Which season is mentioned in the paragraph? (1)
2. What had sent everyone indoors? (1)
3. Where was the cobra moving to? (1)
4. Where did the mongoose emerge from? (1)
5. Pick out a word from the passage that means ‘half asleep’? (1)
6. Why was the boy feeling drowsy? (1)

**Read the lines from the poem 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan' and answer the questions that follow. (6 score)**

They slowly into millions grew,  
And leaves shook in the wind  
And God covered the world with shade  
And whispered to mankind



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Upon the time of sparrow chirp  
When the moths came once more,  
The old priest Peter Gilligan  
Stood upright on the floor.

'Mavrone, 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!'

7. Why did Father Gilligan ride with little care? (1)
8. Who opened the door to the Father? (1)
9. Pick out an example for alliteration from the given lines (1)
10. What is meant by 'upon the time of sparrow chirp'? (1)
11. What was the reaction of Father Gilligan when he woke up the next morning? Why did he react so? (2)

**12. Read the following line 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,



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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.

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

**13. Read the lines from the poem The 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 noded in a chair  
At the moth-hour of the eve  
Another poor man send 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!'



He knelt, and leaning on the chair  
He prayed and fell asleep;  
And the moth-hour went from the fields,  
And stars began to peep.

**Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.**

Good manners are not inherited, nor do they come naturally to intelligent people. They must be learnt and practised. They are based upon the concept of consideration for others. They are easy to acquire and there is nothing more profitable. Good manners are very important in every walk of life. There is no particular place or time when a person would show or begin his elementary courtesy. Courtesy, etiquette and manners are tools that one should always carry with oneself wherever one goes. The first step to success lies in treating the people as courteously as we wish to be treated.

14. What do you mean by good manners? How are they acquired? (2)
15. Which are the tools that one should carry with oneself? (1)
16. Pick out a word from the passage that means 'derived from parents or ancestors'? (1)
17. What do you think about the first step to success? (1)
18. Give a suitable title to the passage (1)

**Answer the following questions in not more than 120 words. (7 Score each)**

19. Imagine you are the young man in the story "The Best Investment I Ever Made". Narrate the story in your own words.

20. Imagine you were one among the spectators who was present on the shooting location at Notun Gram and witnessed the whole incident. Narrate the whole incident to your friend in your own words.

21. The homeopath in the story "The Snake and the Mirror" after his terrible experience with the snake, narrates the whole incident to his friend. Prepare the likely narrative using the hints given below:

Hints: [Reaches home after dinner- night 10 o'clock- rented room not electrified – rats sharing room – hot summer- no wind- looking to the mirror- decides to shave – keeps a smile- marry fat lady- hears a thud sound- a full grown cobra- coils – unable to move – big hood – cobra



looking to mirror- uncoiled – moves towards mirror- runs fast without turning back- reaches friend’s house. ]

22. The boy was thrilled to see the fight scene between the mongoose and the cobra. Imagine that you are the boy in the story “Adventures in a Banyan Tree”, narrate the fight scene in your own words.

Hints:[ sits on the platform half way up the tree-a black cobra from bushes- a grey mongoose from other side- face to face- cobra- venomous- dangerous – skilful and experienced fighter – moves swiftly- mongoose superb fighter, clever and aggressive- first move- cobra- mongoose avoids- bites on snake’s back – darted away- two spectators-a crow and myna- tries to mesmerize mongoose – finally mongoose wins]

23 Satyajit Ray and his friends had to shoot scenes involving the tiger twice at Notun Gram and Boral. Ray describes the shooting at both these places. How it would be?

**Answer the following questions in not more than 80 words. (6 Score each)**

24. Prepare a **profile** of Archibald Joseph Cronin using the hints given below.

Birth	:19 July 1896
Nationality	:Scottish
Career	: Novelist, Physician
First Novel	: Hatter’s Castle
Best known work	: The Citadel
Awards	: National Book Award for Fiction.
Major Works	: The Citadel, The Stars Look Down, The Judas Tree etc.
Death	: 6 January 1981

25. After an hour’s strenuous effort, Dr. A J Cronin was able to bring the young man back to life. Mr. John and the doctor had a conversation in which Mr. John narrated his story to the doctor. Prepare the likely **conversation** between them. (write at least 6 exchanges)

26. Mr. John shares the experience of his eventful voyage to his friend. Prepare the likely **letter**

27. Prepare a **conversation** between the homeopath and his friend after his encounter with the snake. (write at least 6 exchanges)





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28. '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'.

**Answer the following questions in not more than 60 words. (5 Score each)**

29. "If conservation of natural resources goes wrong, nothing else will go right." The slogan says the importance of the conservation of the nature. Prepare a **poster** on the theme " Conservation of Nature".

30. You are the staff reporter of a leading local daily. You are asked to interview Mr. John S, who won the Icon of Youth Award. Prepare a **questionnaire** for the interview.

31. The Film Club of your school has decided to organise a Film Festival in connection with the death anniversary of Satyajit Ray . As the secretary of the club you are asked to prepare a notice informing the staff and the students of the programme. Prepare the likely **notice**.

32. The boy was very much thrilled by his acquaintance with the squirrel. It was a great bond of friendship. If he scribbled down about this experience in his **diary** ,how would it be ?

33. Write a **paragraph** on the element of humour in the story ' The Snake And The Mirror' .

34. After being saved from the suicide attempt Mr. Johns S. became a new man. He started to work for the welfare of the derelict adolescents from the juvenile courts. He composed an email to the Youth Welfare Authority requesting their support to place them in a healthy environment. Draft the **email**.

35. The boy in the story ' Adventures in a Banyan Tree' is enchanted by the Nature and he loves to live in harmony with the Nature. Prepare a **character sketch** of the boy.

36. The English Club of your school has decided to prepare and stage a play based on the story 'The Snake And The Mirror' by Vaikom Muhammad Basheer. You are asked to make an announcement about the play. Prepare the script of your **announcement**.

37. Prepare a **conversation** between Alfred Hitchcock and the man who brought trained ravens.(You may include 5 exchanges.)



Read the Newspaper headlines given below and answer the questions that follow:

1.	Cyber fraud’s new hub: from financial frauds to phishing attacks and social media scams.
2.	Batting woes, no-balls and mis-firing bowlers: factors which led to India’s loss in Chennai.
3.	Rajiv Kapoor’s last rites performed at Chembur crematorium: The veteran actor passed away at the age of 58.
4.	Uttarakhand flood: A massive glacial burst triggered a flood in the state’s Chamoli district.
5.	Hyderabad man fined Rs 62,000/- for cutting old Neem tree : verdict from Supreme court to ensure Nature protection. .
6.	Hit and run case: Two killed when their bike collided against a speeding Mercedes car, in Navi Mumbai.

- 38. Which headline is related to a death? (1)
- 39. The headline that is related to a road accident is ..... (1)
- 40. The headline that disturbs the mind of an environmentalist is ..... (1)
- 41. What are the factors that prevented the Indian team from winning the recent cricket match? (1)
- 42. Crimes related to ‘computer and networks’ are mentioned in ----- headline. (1)

**43. Complete the conversation suitably (6 Score)**

Mr Thorat : Good morning Mr Ray.  
 Ray : Good morning, You are Mr.Thorat.....(a).....?  
 Mr Thorat : Yes.....(b).....?  
 Ray : I want a tiger for the shooting of my film  
 Mr Thorat :.....(c).....?  
 Ray : I need it for a couple of hours  
 Mr Thorat : Ok, I will bring the tiger  
 Ray : Can you make the tiger act the scene?  
 Mr Thorat : If I train the tiger.....(d).....  
 Ray :How will you bring the tiger?  
 Mr Thorat :.....(e).....  
 Ray :You had better.....(f).....  
 Mr Thorat :Sure sir, we will take care



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

It was an April afternoon. The boy was sitting on the platform built (a) on the Banyan tree. That was the time he saw a mongoose and a cobra fight to death in the garden. He was shocked (b) by what he saw afterwards. He decided to maintain a safe distance (c) and watch the scene silently. The fight continued (d) for a long time and finally the cobra surrendered.

(taken aback, set up, went on, keep back, set aside)

**45. There are some errors in the given passage. The errors are underlined. Edit them.  
(5 Score)**

On the second day, out from new york (a) while making the round of the promenade deck, I suddenly became aware that one of the passengers were (b) watching me close (c), following me with his gaze every time I passed. I wanted to resting (d), to avoid the tedium of casual and importunate ship-board contacts. I gave no sign of having notice (e) the man.



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**SET - B**

**Time : 2 1/2 hrs**

**Maximum Score: 80**

**Read the excerpt from the ‘The Best Investment I Ever Made’ and answer the following questions**

As he regained his strength, he told us his story. His parents were dead. An uncle had found him a position as clerk in a London solicitor’s office. He had been in the city only six months. Utterly friendless, he had fallen victim to the loose society of the streets, had made bad companions and like a young fool, eager to taste pleasure far beyond his means, had begun to bet on horses. Soon he had lost all his small belongings and owed the book-maker a disastrous amount. In an effort to recoup, he had taken a sum of money from the office space for a final gamble that, he was assured, was certain to win. But this last resort had failed. Terrified of the prosecution that must follow, sick at heart, sunk in despair, he had shut himself in his room and turned on the gas.

1. Who was ‘he’ referred to here? (1)
2. How long had he been there in the city? (1)
3. What kind of life he led in the town? (1)
4. How did he try to commit suicide? (1)
5. What did he do to recoup his loss? (1)
6. Pick out a word from the passage which means ‘a person who manages money in bets’.

**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.



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7. When did the poet hear a thousand blended notes? (1)
8. Why does the poet feel sad while reclining in the grove? (1)
9. What did Nature link to her fair works? (1)
10. What thought grieved the mind of the poet? (1)
11. Which figure of speech is used in the expression “thousand blended notes”? (1)

**12. Read the following lines from the poem ‘The Ballad of Father Gilligan’ and prepare a note of appreciation focusing on its theme, imagery and other poetic devices**

(6 Score)

'Mavrone, 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!

'And is the poor man dead?' he cried  
'He dead an hour ago.'  
The old Priest Father 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 the word.

**13. Read the following lines from the poem ‘Lines Written in Early Spring’ and prepare a note of appreciation focusing on its theme, imagery and 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 breaths.



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

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 ?

**Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow**

The cactus is a plant which grows in very hot, dry places. They do not have leaves. Instead, they have spiny needles which stick out of their stems. There are many shapes of the cactus. Some are small and round. Others are tall like columns or pillars. Some are shaped like tubes or bells. Some are shaped like wheels. Some grow as trees or shrubs. Others grow as ground cover. Cactus flowers are big, and some of them bloom at night. Their flowers come out at night because they are pollinated by insects or small animals that come out at night. Insects and small animals carry pollen from one cactus to another. Most cacti live in North and South America. Others live in Africa, Madagascar, and Sri Lanka. Cacti do not have very large leaves because large leaves would allow the water to evaporate. When water evaporates, it changes from a liquid to a gas. When it becomes a gas, it is light enough to move through the air. That would be bad for the cactus because the cactus needs the water to live. Some cacti have waxy coatings on their stems, so that water will run down the stem to the roots. Cacti can absorb water from fog in the air, since it does not rain very much in the desert. Most cacti have long roots which can spread out close in the occasions when it rains.

- 14. What do cacti have instead of leaves? (1)
- 15. How are cacti shaped? (1)
- 16. Where do most cacti grow? (1)
- 17. Cacti prevent evaporation of water by..... (1)
- 18. A synonym for "require" is ..... (1)

**Answer the following questions in not more than 120 words. (7 Score each)**



19. Do you think the title 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' is appropriate to the story?

Why? Prepare a **Write up** on the aptness of the title ?

[Hints: invested money-time and efforts not for worldly gain-transformed the young man's life- becomes a great social worker- the best investment he ever made]

20. Prepare a **Review** of the story 'The Snake and the Mirror'

[Hints: reaches home at 10'o' clock-rented room-not electrified-rats sharing the room-hot summer-looks in to the mirror- takes an important decision-cobra lands on the shoulder-moves towards the mirror-escapes from the house-reaches friend's house.]

21. 'Living in harmony with nature is very essential to nourish our soul'. In the light of the reading the story 'Adventures in Banyan Tree'. Prepare a **Write up**.

[Hints: talks about nature's beauty and diversity- describes bonding between man and animals- narrates the struggle for survival-relationship between various species]

22. **Describe** the events that led to Martha's winning of Scholarship jacket

[Hints: Martha, Mexican girl of Texas school- good at her studies- dreams to achieve Scholarship Jacket-overhears the conversation between her teachers- school board charged 15 Dollars-grandfather opposes- wins scholarship Jacket]

23. Vanka longed to be with his grandfather as he was brutally tortured in Alyakhin's house.

You came to know about it from the letter written by Vanka to his grandfather. Imagine if he narrates the events to you, what would be the likely **Narrative**.

[Hints: writes the letter to the grandfather- recalls his village and grandfather- harsh treatments of his master and others- posts the letter- dreams his grandfather reading the letter]

**Answer the following questions in not more than 80 words (6 score each)**

24. Prepare a **Profile** of Satyajit Ray using the hints given below.

Birth : May 2 ,1921

Place of birth : Calcutta, Bengal



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Education	: Ballygunge Government High School, Viswa Bharathi University
Famous as	: Writer, Director, Film maker, Author, cinematographer.
Major Films	: Charulatha, Pather Panjali, Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne etc
Important works	: Our Films, Their Films, Childhood days etc
Founder	: Calcutta Film Society.
Awards	: Dadasaheb Phalke Award (1984) , Bharat Ratna (1992)
Death	: 23 April 1992

25. The Homeopath in the story had to experience a terrible encounter in his house. Prepare a **Newspaper** report on it.
26. After meeting with Mr John, A J Cronin decides to write a letter to the editor of a Newspaper to highlight the issues of maladjusted and delinquent youth. Prepare the likely **Letter**.
27. Human beings should always live in harmony with Nature. The boy in the story 'Adventures In A Banyan tree' delivers a speech in his school on environment day sharing his experiences in the Banyan tree. Prepare the **Speech**
28. Martha meets her friend, on her way back to home after over hearing the conversation between Mr Schmidt and Mr Boone. She shares her feelings. Write the likely **Conversation** between them.

**Answer the following questions in not more than 60 words (5 score each)**

29. The English club of your school has decided to conduct a seminar on the topic 'Covid-19 and It's preventive measures'. The community health director Mr Kiran has consented to inaugurate the function. Being the convenor of the English club, you are asked to prepare the notice for it. Draft the **Notice**.
30. Imagine the doctor in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror' moved to a new house and feels safe and happy. He decides to pen down the horrible experience he had. Prepare the likely **Diary**.
31. Alfred Hitchcock needed Hundred Ravens for his film 'Birds'. Prepare an **Advertisement Notice** for it.





32. The past experiences of Mr. John in the story 'The best investment I ever made' helped him to pave the way for the upliftment of the delinquent youth. Attempt a **Character sketch** of Mr. John.
33. As a student representative of a literary group, you get a chance to interview the famous Nigerian writer, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Prepare a **Questionnaire** for the interview.
34. Write a **Paragraph** on the pathetic condition of Ali on the basis of the screen play 'My sister's shoes'.
35. Imagine you are the classmate of Martha who achieved the scholarship Jacket by her outstanding performance. You are asked to congratulate her in the valedictory function. Write down the **Speech** that you would deliver.
36. Bring out the thoughts that went through the narrator A J Cronin's mind as he walked back to his home after saving the young Mr John from his suicide attempt.

**Given below are some news headlines. Read them and answer the questions that follow.**

- Covid-19 vaccine will be available from 2021 Jan onwards: AIIMS doctors.
- Two cops die in Chennai road mishap.
- Kerala schools, colleges to reopen partially from New Year.
- Kerala to reopen cinemas from tomorrow.
- Kerala now stares at drought as temperature soars.
- Petrol price burning high.

37. Which headline warns us about road safety?
38. Which headlines upsets vehicle owners?
39. Which headline makes theatre goers happy?
40. Identify a health-related headline.
41. Which headline indicates a possible natural disaster?
42. Which headline is related to the directions of the Education Department?

**38. Complete the following Conversation suitably (6 score)**

Friend: You look frightened,.....(a).....?

Doctor: Yes, I am.

Friend: .....(b).....



Doctor: A snake fell from the roof of my room and landed on my shoulder.  
 Friend: Oh.....(c).....  
 Doctor: A full blooded Cobra.  
 Friend: .....(d).....?  
 Doctor: No, it didn't do anything.  
 Friend: What? It didn't bite you.  
 Doctor: If I had moved a little,.....(e).....  
 Friend: Then you had better.....(f).....  
 Doctor: Yea, I'm thinking of finding a new house.

**39. Replace the underlined words with suitable Phrasal Verbs from the brackets given below. (5 Score)**

One Saturday, Adichie and her Mother started (a) to Fide's house. Adichie was very much eager to visit (b) family. She was startled (c) when she saw the beautifully patterned basket of dyed raffia that Fide's brother had made. Adichie couldn't understand (d) how his brother could make such a wonderful basket. The single story that she had heard about them was their poverty. She decided (e) not to believe in single stories only.

[call on, made up her mind, make out, set out, taken aback]

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

If the wire was enough thin (a), perhaps it would remain invisible to camera. But it was likely that the hairs (b) on the tigers (c) neck would be flattened by the wire, who (d) would give the hole (e) thing away.



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## S.S.L.C. EXAMINATION – 2021 – SUPPORT MATERIAL

### SET - C

Time : 2 1/2 hrs

Score: 80

Maximum

### Read the excerpt from the ‘Project Tiger’ and answer the following questions

Every animal in a Hollywood film is well-trained. It is not difficult to train a horse or a dog. But have you ever heard of trained ravens? Not just one or two, but nearly a hundred of them? Even this was made possible in Hollywood, when the creator of some of the best suspense films in the history of cinema, Alfred Hitchcock, decided to make a film called Birds. In the story, birds from all over the world start attacking humans. Hitchcock needed a variety of birds, but what was required in the largest number was ravens. Notices were placed in the press all over the United States, asking people to contact the film maker if they knew how to get hold of trained ravens.

1. What did Alfred Hitchcock make possible in Hollywood movies? (1)
2. What kind of movies is Alfred Hitchcock famous for? (1)
3. What did Alfred Hitchcock do to get a variety of trained birds? (1)
4. What happens in Alfred Hitchcock movie “The Birds”? (1)
5. Read the following sentence from the passage - (1)

*It is not difficult to train a horse or a dog.*

Begin the sentence with the underlined phrase.

### Read the poem “The Ballad of Father Gilligan” and answer the following questions.

The old priest Peter Gilligan  
Was weary day and night  
For half his flock were in their beds  
Or under the 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 day and night? (1)
7. What does the word “flock” refer to? (1)
8. Why were half of his flock in their beds or under green sods? (1)
9. Pick out the rhyming words and write down the rhyme scheme of the given stanza? (2)
10. What did the priest do at the moth hour of the eve? (1)



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11. Read the lines from the poem “Lines Written in Early Spring” and prepare an **appreciation** considering the poetic devices and crafts employed. **(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.

12. Read the following lines from the poem “The Ballad of Father Gilligan” and prepare a note of **appreciation**. You may include details such as the theme of the poem, tone of the speaker, message conveyed, images etc. **(6 score)**

‘Mavrone, 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!’

**Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.**

One great defect of our civilization is that it does not know what to do with its knowledge. Science, as we have seen, has given powers fit for the gods, yet we use them like small children. For example, we do not know how to manage our machines. Machines were made to be man’s servants, but because of his over-dependence on them, they have become his masters. The machines are very stern masters. They must be fed with coal, and given petrol to drink, and oil to wash with, and must be kept at the right temperature. And if they do not get their meals when they expect them, they refuse to work, or burst with rage and blow up, and spread ruin and destruction all round them. So we have to wait upon them attentively and do all that we can to keep them in a good temper. Already we find it difficult either to work or play without the machines, and a time may come when they will rule us altogether, just as we rule the animals.

13. What is referred to as the great defect of our civilization? **(1)**



14. What caused the machine to become man's master? (1)  
15. In what sense are machines very stern masters? (1)  
16. What can we do to keep machines in a good temper? (1)  
17. What will happen if we do not wait upon machines attentively? (1)

**Answer the following in about 120 words [7 score each]**

18. The story "The Best Investment I Ever Made" shows the danger of drug abuse. Prepare a **speech** to be presented in the school assembly on the evil effects of drugs on the young generation.
19. The shooting of the film "Goopy Gyne Baghe Byne" was a major event in the small village of Notun Gram. Prepare a **news report** of the events that happened at the shooting location.
20. Modern man spends far beyond his needs. **Narrate** the story "Never Never Nest" on the basis of this statement on your own.
21. The story "Vanka" depicts the plight of the miserable life of a nine year old boy. Prepare a **review** of the story in your own words.
22. Prepare a **write up** on the element of humour used in the story "The Snake and the Mirror".

**Answer the following questions in about 80 words [6 marks each]**

23. Prepare the **profile** of Bob Dylan using the hints given below.

Name : Robert Allen Zimmerman (Bob Dylan)  
Born : May 24, 1941, Minnesota  
Famous as : singer, song writer, artist, writer  
Notable Works : The Free Wheeling Bob Dylan, Bringing It All Back Home, Highway 61 Revisited, Blood on the Tracks, Tune out of Mind.  
Awards : Golden Globe Award, Academy Award, Grammy Award, Polar Music Prizes, Nobel Prize for Literature(2016)

24. The Grandfather in the story "Adventures in a Banyan Tree" is a keen observer and admirer of nature. Prepare the **character sketch** of the Grandfather.



25. Mr. John in the story “The Best Investment I Ever Made” is indebted to the doctor for saving his life. It was the doctor who gave the young man a second life. He decides to write a **letter** to the doctor thanking him for saving his life. Write the likely letter.

26. The children did not want their parents to know about the lost shoes. Prepare a **write up** on the pathetic condition of Ali’s family based on the screenplay “My Sister’s Shoes”.

27. Imagine that you happened to meet Mr. Satyajit Ray after shooting the scene with the tiger at Notun Gram. You talked to him about his experience in shooting that scene. Prepare the likely **conversation** between Satyajit Ray and You.

**Answer the following questions in not more than 60 words ( 5 score each)**

28. After meeting the narrator for the second time Mr. John decides to write his thoughts in his diary. What would be the possible **diary** entry.

29. Prepare five **slogans** against environmental destruction.

30. As a press reporter you got a chance to interview Ruskin Bond. Prepare **five questions** for it.

31. Prepare the **thoughts** of the homeopath when he sits in front of the mirror, coiled by the snake.

32. Imagine that Vaikom Muhammed Basheer comes to your school to inaugurate the school Nature Club. Prepare a **notice** for inviting teachers and students to the function.

33. Imagine that the homeopath in the story “The Snake and the Mirror” sends an email to the Police Inspector requesting him to take action against the robbery. Prepare the likely **email**.

34. Prepare the **character sketch** of Mr. John in the story “The Best Investment I Ever Made”.

35. Martha overhears the conversation between Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Boone and she feels really heart broken. She writes down her feelings in a diary. Prepare the likely **diary** entry.

36. The English club of your school is planning to make a short film based on the story “Vanka”. They are in search of a child artist to play the role of ‘Vanka’. Draft a **notice** inviting those who are interested to play the role.



Study the table given below and answer the questions that follow. Mobile Applications installed by the people in various Asian countries in January 2021

Application	Sri Lanka	Bangladesh	Afghanistan
Telegram	2,65,000	4,67,000	1,94,000
Tiktok	1,82,000	3,85,000	1,98,000
Signal	2,13,000	3,19,500	1,39,000
Facebook	1,21,000	2,93,000	1,24,000
Whatsapp	78,500	1,05,000	95,500

37. Which mobile application is least installed in all the three countries? (1)  
 38. In which country, more than 3 lakh people have installed 'Signal'? (1)  
 39. Which application is the most installed one in Afghanistan? (1)  
 40. Name the country where 'Telegram' comes the second. (1)  
 41. How many persons installed 'Facebook' in Bangladesh? (1)  
 42. Which application is most installed in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh? (1)

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

Homeopath : Mother, \_\_\_\_\_ (a) \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Mother : Yes, I like this new house. Why \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_ ?

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

Mother : You had met with some problem there, \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ ?

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

Mother : God! If you hadn't seen it, \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_ .

Homeopath : Oh! no mother, you speak as if \_\_\_\_\_ (e) \_\_\_\_\_ .

Mother : No, you are not a small boy, still you had better \_\_\_\_\_ (f) \_\_\_\_\_ .



**44. Read the following passage and choose the correct phrasal verb to fill in the blanks.**

**(5 score)**

Martha ran to her classroom because she wanted to \_\_\_\_ (a) \_\_\_\_ her PE uniform. On the way, she was thinking how to \_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_ with coach Thompson who was a strict disciplinarian. When she reached the classroom, she was \_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_ by the argument between Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Boone. They \_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_ with their argument for a long time. Martha wished to -----(e)----- \_from the place.

(get along, put on, went on, get away, taken aback)

**45. Edit the underlined words (5 score)**

There was the (a) pause. The three of us, the sergeant, the landlady and me, as the sole witnesses for (b) the near tragedy, had the same unspoken thought on (c) our minds. We decided from (d) give the young man an (e) fresh start.





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