

**‘UJJWALAM-2021’**  
**SSLC Self Evaluation Tool**  
**Headmasters’ Forum**  
**Tirur Educational District**  
**Sub: English**  
**UNIT – 1(Version - A)**

**TIME: 50 mts**

**MARKS: 20**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- 10 minutes is given as cool-off time.
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**1-3: Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (3)**

Though the house and grounds of our home in India were Grandfather’s domain, the magnificent old banyan tree was mine – chiefly because Grandfather, at the age of sixty-five could no longer climb it. Grandmother used to tease him about this, and would speak of a certain Countess of Desmond, an English woman who lived to the age of 117, and would have lived longer if she hadn’t fallen while climbing an apple tree.

1. Which was the domain of the Grandfather?
2. How old was the Grandfather?
3. Who would Grandmother speak of to tease Grandfather?

**4 – 5: Read the following lines from ‘ Lines written in Early Spring’ and answer the questions that follow. (2)**

*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.*

4. Pick out the rhyming words from the given lines.
5. Where was the poet sitting?
6. 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)

*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?*

**7 – 8: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. (2)**

One sunny morning, father reached home with a tiny rabbit. All the children in the family took delight in the creature. The only person who was against it was the mother.

7. What did the father bring home?
8. Who was against the creature?

9. Imagine that you narrate the story of the homeopath in your own words. How will be that **narrative?**  
 [Hints: condition of the doctor’s room - three decisions by him - coiled by snake – escape – theft](7)

You may begin like this...

On a hot summer night the homeopath had his meal at the restaurant and returned to his room.

10. Prepare the likely **diary** entry of the boy in the story ‘Adventures in a Banyan Tree’ on the day he saw the fight between the mongoose and the snake . (6)

11. Write a short Profile of Ruskin Bond, using the details given below. (5)

- Born : 19 May 1934
- Place of birth : Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh.
- Nationality : Indian
- Famous as : Novelist, short story writer and author of book for children
- Notable works : The Room on the Roof, The Angry River, Our Trees Still Grow in Dehra .
- Awards and honours : John Llewellyn Rhys Prize in 1957, Sahitya Academy Award in 1992, Padma Shri in 1999, Lifetime Achievement Award in 2017.

12 - 13: The table given below is about the details of the books Raju has read. Study it carefully and answer the questions that follow. (2)

Name of the book	Author	Publisher	Genre
Aarachaar	K. R. Meera	DC Books	Novel
Verukal	Malayattoor Ramakrishnan	DC Books	Novel
Agnisakshi	Lalithambika Antharjanam	Current Books	Novel

12. Who wrote ‘Agnisakshi’?

13. Name the novel written by Malayattoor Ramakrishnan.

14. Complete the conversation between the homeopath and his friend. (3)

Friend : You are really scared, .....(a).....?  
 Homeopath : Yes, I am.  
 Friend : .....(b).....?  
 Homeopath : No, it didn’t bite me.  
 Friend : If you want to go back to the room, ..... (c).....  
 Homeopath : Thank you. Let’s go there tomorrow morning.

15. Replace the underlined words in the following passage with suitable phrasal verbs given in brackets. (2)

The homeopath was shocked (a) when the snake fell on him. He couldn’t tolerate (b) the pain on his arm.

(put up with, gave up, taken aback)

16. There are certain errors in the passage given below. They are underlined. Edit them. (2)

In the spring, when the banyan tree were(a) full of small red figs, birds of all kinds will (b) flock into its branches.

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**1-3: Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (3)**

‘Has a snake ever coiled itself round any part of your body? A full-blooded cobra?’ All of us fell silent. The question came from the homeopath. The topic came up when we were discussing snakes. We listened attentively as the doctor continued with the tale.

It was a hot summer night about ten o’ clock. I had my meal at the restaurant and returned to my room. I heard a noise from above as I opened the door. The sound was a familiar one. One could say that rats and I shared the room. I took out my box of matches and lighted the kerosene lamp on the table.

1. What was the topic that came up for discussion between the doctor and his friends?
2. What does the expression ‘a full-blooded cobra’ suggest?
3. ‘The sound was a familiar one.’ What was the sound?

**4 – 5 : Read the following lines from ‘ Lines written in Early Spring’ and answer the questions that follow. (2)**

*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.*

4. What did the birds around the poet do?
5. Pick out a pair of rhyming words from the stanza.
6. 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)

*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*

**7 – 8: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. (2)**

After a feast, two cats see a piece of cake and start fighting for it. A monkey sees this as an opportunity for gain and offers to help them. The monkey divides the cake into two parts but shakes its head saying they are unequal. He takes a bite of one piece and then the other, but still finds them unequal. He continues doing so until there is no more cake left, leaving the poor little cats disappointed.

7. What did the two cats fight for?
8. Why were the two poor little cats left disappointed?

9. Imagine that you are the boy in the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree'. You narrate the incident of the mongoose and the cobra fight to your grandfather. How will be that **narrative**? (7)

[Hints: hot afternoon – sitting on the branch of the banyan tree – sees a cobra crawling – sees a mongoose – both start furious fight – crow and myna – crow dies – mongoose kills the cobra]

**You may begin like this....**

On a hot summer afternoon, the boy took his books and climbed up the banyan tree. He sat on one of the branches of the tree where he had built a platform for him to sit comfortably.....

10. Prepare the likely **diary** entry of the Homeopath in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror' on the day he he knew about the theft in his home. (6)

11. Write a short **Profile** of **Vaikom Muhammad Basheer** , using the details given below. (5)

Name :Vaikom Muhammad Basheer  
Born :1908, Thalayolaparambu, Kottayam  
Known as :Beypore Sultan  
Famous as :Humanist, Freedom fighter, Short story writer  
Famous works :Balyakalasakhi, Pathummayude Aadu, Mathilukal  
Award :Padma Shri in 1982  
Died :5<sup>th</sup> July 1994

12 - 13: Given below is a notice board hung in front of a bakery. Study it carefully and answer the questions that follow. (2)

CAKES	COST
Tender coconut	850
White Forest	500
Black Forest	500

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12. Which is the cake that costs the highest price?

13. Which are the cakes that have the same cost?

14. Complete the conversation between the boy and his grandfather. (3)

Boy : I have a surprise to tell you, Grandfather.

Grandfather : .....(a).....?

Boy : You are interested to hear it, .....(b).....?

Grandfather : Yes, tell me my dear boy.

Boy : If you buy me a new book to read, ..... (c).....

Homeopath : Sure, I will buy the book for you.

15. Replace the underlined words in the following passage with suitable phrasal verbs given in brackets. (2)

The mongoose and the cobra **continued** (a) with their fight. Towards the end, though the cobra became weak, it was not ready to **surrender** (b) before the mongoose. (put up with, give in, went on)

16. Edit the errors in the passage given below. (2)

In a (1) hour, one of the squirrel (2) became friend with the boy.

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**1-3 :Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (3)**

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. It seemed that the director could make Lassie do just about anything. These trained dogs were famous stars in their own rights, and the money they earned was no less than what a real film star got.

1. How does Hollywood excel others in making films?
2. How does Ray remember Rin-tin-tin ?
3. Pick out the word which is opposite in meaning to the word ‘ notorious ’.

**4-5: Read the following lines from ‘ The Ballad of Father Gilligan’ and answer the questions that follow. (2)**

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.

4. Pick out an instance of alliteration from the above lines.

5. Why was the sick man’s wife surprised to see the Father?

**6.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)**

‘ 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.

**7-8 : Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. (2)**

No one knows exactly where or when cricket began, but it is most likely that it began as a children’s game in England , and was played only by children for many centuries. The earliest written reference to the game was in 1598,where it was called ‘creeckett’.

7. Where is cricket believed to have started?

8. In which year was the earliest written reference to cricket made?

**9. Mr. John in the story “The Best Investment I ever made” writes a letter to his friend describing his meeting with the doctor after twenty five years. Write the likely letter. (7)**

**10. Satyajit Ray spoke to the manager of Bharath circus about his need for a tiger. Prepare the conversation between them. (6)**

**11.Imagine you are a news reporter. You happened to witness the shooting at Boral. Prepare the likely newspaper report. (5)**

**12-13: Given below are some newspaper headlines. Read them and answer the questions that follow. (2)**

(a)Six Die in Road Mishap

(b)Obama to Visit India

(c)Petrol Price ‘Inflammable’

12.Which headline informs you about a future event?

13.Which headline is related to a road accident?

**14.Complete the conversation between Satyajit Ray and Mr. Thorat. (3)**

Thorat : Good morning Mr. Ray

Ray : Good morning. You are Mr.

Thorat,\_\_\_(a)\_\_\_?

Thorat : Yes. \_\_\_\_\_(b)\_\_\_\_\_?

Ray : I want a tiger for the shooting of my film.

Thorat : \_\_\_\_\_(c)\_\_\_\_\_.

Ray : I need it for a couple of hours .

**15. Replace the underlined words with suitable phrasal verbs given in bracket. (2)**

Satyajit Ray and his team examined the forest area and selected a location. A group of people appeared there and started watching.

**(turned up, put on , looked over )**

**16 There are certain errors in the passage given below .They are underlined. Edit them. (2)**

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.

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**1-3 :Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.                      (3)**

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.

1. ‘I found myself liking him instinctively’. Why?
2. What did Cronin learn about the man after questioning him further?
3. Pick out the word from the passage which means ‘making people feel less angry’.

**4-5: Read the following lines from ‘ The Ballad of Father Gilligan’ and answer the questions that follow.                      (2)**

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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.

4. Pick out an instance of personification from the above lines.

5. Why did the Father ask for forgiveness?

**6.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)**

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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.’

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**7-8 : Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.                      (2)**

All food chains start with the sun. The sun feeds plants. Plants make their own food using the sun, water and soil. Animals that eat plants are called herbivores. They get their energy from the plants. Herbivores are animals like cows, grasshoppers and elephants.

7. What are herbivores?

8. Where do herbivores get energy from?

**9. Satyajit Ray decides to write a letter to the Manager of the Bharat Circus informing him about his need for a trained tiger. Write the likely letter.                      (7)**

**10. On the last day of the journey, Mr. John\_S opens up a conversation with A. J. Cronin. Prepare the likely conversation between them. (6)**

**11.The news about the noble works of Mrs. and Mr. John\_S appeared in the newspaper. Prepare the likely newspaper report.                      (5)**

**12 - 13: Study the table below and answer the questions that follow.                      (2)**

Film	Director	Year	Language
Pather Panchali	Satyajit Ray	1955	Bengali
The Birds	Alfred Hitchcock	1963	English
Children of Heaven	Majid Majidi	1999	Persian

12. Who directed the film The Birds?

13. Name the film which is released in 1955.

**14.Complete the conversation between John and A. J. Cronin.                      (3)**

John : Good morning, sir. Do you remember me?

Cronin : Sorry. \_\_\_\_\_(a)\_\_\_\_\_.

John : I am the same man whom you had saved twenty five years before.

Cronin : Oh! You are John, \_\_\_(b)\_\_\_?  
What do you do now?

John : I \_\_\_\_\_(c)\_\_\_\_\_ .

**15. Replace the underlined words with suitable phrasal verbs given in bracket.                      (2)**

Satyajit Ray needed a tiger for his film and visited (a) the Manager of the Bharat Circus. The manager couldn't reject his request.

**(turn down, called on, called at)**

**16 There are certain errors in the passage given below. They are underlined. Edit them.                      (2)**

As he spoke with real feeling, I get (a) a vivid picture at (b) the work these two people were doing.