

SSLC Examination March, 2021

Model Question Paper

English

Maximum Scores: 80
Time: 2 1/2 hours

Instructions:

- * 20 minutes is given as cool-off time
- *Use cool-off time to read the questions and plan your answers
- *Attempt the questions according to the instructions
- *Keep in mind the score and time while answering the questions
- *The maximum scores for questions from 1 to 46 will be 80

Questions 1 – 6: Read the following passage from ‘Project Tiger’ and answer the questions that follow. (1X6=6)

“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. Someone replied within a few days. He was asked to bring his birds, and he arrived with almost a hundred trained ravens. Admittedly, their training had not gone very bad. That is to say, they could not do anything that might be seen as extraordinary. But if as many as fifty ravens are told to perch quietly in a row on a specified spot, and if they obey this command instantly, isn't that pretty impressive?”

1. What is the peculiarity of animals used in Hollywood films?
2. Name the film made by Hitchcock mentioned in the passage.
3. Why did Hitchcock need a variety of birds for his film?
4. What did Hitchcock do to get ravens for his film?
5. What was ‘pretty impressive’ about the trained ravens?
6. Complete the sentence suitably.

If the ravens were trained,.....

Questions.7-11 Read the poem ‘Lines Written in Early Spring’ and answer the questions that follow. (1x5=5)

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. What does the expression 'I sate reclined' indicate about the poet's state of mind?8. Why does the poet feel sad while reclining in the grove?

9. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?
10. Pick out an instance of 'personification' from the given line
11. 'And much it grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man'.
What do these lines tell us?

12. Read the following lines from 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan' and prepare a note of appreciation focusing on the theme, speaker, poetic devices etc. (1X6=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.

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

13. Read the following lines from 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and prepare a note of appreciation focusing on the theme, speaker, poetic devices, alliteration, etc. (1X6=6)

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.

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?

Question 14 – 19: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. (1x 6 =6)

One great defect 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

14. What is the one great defect of our civilization?
15. What caused for the machine to become man's master?
16. In what sense are machines very stern masters?
17. What can we do to keep machines in a good temper?
18. What will happen if we do not wait upon machines attentively?
19. The passage talks about a time that may come. What may happen at that time?

Question 20 –24 Answer in about 120 words.(7 scores each)

20. The boy was thrilled with the fight between the cobra and the mongoose. You may also have the same feeling. Narrate the fight scene in your own words.
21. The first unit of your textbook 'Glimpses of Green' celebrates the perfect harmony and coexistence in Nature. Prepare a **Write-up** on the theme 'Nature is for all living beings'.
22. The story 'The Snake and the Mirror' is a First Person narrative. Retell the story in the Third Person narrative using the third person pronouns.
23. You have read the story of Mr John while he lived in London 'You told the story to one of your friends. Prepare the **narrative**
24. **Narrate** the story Martha's winning the award highlighting her initial struggles and final victory.

Questions 25– 29: Answer in about 80 words (6 scores each)

25. The boy was very much thrilled by his acquaintance with the squirrel. He writes a letter to his friend telling him about his new friend. Prepare the likely **letter**.
26. After having shifted to a new house, the doctor started writing in a diary about the horrible experience he had in the previous night in the old house ,Prepare his **diary entry**.
27. After escaping from the cobra, the homeopath reached his friend's house safely. He wrote a letter to his mom explaining the snake incident. Prepare the likely **letter**.
28. Imagine that the tiger brought for Ray's film shooting turned violent and a few villager got injured in the commotion. Prepare a **news report** about the incident.
29. Imagine that the Youth Welfare Club of your locality conducts a programme to honour Mr. John for his unique services in the field of charity. You are the secretary of the club and deliver a short speech in the ceremony. Prepare the likely **speech**.

Questions 30 – 38: Answer in about 60 words (5 scores each)

30. The movie club of your school conducts a film festival as part of the silver jubilee celebrations of your school. Being the secretary of the club You are asked to prepare a notice. Prepare it.
31. Prepare a short **Profile** of Bob Dylan using the hints given below.
Born: May 24, 1941
Known as : American singer, song writer, artist and writer
Notable works: Blowin' in the Wind and The Times They Are a-Changin

(Anthem for the American Civil Rights and anti-war movements)

Awards/Honours: Grammy, Academy and Golden Globe awards, as well as the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Nobel Prize for Literature.

32. The boy in the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' is very much thrilled when he got a white rat and surprised when he found three white squirrel babies. He wrote in his diary about the wonderful creatures in nature. Prepare the likely **diary entry**.

33. Prepare a **character sketch** of the homeopath in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror'.

34. Satyajith wants to get permission from the Chairman of Animal Welfare Board to use a tiger in his film shooting. He writes to the chairman seeking the permission. Prepare the **likely letter**.

35. Prepare a **character sketch** of Aunt Jane based on your reading of the one-act play 'The Never-Never Nest'

36 The timely help in the story 'The Best Investment I Ever Made gave birth to a new man in Mr. John . John was transferred and now working for the derelict youth. How do you view this statement based on your reading the story. Write it in a **paragraph**

37. You have read the story The Best Investment I Ever Made . The author and Mr John meet each other on the deck of the ship. What could be the possible **conversation** between them

38. Imagine you meet Satyajith Ray and ask him many questions to know about the shooting and the release of his film Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne. Write **six questions** you may ask him.

Question 39– 43: Given below are some news headlines. Read them and answer the questions that follow:(1x6 =6)

1. PSLV PUTS 4 SATELLITES ON ORBIT
2. INDUSTRIAL GROWTH SLOWS DOWN TO 4.1%
3. THREE PLAYERS SHARE LEAD
4. DO NOT LOSE SIGHT OF EYE COMFORT
5. NO PROBLEMS AT ALL WITH CHINA:PUTIN

QUESTIONS

- 37.The headline that tells about business is
- 38.The heading which deals with an international news is
- 39.The title which refers to health and life style is
- 40.The news title taken from Science & Technology -page is
- 41.The heading that is taken from sports page is
- 42.The headline that tells about Indian Space Mission is

Question 44: Complete the conversation suitably.(5 mark)

Boy: Good afternoon grandpa'

Grandpa: Good afternoon. Why are you so excited?(a).....?

Boy: I have something special to show you. Get ready for a surprise.Grandpa:
(b)..... .

Boy: I won't tell you. Come with me; I'll show you.

Grandpa:(c).....?

Boy: You should come with me to our banyan tree.

Grandpa: Okay! What happened there?

Boy: There in a nest, there are three little white squirrels!(d).....?

Grandpa: No, I have never seen white squirrels in my life. Have you ever seen our white rat together with any squirrels?

Boy :(e)..... .

Grandpa: Then, the white rat is the father of these white squirrels. Rats and squirrels are

related to each other and they can have offspring.

Boy: Thank you grandpa for this information. What a miraculous gift of nature! I'm much proud of my white squirrels.

Question 45: Replace the words in the following passage with suitable phrasal verbs given in brackets.(1 x 5= 5).

Ray and his team **examined(a)** the forest area and selected a location. A group of people **appeared suddenly (b)** there and started watching. Mr Thorat **stepped into van** and brought tiger out. The tiger had **worn (d)** a collar and a wire. Still it started prancing around. Thorat couldn't **tolerate (e)** its tremendous enthusiasm.

(Turn up,Look over,Put up with,Put on,Turn up,Got on)

Questions 46: There are c certain errors in the passage given below. Edit them (1 x5 = 5)

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