

SSLC EXAMINATION, MARCH 2022

ENGLISH Second Language

Time: 2.1/2 Hours

Total Score: 80

Instructions

- There is a cool-off time of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time of 2 1/2 hours.
- Read the questions before answering.
- Certain questions have choice, Follow the choice regulations
- When you select a question, all its sub questions (if any) must be answered from the same question itself.

PART I

A. Answer any four questions from 1 to 6. Each carries 1 score.

Read the following passage from the extract 'Project Tiger' and answer the following questions

(1 x 4 = 4)

Once the tiger had calmed down, we managed to take the few shots we needed. This should have been the end of the story. But, when we returned to Calcutta and looked at the scenes with the tiger, we realised that the camera had failed to work properly. The shots were too dark, so much so that the tiger was merging almost completely with the background of the trees and leaves. We had to shoot the scenes all over again. We spoke to Mr Thorat and he agreed to give it another go. We found another bamboo grove closer to Calcutta in a village called Boral. The lorry arrived once more, with Mr Thorat, the tiger, the steel wire, the special collar and the iron rod. And with the lorry came the whole village. We told the villagers that they should stand at a distance of seventy feet. No one paid any attention to what they were told. The entire crowd moved as close to the camera as they could. We could not afford to waste any more time explaining and arguing. So we got the camera ready and signalled to Mr Thorat.

He opened the door of the cage. The instant the door opened with a clang clang, our tiger emerged with a loud roar, and charged straight at the villagers gathered behind the camera. The crowd, consisting of about a hundred and fifty people, melted away as if by magic. After that great burst of energy, the tiger calmed down very quickly. Like an obedient child, it walked over to the spot we had chosen, paced about quietly as it was required to and then ambled back to its trainer.

1. Why did Ray need to reshoot the scene with the tiger?
2. Where was the second location of the shoot?
3. What did the crowd do?
4. Pick out a word from the passage which means 'to walk at a slow, relaxed speed'.
5. How did the tiger behave when the door was opened?
6. What was the 'magic' performed by the tiger?

B. Answer all questions from 7 to 10. Each carries 1 score.

Read the lines from the poem 'Poetry' and answer the following questions:

(1 x 4 = 4)

And I, infinitesimal being,
drunk with the great starry
void,
likeness, image of
mystery,
felt myself a pure part
of the abyss,
I wheeled with the stars,
my heart broke loose on the wind.

7. 'I wheeled with the stars'. What does the poet mean by this?
8. How does the poet express his delight of writing poem?
9. Pick out an instance of tactile image from the given lines.

10. How does the poet feel himself when he was inspired?

PART II

A. Answer any three questions from 11 to 15. Each carries 2 scores.

Read the lines from the poem 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan' and answer following questions.

(2 x 3 = 6)

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

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.

11. Why he roused his horse? And how did he ride?
12. When did the moths came once more and what did Gilligan do?
13. What did God do with the world and what did he whisper?
14. Pick out an expression to show exaggeration and auditory image.
15. The priest felt so sorry at the neglecter of his priestly duties. Which line expresses this idea?

B. Answer any two questions from 16 to 18. Each carries 2 scores.

Read the extract taken from the story 'The Castaway' and write the answers to any two of the questions given below.

(2 x 2 = 4)

He heard a call and went outside to see a young boy in the garden, a survivor from an upturned boat in the storm. Immediately, Kiran showed her hospitality giving him dry clothes to change and milk to drink. After he had settled down, she asked his whereabouts. His name was Nilkanta, belonged to a theatrical group. Their boat perished in the storm while they were going to stage a play in a neighbouring villa. He said he had no idea about the others.

The boy turned out to be a boon to everyone there. Kiran had a warm interest in him as he swam out from the clutches of death. Sharat and his mother were happy as Kiran would stay longer there. Nilkanta also was delighted to escape from his master and be a part of that wealthy family.

16. Whom did Sharat meet in the garden? Who was he?
17. How did Kiran showed her hospitality to the boy?
18. How did the boy reached Kiran's house?

PART III

A. Answer any three questions from 19 to 23. Each carries 4 scores.

(3 x 4 = 12)

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

Immediately I smear (a) oil all over myself and took a bath. I changed into fresh clothes. The next morning at about eight-thirty I took my friend and one or two others to my room to moves (b) my things from there. But we found we had little to carry. The room had been out cleaned (c) by some thief! But not really, the thief had leaved (d) behind one thing as a final insult!

20. Fill in the blanks with suitable words where the ‘/’ is marked

All of these stories make me who I am. But / (a) insist on only these negative stories is to flatten my experience and to overlook the many other stories / (b) formed me. The single story creates stereotypes, and the problem / (c) stereotypes is not that they are untrue, but that they / (d) incomplete. They make one story become the only story.

21. Rewrite the passage given below replacing the phrasal verbs given in bracket.

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

(make it, put on, come across, put off, put in)

22. Complete the conversation suitably.

John : You remember me, ____ a ____ ?
Doctor : No, I do not recollect you.
John : _____ b _____ ?
Doctor : Yes, I was working as a junior doctor in London.
John : If you had not saved me, ____ c ____ .
Doctor : You lived in an old house in London.
John : Do you remember me now?
Doctor : Yes, _____ d _____ .

23. Examine the following word pyramid.

Jacket
A jacket
A golden jacket
A beautiful golden jacket
A beautiful golden jacket which had a golden 'S' on the left front side

Construct a similar word pyramid with the word 'breeze'.

B. Answer any one question from 24 to 25. Each carries 4 scores.

(1 x 4 = 4)

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

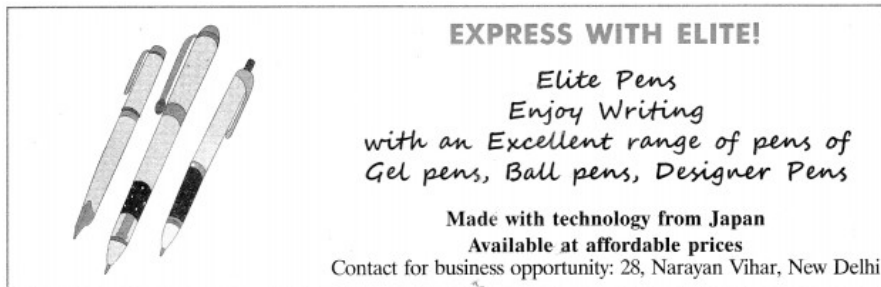
Trees are Nature's wonders and a great gift to mankind as well as to all those who depend on them. While some dependants stay on the trees, others come to them to rest or to feed. Still others use them to raise their offspring. Humans have used almost any and every tree to their benefit.

It is very sad that the same humans are destroying trees all over the world in the name of 'development'. This can be to create factories, new townships, wider roads, railways, entertainment centres and so on. They do not realise that they are making a big mistake. More trees would mean better rains,

cooler climates, and decreased use of air-conditioners and refrigerators. This would lead to the reversal of global warming. What a wonderful thing to happen!

- a) Why are trees considered as 'Nature's wonders'? 1
- b) How does 'development' affect trees? 1
- c) What do 'more trees' bring to us? 1
- d) What a wonderful thing to happen!' What is the wonderful thing referred to here? 1

25. Study the following advertisement and answer the following questions.



EXPRESS WITH ELITE!

*Elite Pens
Enjoy Writing
with an Excellent range of pens of
Gel pens, Ball pens, Designer Pens*

Made with technology from Japan
Available at affordable prices
Contact for business opportunity: 28, Narayan Vihar, New Delhi

- a) Which are different types of pen offered by the company?
- b) Pick out the 'caption' for the product.
- c) Which country supports this product's technology?
- d) Whom should you contact for business opportunity of this product?

PART IV

A. Answer any three questions from 26 to 29. Each carries 6 scores.

(3 x 6 = 18)

26. Martha was so disappointed at the decision of the School Board for changing the policy regarding the Scholarship Jacket. Imagine that she writes a letter to her sister Rosie expressing her disappointment. Write the likely **letter**.

27. Adichie's visit to Fide's family was a great learning experience for her. After reaching back home, she jots down her feelings in the diary. Write the likely **diary entry**.

28. The young man opened the gas in an attempt to commit suicide. Unfortunately this leakage of gas resulted in an out break of fire and spread to the neighbouring apartments. Prepare a **news report** of the fore out break.

29. Imagine that you are a News Reporter. You were present at the awarding ceremony at the Texas school. Prepare **6 questions to conduct an interview** with Martha for making a report of the function.

B. Answer any two question from 30 to 32. Each carries 6 scores.

(2 x 6 = 12)

30. Imagine that Ali happened to see the junk collector the next day. They had a conversation about the shoes. Write the likely **conversation** between Ali and the Junk Collector in at least **six exchanges**.

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' the Wind and The Times They Are a Changing (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 English club of your school has decided to a Seminar against Child Labour. Your local MP have consented to inaugurate the function. Prepare a **notice** to be circulated among the students and parents.

PART V

A. Answer any two questions from 33 to 35. Each carries 8 scores.

(2 x 8 = 16)

- 33.** The Youth Welfare Organization has decided to honour Mr John for his valuable contributions in the field of social work. You are delivering a felicitation speech attending the function. Prepare the likely **speech**.
- 34.** The story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' portrays the happy childhood of the writer blended with enchanting nature. Can the future generation enjoy such a beautiful life?. Prepare **review** of this in the light of this story.
- 35.** Imagine that you are a friend of the Homeopath in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror'. **Narrate** the events of the Homeopaths encounter with the snake in your own words.