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ABOUT THIS MATERIAL



Dear teachers and students,

DIET Palakkad is delighted to present this support material in ENGLISH for students appearing for SSLC Examination March 2022. This has been conceived and developed by a team of aspiring high school English teachers of Palakkad district. It is based on the question pattern published by SCERT Kerala.

This material includes three sets of question papers in English covering not only the focus area but other units also prescribed by SCERT Kerala. Each set comprises the questions for 80 marks. The students are expected to attempt the paper within the stipulated time. One set of question may be done at the school itself and the remaining two at their home. A discussion and the feedback on the performance of students, their hard spots and its remedial measures are mandatory.

Let this material be helpful for all learners in achieving good grades in the SSLC public examination March 2022.



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പ്രിയ അധ്യാപകരെ,

2021- 22 അധ്യയനവർഷത്തിൽ ഓൺലൈൻ / ഓഫ്ലൈൻ രീതിയിലുള്ള പഠനപ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളാണല്ലോ നടന്നു കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നത്. അതുകൊണ്ടുതന്നെ 2022 മാർച്ചിൽ എസ്.എസ്.എൽ.സി പരീക്ഷ എഴുതുന്ന എല്ലാ കുട്ടികൾക്കും കൂടുതൽ പിന്തുണ അനിവാര്യമാണ്.

2020 ഓഗസ്റ്റ് മുതൽ പാലക്കാട് ഡയറിന്റേ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ ആരംഭിച്ച INTER BELL 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 അനുഭവപ്പെടാനുള്ള ഇംഗ്ലീഷിലെ, SCERT നിർദ്ദേശിച്ച ചോദ്യ മാതൃകകളുടെ ഒരു ശേഖരമാണ് ഇത്.

ചോദ്യങ്ങളിലൂടെ കുട്ടികളെ ഫലപ്രദമായി കടത്തിവിടാനും പ്രയാസ മേഖലകൾ കണ്ടെത്തി പരിഹാര ബോധനം നടത്താനും അധ്യാപകർ മുൻകയ്യെടുക്കേണ്ടതുണ്ട്. മികച്ച വിജയം കൈവരിക്കാൻ ഈ പഠന വിഭവം ഏവർക്കും സഹായകരമാകട്ടെ എന്ന് ആത്മാർഥമായി ആശംസിക്കുന്നു.

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SET 1

Time : 2 ½ hrs

Maximum Score: 80

PART 1

SECTION A

Read the following passage from ‘Adventures in a Banyan Tree’ and answer the questions that follow: (Answer any four) (4*1= 4)

When I had also made a cautious descent from the tree and returned to the house, I told Grandfather of the fight I had seen. He was pleased that the mongoose had won. He had encouraged it to live in the garden, to keep away the snakes, and fed it regularly with scraps from the kitchen. He had never tried taming it, because wild mongoose was more useful than a domesticated one. From the banyan tree I often saw the mongoose patrolling the four corners of the garden, and once I saw him with an egg in his mouth and knew he had been in the poultry house; but he hadn't harmed the birds, and I knew Grandmother would forgive him for stealing as long as he kept the snakes away from the house.

1. Why was the Grandfather pleased?
2. Why did the Grandfather encourage the mongoose to live in the garden?
3. Why did the Grandfather never try to tame the mongoose?
4. What did the narrator often see when he was sitting on the banyan tree?
5. Was the Grandmother angry with the mongoose for stealing an egg from her poultry?
6. Find out a word from the passage which means ‘tamed’

SECTION B

Read the lines from the poem ‘Blowin' in the Wind’ and answer the questions. (4*1= 4)

Yes, and how many times must a man look up

Before he can see the sky?

Yes, and how many ears must one man have

Before he can hear people cry?



Yes, and how many deaths will it take till he knows

That too many people have died?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind

The answer is blowin' in the wind.

7. Pick out the lines which suggest that people pretend to be deaf?
8. Who could be the people referred to in the stanza?
9. Pick out an instance of alliteration from the given stanza?
10. Find out the lines that highlight sacrifice of people for the cause of freedom and human rights?

PART 2

SECTION A

Read the following stanzas from the poem 'Lines written in early spring' and answer any three questions. (3 * 2 = 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.

11. Which flowers are mentioned in these lines? What is the faith of the poet about the flowers?
12. 'Their thoughts I cannot measure'-Whose thoughts are mentioned here? What were 'they' doing?
13. Which figure of speech is used in the line 'The periwinkle trailed its wreaths'? Pick out two pairs of rhyming words.
14. What seemed a thrill of pleasure to the poet? Which word means - 'a pleasant shady place'?
15. Pick out an instance of alliteration from the given lines. Mention any two visual images used in this extract.



Read the following passage from “The Castaway” and answer any two questions given below. (2 * 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. Who was the survivor from an upturned boat? How did Kiran show her hospitality?
17. What do you know about Nilkanta?
18. How did the boy turn out to be a boon to everyone?

Part 3

Section A

From questions 19-23, answer any *three*.

(3*4=12)

19. Fill in the blanks using the phrasal verbs given in brackets

The homeopath ____ to look handsome. He ____ another idea that his wife had to be rich and fat. Suddenly an unwelcome guest entered the room. It was a snake. The doctor was _____ when it coiled around his arm. The snake suddenly saw it's reflection in the mirror and got fascinated. It slowly uncoiled itself and moved on to the table. The doctor _____ his shirt and ran to his friend's house.

(taken aback, made up his mind, put on, put forward)

20. Complete the following conversation between Martha and Schmidt.

Schmidt: You are getting the scholarship jacket this year, _____?

Martha: Yes sir, I'm very happy to get it.

Schmidt: _____?

Martha: Yes. The school board has changed the decision.

Schmidt: That's good. If you had paid for the jacket, _____.

Martha: My grandfather also said so.

Schmidt: _____?

Martha: Yes, I have informed this news to my grandpa. He was very happy to learn that.



21. Pick out the NOUN PHRASE in the subject position from the following.

- The owners of the dogs made a lot of money from just one film.
- A long bar of silence throbbed in the little attic when he concluded this halting confession.
- Vanka knelt on the floor at the bench.
- They had been making a tour of the New England states.

22. There are a few errors in the passage given below. Edit them.

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is a storyteller which has carved a niche for herself in the literary world. In her speech, she clear dwells upon the dangers of a single story. Citing her own personal experiences, she states that single stories were not untrue, but incomplete. Single stories makes one story become the only story.

23. Complete the passage choosing the right words from the ones given in brackets

Satyajit Ray wanted to shoot a scene with a tiger for his film. He decided ____ approach Bharat Circus Company to get a tiger. He took ____ appointment to meet _____ the manager. The manager greeted Ray warmly and sent him _____ Mr. Thorat, the ring master.

(the, for, an, a, to)

Section B

From questions 24-25, answer any *one*

(1*4=4)

24 Read the following story and answer the questions given below.

Emperor Akbar was in the habit of putting riddles and puzzles to his courtiers. He often asked questions which were strange and witty. It took much wisdom to answer these questions. Once he asked a very strange question. The courtiers were dumbfounded by his question. Akbar glanced at his courtiers. As he looked, one by one the heads began to hang low in search of an answer. It was at this moment that Birbal entered the court. Birbal who knew the nature of the emperor quickly grasped the situation and asked, "May I know the question so that I can try for an answer." Akbar asked, "How many crows are here in this city?" Without even a moment's thought, Birbal replied, "There are fifty thousand five hundred and eighty nine crows, my lord." "How can you be so sure?" asked Akbar. Birbal said, "Make your men count, My Lord. If you find more crows it means some have come to visit their relatives here. If you find less it means some have gone to visit their relatives elsewhere." Akbar was pleased very much by Birbal's wit.

- What sort of questions did Akbar put to his courtiers?
- What was the strange question raised by Akbar?



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- c) Why did the courtiers hang their heads low?
- d) How did Akbar respond to Birbal's answer?

25. Given below is the notice for a seminar. Study the details and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score.

Govt. Model HSS, PALAKKAD

SEMINAR ON "RIGHT TO EDUCATION"

Dear friends,

The social science club of our school has decided to conduct a seminar on the topic "Right to Education and the Present Day Realities". Dr. Anitha, a famous social activist and writer has consented to inaugurate the function. Dr. Anil (writer), Smt Mumthas (teacher), Dr. Vijay (psychologist) and Smt. Riya Mathew (journalist) will present papers in the seminar.

Date: 10-02-2022

Secretary

Time: 10.00am

social science club

Venue : School Auditorium

ALL ARE WELCOME

- a) Who is organising the seminar?
- b) Name the theme of the seminar?
- c) Who will inaugurate the programme?
- d) When does the programme take place?
- e) How many papers will be presented in the seminar?

PART 4

SECTION A

From questions 26-29, answer any *three*

(3*6= 18)

- 26. One of the bird trainers happened to see the advertisement given by Hitchcock. He responded through a letter that he had enough trained ravens with him. He was also interested in acting in the film. What would he write? Draft the **letter**.
- 27. The doctor in the story "The Snake and the Mirror" was very much frightened after his encounter with the snake. He writes his feelings in his diary. What would be the likely **diary entry**?



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28. Read the following lines from the poem 'Lines written in Early Spring'. Write the **appreciation** of these lines.

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.

29. The boy in the story "Adventures in the Banyan Tree" is a great lover of nature. Prepare a character sketch of the boy.

SECTION B

From questions 30-32, answer any *two*.

(2*6=12)

30. Prepare a **short profile** of **Rabindranath Tagore** using the hints given below :-

Birth	1861 May 7
Place of Birth	Kolkatta
Spouse	Mrinalini Devi
Occupation	writer, painter, philosopher
Famous Works	Gitanjali, The Golden Boat, Cabuliwalah, The Post Office
Notable Awards	Nobel Prize for Literature
Death	7 August 1941

31. Ali lost his sister's shoes in the vegetable shop. The junk collector took the packet by mistake. The next day Ali went to meet the junk collector and asked about the packet of shoes. Construct the likely **conversation between Ali and the junk collector**

32. The English Club of your school is planning to stage a play based on the lesson "The Never- Never Nest" written by Cedric Mount. As you are the convener of the club, draft a **notice** giving all relevant details such as date, venue etc :-



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PART 5

Section A

From questions 33-35, answer any *two* of the following in about 120 words.

(2*8=16)

33. The story “Adventures in a Banyan Tree” describes human’s close knit relationship with nature. Based on the story prepare a **write-up** on the topic “Life in harmony with Nature”.
34. Imagine you are organizing a programme titled "Importance of Healthy Youngsters" in your school and you have decided to invite Mr. John to deliver a speech on the day. Based on your reading "The Best Investment I Ever Made", prepare the likely **speech** of Mr. John.
35. As part of anti-drug campaign, the English Club of your school has conducted an awareness programme on drug abuse. Prepare the likely **newspaper report**.



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SET 2

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Time : 2 ½ hrs

Maximum Score: 80

PART 1

SECTION A

Read the following excerpt from the story ‘The Best Investment I Ever Made’ and answer the questions that follow: (Answer any four) (4*1= 4)

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. As he spoke with real feeling, I got a vivid picture of the work these two people were doing. I learned how they took derelict adolescents from the juvenile courts and, placing them in a healthy environment, healed them in mind and body and sent them back into the world. They were given training in a useful handicraft which made them fit to take their place as worthy members of the community. It was a work of redemption that stirred the heart, and I asked what had directed his life into this channel.

1. "I found myself liking him instinctively." Why?
2. What was the profession of Mr. John S ?
3. What was the work of redemption that Mr. John do?
4. Pick out one word from the passage for " to make a person very interested to know about something"
5. What did the author learn about Mr. John and his wife, questioning him further?
6. What was Mr.John's charitable organisation devoted to?

SECTION B

Read the lines from the poem ‘Poetry’ and answer the following questions. (4*1= 4)

And I, infinitesimal being,
drunk with the great starry
void,
likeness, image of
mystery,



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felt myself a pure part
of the abyss,
I wheeled with the stars,
my heart broke lose on the wind.

7. What does the poet realise about himself?
8. How does the poet feel?
9. "I wheeled with the stars" What does the poet mean by this?
10. How does the poet express the delight of writing poetry?

PART2

SECTION A

Read the following stanzas from the poem 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan' and answer any three questions. (3*2 = 6)

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.

11. Why was Father Gilligan weary? Mention any two visual images employed here.
12. What had happened to his 'flock'? What does the word 'Flock' refer to here?
13. When did father Gilligan nod on a chair? Pick out an instance of Alliteration from this extract.
14. Why did another man send for Father Gilligan?
15. Pick out the rhyming words from the given stanzas and identify the rhyme scheme.

SECTION B.

Read the following passage from "Vanka" and answer any two questions given below. (2 * 2 = 4)

Vanka raised his eyes to the dark window -pane, in which the reflection of the candle flickered. In his imagination he distinctly saw his grand dad, Konstantin Makarich. He was a night watchman on the estate of some gentle folk called Zhivarev. He was small, lean, old, man about



sixty-five, but remarkably lively and agile with a smiling face and eyes bleary with drink. In the daytime he either slept at the kitchen or sat joking with the cook and kitchen-maids. In the night he wrapped himself in a great sheepskin coat, walked round and round the estate, sounding his rattle. Two dogs, Eel and Kashtanka would follow him with drooping heads. Eel was named on account of his black coat and long weasel-like body. He was wonderfully respectful and insinuating. He had the same appealing glance on friends and strangers alike, but he inspired confidence in no one. His deferential manner and docility were pretexts for his cunningness and hostility. He was adept at stealing up to snap at a foot, creeping into the ice-house, or snatching a peasant's chicken. His hind legs had been slashed again and again twice he had been strung up, he was beaten with an inch of his life every week, but he survived it all.

16. Give a short description of Konstantin Makarich
17. What were the specialities of the dog Eel?
18. "Window pane" and grandfather are examples of compound words. Find out two other compound words in the passage

PART 3

SECTION A

From questions 19-23, answer any *three*.

(3*4=12)

19. Complete the conversation between Mr. John and Dr. A. J Cronin suitably

John: Would you mind _____?

Cronin: No problem. I will spare a few minutes for you.

John: Sir, do you recognize me?

Cronin: I am afraid _____.

John: I am John and I work in the field of youth welfare.

Cronin: It's great. _____?

John: I am going to New York to inspect summer recreational camps.

Cronin: What directed to this field?

John: You still don't remember me, _____?

Cronin: I haven't seen you in my life.

20. Complete the passage choosing appropriate Phrasal Verbs from the ones given in brackets:

The principal _____ justifying the change in policy in awarding the scholarship jacket. But Martha was able to _____ what their plan was. But she was not ready to _____ the partiality shown by the board. She knew that their demand for money would be _____ by her grandfather.

(make out, turn down, put up with, went on)

**21. Edit the following passage.**

It was **at** April. The warm breeze of the approaching summer **have** sent everyone indoors including grandfather. Suddenly I saw a snake **out coming of** a group of cactus and **slow** moving to the cooler part of the garden.

22. Supply the missing words in the passage given below.

It was a hot summer night ___ ten o'clock. I had my meal ____ the restaurant and returned _____ my room. I heard a noise from _____ as I opened the door.

(to, above, that, about, at)

23. Read the word pyramid given

Shoes

The shoes

The pink shoes

The pink shoes of Zahra

The pink shoes of Zahra which were lost

Now develop a **word pyramid** using the word 'Nan'

SECTION B

From questions 24-25, answer any *one*

(1*4=4)

24. Read the following passage and answer the questions given.

When I was around four or five I was with my mom at a store buying some Christmas gifts. As we were leaving I saw beautiful little dinosaurs that fit perfectly in my hands. I grabbed two of them and hid one in each of my pockets. My pockets were so small that they made me look like I had two tumours on each of my hips. I still remember the rush of energy I got from actually leaving the store undetected. Well, when my mom and I got to the car, she found them and called the storekeeper back and made me apologise. I had the absolute worst social anxiety when I was a kid so I was absolutely sobbing, telling this poor employee how horrible a person I was. I had a mental breakdown, when my mom cried a while afterwards and bought me a nice milkshake!

- Why did the narrator and his mother visit the store?
- What did the narrator do when he was leaving the store?
- What was the reaction of the mother when she found out the mistake made by her son?
- Why did the narrator have a mental breakdown?



25. Read the following headlines and answer the questions that follow.

- 40 kg plastic found in dead whale's body
 - Car makers announce price hike
 - Government provides home-based dialysis service to patients
 - Rain brings down water turn out in by-election
 - Online portal introduced for school kalolsavam
 - India's first private train "Tejas Express"- passengers get delay compensation
- a) Which headline is related to election?
b) What will cheer the regular train commuters?
c) How does the government help the kidney patients?
d) Which headline rings an alarm bell for environmentalists?
e) The headline that is related to automobile industry is _____

PART 4

SECTION A

From questions 26-29, answer any *three*

(3*6= 18)

26. The grandfather was very angry to hear about the change in policy regarding the scholarship jacket. He wrote a letter of complaint to the Principal of Texas school. Prepare the **letter**.
27. The boy saw a mongoose and a cobra fight to death in the garden, while he sat directly above them in the banyan tree. It was a thrilling experience that lasted for the whole summer. If he scribbled down this unforgettable sight in his **diary**, how would it be?
28. Write the **appreciation** of the given lines from the poem 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan'.

Once, while he nodded on a chair,

At the moth-hour of 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!'



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29. You are the staff reporter of a leading Newspaper. You are asked to interview Mr. John S, who won the Youth Icon Award. Prepare a **questionnaire for the interview** (minimum 6 questions)

SECTION B

From questions 30-32, answer any *two*.

(2*6=12)

30. Prepare a **short profile** of **Majid Majidi** using the hints given below :-

Born	:	April 7, 1959
Education	:	Institute of Dramatic Arts, Tehran
Known as	:	Film director, Producer, Script-writer
Famous Films	:	Children of Heaven (1997), The Color of Paradise (1999), Barren (2001), The Willow Tree (2005)
Awards	:	Grand Prix Award
Nomination	:	Children of Heaven, for the Academy Award for the best foreign language film.

31. You are moved by the plight of Vanka. Being the Secretary of the English Club, you are going to conduct an awareness programme against 'Child Labour'. Prepare a **Notice** for that.
32. Aunt Jane is a very practical woman who gets shocked by seeing the luxurious life led by her niece, Jack and his wife. After her visit to their new villa, she decides to pay off their car loan. Aunt Jane meets the car owner and talks with him. Construct the possible **conversation** between Aunt Jane and the car owner. (Minimum six exchanges)

PART 5

Section A

From questions 33-35, answer any *two* of the following in about 120 words.

(2*8=16)

33. After the shooting experiences at Notun Gram, Sathyajit Ray delivers a speech about the hardships of film making. Prepare the likely **speech** of Sathyajit Ray.
34. Mr. John's commendable service in the field of youth welfare was widely reported in the newspapers. Prepare the likely **newspaper report**.
35. Imagine that you are a friend of Martha and you know everything that happened in her life in connection with issue of the Scholarship Jacket. If you narrate the story how would you do it? Write the likely **narrative**.



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Time : 2 ½ hrs

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PART 1

SECTION A

Read the following paragraphs from the story ‘The Scholarship Jacket’ and answer the following questions: (Answer any four) (4*1= 4)

I was almost back at my classroom door when I heard voices raised in anger as if in some sort of argument. I stopped. I didn't mean to eavesdrop, I just hesitated, not knowing what to do. I needed those shorts and I was going to be late, but I didn't want to interrupt an argument between my teachers. I recognised the voices: Mr. Schmidt, my History teacher and Mr. Boone, my Math teacher. They seemed to be arguing about me. I couldn't believe it. I still remember the feeling of shock that rooted me flat against the wall as if I were trying to blend in with the graffiti written there.

‘I refuse to do it! I don't care who her father is, her grades don't even begin to compare to Martha's. I won't lie or falsify records. Martha has a straight A-plus average and you know it.’ That was Mr. Schmidt and he sounded very angry. Mr. Boone's voice sounded calm and quiet.

1. Whose voice did Martha recognize?
2. What were Martha's teachers arguing about?
3. Who favoured Martha?
4. Why was Martha rooted against the wall?
5. How was Mr Boon's voice sounded?
6. Pick out an expression that suggests ‘to listen secretly to a private conversation’?

SECTION B

Read the following lines from the poem “Poetry” and answer the questions. (1*4=4)

And it was at that age... Poetry arrived
In search of me. I don't know, I don't know where
It came from, from winter or river.
I don't know how or when,



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No they were not voices, they were not
Words, nor silence,
But from a street I was summoned,
from the branches of night,
abruptly from others,
among violent fires
or returning alone,
there I was without a face
and it touched me.

7. Pick out an expression to suggest that nature was his inspiration to write poem?
8. "Poetry arrived in search of me". Which figure of speech is used here?
9. Pick out an instance of visual image from the given stanza.
10. What was the poet's condition before poetry arrived?

PART 2

SECTION A

Read the following lines from the poem 'Mother to Son' and answer any three questions

(3 * 2 = 6)

Well, son, I'll tell you:
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.
It's had tacks in it,
And splinters,
And boards torn up.
And places with no carpet on the floor—
Bare.
But all the time
I've been still climbing on'
And reaching landing's



And turnin' corners,
And sometimes goin' in the dark
Where there ain't been no light.
So, boy, don't you turn back.
Don't you set down on the steps
'Cause you find it's kinder hard
Don't you fall now—
For I'se still goin', honey,
I'se still climbin',
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

11. Who is the speaker in the poem? To whom is the poem addressed?
12. What does the expression “no crystal stair mean? Identify the poetic device used in this line
13. What do you understand about the character of the mother from the given lines?
14. Which lines show that the mother had to face difficult situations in life?
15. What is the mother's advice to the son?

SECTION B

Read the following extract from the lesson 'Never Never Nest' and answer any two of the questions given below: (2 * 2 = 4)

Jack: Rent? Oh, no, we don't pay rent.

Aunt Jane: But Jack, if you don't pay rent, you'll get turned out – into the street. And that would never do. You've Jill and the baby to think of now, you know.

Jack: No, no, Aunt Jane. You misunderstood me. We don't pay rent because the house is ours.

Aunt Jane: YOURS?

Jill: Why yes; you just pay ten pounds and it's yours.

Jack: You see aunt Jane, we realized how uneconomic it is to go on paying rent year after year, when you can buy and enjoy a home of your own for ten pounds – and a few quarterly payments, of course. Why be Mr. Tenant when you can be Mr. Owner?



Aunt Jane: I see. Yes, there's something in that. Even so, you must be getting on very well to keep up a place like this.

Jill: Oh, he is Aunt Jane. Why, only last year he had a five-shilling rise – didn't you, Jack?

Jack (modestly): Of course, that was nothing, really. I'm expecting ten this Christmas.

Aunt Jane (Suddenly): Jack! I've just thought of something. That car – is it yours?

Jill: Of course, it's ours.

Aunt Jane: All you?

Jack: Well, no. Not exactly all.

Aunt How much of it?

Jill: Oh, I should say the steering wheel – and one of the tyres – and about two of the cylinders. But don't you see, that's the wonderful thing about it.

16. According to Aunt Jane, what would be the consequence of not paying rent? Why didn't Jack pay rent for his house?
17. What arguments did Jack give in support of purchasing a house on instalment basis?
18. What was Aunt Jane's next worry about? According to Jill how much of the car belonged to them?

Part 3

Section A

From questions 19-23, answer any *three*.

(3*4=12)

19. Complete the following conversation between the doctor and his friend

Friend: You look frightened, _____?

Doctor: Yes, I am.

Friend: _____?

Doctor: A snake fell from the roof of my room and landed on my shoulder.

Friend: oh! _____?

Doctor: No, it didn't do anything.

Friend: What? It didn't bite you.

Doctor: If I had moved a little, _____.



20. Complete the following passage choosing appropriate phrasal verbs from the ones given below.

Mr. John _____ Mr Cronin on board the ship after 25 years. Cronin could not _____ who the man was. By then Mr. John had _____ all bad habits. He and his wife _____ delinquent youths and conducted camps for them.

(give up, come across, look after, make out, put off)

21. Edit the errors in the following passage.

I could feel my heart pounding **loud** in my chest. Something bitter and vile tasting **were coming up** in my mouth; I was afraid I **am going** to be sick. I **don't need** any sympathy speeches.

22. Supply the missing words in the passage given below.

Now things changed when I discovered African books. There weren't many _____ them available, and they weren't quite as easy to find as the foreign books. But _____ I read Chinua Achebe and Camara Laye, I realised _____ people like me, girls with skin the colour of chocolate, _____ kinky hair could not form pony tails, could also exist in literature.

(that, of, whose, when)

23. Report the following conversation.

Adichie: Who made this basket?

Fide's mother: His brother has made it.

- a) Adichie asked Fide's mother_____.
- b) Fide's mother replied_____.

Friend: Did you see the snake the next day?

Doctor: I have never seen it till today.

- c) What did the friend ask?
- d) What did the doctor reply?



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Section B

From questions 24-25, answer any *one*

(1*4=4)

24. **Read the following story and answer the questions given below.**

Each individual creature on this beautiful planet is created by God to fulfil a particular role. Whatever I have achieved in life is through His help, and an expression of His will. He showered His grace on me through some outstanding teachers and colleagues, and when I pay my tributes to these fine persons, I am merely praising His glory. All these rockets and missiles are His work through a small person called Kalam, in order to tell the several million mass of Indian, to never feel small or helpless. We are all born with divine fire in us. Our efforts should be to give wings to this fire and fill the world with the glow of its goodness.

- Who created each individual creature and why?
- What does God want to tell the several million mass of India through Kalam?
- According to this passage with what are we all born?
- What should be our efforts to bring goodness?

25. Details of a few films are given below. Read them carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Ottal (colour)

Director : Jayaraj
Country : India
Time : 81 Minutes
Release : November 6, 2015

The Kid (Black and White)

Director : Charlie Chaplin
Country : US
Time : 68 Minutes
Release : January 21, 1921

Children of Heaven (colour)

Director : Majid Majidi
Country : Iran
Time : 89 Minutes
Release : February 1997

Throne of Blood (Black and White)

Director : Akira Kurosowa
Country : Japan
Time : 110 Minutes
Release : January 15, 1957



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- a) Which is the longest film among those given above?
- b) Who directed the film Children of Heaven?
- c) Which are the black and white movies in the list?
- d) Which one of the above is an Indian film?

PART 4

SECTION A

From questions 26-29, answer any *three*

(3*6= 18)

26. A man in the nearby shop informed Ali that the junk collector who is living in the nearby village has taken away his sister's shoes. Ali decides to write a letter to junk collector. What would he write? Draft the **letter**.
27. The principal felt very much worried after meeting Martha and asking her to pay for scholarship jacket. He expressed his feeling and decisions in his **diary**. What would be the likely entry?
28. A few lines from the poem 'Mother to Son' are given below. Write the **appreciation** of these lines.

But all the time
I've been a-climbin' on,
And reachin' landin's,
And turnin' corners,
And sometimes goin' in the dark
Where there ain't been no light.
So boy, don't you turn back.
Don't you set down on the steps
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.
Don't you fall now—

29. As the student representative of a literary group, you get a chance to interview the famous Nigerian writer Adichie. Prepare a **questionnaire for the interview** (minimum 6 questions)



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SECTION B

From questions 30-32, answer any *two*.

(2*6=12)

30. Prepare a **short profile** of **Pablo Neruda** using the hints given below :-

Birth	:	1904
Nationality	:	Chilean
Career	:	Poet, Diplomat and Politician
Honors and Awards	:	Nobel Prize for Literature
Specialty	:	Wrote in green ink- personal symbol of desire and hope
Death	:	1973

31. 'ASPIRE' -The English club of your school has decided to screen the movie "Children of Heaven" as part of Childrens' day celebration. Being the club in charge, draft a detailed programme **notice** specifying all the details such as date, venue, time etc.

32. Vanka posted the letter to his grandfather. As he was returning home, you met him on the way. Prepare the likely **conversation** between you and Vanka.

PART 5

Section A

From questions 33-35, answer any *two* of the following in about 120 words.

(2*8=16)

33. A single story creates stereotypes and leads to unfair judgement. Prepare your own speech based on the given statement on the light of your reading "The Danger of a Single Story".

34. Martha is awarded the Scholarship Jacket. Prepare a **news report** of the award ceremony.

35. The Doctor in the story 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' reaches his house and he explains the unexpected things that happened in the ship to his wife. Prepare the likely **narrative** of the Doctor.



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