



DIET MALAPPURAM & VIJAYABHERI MALAPPURAM
SSLC MODEL EXAMINATION , MARCH 2022



SET-2

ENGLISH
Second Language

Time: 2 1/2 hours

Total Score : 80

Instructions:

- 20 minutes is given as cool off time.
- Use cool off time to read questions and plan your answers.
- Attempt the questions according to the instructions.
- Keep the scores and the time in the mind while answering the questions.
- Maximum scores will be 80.

PART I

A. Questions 1 – 6 Read the passage and answer ANY FOUR questions that follow: (4 x 1 = 4)

Here, in Disney Studio, I noticed that a few actors were moving about in the set, and on one side, standing quietly, was the protagonist – the same large dog. The cameraman shouted to everyone to take their positions but the dog remained where it was. This puzzled me. Could it be that it was not required in the next shot?

Before I could ask someone, a strange thing happened. From nowhere appeared a little dwarf, followed by another man carrying a hairy dog-skin. Then, to my perfect amazement, the dwarf went down on all the fours on a chalk mark on the floor, just like an animal, aped over him. Then he crawled and the dog-skin was draped over him. Then he crawled from one mark to another, and the cameraman got busy with the lights. It finally dawned upon me that this dwarf was paid to be the dog's stand-in!

1. Who is 'I' referred to in the passage?
2. Who was the protagonist of the film mentioned in the passage?
3. Where did the shooting take place?
4. Pick out a word from the passage that means 'the leading character in a movie or novel etc.'
5. What did the cameraman shout?
6. What was the strange thing that occurred at the shooting place?

B. Questions 7 - 10 Read the following lines from 'Blowin' in the Wind' and answer ALL the questions given below: (4 x 1 = 4)

How many roads must a man walk down
Before you call him a man?
How many seas must a white dove sail
Before she sleeps in the sand?
Yes, and how many times must the cannon balls fly
Before they're forever banned?
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind.

7. When do you call a man, 'a man'?
8. 'How many seas must a white dove sail
Before she sleeps in the sand?' What do these lines imply?
9. Pick out a phrase that indicates war.
10. Where can one find the answer to the questions?

PART II

A. QUESTIONS 11 – 15 Read the following lines taken from the poem ‘Mother to Son’ written by Langston Hughes and answer ANY THREE of the questions that follow: (3 x 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 a-climbin' on,
And reachin' landin's,
And turnin' corners,
And sometimes goin' in the dark
Where there ain't been no light.

11. What does the mother try to tell her son? What impression do you get about her from the lines?
12. Life is not easy for the mother. How does she describe the difficulties of life?
13. Identify two instances of visual images from the lines above.
14. What do the expressions **reachin' landin's** and **turnin' corners** convey?
15. 'Crystal Stair' is an Extended Metaphor. Why is it called so?

B. Questions 16 – 18 Read the following passage and answer ANY TWO questions that follow. (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 where abouts. 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.

But in a short while Sharat and his mother began to rethink and longed for his departure. He developed a vast friendship band of naughty boys which didn't allow any fruits to get ripen in the neighbourhood. His friendship with the village mongrel dog turned the house upside down. But Kiran alone found happiness in supporting the boy.

16. What idea do you get about Kiran's character from the passages?
17. "The boy turned to be a boon to everyone there". How did he become a boon?
18. Why did Sharat and his mother long for the departure of the boy?

PART III

A. Answer ANY THREE questions from 19 to 23. Each carries 4 scores.

(3 x 4 = 12)

19. Complete the conversation suitably

Vivek : You look so worried, _____ a _____?
Doctor : Yes, A snake coiled round my arm.
Vivek : Oh! What did you do then?
Doctor : I sat like a granite.
Vivek : If the snake had bitten you, _____ b _____.
Doctor : Yes. I had no medicines at home.
Vivek : _____ c _____?
Doctor : No, I didn't.
Vivek : You had better _____ d _____.
Doctor : I was terribly frightened. So I couldn't do anything.

20. There are a few errors in the diary entry made by Mr. John. Edit them suitably:

November 28, Monday, 2016

I'm so excited. I could met (a) the doctor for the second time. Still I remembers (b) that night. Then I was only 17 and doctor whom (c) was practising in London was living next to me. I fell in bad company and almost destroyed myselves (d) with drugs and gambling. Thank God! Now I'm saved.

21. Substitute the underlined words choosing the correct phrasal verbs from the brackets.

It was an April afternoon. I to the pond behind the house for a swim. On the way, I a huge black cobra. It was gliding out of a clump of cactus and moving towards a cooler part of the garden. At the same time a mongoose from the bushes and the cobra.

(go on set out went for came across turned up put across)

22. Supply the missing words in the following passage.

Martha was very sad. She never expected such / (a) tragedy. She cried a lot. The principal was adamant. He told her / (b) bring fifteen dollars the next day. She was born / (c) a poor family. So it was unable for her to bring / (d) money.

(in and a but to the)

23. Analyse the following sentences and answer the questions according to the instructions.

i) I walked back to the house and locked myself in the bathroom for a long time.

ii) We wanted to show a tiger in a thick bamboo grove.

iii) Mr Thorat's men had fixed a five foot iron rod to the ground.

(a) Construct a sentence similar to the pattern of sentence i.

(b) Identify the Prepositional Phrase in sentence i.

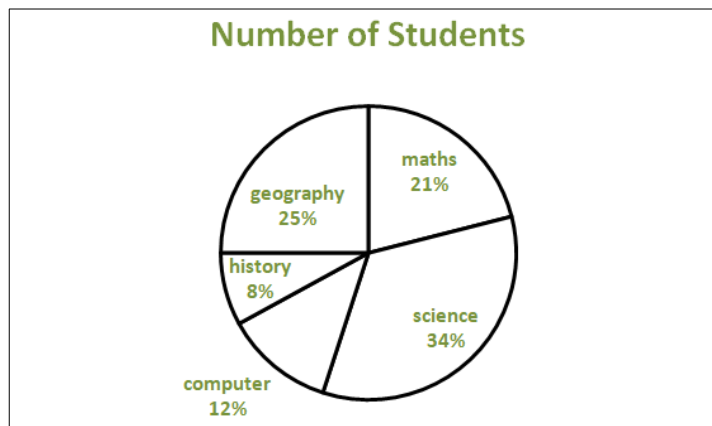
(c) Identify the **Verb Phrase** in sentence ii.

(d) Identify the **Noun Phrase** in the subject position of the sentence iii.

B. Answer ANY ONE question from 24 to 25. Each carries 4 scores.

(1 x 4 = 4)

24. Given below is a pie diagram showing the number of students joined in a college for degree. Study it and answer the questions that follow:



- a) Which subject has the highest student enrolment?
- b) What is the percentage of enrolment for maths?
- c) Which is the least enrolled subject?
- d) Geography has% of student enrolment.

25. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

The power of a pen is enormously larger than a sword. What a sharp edged sword can't achieve can be achieved by the help of a minute tip of a pen. What it implies is that the power of writing is much stronger than the power of hatred, war, and fighting. A war always ends in killings and has only a single directional ending – defeat, death, loss... There is no end of the tunnel when a war is there, and even if it comes, there is no light...

Writing is priceless. Can we pay back for the stories told in our childhood – by parents, grandparents, teachers and elder siblings? Can we pay back for the stories read during our childhood from storybooks, comics etc. bought for a meagre cost but the impression of those stories, learning gained from those stories and the legacy that is carried from generation after generation... gives us a return that the amount paid for buying those books seems minuscule but the return is huge.

- a) Why is pen enormously larger than a sword??
- b) What are the results of war?
- c) What does the comics story books provide us with?
- d) What does the writer mean by 'writing is priceless'?

PART IV

A. Answer ANY THREE questions from 26 to 29. Each carries 6 scores. (3 x 6 = 18)

26. Martha's friend Anita happened to know about her winning the Scholarship Jacket. Anita writes a letter congratulating Martha. Prepare the likely letter.

27. The boy in the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' loves to live in harmony with nature. Prepare a character sketch of the BOY.

28. Read the following lines from 'Lines Written in Early Spring' written by William Wordsworth and prepare a note of appreciation focusing on the theme, diction, etc.

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.

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

29. You are a news reporter. You are assigned to report the news about Martha's winning the Scholarship Jacket and went to interview her. Prepare 6 questions you would ask her.

B. Questions 30 – 32 Answer ANY TWO questions. (2 x 6 = 12)

30. Imagine that Vanka ran away from the house of Alyakhin. Children who suffer a lot at the master's house often do that. Prepare a write up focusing on child labour and its consequences.

31. Prepare a short profile of Rabindranath Tagore using the hints given below:

Birth	:	7 May, 1861
Place of Birth	:	Calcutta, India
Famous as	:	song writer, story writer, novelist, poet
Notable works	:	Gitanjali, Kabuliwala, The Golden Boat, Chitrangada
Notable Award	:	Nobel Prize for literature in 1913
Death	:	7 August, 1941

32. The Film Club of your school has decided to organise a Majid Majidi film fest in your school. You plan to screen his films like 'Children of Heaven', 'Baran', 'The Willow Tree', etc. As the club secretary, how would you draft a NOTICE to announce the programme?

PART V

A. Questions 33 – 35 Answer ANY TWO questions.

(2 x 8 = 16)

33. As the secretary of the English Club you were invited to deliver a speech on the occasion of the inauguration of NSS camp. Prepare a SPEECH drawing inspiration from the story 'The Best Investment I Ever Made'.

[Hints: Importance of social service- How the three helped Mr. John- Problems of socially sidelined people- how youngsters are trapped-John's friends- guidance- Rehabilitation-John's visit to the summer camps]

34. The doctor in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror' reaches his friend's house at night. He tells his friend what had happened. Write the likely NARRATIVE.

[Hints: Doctor sits thinking about his future – noises from the roof – the snake falls down and coils around his shoulder – the terrific thoughts in his mind – the snake crawls to the table and looks into the mirror – he runs to friend's house]

35. 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' is a story depicting man's relationship with nature. Prepare a REVIEW of the story focusing on the main themes, plot, characterisation etc.

[Hints: The boy made platform on the tree – the way he made friends with the squirrel – Banyan tree in the spring season – cohabitation of man and nature – grandfather feeds the mongoose – white rat white squirrel]
