

# SSLC PRE MODEL EXAMINATION FEB 2022

SET 1

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 in mind 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)

A long bar of silence throbbed in the little attic when he concluded this halting confession. Then, gruffly, the sergeant asked how much he had stolen. Seven pounds ten shillings – the answer sounded pitiful. For this paltry sum, he had almost thrown away his life.

There was a pause. The three of us, the sergeant, the landlady and me, as the sole witnesses of the near tragedy, had the same unspoken thought in our minds. We decided to give the young man a fresh start.

The sergeant, at considerable risk to his job, resolved to make no report upon the case, so that no court proceedings would result. The landlady offered a month's free board until he should get upon his feet again. While I, making perhaps the least contribution, came forward with seven pounds ten shillings for him to put back in the office safe.

1. How much money did the young man steal?
2. How did the sergeant help the young man?
3. What was the best investment made by the narrator?
4. Pick out a word from the passage that means 'too small to be considered as important or useful.'
5. What did the landlady offer the young man?
6. 'We three decided to give the young man a fresh start.' Do you think it was a wise decision? Why?

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

I did not know what to say, my mouth  
had no way  
with names,  
my eyes were blind,  
and something started in my soul,  
fever or forgotten wings,  
and I made my own way,  
deciphering  
that fire,  
and I wrote the first faint line,  
faint, without substance, pure

nonsense,  
pure wisdom  
of someone who knows nothing

7. What happened to the poet when 'poetry' touched him?
8. Which lines tell you that the poet found his own way of writing poetry?
9. Why does the poet say that the first line was 'a faint one'?
10. Pick out an example of **alliteration** used in the given lines.

## PART II

**A. Questions 11 - 15** Read the following lines from 'Lines Written in Early Spring' by William Wordsworth and answer ANY THREE of the questions that follow. (3 x 2 = 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.

11. What bring sad thoughts in the poet's mind? Why?
12. Identify the figure of speech employed in the first two lines.
13. What, according to the poet, is Nature linked to? How?
14. What do you think the expression 'what man has made of man' suggests?
15. Pick out two pairs of rhyming words from the given stanzas.

**B. Questions 16 - 18** Read the passage given below and answer ANY TWO questions that follow. (2 x 2 = 4)

'Dear Grandad Konstantin Makarich,' he wrote. 'I am writing a letter to you. I send you Christmas greetings and hope God will send you his blessings. I have no Father and no Mummie and you are all I have left.'

Vanka raised his eyes to the dark window-pane, in which the reflection of the candle flickered, and in his imagination distinctly saw his grandfather, Konstantin Makarich, who was a night watchman on the estate of some gentlefolk called Zhivarev. He was a 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 in the back kitchen, or sat joking with the cook and the kitchen-maids, and in the night, wrapped in a great sheepskin coat, he walked round and round the estate, *sounding his rattle*. After him, with drooping heads, went old Kashanka and another dog, called Eel, on account of his black coat and long, weasel-like body. Eel was wonderfully respectful and insinuating, and turned the same appealing glance on friends and strangers alike, but he inspired confidence in no one. His deferential manner and docility were a cloak for the most Jesuitical spite and malice. He was an 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 within an inch of his life every week, but he survived it all.

16. What idea do you get about Vanka's life from the letter?
17. Describe the appearance of Konstantin Makarich.
18. How is Eel described in the passage?

A. Answer ANY THREE questions from 19 to 23.

(3 x 4 = 12)

19. Complete the conversation suitably

John : You remember me, ..... (a) ..... ?

Doctor : Sorry, I cannot recall your face.

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, I think.

John : Yes, could you recognise me now?

Doctor : Yes, ..... (d) .....

20. There are a few errors in the passage below. Edit them suitably:

It was at (a) April. The warm breeze of the approaching summer have sent (b) everyone indoors, including grandfather. Suddenly I saw a snake out coming of (c) a group of cactus and slow (d) moving to the cooler part of the garden. I waited there to see what was going to happen.

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

It was the time for my P E class. I had to remove (a) my uniform and wear (b) P.E shorts to go to the playground. I walked towards my class room to take the shorts. I met (c) my friend and she told me that nobody was in the classroom. When I reached the class, I heard my teachers talking about the Scholarship Jacket. They continued (d) arguing with each other for a long time

(came across      went on      put down      take off      went out      put on)

22. Supply the missing words in the following passage.

Then one Saturday, we went / (a) his village to visit and his mother showed us a beautifully patterned basket of dyed raffia / (b) his brother had made. I was startled. It had not occurred to me that anybody in his family could actually make something. All I had heard / (c) them was how poor they were, so that it had become impossible for me to see them as anything else / (d) poor. Their poverty was my single story of them.

(about      to      but      that      and)

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

- i) I went back and sat down on the chair.
- ii) I asked grandpa 15 dollars but he refused to give it.
- iii) Mr. Thorat reached the shooting location with the tiger.

- (a) Identify the prepositional phrase in sentence i.
- (b) Construct a sentence similar to the pattern of sentence ii.
- (c) Identify the Noun Phrase and Verb Phrase in sentence iii.
- (d) Construct a sentence similar to sentence i.

24. Given below is a table showing the sales of different Smart Phones during 2019 and 2020. Study the table carefully and answer the questions that follow:

**Table 2. Worldwide Top 5 Smartphone Sales to End Users by Vendor in 2020 (Thousands of Units)**

Vendor	2020 Sales	2020 Market Share (%)	2019 Sales	2019 Market Share (%)	2020-2019 Growth (%)
Samsung	253,025.0	18.8	296,194.0	19.2	-14.6
Apple	199,847.3	14.8	193,475.1	12.6	3.3
Huawei	182,610.2	13.5	240,615.5	15.6	-24.1
Xiaomi	145,802.7	10.8	126,049.2	8.2	15.7
OPPO	111,785.2	8.3	118,693.2	7.7	-5.8
Others	454,799.4	33.7	565,630.0	36.7	-19.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,347,869.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,540,657.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-12.5</b>

Due to rounding, some figures may not add up precisely to the totals shown.

Source: Gartner (February 2021)

- Which Smart Phone recorded the highest sale during the year 2020?
- Which Phones recorded an increase in sale during 2020?
- What was the market share of OPPO during 2019?
- What is the growth rate of Huawei?

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

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. It is believed that the game was invented by Children who belonged to the farming families of south-east England. They would play in grass clearing or areas grazed by sheep. A matted lump of sheep's wool, or even a stone or lump of wood, would be used as ball, a stick or some other farm tool would serve as the bat, and a gate or tree stump would be used for the Wicket. The earliest written reference to the game was in 1598, where it was called 'Creekett'. In the 17<sup>th</sup> century, it slowly became a village game and adults began to take part in it. Today cricket is one of the most popular sports of the world and is played and watched by millions.

- Where is cricket believed to have started?
- Who were the earlier players of cricket?
- In which year was the earliest written reference to cricket made?
- What was the game called at that time?

A. Questions 26 – 29 Answer ANY THREE questions.

(3 x 6 = 18)

26. The Homeopath in the story 'the Snake and the Mirror' felt very shocked and was sad about the incidents occurred on the day. Two days later, he decides to write a letter to his mother describing his experiences. Help him draft the letter.

27. Satyajith Ray was very much disappointed as the first day's shooting with the tiger was unsuccessful. That night, he jotted down his feelings and emotions in the diary. Prepare the likely diary entry made by him.

28. Read the following lines from 'Mother to Son' and prepare a note of appreciation focusing on the theme, diction, etc.

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—  
For I've still goin', honey,  
I've still climbin'.  
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

29. The English Club of your school has scheduled an interaction session with Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie as part of 'Meet the Masters' programme. As an active member of the club, you were given a chance to interact with her. Draft six questions you would like to ask her. Remember to use variety of question words.

(2 x 6 = 12)

B. Questions 30 – 32 Answer ANY TWO

30. Vanka, the poor boy, waited for his grandpa in vain. As he could not suffer the cruelties of his master, he decided to run away. On the way, he met a police officer who stopped him and asked his whereabouts. Prepare the possible CONVERSATION between them.

31. Prepare a short profile of Majid Majidi using the hints given below:

Birth	: April 17, 1959, Tehran, Iran
Education	: Institute of Dramatic Arts, Tehran
Known as	: Film director, producer, screen writer
Major Films	: The Colour of Paradise (1999), Baran (2001), The Willow Tree (2005)
Awards	: Grand Pix Award, Nomination for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film

32. Nilakanta, the hero of the story Castaway was missing. Before leaving the village, Kiran planned to draft a notice to be published in the local daily. But, before completing it, she had to go. Draft a notice on her behalf requesting the public to inform her or the near by police station if they get any information about the boy.

A. Questions 33 – 35 Answer ANY TWO questions.

(2 x 8 = 16)

**Q3.** Martha was excited to get the Scholarship Jacket. In the award ceremony, she talked about the troubles she had to undergo before getting the scholarship jacket. Prepare the likely **SPEECH** delivered by her on the occasion.

[Hints: Martha's family back ground – Her habit of hard work in study – Her strong wish to get the jacket- Mr. Boon's arguments against her – change in policy – grandfather's attitude – principal's change of mind – final success]

**Q4.** You are a friend of the boy in the story **Adventures in a Banyan Tree**. The boy had written to you his experiences of the fight between the snake and the mongoose. Reading the letter, how would you **NARRATE** his experiences to your friends?

[Hints: His seat on the tree – The snake enters – the brave mongoose – interference of the crow and the myna – strategic moves of the snake and the mongoose -- the snake lashes the crow to death – myna escapes cleverly – mongoose kills the snake – the last moment of the snake]

**Q5.** 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' is a story highlighting the value of selfless service to humanity, especially, towards the distressed. Prepare a **REVIEW** of the story focusing on the main themes, plot, characterisation etc.

[Hints: The young man and his situation in the town – how lose of his parents affect him – lack of proper guidance – negative influence of friends – his gambling habit – stealing money – his attempt to suicide – role of land lady, sergeant and the doctor in bringing him back to life - his present life dedicated for humanity]