

SSLC TOP TEST SERIES

KP (G)
Std. 10

English
(Type - A) (Unit 4, 5)

Time : 45 Mnts
Score : 20

Instructions :

- The first 7 minutes is cool - off time
- This time is to be spent for reading the questions paper
- You are not supposed to write anything during the cool - off time
- Read the instructions carefully and attempt the questions

Read the following passage from 'Vanka' and answer the questions given below. (1×5=5)

Nine years old Vanka Zhukov, who had been apprenticed three months ago to Alyakhin the shoemaker, did not go to bed on Christmas eve. He waited till his master and mistress and the senior apprentice had gone to church, and then took from the cupboard a bottle of ink and a pen with a rusky nib, spread out a crumpled sheet of paper, and was all ready to write. Before tracing the first letter, he glanced several times anxiously at the door and window peered at the dark icon, with shelves holding cobbler's lasts stretching on either side of it, and gave a quivering sigh. The paper lay on the bench, and Vanka knelt on the floor at the bench.

'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.'

1. Why didn't Vanka go to bed on Christmas Eve?
2. Why did he glance several times anxiously at the door and window?
3. Find a word from the passage synonymous with 'looked'.
4. 'I have no Father and no Mummie'. Express the same idea differently in another sentence beginning with 'I am'
5. Analyse the following sentence and fill in the following table.

The paper lay on the bench; Vanka knelt on the floor.

Noun phrase	Verb phrase	Prepositional phrase	Tense of the verb

Read the following lines from the poem 'Poetry' and answer the questions. (1×4=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,

Vanka: That's true. You don't have any problem with him, c.....?

Apprentice: No. I know how to deal with him.

Vanka: d.....?

Apprentice: The only thing you can do is to obey him.

13. **Supply the missing word from the following passage.** (2)

In one __ a __ the river side houses of Chandemagore,..... b endless verbal battle was going on between Sharat and his wife Kiran about her staying in the house. (In, Of, At, An)

Type - B

Read the following passage 'The Never-Never Nest' and answer the questions given below. (1×5=5)

AUNT JANE (kissing her): Good-bye, my dear. (She and Jack go out. Jill looks at the cheque and exclaims 'Ten pounds!' Then she hurries to the table, addresses an envelope, endorses the cheque and slips it inside with a bill which she takes from the bag and seals the envelope. Then she rings the bell. In a moment the NURSE comes in with the baby in her arms.)

JILL: Oh, nurse. I want you to run and post this for me. I'll look after the baby while you're gone.

NURSE: Certainly, madam. (She hands the baby to Jill, takes the letter, and goes.)

(A second later JACK comes in again.)

JACK: Well, she's gone! What a tartar! Still, she did leave us a bit on account-how much was it?

1. What did Jill do with the cheque?
2. Jill exclaims 'Ten Pounds!' – Why was she in great delight?
3. I'll look after the baby (begin in sentence with the baby.....)
4. What a tartar! What did Jack mean by this statement?
5. If Jill didn't send the cheque to Dr. Martin _____ (Complete the sentence)
6. **Read the lines from the poem 'Mother to Son' and write an appreciation.**

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.

(1×4=4)

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.

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.

Question 7-8. Answer any ONE of the following.

(1x5=5)

7. Why is there a double negative in the title: The Never-Never Nest? Elucidate with reasons from the play.

OR

8. Martha won the scholarship Jacket, she felt very happy that day. On reaching home she expressed her joy in the pages of her diary. What will be her diary entry?

9. Write a **profile** of **Rabindranath Tagore** based on the following hints given below. (4)

Born : 1861

Famous as : poet, short story writer, musician, educationist and philosopher.

Achievement : 'Gitanjali', 'The Golden Boat', 'Cabuliwalah', 'The Post Office', 'The Broken Nest' etc.

Died : 1941

10. John is tall (The sentence has the pattern SVC) Write the sentence pattern of the sentences given below. (2)

a) John kissed Jane.

b) John gave me a present.

(SPO)

(SYAD)