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SSLC PRE MODEL EXAMINATION, MARCH 2022
ENGLISH

Time: 3 Hours**Total Score: 80****Instructions :**

The first 15 minutes is the cool-off time. You may use the time to read the questions and plan the answers.

Read the questions carefully before answering.

Certain sections of the 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.

PART I
SECTION - A

Questions 1- 6 : Read the excerpt from ‘Project Tiger’ and answer any four questions that follow. Each question carries one score. 4x1=4

Every animal in a Hollywood film is well-trained. It is not difficult to train a horse or a dog. But have you ever heard of trained ravens? Not just one or two, but nearly a hundred of them? Even this was made possible in Hollywood, when the creator of some of the best suspense films in the history of cinema, Alfred Hitchcock, decided to make a film called Birds. In the story, birds from all over the world start attacking humans. Hitchcock needed a variety of birds, but what was required in the largest number was ravens. Notices were placed in the press all over the United States, asking people to contact the film maker if they knew how to get hold of trained ravens. Someone replied within a few days. He was asked to bring his birds, and he arrived with almost a hundred trained ravens. Admittedly, their training had not gone very bad. That is to say, they could not do anything that might be seen as extraordinary. But if as many as fifty ravens are told to perch quietly in a row on a specified spot, and if they obey this command instantly, isn't that pretty impressive?

1. What is the peculiarity of animals used in Hollywood films?
2. Name the film made by Hitchcock mentioned in the passage.
3. Why did Hitchcock need a variety of birds for his film?
4. How did Hitchcock get ravens for his film?
5. What was ‘pretty impressive’ about the trained ravens?
6. Find the word from the passage ,which means ‘come to rest ‘from the passage

Questions 7-10: Read the following lines from the song ‘Blowin’ in the Wind’ and answer the questions given below. Each question carries one score. 4x1=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. What does the word 'roads' suggest?
8. Pick out the lines from the poem which give you the sense of 'war'.
9. What does the poet mean when he says 'The answer is blowin' in the wind'?
10. Pick out an instance of alliteration.

PART II
SECTION A

Questions 11 – 15 : Read the lines from 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries two scores. 3x2=6

The budding twigs spread out their fan,
To catch the breezy air;
And I must think, do all I can,
That there was pleasure there.

If this belief from heaven be sent,
If such be Nature's holy plan,
Have I not reason to lament
What man has made of man?

11. Why did the budding twigs spread out their fan? What does it suggest about the mood there?
12. What is Nature's holy plan?
13. What reason does the poet find to lament?
14. Identify the rhyme scheme and write down the rhyming words from the above lines.
15. Pick out an example of visual image and tactile from the above lines

Questions 16- 18 : Read the excerpt from 'Vanka' and answer any TWO questions that follow. Each question carries two scores 2x2=4

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

'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 Kashtanka 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.

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?

PART III
SECTION – A

Questions 19 – 23: Answer any THREE of the following.

3x4=12

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

It was the time for my P E class. I had to----- (a) my uniform and wear PE shorts to go to the playground. I _____(b) towards my class room to take the shorts. I _____(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 _____ (d)arguing with each other for a long time.

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

20. Read the passage carefully and correct the errors underlined.

November 28, Monday, 2016

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

21. Supply the missing words in the passage where / is given.

The snake turned its head. It looked / (a) the mirror and saw its reflection. I do not claim that it was / (b) first snake that had ever looked into / (c) mirror. But it was certain that the snake was looking into the mirror. Was it trying to make / (d) important decision about growing a moustache or using eye shadow?

(a, into, an, the, by, at)

22. Complete the following conversation suitably

Sergeant: You are the owner of this house,.....?

Landlady: Yes sir, I am.

Sergeant:.....?

Landlady: I'm not sure where he works. You had better

Sergeant: Sure, I'll enquire in the locality.

Landlady: If I had not seen him

Sergeant: Thank God, your timely phone call saved him.

23. Read the word pyramid given below.

Doctor
The doctor
The famous doctor
The famous doctor in the city
The famous doctor in the city who treated me.

Now construct a word pyramid with the word **Squirrel**

SECTION B

Questions 24-25. Answer any one of the following.

1x4=4

24. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

A ship was wrecked in a storm at sea and only two of the crew members were able to swim to a small island. They realised that they had no other option but to pray to God. To find out whose prayer was more powerful, they agreed to divide the territory

between them and stay on opposite sides of the island. First, they prayed for food. The next morning, the first man saw a fruit-bearing tree on his side of the land, whereas the other man's part of land remained barren. Next, the first man prayed for a wife. The next day a woman swam to his side of the land from a wrecked ship. On the other side of the island, there was nothing. Soon the first man prayed for clothes and a house. The next day, like magic, they were there. Finally, the first man prayed for a ship to escape from there. In the morning, he found a ship docked at his side of the island. The first man boarded the ship with his wife. He considered the other man unworthy to receive God's blessings, since none of his prayers had been answered. As the ship was about to leave, the first man heard a voice from the sky, 'Why are you leaving your friend on the island?' 'My blessings are mine alone.' the first man answered. 'His prayers were all unanswered and so he does not deserve anything.' 'You are mistaken!' the voice said. 'He had only one prayer, which I answered.' 'Tell me, 'The first man asked the voice. 'He prayed that all your prayers may be answered.'

- a. How did the two friends reach the small island?
- b. Where was the fruit bearing tree found?
- c. Why did he consider the other man unworthy?
- d. What was the second man's prayer?

25. Read the notice and answer the question follows

**GOVT. MODEL HSS, VENGANOOR
SEMINAR ON 'RIGHT TO EDUCATION'**

Dear friends

The English club of our school has decided to conduct a seminar on the topic 'Right to Education and the Present-Day Realities'. Dr Sudarshan, a famous social activist and thinker has consented to inaugurate the function. Smt. Meera (writer), Sri. Subhash Thayyil (Social Activist), Dr Sreekumar (Child Psychologist) and Smt. Sulochana (Journalist) will present papers in the seminar.

Date: 28-2-2022

Venue : School Auditorium

Time : 2.00 pm

All are welcome

Secretary

English club

- a. Who is organising the seminar?
- b. Name the topic of the seminar.
- c. When does the programme take place?
- d. How many people are presenting papers in the seminar?

**PART -IV
SECTION – A**

Questions 26-29. Answer any three of the following.

3x6=18

26. After all the confusion, Martha was extremely delighted to have won the Scholarship jacket. She writes a letter to her parents about the same. Draft a letter for Martha.
27. The English Club of your school has decided to invite Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie to interact with the club members. Being the convenor of the club, you are asked to prepare six interview questions you would like to ask.

28. A few lines from the poem “Mother to Son” are given below. Write the appreciation of these lines.

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.

29. After meeting the voyager, the narrator felt happy to know about the efforts taken by Mr John to bring up the derelict adolescents back to his normal life. He recorded his feelings in his diary. What could be his possible feelings? Write the diary entry of the narrator.

SECTION B

Questions 30-32. Answer any two of the following.

2x6=12

30. The English Club of your school has decided to organise a film festival in your school. As the secretary of the club, draft a **notice** inviting the parents and the students for the programme.
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
Famous 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.

32. On receiving the letter, Vanka's grandfather reached the house of Alyakhin. Imagine a conversation between Vanka and his grandfather. Prepare the likely conversation? Write at least 5 exchanges.

PART-V SECTION A

Questions 33-35. Answer any two of the following.

2x8=16

33. Being the Valedictorian Martha is asked to deliver a speech on receiving the Scholarship Jacket. Write the likely speech.
34. The story “The Snake and the Mirror” is a humorous story revolving around a single character The Homeopath. Write a review of the story.
35. In the story “Adventures in a Banyan Tree” the boy happens to see an exciting fight between a snake and a mongoose. He narrated the experience to his grandfather. Prepare the likely narrative.