

Sl. No.

SSLC MODEL EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY - 2020**ENGLISH**

Second Language

Time : 2½ Hours

Total Score : 80

- Instructions :**
- (i) The first fifteen minutes is cool-off time. You may use the time to read the questions and plan the answers.
 - (ii) Read the questions carefully before answering.
 - (iii) Certain Sections of the questions have choices. Follow the instructions.

Score

Questions 1 - 5 : Read the following passage from "The Snake and the Mirror" and answer the questions given below. Each question carries **one** score.

5x1=5

The doctor replied, 'I ran and ran till I reached a friend's house. Immediately I smeared oil all over myself and took a bath. I changed into fresh clothes. The next morning at about eight-thirty I took my friend and one or two others to my room to move my things from there. But we found we had little to carry. Some thief had removed most of my things. The room had been cleaned out! But not really, the thief had left behind one thing as a final insult!'

'What was that?' I asked. The doctor said, 'My vest, the dirty one. The fellow had such a sense of cleanliness...! The rascal could have taken it and used it after washing it with soap and water.'

'Did you see the snake the next day, doctor?'

The doctor laughed, I've never seen it since. It was a snake which was taken with its own beauty!

1. What did the doctor do immediately after reaching his friend's house?
2. What was the doctor's intention in taking his friend and one or two others to his room?
3. Why did the doctor say that 'The fellow had such a sense of cleanliness...!'
4. 'But we found we had little to carry.' Why?
5. How was the snake described by the doctor?

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Questions 6 - 10 : Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. Each question carries one score.

5x1=5

One day, I got in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when unexpectedly a car jumped out of a parking space, right in front of us. My taxi driver applied the brakes suddenly. Fortunately our car missed the other car by just inches. The driver of the other car turned his head around and started shouting at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy.

So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? That guy would have ruined your car!' Then my taxi driver taught me what I now call 'The law of the Garbage Truck'. He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of anger and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up they need a place to dump it and sometimes they will dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people.

Successful people do not let garbage trucks takeover their day. Love the people who treat you right. Forgive the ones who don't. This attitude will help you sail through life. Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!

6. Where did the car appear suddenly from, right in front of the author's taxi ?
7. How did the driver of the taxi avoid the accident ?
8. What was the reaction of the taxi driver when the driver of the other car shouted at him ?
9. What did the taxi driver compare people like the shouting driver to ?
10. What, according to the author, determines the major part of our life ?

Questions 11 - 14 : Read the lines from the song 'Blowin' in the Wind' and answer the questions that follow. 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.

11. 'How many roads must a man walk down
Before you call him a man?' What idea is conveyed in these lines ?
12. Identify the lines that tell you about the need to put an end to violence.
13. Why can't the white dove sleep peacefully in the sand ?
14. Pick out an instance of alliteration from the lines above.
15. Read the following stanzas from the poem 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan' and attempt a brief appreciation focussing on the theme and poetic devices used. 5

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.

'I have no rest, nor joy, nor peace,
For people die and die;
And after cried he, 'God forgive!
My body spake not I!'

1x7=7

Questions 16 - 17. Answer any one of the following in about 120 words.

16. The boy in the short story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' witnessed a fierce fight between a cobra and a mongoose. Imagine that he narrated the fight to his grandfather. Prepare the likely **narrative**.

(Hints : the boy sits on top of banyan tree - an April afternoon - a huge black cobra glides out - a mongoose emerges from the bushes - a battle of champions - a myna and a jungle crow arrives - intervenes in the fight - the crow dies - the final result of the fight)

17. Finally Martha in the short story 'The Scholarship Jacket' won the scholarship jacket. She was the class valedictorian and had to deliver a thank you speech. Prepare the likely speech Martha would deliver on the graduation night.

(Hints : introduces herself - poor family background - her expectations - the hard work - the unexpected decision by the principal - grandfather's firm stand - final meeting with the principal - final decision to award her the jacket - her gratitude to her teachers, friends and family)

Questions 18 - 22. Answer any three of the following. Each question carries six score.

18. Prepare a profile of Langston Hughes using the following details.

3x6=18

Full Name : James Mercer Langston Hughes
 Born : 1 February 1902, Missouri, United States
 Education : Lincoln University of Pennsylvania
 Known as : Poet, social activist, novelist, playwright, columnist
 Awards : Anisfield-Wolf Book Award, honorary doctorate of Howard University
 Notable works : *The Dream Keeper and Other Poems*, *Not without Laughter* (short story collection), *Black Nativity* (play)
 Death : May 22, 1967 (aged 65)

19. Aunt Jane in the one act play 'The Never Never Nest' is highly practical in her dealings. Prepare a character sketch of Aunt Jane.
20. Imagine that Satyajit Ray writes a letter to one of his friends after his visit to the Hollywood. He understood the expertise of Hollywood filmmakers in making animals and birds, act in films. Write the likely letter.
21. Suppose the suicide attempt made by Mr. John and the attempts to save him by Dr. Cronin and the Sergeant appeared as a news report in an English Daily. Prepare the possible news report.
22. The speech titled 'The Danger of a Single Story' by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie shows us how people form wrong impressions about persons and things by believing in a single story. Prepare a write-up on the danger of a single story based on her speech.

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2x5=10

- Questions 23 - 25.** Answer any two of the following. Each question carries five score.
23. The story 'Vanka' portrays the sad plight of a child whose rights have been denied. As the convener of the school English Club you have decided to conduct a seminar on 'Children's Rights'. A leading advocate and the Circle Inspector of Police of your locality will participate in the seminar. Draft a notice for the seminar.
24. Ali in the screenplay 'My Sister's Shoes' comes back home after losing his sister's shoes. He meets his sister and they engage in a conversation about this. What would be the likely conversation between them? (At least five exchanges)
25. Nilkanta's last hope of being proved innocent hit the dust. He decides to leave Kiran's house. Imagine that before leaving he wrote a dairy note expressing his emotions. Write the likely diary entry.

Questions 26 - 30. The table given below shows the details of a few great movies. Study the table and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score. 5x1=5

Film	Director	Country	Year of Release
Battleship Potemkin	Sergei Eisenstein	Russia	1925
La strada	Federico Fellini	Italy	1954
Breathless	Jean-Luc Godard	France	1959
Rashomon	Akira Kurosawa	Japan	1950
Pather Panchali	Satyajit Ray	India	1955

26. Identify the Italian filmmaker from the table.
27. The oldest film in the list is _____.
28. Which of the films in the table was released in 1959?
29. The director of the movie Rashomon belongs to _____.
30. Pather Panchali was directed by the _____ filmmaker Satyajit Ray.
31. Complete the following conversation suitably. 5
- Adichie : _____ (a) _____ ?
- Fide : I live in the nearby village.
- Adichie : Your mother and brother are there at your home, _____ (b) _____ ?
- Fide : Yeah, they are there.
- Adichie : _____ (c) _____ ?
- Fide : Yeah, I stopped my studies.
- Adichie : If you had continued your studies _____ (d) _____.
- Fide : We have no money and only if we go for work we can survive.
- Adichie : I wish _____ (e) _____.

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32. Report the following dialogue.
- Vanka : Why do you treat me so cruelly ?
The senior apprentice : I find pleasure in doing so.
You may begin like :
- (a) Vanka asked the senior apprentice _____.
(b) The senior apprentice replied that _____.
33. Edit the errors in the following passage. The errors are underlined. 4
- I could feel my heart pounding (a) loud in my chest. Something bitter and vile tasting (b) were coming up in my mouth; I was afraid I (c) am going to be sick. I (d) don't need any sympathy speeches.
34. Complete the following passage choosing appropriate phrasal verbs from the ones given below. 4
- Mr. John _____ (a) Mr. Cronin on board the ship after twenty five years. Cronin could not _____ (b) who the man was. By then Mr. John had _____ (c) all bad habits. He and his wife _____ (d) delinquent youths and conducted camps for them.
- (give up, come across, look after, make out, put off)
35. Complete the following passage choosing the right words from those given in brackets. 4
- One day Kiran called Nilkanta _____ (a) entertain Satish. He kept mum _____ (b) said _____ (c) he couldn't remember anything. _____ (d) decision of the family to return home made everyone busy.
- (and, the, that, to, by)
36. Study the sentence given below and write two sentences in the same pattern. 2
- Syam attended the meeting yesterday.*
- The sentence has different elements like : Syam + attended + the meeting + yesterday, and so we say that it is in SVOA pattern.
- Now write two sentences keeping SVOA pattern. You are not supposed to reproduce the sentence given above.
- (a) _____
(b) _____