

Sl. No.

**SSLC MODEL EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY - 2017.****ENGLISH**  
Second Language

Time : 2½ Hours

Total Score : 80

**Instructions :**

- 15 minutes is given as cool-off time.
- This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
- You are not supposed to write anything during the cool-off time.
- Attempt all questions according to the instructions.

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**Questions 1 - 4 : Read the lines from 'The School Boy' and answer the questions that follow :**

I love to rise in a summer morn,  
When the birds sing on every tree;  
The distant huntsman winds his horn,  
And the skylark sings with me:  
O what sweet company!

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| 1. | When does the speaker love to get up ?                         | 1 |
| 2. | Who gives the speaker 'sweet company' ?                        | 1 |
| 3. | Identify the rhyme scheme followed in the stanza.              | 1 |
| 4. | Pick out an example of an auditory image from the given lines. | 1 |

**Questions 5 - 9 : Read the excerpt from the story 'Vanka' and answer the questions that follow :**

'I will grind your snuff for you,' he went on. 'I will pray for you and you can flog me as hard as you like if I am naughty. And if you think there is nothing for me to do I will ask the steward to take pity on me and let me clean the boots or I will go as a shepherd-boy instead of Fedya. Dear Grandad I can't stand it. It is killing me. I thought I would run away on foot to the village but I have no boots and I was afraid of the frost. And when I grow up to be a man I will look after you and I will not let anyone hurt you and when you die I will pray for your soul like I do for my Mummie.'

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| 5. | Who is writing the letter and who is it written to ?                              | 1 |
| 6. | Why does the boy not run away on foot to the village ?                            | 1 |
| 7. | Pick out the word which means 'to beat or strike something with a rod or a whip'. | 1 |

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| 8. List down any two things the boy is willing to do once his grandfather takes him to the village. | 2     |
| 9. What does the boy intend to do once he is grown up ?   | 2     |

**Question 10 :** Read the following lines from the poem 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan' and prepare a note of appreciation. 5

'Mavrone, mavrone! The man has died  
While I slept on the chair';  
He roused his horse out of its sleep  
And rode with little care.

He rode now as he never rode,  
By rocky lane and fen;  
The sick man's wife opened the door,  
'Father! you come again!'

'And is the poor man dead ?' he cried  
'He died an hour ago.'  
The old priest Peter Gilligan  
In grief swayed to and fro.

**Questions 11 - 15 :** Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

In the bird world, we find homes of every shape and size. For some, a nest could mean just a few twigs laid across a branch. Members of the pigeon family form an example to this. But there are others, like the weaver birds, which are very industrious and careful in building nests. It builds a neat round nest like a small basket woven from palm fibres. The oven bird of Argentina builds its nest on treestump or rail post using wet mud mixed with tiny fragments of dried grass, roots and hair to act as reinforcement. It needs several hammer blows to destroy an oven bird's nest.

Mammals are not such good builders as the birds. But a few of them are experts. A badger's burrow is so complicated that it is easy to get lost among the many passages and rooms. The beaver is another master builder. It builds its dwelling with mud and logs. It also builds dams and canals.

But the real master architects of the animal world are the insects. A garden honeycomb is built with great mathematical precision and superb workmanship. The trapdoor spider's trap is so cunningly made that any small creature would fall into it.

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| 11. Pick out the sentence which is correct according to the passage :     | 1 |
| (a) The real master architects of the animal kingdom are the birds.       |   |
| (b) All mammals are as good builders as the birds.                        |   |
| (c) The nest of the weaver bird needs several hammer blows to destroy it. |   |
| (d) The pigeon makes nest with a few twigs laid across a branch.          |   |

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12. Give an example to highlight that insects are master architects. 1
13. Why is the nest of the oven bird of Argentina unique ? 1
14. Pick out words from the passage which mean the following : 1
- (a) Extremely hardworking
- (b) The quality of being very accurate
15. The badger is a master builder. Explain. 1

Question 16 : Answer any one of the following in about 120 words. 7

- (A) 'The Scholarship Jacket' is a story that appeals to young readers very much. You decide to narrate the events in the story to your close friend. Narrate Martha's story in your own words.

(Hints : Martha, a Mexican girl - scholarship jacket to the class valedictorian - her hopes come to an end - overhears conversation between two teachers - Joann's father is in the school board - principal says jacket costs fifteen dollars - heartbroken - grandfather denies the money - principal finally feels guilty)

OR

- (B) Timely help goes a long way in moulding a better man. The story 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' is good example of this. Write a review of the story in the light of your understanding the story. You may use the hints given.

(Hints : a ship journey - a man of forty approaches - a solicitor, involved in many social welfare projects - reminds the narrator of his past - life ruined by gambling - unsuccessful suicide attempt - helped by the sergeant, landlady and the author)

17. Imagine that Satyajit Ray writes a letter to one of his friends describing his efforts to make a tiger act in one of his films. Prepare the likely letter. 5
18. The English Club of your school has decided to stage the one act play 'The Book That Saved the Earth' on School Annual Day. Prepare a notice inviting students, teachers and parents to watch the staging of the play. You may include the name of the author, the characters, the setting, the duration etc., in the notice. 5
19. Konstantin Makarich, the grandfather of the little boy Vanka, is an important character in the story 'Vanka'. Prepare a character sketch of the grandfather. 5
20. Martha is so excited on getting the scholarship jacket that she decides to make a diary entry. What would she have written ? Prepare her likely diary entry in not more than 50 words. 5

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

Born : May 7, 1861, Kolkata  
 Education : Schools and University of Calcutta  
 Spouse : Mrinalini Devi  
 Known as : Writer, Painter  
 Sobriquet : Gurudev  
 Notable works : *Gitanjali, Gora, The Post Office, The Broken Nest, Rabindra Sangeet, India's National Anthem* etc.  
 Notable awards : Nobel Prize in Literature (1913)  
 Died : August 7, 1941, Kolkata

22. Given below is the conversation between the doctor and one of his friends in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror'. Complete the conversation suitably. 5

Friend : You look shocked, (a) ?  
 Doctor : Yes, I had an unwelcome guest last night at home.  
 Friend : (b) ?  
 Doctor : You won't believe, it was a snake, a fat one.  
 Friend : Where did you find it - by the door or on the window sill ?  
 Doctor : Not anywhere there. It landed right on my shoulder!  
 Friend : (c) ?  
 Doctor : Fortunately no! If I had moved, (d) .  
 Friend : (e) ?  
 Doctor : I ran for my life and came back only the next day.

Questions 23 - 27 : Given below are two famous movies of Walt Disney creations together with the names of some of their characters. Go through the list and answer the questions that follow :

THE JUNGLE BOOK (1967)	ALADDIN (1992)
Mowgli - an abandoned boy	Aladdin - the central character
Baloo - a free spirited bear	Princess Jasmine - Aladdin's love interest
Bagheera - a complacent black panther	Genie - one of Aladdin's mates
Shere Khan - a fierce Bengal tiger	Rajah - Jasmine's pet tiger
Kaa - a fierce python	Abu - Aladdin's best friend
King Louie - a hyperactive orang - utan	Jafar - the villain

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| 23. Mowgli and Baloo are characters that figure in the movie _____.                                | 1     |
| 24. Who is Aladdin in love with ?  | 1     |
| 25. The name of the hyperactive ape in 'The Jungle Book' is _____.                                 | 1     |
| 26. What words are used to describe Bagheera ?   | 1     |
| 27. The only animal character in Aladdin is _____.   | 1     |
| 28. Supply the missing words from the ones given in brackets to complete the passage given below : | 4     |

(for, of, in, about, after, to)

The Iranian movie 'Children of Heaven' is (a) the adventures of a boy (b) he loses his sister's pair of shoes. The film was nominated (c) the Academy Award for the Best Foreign Language Film (d) 1998.

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| 29. There are certain errors in the review given below written by a student. The errors are underlined. Correct them. | 4 |
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'A Girl's Garden' is the fulfillment of a girl's dream of make(a) a garden. Her father finds her a piece of land and ask(b) the little girl to work on it all by themselves(c). The father directs the girl towards the path of self-discovery. The girl enjoys the freedom and privileges of a childhood rural(d).

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| 30. Complete the passage choosing appropriate phrasal verbs from the ones given in brackets : | 4 |
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(set out, went on, came across, make out, put across)

The two brothers (a) on a journey together. They (b) a stone with an inscription on it. They tried to (c) what it implied. The elder brother (d) warning the younger brother about the dangers of believing in such inscriptions.

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| 31. Read the following sentences : | 3 |
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(i) Raju wrote a letter.

(ii) I have two brothers.

(iii) Susan delivered a speech at the town hall.

Sentence (i) follows the pattern Subject + Verb + Object.

Sentence (ii) is written in the pattern, Subject + Verb + Complement.

Sentence (iii) is in the pattern Subject + Verb + Object + Adverbial.

**Frame three sentences in the same pattern. Do not repeat the given examples.**

32. Read the following conversation and answer the questions that follow :

Mother : What are you going to do with this wild rabbit ?

Father : Our children will take care of it.

(a) What did Mother ask ?

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(b) What did Father reply ?

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