



## SSLC PRE MODEL EVALUATION JANUARY 2023

Time : 1¼ Hrs.

ENGLISH

Score: 40

### Questions 1 - 4: Read the excerpt from 'The Snake and the Mirror' and answer the questions that follow:

One feels tempted to look into a mirror when it is near. I took a look. In those days I was a great admirer of beauty and I believed in making myself look handsome. I was unmarried and was a doctor. I felt I had to make my presence felt. I picked up the comb and ran it through my hair and adjusted the parting so that it looked straight and neat. Again I heard that sound from above.

I took a close look at my face in the mirror. I made an important decision - I would shave daily and grow a thin moustache to look more handsome. I was, after all, a bachelor, and a doctor!

I looked into the mirror and smiled. It was an attractive smile. I made another Earth-shaking decision. I would always keep that attractive smile on my face . . . to look more handsome. I was after all a bachelor, and a doctor too on top of it!

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| 1. Who is the 'I' referred to here?  | 1 |
| 2. How did the narrator describe himself?  | 1 |
| 3. 'I made another Earth-shaking decision'. What was the decision?               | 1 |
| 4. Pick out the word from the passage which means 'a man who has never married'. | 1 |

### Questions 5 - 8: Read the lines from 'Blowin' in the Wind' and answer the questions that follow:

Yes, and how many times must a man look up  
Before he can see the sky?  
Yes, and how many ears must one man have  
Before he can hear people cry?  
Yes, and how many deaths will it take till he knows  
That too many people have died?  
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind  
The answer is blowin' in the wind.

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| 5) What does the expression "see the sky" imply?                    | 1 |
| 6) Pick out a line that shows man is deaf towards human sufferings. | 1 |
| 7) Find out an example for alliteration.                            | 1 |
| 8) What does the line 'The answer is blowin' in the wind.' mean?    | 1 |

### Questions 9-10. Answer any ONE of the following.

(1 x 6 = 6)

9. The story 'The Snake and the Mirror' narrates the homeopath's encounter with the snake. **Narrate** the incidents in the story in your own words.

[Hints: lives alone in a rented house – thoughts after having dinner – decides to marry a rich lady – snake falls from the roof – coils around his left arm – snake looks into the mirror – moves towards the mirror – the homeopath runs out – reaches friend's house – comes back the next day – theft in the room]

10. In his memoir, Satyajit Ray shares with readers how Hollywood used animals in films. He also tells us of the stress and strain he had in using animals in his films. In the light of 'Project Tiger', prepare a **WRITE-UP** on using animals in films.

[Hints: animals and birds in Hollywood – recognition given to animal actors – stand-ins – Satyajit Ray's attempts with animals – difficulties faced by Ray]

### Questions 11 - 14. Answer any THREE of the following.

3 x 5 = 15

11. Prepare a short **PROFILE** of Satyajit Ray using the hints given below:

Birth : 2 May, 1921, Calcutta  
 Education : Viswabharathy University, Presidency College  
 Famous as : Film Maker, producer, screen writer, music director, lyricist, calligrapher,  
 Major films : Pather Panchali, Apur Sansar, Sonar Kella, Mahanagar  
 Awards : Dadhasaheb Phalke Award (1985), Padmabhushan (1965), BharatRatna (1992)  
 Death : 23 April 1992, aged 70

12. Ali lost his sister’s shoes in the vegetable shop. The junk collector took it by mistake. Imagine that the next day Ali went to the junk collector and asked about the bag of shoes. Construct the likely **CONVERSATION** between Ali and the junk collector.

13. The homeopath in the story ‘The Snake and the Mirror’ runs to his friend, panicked by the snake. His friend asks him a series of questions. Write **FIVE QUESTIONS** he might ask.

14. Satyajit Ray’s shooting at Boral was successful. He was very happy. At night, he jotted down his feelings in his **DIARY**. What would he have written?

**Questions 15-18 Details of some famous players of Fifa World Cup 2022 are given below. Read them carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

Romain Saiss	Kylien Mbappe	Lionel Messi	Luka Modric
Morocco	France	Argentina	Croatia
Captain	Forward	Captain	Captain
Defender	Golden Boot	Golden Ball	Midfielder
32 years old	24 years old	35 years old	37 years old

15. Who is the oldest player in the table? 1  
 16. Identify the only player who is not a captain. 1  
 17. Lionel Messi won ..... in the Fifa World Cup 2022. 1  
 18. Which country does Romain Saiss belong to? 1

**19. There are certain errors in the passage given below. They are underlined. Edit them.** 3 x 1 = 3

It was at (a) April. And the warm breezes of approaching summer have (b) sent everyone, including Grandfather, indoors. Suddenly, I saw a snake out coming of (c) a clump of cactus.

**20. Some words are missing in the following passage where a “/” is given. Identify the most suitable word from the box below and complete the passages.** 4 x 1/2 = 2

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. Was it trying to make / (d)important decision about growing a moustache or using eyeshadow?

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**21. Read the following dialogue and answer the questions given.** 2 x 1 = 2

Friend : “Why do you look frightened?”  
 Doctor : “A snake coiled around my body.”

The friend asked the doctor .....  
 The doctor replied .....

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