

## SSLC Revision Test Series

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Std. 10

English

Type - A (Unit 1)

Time : 45 mts

Score : 20

Instructions :

- The first 7 minutes and cool - off time
- Read the instructions carefully and attempt the questions

**Read the following passage from 'The Adventures in a Banyan Tree' and answer the questions. (3x1=3)**

Then the squirrel started building a nest. At first she tried building it in my pockets, and when I went indoors and changed my clothes I would find straw and grass falling out. Then one day Grandmother's knitting was missing. We hunted for it everywhere but without success. Next day I saw something glinting in the hole in the banyan tree. Going up to investigate, I saw that it was the end of Grandmother's steel knitting-needle. On looking further, I discovered that the hole was crammed with knitting. And amongst the wool were three baby squirrels-all of them white!

1. How did the boy know that the squirrel was building a nest?
2. Where did the boy find his grandmother's knitting?
3. What surprise was waiting for the boy in the nest?

**Read the lines from 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and answer the questions. (3x1=3)**

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?

4. What is Nature's holy plan?
5. What does the poet mean by 'what man has made of man'?
6. Find an instance of alliteration from the given lines. ✓
7. Prepare an appreciation of the poem 'Lines Written in Early Spring' focusing on the theme, imagery and other poetic devices. (1x4=4)
8. **Prepare a short profile of Vaikom Muhammed Basheer using the given hints. (1x4=4)**

Birth : January 19th, 1908 at Vaikom, a princely state of Travancore  
Famous as : novelist, story writer, freedom fighter  
Speciality : Funny stories in simple and open style  
Famous works : Balyakala Sakhi, Pathummayude  
Aadu, Mathilukal, Ntuppuppakkoru  
Aanendaarnnu, Janmadinam, Anargha Nimisham etc.  
Awards : Padma Shri award in 1982  
Known as : Beypore Sultan  
Death : 05 July 1994

9. **Fill in the blanks with suitable phrasal verbs from the bracket. (4x1=4)**  
The homoeopath was ..... (a) when he found a full blooded cobra coiled around his arms. Before he could..... (b) what had happened the cobra slithered onto the table. Gathering all his courage he ran for his life and reached his friend's house. After taking a bath he..... (c) fresh clothes and..... (d) to remove all his belongings from that rented house.  
(make out, put on, made up his mind, taken aback)

10. Report the following sentences.

(2x1=2)

The Boy : Grandpa, I saw a fierce fight between a mongoose and a cobra.  
Grandfather : I am feeding it everyday to keep away snakes.

- a. The boy told his grandfather .....
- b. Grandfather replied .....

Type - B

Read the following passage from 'The Snake and the Mirror' and answer the questions. (3x1=3)

It seemed as if God appreciated that. The snake turned its head. It looked into the mirror and saw its reflection. I do not claim that it was the first snake that had ever looked into a mirror. But it was certain that the snake was looking into the mirror. Was it admiring its own beauty? Was it trying to make an important decision about growing a moustache or using eyeshadow and mascara or wearing a vermilion spot on its forehead?

- 1. What did the snake see when it turned its head?
- 2. What was certain about the action of the snake?
- 3. According to the author what was the snake thinking while looking into the mirror?

Read the following lines from 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and answer the questions. (3x1=3)

I heard a thousand blended notes, a  
While in a grove I sate reclined, b  
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts a  
Bring sad thoughts to the mind. b

- 4. What was the mood of the poet while sitting in the grove?
- 5. What poetic device is used in the line 'I heard a thousand blended notes'?
- 6. Find the rhyme scheme of the given lines.
- 7. Prepare an appreciation of the poem 'Lines Written in Early Spring' focusing on the theme, imagery and other poetic devices. (1x4=4)
- 8. Imagine that the boy in 'The Adventures in a Banyan Tree' writes about the fight that he saw between the cobra and the mongoose to his friend. Prepare the likely letter. (1x4=4)

Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the brackets. (4x1=4)

The cobra stood ...into... (a) the defensive, swaying slowly ...from... (b) side to side, trying ...to... (c) mesmerise the mongoose ...from... (d) making a false move.  
(into, to, from, on, with)

10. Report the following.

(2x1=2)

Friend : Doctor, is your wife very fat?  
Doctor : No, she is a thin, reedy person with the gift of a sprinter.

- a. The friend asked the doctor.....
- b. The doctor replied.....

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