

VIJAYAPADHAM
KOTTARAKKARA EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT



S S L C PRE MODEL EXAMINATION 2023

ENGLISH

Standard: X

Maximum Score: 80

Time: 2^{1/2} hrs

Instructions

- **15 minutes is given as cool-off time.**
 - **This time is to be used for reading the question paper.**
 - **Attempt the questions according to the instructions.**
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1 - 5. Read the following extract from the story, 'Vanka' and answer the questions that follow. **(1x5=5)**

Vanka's lips twitched, he rubbed his eyes with a black fist and gave a sob.

'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 am 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. When you die I will pray for your soul like I do for my Mummie.

1. What offers did the boy give his grand father, for taking him back to village?
2. 'Its killing me.' What did Vanka mean by this statement?
3. Why couldn't Vanka run away from there?
4. Which line says that he lost his mother and still he loves her?
5. Pick out a word from the paragraph which means 'to beat with a stick or whip'.

6-10. Read the following lines from the poem '*Lines Written in Early Spring*' and answer the questions that follow. **(1x5=5)**

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and played,
Their thoughts I cannot measure:—
But the least motion which they made
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

6. What activity of the birds was noted by the poet ?
7. According to the poet ,what did the ' least motion ' of the birds suggest ?
8. 'Their thoughts I can't measure.' What does it indicate?
 - (a) thoughts can be measured.
 - (b) thoughts can't be measured.
 - (c)The poet can't measure the thoughts of birds
9. Give an example of a visual image from the lines.
10. Which word in the lines means ' move by jumping on one foot ' ?
11. Read the following lines from '*The Ballad of Father Gilligan*' and write an appreciation focusing on the theme, imagery, and other poetic devices .

(5x1=5)

'Mavrone,mavrone! The man has died
While I slept in 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.

12 – 16 Read the story given below and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score. **(1x5=5)**

The Ideal Couple

There lived two pigeons in an oak tree. They were couple. They used to spend their day looking for food and in the evening they would return home. They were leading a very happy life. One evening, as usual the wife was waiting for her husband. Suddenly it started raining heavily. She was worried for her husband. "Where are you, my dear? You never get so late," she whispered to herself. Then at a distance, she saw a bird-catcher carrying a cage with a pigeon .When he came near, she identified that it was her husband who was trapped in the cage. She thought of helping her husband from the cage by distracting the bird-catcher by flapping her wings, but it was all in vain.

Soon, it stopped raining. The bird catcher was shivering because of severe cold. His clothes were also wet. He decided to sit under the same tree where the two pigeons lived. The poor wife sat by her husband's cage and started crying. The husband said, "Do not feel sad, dear. We now have a guest. This man is shivering and he is hungry too. He needs your help." Hearing this, the wife flew around and managed to get some dry twigs. Then she made a fire for the bird-catcher. With fear in mind she went near him and said, "You are our guest, since I have no food to offer, I will jump into this fire and within a few minutes I will become an edible item for you." By now, the bird-catcher was overwhelmed by the hospitality of the humble pigeon couple. He at once stopped the wife from jumping into the fire and also set the husband free. The bird catcher felt guilty for being so selfish and cruel.

12. Why was the wife worried for her husband?
13. What is your opinion about the bird catcher?
14. How did the wife try to rescue her husband?
15. Pick out a word from the passage which means 'that can be eaten without any harm'.
16. What attitude of the couple impressed the bird catcher?

17 - 18. Answer any **ONE** of the following questions. One question carries seven

scores.

(1x7=7)

17. In the story 'The Scholarship Jacket' Martha Salinas narrates a touching experience of getting the scholarship jacket which once seemed to slip away from her. Write that story in your own words mentioning all the important events.

[only chance and hope- scholarship jacket- straight A grade from first grade – works hard- school board charges fifteen dollars- grand father refuses to pay- principal rethinks – Martha gets the jacket]

18. The doctor in the story, *The Snake and the Mirror* narrates the story to his friend. You may begin like this.

“ This happened when I was living in a small rented house. I had a terrible encounter....

[**Hints:** lived in a rented house- encountered with a snake-sat like a stone image- fortunately the snake slithered down and moved towards the mirror- took shelter in one of the friends' house- decided to shift the room- most of the things were robbed except the vest .]

19-21. Answer any **TWO** of the following questions. Each question carries five scores.

(5x2=10)

19. The English club of your school is planning a screening session for casting the actors for the Drama, 'Never Never Nest'. Prepare a **notice** informing the students.

20. Imagine that Nilkanta wrote a letter to Kiran before he left the house, explaining all his griefs. Prepare the likely **letter**.

21. Martha was angry towards the whole world . She hadn't any expectation that her grandfather would pay for the scholarship jacket. In utter disappointment , she wrote her feelings in her diary. Prepare the **Diary** entry of Martha

22-25. Answer any **Two** of the following questions. Each question carries six scores.

(6x2=12)

22. The boy in the story *Adventures in a Banyan Tree* loves to live in harmony with nature. Prepare the **character sketch** of the boy.

23. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie tells about the ‘danger of a single story, in her speech. Analyse the various elements in the story and prepare a **short paragraph**.

24. After his successful completion of the shooting with the tiger, imagine that you were assigned to interview Mr. Ray. Prepare **six questions** for the interview.

25. In the film ‘Children of Heaven’ Majid Majidi portrays the sad plight of the two children. In this extract ‘My Sister’s Shoes’, you have went through the settings, characters and events. Prepare a review on the basis of your reading.

26. Prepare a **profile** of the prolific writer Rabindranath Tagore with the help of the hints given below. Use linkers wherever necessary. **(6x1=6)**

Birth : 7th may 1861, Calcutta India
Contribution : Reshape the Bengali literature and massive Indian art in the late 19th and 20th century
Awards : Nobel prize for literature in 1913 for Geethanjali, a collection of poems.
Famous : the first non European to win the Nobel prize.
Spouse : Mrinalini devi
Notable works: The golden boat, Kabuliwala
Death : 7th august, 1941

27-31. Given below are the scores of Indian cricket team. Study the table and answer the questions that follow. (1x5 = 5)

Batsman	Runs	Balls	Wicket
Rohit	51	21	0
Dawan	43	57	1
Kohli	67	66	0
Raina	55	45	3
Yuvaraj	18	17	1

- 27. Who faced maximum number of balls?
- 28. How many batsmen scored below fifty runs?
- 29. Name the players who didn't take any wickets?
- 30. Who took the highest number of wickets?
- 31. Which player is excellent in both batting and bowling?

32. Read the following conversation and **fill** in the blanks. (1x2=2)

Martha: Grandma, where is grand father?

Grandma: He is in the bean field.

- a) Martha asked grandma
- b) Grandma replied

33. Given below is the diary of the boy in the story '*Adventures in a Banyan Tree*'. There are some errors in it. **Edit** them. (1x4=4)

Oh! What a frightening scene it was! I hadn't seen such a fight between a mongoose and a cobra.... How tactfully the mongoose **win** (a) over the snake! But what surprised me was why grandfather encouraged the mongoose to **leave** (b) in the garden. He even fed it **regular**(c) with scraps from the kitchen. Another funny thing was that even grandmother would forgive him for stealing the eggs. All because of he **snakes away kept** (d) from the house. Lucky mongoose I think....

34. Complete the following passage choosing the right phrases given in brackets. (1x4=4)

We conducted a painting competition in our school. Many people ...(a)... and participated in it. The competition(b)..... some very talented artists. All the completed paintings were(c)..... in a beautiful manner as exhibition. The well known artist Mr. C. Anandan(d)..... the prizes for the winners. Everybody encouraged us for conducting such an exhibition.

(brought out, put on, turned up, set up, gave away)

