

SSLC PRE MODEL EXAMINATION 2023
ENGLISH
Second Language

Time: 2.1/2 Hours

Total Score: 80

Instructions

- There is a cool-off time of 15 minutes in addition to the writing time of 2 1/2 hours.
- Read the instruction before answering.
- Use the cool off time to prioritise your answers.
- Answer the questions according to the scores

Question 1 – 6. Read the following passage from the extract ‘**Project Tiger**’ and answer the following questions **(1 x 6 = 6)**

Once the tiger had calmed down, we managed to take the few shots we needed. This should have been the end of the story. But, when we returned to Calcutta and looked at the scenes with the tiger, we realised that the camera had failed to work properly. The shots were too dark, so much so that the tiger was merging almost completely with the background of the trees and leaves. We had to shoot the scenes all over again. We spoke to Mr Thorat and he agreed to give it another go. We found another bamboo grove closer to Calcutta in a village called Boral. The lorry arrived once more, with Mr Thorat, the tiger, the steel wire, the special collar and the iron rod. And with the lorry came the whole village. We told the villagers that they should stand at a distance of seventy feet. No one paid any attention to what they were told. The entire crowd moved as close to the camera as they could. We could not afford to waste any more time explaining and arguing. So we got the camera ready and signalled to Mr Thorat.

He opened the door of the cage. The instant the door opened with a clang clang, our tiger emerged with a loud roar, and charged straight at the villagers gathered behind the camera. The crowd, consisting of about a hundred and fifty people, melted away as if by magic. After that great burst of energy, the tiger calmed down very quickly. Like an obedient child, it walked over to the spot we had chosen, paced about quietly as it was required to and then ambled back to its trainer.

1. Why did Ray need to reshoot the scene with the tiger?
2. Where was the second location of the shoot?
3. What did the crowd do?
4. Pick out a word from the passage which means ‘to walk at a slow, relaxed speed’.
5. How did the tiger behave when the door was opened?
6. What was the ‘magic’ performed by the tiger?

Questions 7 – 10. Read the lines from the poem ‘**Poetry**’ and answer the following questions. **(1 x 5 = 5)**

And I, infinitesimal being,
drunk with the great starry
void,
likeness, image of
mystery,
felt myself a pure part
of the abyss,
I wheeled with the stars,
my heart broke loose on the wind.

7. ‘I wheeled with the stars’. What does the poet mean by this?
8. How does the poet express his delight of writing poem?
9. Pick out an instance of tactile image from the given lines.
10. How does the poet feel himself when he was inspired?

Question 11. Read the following lines from the poem ‘**The Ballad of Father Gilligan**’ and prepare an **appreciation** of the given lines highlighting the theme, imagery and poetic devices

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'He Who hath made the night of stars
For souls who tire and bleed,
Sent one of this great angels down,
To help me in my need.

'He Who is wrapped in purple robes
With planets in His care
Had pity on the least of things
Asleep upon a chair.'

Questions 12 – 16. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries on score. (1 x 5 = 5)

The clock is a very old invention. Sundials were used in ancient times. Sundials work by measuring shadows that are cast by the sun. Candle clocks were used a very long time ago. Candle clocks work by measuring the time it takes for the wax to melt. Hourglasses are similar to candle clocks because they also measure the time it takes for something to happen. Hourglasses work by measuring the time it takes for sand to pour through a small opening into a glass. Mechanical clocks appeared in the 13th century in Europe. They work with a system of moving gears. The gears always move at the same speed. Pendulum clocks work with a swinging weight. The swinging weight is called pendulum. The pendulum makes the clock parts move. Now people typically use mechanical clocks or digital clocks. Digital clocks show numbers on a screen. The numbers represent the time. Some people use auditory clocks. Auditory clocks use language to tell the time aloud. Computers also use clocks. Computers use internal clocks in order to work properly. In today's world, clocks are everywhere - in homes, schools, offices, and public places. Many people live their lives according to the clock. People go to work and return home according to the clock. School days start and end according to the clock. Air planes take off and land according to the clock. It is fun to imagine a world without clocks!

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| 12. Name the equipments used in ancient times to know the time. | 1 |
| 13. How is time measured in candle clocks? | 1 |
| 14. How do mechanical clocks work? | 1 |
| 15. Which clock uses language to tell the time? | 1 |
| 16. Why does the author say that it is fun to imagine a world without clocks? | 1 |

Questions 17 – 18. Answer any ONE of the following. Each question carries seven scores (1 x 7 = 7)

17. The boy in the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' was thrilled at seeing the fight between the cobra and the mongoose. You may also have the same feeling. Narrate the fight scene in your own words. You may begin like this

The boy was sitting on the platform half way up the tree.

18. The screenplay 'My Sister's Shoes' is mainly based on the theme poverty and a story about the life of marginalised people. Prepare a speech to be delivered in the school assembly on the topic 'Poverty' based on your reading of the screenplay 'My Sister's Shoes'

Questions 19 – 21. Answer any TWO of the following. Each question carries five scores (2 x 5 = 10)

19. Martha was so disappointed at the decision of the School Board for changing the policy regarding the Scholarship Jacket. Imagine that she writes a letter to her sister Rosie expressing her disappointment. Write the likely **letter**.

20. Adichie's visit to Fide's family was a great learning experience for her. After reaching back home, she jots down her feelings in the diary. Write the likely **diary** entry.

21. Imagine that you are the secretary of the English Club of your school. The club is conducting a Film Festival named 'Colours'. Prepare **notice** to be circulated among the students.

Questions 22 – 26. Answer any THREE of the following. Each question carries six scores (3 x 6 = 18)

22. The young man opened the gas in an attempt to commit suicide. Unfortunately this leakage of gas resulted in an out break of fire and spread to the neighbouring apartments. Prepare a **news report** of the fore out break.

23. Ali was so sad and disappointed at the loss of his sister's shoes. He went to the beach, there Ali meets one of his friends. Prepare a **conversation** between Ali and his Friend. **(six exchanges)**

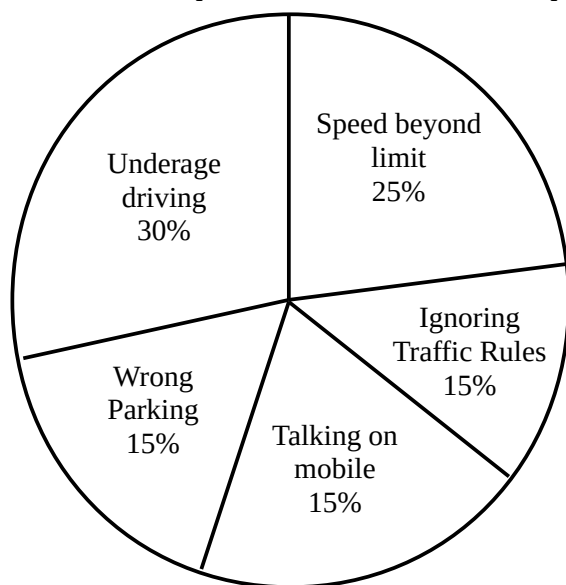
24. Write a short profile of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie using the hints given below.

Birth : September 15, 1977
Nationality : Nigeria
Education : Drexel University, University of Nigeria, Nsukka
Famous as : novelist, non-fiction writer, short story writer
Awards : Caine Prize for African Writing, Booker Prize etc.

25. Marta felt distressed when Grandfather refused to pay for the Jacket. She knew he was right. The thought of not getting the Jacket disturbed her. Many confusing thoughts flashed across her mind. Write her likely the **thoughts in a paragraph**.

26. Imagine that you are a reporter. You happened to know about the torture Vanka had to face at Alyakin's house. Prepare **six questions** to ask Vanka in order to make a report of the incident.

Questions 27 – 31. Given below is a pie diagram regarding the cause of accidents. Study the diagram carefully and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score ((1 x 5 = 5)



27. According to the diagram 25% of accidents are caused by 1
28. What is the major cause of accidents? 1
29. Talking on mobile while driving causes percent of accidents. 1
30. Other than talking on mobile which all reasons causes accidents equally? 1
31. Speed beyond limit causes 25% of the accidents. Prepare a slogan based on this cause. 1

32. Read the following conversation and answer the questions that follow. Each question carries one score. (2 x1 = 2)

Vanka : Do you know where the post office is?
The man : You should walk fifteen minutes from here.

1. What did Vanka ask the man?
2. What did the man reply?

33. There are certain errors in the passage given below. They are underlined. **Edit** them. (1 x 4 = 4)

Mr Thorat's men had fix (a) a five foot iron rod to the ground, about thirty feet from the area whom (b) the tiger was supposed to take a walk. They took a thin, long wire and fixed one end to the collar maid (c) of tiger-skin that the tiger was already wearing. The other end were (d) tied firmly to the visible portion of the iron rod.

34. Rewrite the passage given below replacing the words underlined with right **phrasal phrasal** verbs given in bracket. (1 x 4 = 4)

When Martha reached (a) her class room to take her PE shorts, she happened to see (b) Mr. Schimidt and Mr Boone her teachers. They continued (c) arguing about her. She could not fully understand (d) the matter they were arguing about.

(came across, went on, turn up, make out, put on)

35. Fill in the blanks using the words given in brackets. (1 x 4 = 4)

Kiran's heart overflowed _____ (a) pity on the homeless lad. She got two new suits _____ (b) clothes, a pair of shoes _____ (c) bank note and wanted to place _____ (d) into his box as a surprise gift.

36. Mr. John was very shy to talk to A. J Cronin. He talked to his wife. Complete the conversation suitably. (1 x 5 = 5)

Wife : Why do you look so gloomy dear?
Mr. John : I am a _____ (a) _____.
Wife : What's is the reason for the tension?
Mr. John : I feel _____ (b) _____.
Wife : Don't worry, he won't be angry with you
Mr John : Will you come with me?
Wife : Sure. You had better _____ (c) _____.
Mr. John : Who will start the conversation first?
Wife : You have to _____ (d) _____.
Mr. John : Okay, _____ (e) _____.
