

Sl. No.

SSLC MODEL EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY - 2023

ENGLISH

Second Language

Time : 2½ Hours

Total Score : 80

General Instructions to Candidates :

- The first 15 minutes is 'cool-off time'. Use this time to get familiarised with questions and plan your answers.
- Read the instructions carefully before answering the questions.
- Keep in mind the score and the time while answering the questions.

Score

Questions 1 - 5 : Read the excerpt from 'The Scholarship Jacket' and answer the questions that follow.

5x1=5

I was almost back at my classroom door when I heard voices raised in anger as if in some sort of argument. I stopped. I didn't mean to eavesdrop, I just hesitated, not knowing what to do. I needed those shorts and I was going to be late, but I didn't want to interrupt an argument between my teachers. I recognised the voices: Mr. Schmidt, my History teacher and Mr. Boone, my Math teacher. They seemed to be arguing about me. I couldn't believe it. I still remember the feeling of shock that rooted me flat against the wall as if I were trying to blend in with the graffiti written there.

1. What did Martha hear when she reached near her classroom door ?
2. Martha hesitated to enter the classroom because _____.
 - (a) she was doubtful if she could take her shorts or not.
 - (b) she didn't want to interrupt the argument between her teachers.
 - (c) she would be late for her physical education class.
 - (d) she was afraid of the punishment her teachers would impose.
3. Who are the teachers mentioned in the passage ?
4. How did Martha feel when she realized that her teachers were talking about her ?
5. Pick out the word from the passage that means 'writings or drawings on the wall'.

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Questions 6 - 9 : Read the following lines from the poem 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan' and answer the questions given below.

4x1=4

The old priest Peter Gilligan
Was weary night and day
For half his flock were in their beds
Or under green sods lay.

Once, while he nodded in a chair
At the moth-hour of the eve
Another poor man sent for him,
And he began to grieve.

6. Why was Father Gilligan 'weary night and day' ?
7. What does 'under green sods lay' mean here ?
8. When did Peter Gilligan fall asleep ?
9. Identify the rhyme scheme followed in the given stanzas.

10. Read the following lines from 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and prepare a note of appreciation considering the theme, imagery and other poetic devices. 5

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

To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran;
And much it grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man.

- Questions 11 - 12 : Answer any ONE of the following in about 120 words.

1x7=7

11. The narrator in the story 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' was very happy to know that Mr. John, who he had saved from a suicide attempt, became a social worker later on. He narrated the life of Mr. John to one of his friends. Prepare the likely narrative.

(Hints : Narrator works as doctor in a working class district of London - one foggy night - a sergeant calls - a young man attempts suicide - works hard to save his life - hears his story - decides to help - meets after many years)

12. The boy in 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' observes everything in Nature with great interest. Prepare a **write-up** detailing his experiences as described in the story.

(Hints : Grandfather's house - the banyan tree - observes everything around the tree - grey squirrel - the fight between the cobra and the mongoose - the myna and the jungle crow - the white rat and the white squirrels)

Questions 13 - 17 : Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. 5x1=5

Walt Disney's journey to success started when he worked as a newspaper boy at the age of ten. Very early in life, he learned that work was something one should be passionate about. Delivering newspapers was not his passion.

He joined the army and then pursued a job he always wanted - a newspaper cartoonist. Unfortunately, Walt was denied the opportunity to work as a cartoonist by most of the leading newspapers. They said he lacked imagination. Soon he launched a company with a fellow cartoonist. But a month later the company closed down. Failure did not tie him down. He applied for a job at Kansas City Film Advertising Company. But the company rejected his application.

Finally he went to Hollywood and started *Disney Bros. Studio*. It was from there that Walt tasted success. Determined, he moved forward doing what he was passionate about. The Disney Company he founded has become one of the world's largest entertainment firms. Now, under his name there are theme parks, animation studios, and other colourful creations.

13. What did Walt Disney learn from his early life experiences ?
14. Walt Disney always wanted to become a _____.
(a) writer (b) cartoonist (c) film marker (d) soldier
15. On what grounds was Walt denied the opportunity to become a cartoonist ?
16. Walt could not work with Kansas City Film Advertising Company. Why ?
17. The name of the company Walt Disney started in Hollywood was _____.

Questions 18 - 20 : Answer any Two of the following. Each question carries five scores. $2 \times 5 = 10$

18. The Homeopath in the story 'The Snake and Mirror' ran for his life from his room as a snake coiled around his arm. He was terribly frightened. He noted his feelings in his diary. Prepare the likely **diary entry** of the Homeopath.
19. You get a chance to talk to Satyajit Ray once he completed the shooting of the film 'Goopy Gynne Bagha Byne'. Prepare a **set of five questions** you would like to ask him.
20. The English Club of your school has decided to conduct a Children's Film Festival. You are convener of the club. Draft a **notice** detailing the events and inviting everyone to attend the programme.

Questions 21 - 25 : Answer any THREE of the following. Each question carries six scores.

$3 \times 6 = 18$

21. Prepare a **profile** of Vaikom Muhammad Basheer making use of the hints given below.

Born	:	21 January, 1908
Place of birth	:	Thalayolaparambu, Kerala
Famous as	:	writer, freedom fighter
Major works	:	<i>Balyakalasakhi</i> , <i>Ntuppuppakkoranendarnu</i> , <i>Pathummayude Aadu</i>
Awards	:	Padma Shri, Kerala Sahitya Akademi Fellowship, Lalithambika Antharjanam Award
Death	:	5 July, 1994
22. Vanka's grandfather Konstantin Makarich plays an important role in the story 'Vanka'. Prepare a **character sketch** of the Grandfather.
23. Ali loses his sister's shoes at the vegetable shop and it causes an array of problems in his life. He writes a letter to his friend describing the problems he faces. Prepare the likely **letter**.
24. The problem with stereotypes is not that they are untrue, but that they are incomplete. Write a **paragraph** substantiating the statement based on the experiences of Adichie in 'The Danger of a Single Story'.
25. Mr. Schmidt in 'The Scholarship Jacket' argued in favour of Martha and eventually Martha got the Scholarship Jacket. At the graduation ceremony Mr. Schmidt delivered a felicitation speech congratulating Martha on winning the Scholarship Jacket. Prepare the likely **speech**.

Question 26 - 30 : The table given below shows the details of certain books. Study the table and answer the questions that follow.

Book	Author	Language	Year of publication
<i>Aranyak</i>	Bibhutibhushan Bandopadhyay	Bengali	1976
<i>Randidangazhi</i>	Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai	Malayalam	1948
<i>Siddhartha</i>	Hermann Hesse	German	1922
<i>Heart of Darkness</i>	Joseph Conrad	English	1902

26. Who is the author of the book titled 'Siddhartha' ?
27. When was 'Heart of Darkness' published ?
28. Which book in the given table was published in 1976 ?
29. The only Malayalam work given in the table is _____.
30. Identify the book published first, from the ones given in the table.
31. **There are a few errors in the passage given below. They are underlined. Edit them.**

4x1=4

Sharat went outside when he heard a call. He saw a young boy in the garden, a survivor from (a) a upturned boat (b) on the storm. Kiran (c) shows her hospitality by giving him dry clothes to change and milk to drink. His name was Nilkanta (d) that belonged to a theatrical group.

32. **Read the following conversation.**

2x1=2

Friend : Why are you crying ?

Vanka : My master has beaten me with a stirrup-strap.

Now, complete the following sentences.

(a) The friend asked

(b) Vanka replied

33. **Complete the following passage choosing the right words from those given in brackets.**

4x1=4

The narrator (a) the sergeant of police walked to the lodging in silence. When they entered into the old building their nostrils were stung by the smell (b) illuminating gas. The landlady led them to (c) bare little attic. There lay the body of a young man stretched (d) a narrow bed.

(of, on, and, a, for)

34. Complete the following passage choosing appropriate phrasal verbs from the ones given below. 4x1=4

When the tiger jumped out of the cage, all the people were (a) by its unexpected behaviour. Mr. Thorat was unable to (b) what was happening. The tiger (c) dragging Mr. Thorat. But he was not ready to (d) his efforts.

(make out, give up, taken aback, went on)

35. Complete the following conversation suitably. 4x1=4

Aunt Jane : You bought everything on instalments, (a) ?

Jack : Yes. But I'm not worried about the instalments.

Aunt Jane : (b) ?

Jack : I earn six pounds a week.

Aunt Jane : (c) ?

Jack : Yes. I can manage to pay back without any due.

Aunt Jane : I don't think so. If you fail to pay the instalment (d)

36. Read the following sentences and identify the Noun Phrases in the subject position. 3x1=3

(a) Ali went inside the bakery.

(b) The cook was taking the baked nan out.

(c) A group of men was standing in the queue outside the bakery.