

Karnataka SSLC Model Question Paper 2025
(English - Second Language)
Paper Set 2 Answer Key

Section I: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) (4 × 1 = 4 marks)

1. Kohli plays cricket very well, *doesn't he?* (B)
2. Language function for the underlined sentence: (A) *Requesting*
3. Conditional sentence completion: *If you had come, you would have enjoyed the trip a lot.* (C)
4. Infinitive in the sentence: *to meet* (D)

Section II: Grammar (12 × 1 = 12 marks)

5. One-syllable word: *Reach*
6. Collocation: *Curly hair*
7. Article: *I will send you an SMS.*
8. Linker: *Ravi couldn't reach in time because he missed the bus.*
9. Preposition: *Harish went to America for higher studies.*
10. Tense form: *He is taking special classes nowadays.*
11. Part of speech: *Lanky - Adjective*
12. Word form: *Harish is known for his sincerity.*
13. Sentence using 'Conduct' as a verb: *The teacher will conduct the examination tomorrow.*
14. Comparative degree: *Bangalore is more expensive than any other city in India.*
15. Passive voice: *The prizes were distributed by the education minister.*

16. **Reported speech:** *Radha asked Rashmi where she had gone the previous day.*

Section III: Editing (1 × 2 = 2 marks)

17. **Edited Paragraph:** *Swami hurriedly got up and spread his bed under the bench and crouched there. It seemed to be a much safer place, more compact and reassuring.*

Section IV: Short Answer Questions (7 × 2 = 14 marks)

18. **Don Anselmo's principles:** *He refused extra money for his land and believed the trees belonged to the children of the village.*
19. **Nehru on Ambedkar:** *Nehru called Dr. Ambedkar a symbol of revolt as he fought against social discrimination and worked for equality.*
20. **Ravi Shankar and Allah Rakha's promise:** *They visited Anant and played music for him as they had promised Smita.*
21. **Superpowers in Geneva:** *They met to discuss nuclear disarmament and peaceful coexistence.*
22. **Calendars and clocks in space:** *The poet suggests that time has no meaning in the vastness of space.*
23. **Babu and Manju's disappointment:** *The students were marching without enthusiasm and lacked spirit in their protest.*

OR

Dicky Dolma's struggles: *She faced financial hardships and trained hard to become the youngest Indian woman to climb Mt. Everest.*

24. **Hani's 'ekdam bindas' life:** *He was always optimistic despite hardships and worked hard to become a pilot.*

OR

Bird of Happiness in Tibet: *It brought relief by ending their suffering, bringing warmth and prosperity.*

Section V: Long Answer Questions (2 × 3 = 6 marks)

25. **Satish Gujral's determination:** *Despite being hearing impaired, he became a renowned painter, sculptor, and architect.*
26. **Mother Earth in 'I Am the Land':** *The poet portrays Earth as patient and enduring, observing human activities but remaining silent.*

Section VI: Extract-Based Questions (4 × 3 = 12 marks)

27. **"You must sleep alone hereafter."**
- 'You' refers to Swami.*
 - The speaker is Swami's father.*
 - He wanted Swami to be brave and independent.*
28. **"A stranger risked his life for me."**
- Roma said this.*
 - Baleshwar was the stranger.*
 - He jumped off a train to save her after she fell from another train.*
29. **"I prefer your company to theirs."**
- The speaker is the narrator in 'Quality'.*
 - He preferred Gessler's company.*
 - He admired Gessler's dedication to quality shoemaking.*
30. **"Is there no song that I can sing of you?"**
- The speaker is the poet in 'Song of India'.*
 - He is addressing Mother India.*
 - He feels conflicted about whether to praise or criticize India.*

Section VII: Profile Writing (1 × 3 = 3 marks)

31. **Manu Bhaker's Profile:** *Manu Bhaker, born on February 18, 2002, in Gorla, Haryana, is an accomplished shooter. She won a gold medal in the 10m pistol event at the 2018 Commonwealth Games and two medals at the 2018 Youth Olympics. She also won a bronze medal in the 2024 Paris Olympics. Her dedication and achievements have made her an inspiration for young athletes.*

Section VIII: Story Writing (1 × 3 = 3 marks)

32. **King Solomon's Wisdom:** *King Solomon was famous for his wisdom. Queen Sheba wanted to test him, so she presented him with two garlands—one real and one artificial. Solomon, without touching them, opened a window. The bees flew inside and sat on the real flowers, revealing the answer. The queen was impressed by his intelligence.*

33. **Picture Description:**

The image portrays a peaceful rural setting with a scenic view. A man is carrying two pots of water with the help of a stick, likely returning from a nearby water source. This suggests the daily struggles of villagers in fetching water, a vital resource. In another part of the scene, two men are enjoying the warmth of a fire in an open area, indicating that the weather is cold. Their actions highlight the importance of fire in providing warmth and comfort during winter nights. Nearby, two small huts are visible, suggesting a simple and humble lifestyle in the countryside. The scenic beauty of the surroundings reflects the tranquility and charm of rural life. The image emphasizes hard work, survival, and the beauty of nature, reminding us of the traditional ways of living in harmony with the environment.

34. **Quote from Memory:** *Lines from 'The Quality of Mercy' or 'My Day or Night' as per the syllabus.*

Section XI: Comprehension (1 × 4 = 4 marks)

35. **Ashoka's Duties:**

- a) *Ashoka believed a king should protect his people and ensure justice.*
- b) *He opened hospitals for humans and animals to provide proper treatment.*

36. **Poetry Interpretation:**

Ruskin Bond's Grandmother: *She had an unusual love for climbing trees, which she continued even in her old age. When she fell sick, she refused to stay in bed and instead wanted a treehouse, showing her independent and adventurous spirit.*

OR

Jazz Player's Appearance: The jazz player was an old man with a tired, worn-out face. Despite his frail look, his music was powerful and expressive, reflecting his deep emotions and past struggles.

OR

Sailors in 'Ballad of the Tempest': The sailors were initially terrified by the violent storm. However, the captain's confidence and leadership gave them hope, helping them overcome the peril with renewed courage.

37. **Essay Writing:**

(a) Air Pollution: Air pollution is a major environmental concern caused by vehicle emissions, industrial waste, and deforestation. Polluted air leads to health problems like respiratory diseases and global warming. To reduce air pollution, we must use eco-friendly transport, plant more trees, and enforce strict regulations on industries. Every individual has a role in keeping the air clean for a healthier future.

(b) Internet: The internet has revolutionized communication, education, and entertainment. It provides instant access to information, connects people worldwide, and supports online learning. However, excessive use can lead to cyber threats and addiction. Using the internet wisely for learning, business, and social interactions can make life easier and more productive.

(c) Importance of Games: Games play a vital role in maintaining physical and mental health. They teach discipline, teamwork, and leadership skills. Outdoor games keep the body fit, while indoor games enhance thinking ability. Engaging in sports helps reduce stress and develop a positive attitude towards life. Schools should encourage students to participate in games for overall personality development.

38. **Letter to Father on Exam Preparation**

Government High School,

Dharwad,

Date: [Insert Date]

Dear Father,

I hope you are doing well. I am writing to inform you about my board exam preparations. I have been following a strict study schedule, revising all subjects thoroughly. I practice previous years' question papers daily and take guidance from my teachers. My confidence is growing, and I aim to perform well in the exams.

Please give me your blessings and support. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Yours lovingly,

Kiran/Kavya

Letter to Zilla Panchayat for a Library

Government High School,

Dharwad,

Date: [Insert Date]

To,

The President,

Zilla Panchayat,

Dharwad.

Subject: Request to Set Up a Library in Our Locality

Respected Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of the students and residents of our locality to request the establishment of a public library. Many students in our area lack access to good books and study materials, which affects their education. A well-equipped library will help students and general readers to enhance their knowledge.

We kindly urge you to consider our request and take necessary steps to set up a library in our locality. Your support in this regard would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Kiran/Kavya

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