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SSLC Summative Assessment – 1 for the Year 2024 – 25

SECOND LANGUAGE – ENGLISH

Time : 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.]

[Max. Marks : 80

- Instructions :**
- 1) This question paper consists of 38 questions.
 - 2) Follow the instructions given against the questions.
 - 3) Figures in the right hand margin indicate maximum marks for the questions.
 - 4) The maximum time to answer the paper is given at the top of the question paper. It includes 15 minutes for reading the question paper.

- I. Four alternatives are given for each of the following questions/incomplete statements. Choose the correct alternative and write the complete answer along with its letter of alphabet. (4×1=4)

- 1) Choose the appropriate question tag for the statement :

Students love to listen to music, _____
 A) do they ? B) don't they ? C) did they ? D) weren't they ?

- 2) Read the given conversation and choose the language function for the underlined sentence :

Pavithra : Hi, could you show me the way to railway station ?

Saritha : Sure. Go straight and take first left. You will find your destination.

A) Agreeing B) Offering help C) Giving direction D) Requesting

- 3) Read the following conversation and fill in the blank choosing the most appropriate words :

Student : Good morning Sir.

Teacher : Good morning. What about your result ?

Student : Sir I passed in first class.

Teacher : If you had worked harder, you _____ passed in distinction.
 A) wouldn't have B) would have C) shall have D) will have

- 4) Read the following and choose the infinitive :

We went trekking. We were unable to meet the tribal people on our way.
 A) went B) were C) to meet D) trekking

(12×1=12)

- II. Do as directed :

- 5) Which one of the following words has one syllable ?
 temple, teacher, teach, technology

- 6) Combine the word in column – A with its collocative word in column – B :

Column – A

Column – B

Book

(silk, worm, taste, right)

- 7) Fill in the blank using the correct article :

Who is the fastest bowler in the class ?

- 8) Fill in the blank using suitable linker :

She went to meet her friend in the park but her friend didn't come.

- 9) Fill in the blank with appropriate preposition :

Suresh is confined on bed.

P.T.O.



- 10) Fill in the blank with appropriate tense form of the verb given in bracket :
Nirmala _____ (be + decorate) the picture yesterday.
- 11) Use the word 'laugh' as verb in a sentence.
- 12) Change into comparative degree :
Rakesh is the tallest boy in the class. *Room*
- 13) Change into passive voice : *is*
Students are preparing the project.
- 14) Give one word answer for the given sentence :
One who travels to work place daily.
- 15) Write the correct form of the word given in bracket :
The _____ (present) given by the musician was mind blowing.
- 16) Read the following conversation and change the underlined sentence into reported speech :
Ravindra : Hello Sundar ! How are you ?
Sundar : I am fine. Thank you.
Ravindra : What do you want to become ?
Sundar : I want to become a teacher.
Sundar told Ravindra that _____

- III. The following sentence has two errors. Edit the sentence and rewrite it in the answer book : *science (1x2=2)*
- 17) Teacher narrated a story *g* in the class. Students enjoy a lot. The moral was revealed by the teacher.
a) Spelling mistake to be corrected.
b) Verbal mistake to be corrected.

- IV. Answer the following questions in 2-3 sentences each : (7x2=14)
- 18) How was Swami honoured by his classmates, teacher and the headmaster ?
- 19) Why did Nehru choose Dr. Ambedkar as the law minister ?
- 20) Why did the Americans go to buy Don Anselmo's land ?
- 21) How can you say that Dr. Ambedkar was a voracious reader ?
- 22) Why is the poet 'querulous' ? What does he want to do ?
- 23) Why were Babu and Manju disappointed with the way the students were marching ?

OR

- Why had Patil, the Sub-Inspector come to Mohan's house ?
- 24) How did Dicky Dolma prepare for the task of scaling Mount Everest ?

OR

How did Dicky Dolma describe the breathtaking view of the Mount Everest ?

- V. Answer the following questions in 5-6 sentences each : (2x3=6)
- 25) Baleshwar risked his life to save the life of Roma Talreja. Discuss.
- 26) How does the mother earth show her patience in each situation in the poem "I am the land" ?
- VI. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow : (4x3=12)
- 27) "Can I have a burning lamp in the room ?"
a) Who raised this question ?
b) Whom did the speaker ask ?
c) Why did the speaker want a burning lamp in the room ?



- 28) "Oh, I couldn't thank him."
 a) Who is the 'I' here ?
 b) Who does 'him' refer to ?
 c) Why couldn't the speaker thank him ?
- 29) "I do not like to have you speak to me in that manner."
 a) Who made this statement ?
 b) Who was this said to ?
 c) Why did the speaker say like this ?
- 30) "Sing of the filth and the dirt
 That foul my sylvan retreats."
 a) Who is the speaker ?
 b) When did the speaker say this ?
 c) From which poem these lines are taken ?

VII. Given below is a profile of Dr. Mahesh. Write a paragraph using the clues given below : (1×3=3)

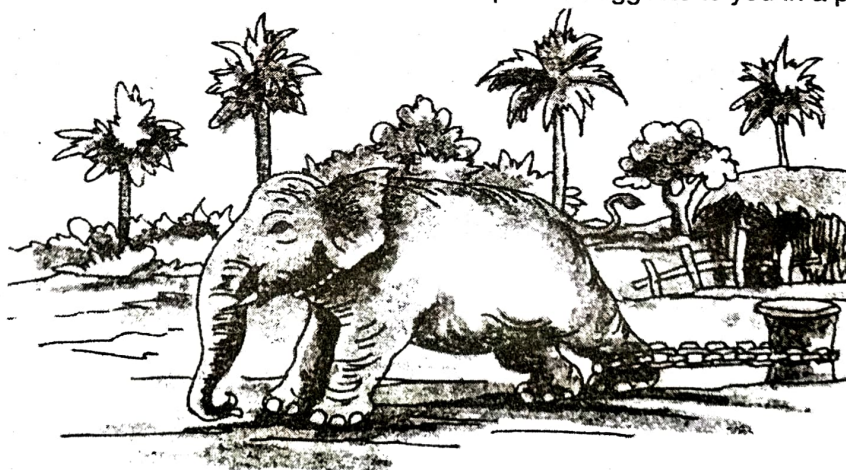
- 31) Name : Dr. Mahesh
 Age : 39 years old
 Place : Hassan
 Qualification : MS in General Surgery
 Popularity : Very kind hearted person, down to earth, easily available for the patients and gives free treatment.
 Achievements : Conducted a number of operations free of cost.
 Awards : Many local and state awards.

VIII. Develop the story using the clues given below : (1×3=3)

- 32) One day a lion — nothing to eat — the hungry lion — roamed in the forest — in search of food — caught a small hare — lion raised his paws — to kill the hare — a deer was coming from the opposite side — lion dropped the hare — ran after the deer — hare ran away — deer was much faster than lion — in a trice deer vanished — lion disappointed — returned — repenting.

IX. Study the picture given below : (1×3=3)

- 33) Write a description or an account of what the picture suggests to you in a paragraph.



Alternative question for visually impaired candidates only. (In lieu of Q. No. 33)

Use the following phrasal verbs in sentences of your own :

- a) carry on b) get back c) put on



X. Quote from memory :

34) The throned monarch

(1×4=4)

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 fear of Kings;

OR

It is enthroned

.....

 seasons justice.

XI. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

(1×4=4) (2×2)

35) Kashmir is a garden of beauty surrounded by a wall of snow-capped mountains. We enter the valley of Kashmir at Baramulla. From the bridge over the river Jhelum, we can look north and see the peak Nanga parbat standing like a huge sentinel pointing to the sky. At Baramulla we board the house boat which is to be our dwelling for the next few months. We are then towed twenty miles up the Jhelum till we come to Srinagar, the capital of Kashmir, the city of the sun, lying like a jewel in the centre of the valley. About half the people living here are Muslims the other half Hindus. They appear good-natured and happy-go-lucky. The houses of the city are built of wood and bricks. Most of the houses have a very dilapidated appearance. But they are very picturesque all through summer months, for the roofs of many of them are covered with flowers. Some have tulips. Some wild irises and some others red poppies.

The Jhelum flows through the city of Srinagar and with its canals cuts it up into so many islands as to give it the name of 'The Venice of India'. As the sun melts the snow on the mountain tops, the snow water flows down the valley and causes the river to rise and supply her life-giving waters to the fields and gardens.

a) Why is Srinagar city called as 'The Venice of India' ?

b) Why do the houses in Kashmir look picturesque during summer ?

XII. Answer the following question in about 8-10 sentences :

(1×4=4)

36) The poet's grandmother had a zeal to live on top of the tree. How was she able to fulfil her desire ?

OR

How does the poet describe man's greed and land's assertion in the poem 'I am the land' ?

XIII. Write an essay on **any one** of the following :

(1×4=4)

37) a) Zero mosquitoes, zero dengue

b) Water pollution

c) Uses of mobile phones.

XIV. Write a letter using the information given below :

(1×5=5)

38) Imagine you are Narendra/Nayana studying in Government High School, Basavapura.

Write a letter to your mother about your preparation for the SA – 1 Exam.

OR

Write a letter to the Headmaster/Headmistress requesting to organise a visit to the planetarium.

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