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SSLC EXAMINATION, MARCH - 2023

ENGLISH

Second Language

Time : 2½ Hours

Total Score : **80**

Instructions :

- The first **15** minutes is the cool-off time. You may use the time to read the questions and plan the answers.
- Read the questions carefully before answering.
- Certain sections of the questions have choice. Follow the choice regulations.
- When you select a question, all its sub questions (if any) must be answered from the same question.

Score

Questions 1-5 : Read the excerpt from 'Vanka' and answer the questions that follow. **5x1=5**

Vanka gave a sharp sigh and once more gazed at the Windowpane. He remembered his grandfather going to get a Christmas tree for the gentry and taking his grandson with him! Oh, what happy times those had been! Grandfather would give a chuckle, and the frost-bound wood chuckled, and Vanka, following their example, chuckled, too. Before chopping down the fir-tree, Grandfather would smoke a pipe, take a long pinch of snuff, and laugh at the shivering Vanka. The young fir-trees, coated with frost, stood motionless, waiting to see which one of them was to die. And suddenly a hare would come leaping over a snow-drift, swift as an arrow. Grandfather could never help shouting :

'Stop it, stop it . . . stop it! Oh, you stub-tailed devil!'

1. What does Vanka remember about his grandfather during Christmas ?

2. Pick out a sentence that tells you, Vanka really missed his happy times.

3. How are the fir-trees described in the passage ?

4. Identify the word from the passage that means *'to cut down a tree'*.

5. What is the movement of the hare compared to ?

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Questions 6-9 : Read the lines from the poem 'Lines written in Early Spring' and answer the questions given below. 4x1=4

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 is the poet's faith ?

7. Pick out any two visual images from the stanzas given above.

8. What feelings do the movement of the birds evoke in the poet's mind ?

9. Identify the rhyme scheme followed in the lines given.

10. **Read the lines from the poem 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan' and prepare a note of appreciation considering the theme, imagery and other poetic devices.** 5

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.

'I have no rest, nor joy, nor peace,
For people die and die;
And after cried he, 'God forgive!
My body spake not I!'

Score

Questions 11-15 : Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. 5x1=5

Everyone needs sleep, but its biological purpose remains a mystery. It is a fact that sleep is important in our daily routine. We spend about one-third of our time sleeping. Without proper sleep one finds it difficult to concentrate and respond quickly to various situations.

Sleep is important to a number of brain functions, including the communication of nerve cells (neurons) with each other. In fact, our brain and body stay remarkably active while we sleep. Recent research suggests that sleep plays a housekeeping role by removing toxins that are formed in our brain, while we are awake.

Lack of sleep affects almost every type of tissue and system in the body - from the brain, heart, and lungs to metabolism, immune function and mood. Chronic sleep disorders increase the risk of diseases like high blood pressure, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, depression, and obesity.

11. Our brain and body stay _____ while we sleep.

(a) passive (b) active ✓ (c) still (d) idle

12. How much time do we spend sleeping ?

13. How does lack of sleep affect our body ?

14. What is the finding of recent research mentioned in the passage ?

15. Pick out a word from the passage that means 'something that is difficult to understand'.

Questions 16-17 : Answer any ONE of the following in about 120 words. 1x7=7

16. The boy in the story 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' enjoys sitting on the banyan tree reading books and watching the world beneath it. The story describes vividly the sights and sounds of nature. Prepare a **write-up** on the topic 'Nature - a treasure house of knowledge' based on the boy's observation of his surroundings and his joy of experiencing nature.

(Hints : makes friends with the squirrel - watches exciting fight between snake and the mongoose - interference of crow and myna - strange case of the grey squirrel and the white mongoose)

17. The story 'The Castaway' depicts the emotional journey of Nilkanta who was taken care of by the kind-hearted lady, Kiran. Prepare a brief **narrative** on the unforgettable experiences of Nilkanta in your words.

(Hints : survives a boat tragedy - turns up at Kiran's place - Kiran takes pity on him - gives freedom - falls into bad company - Sharat hates him - does not get Kiran's attention - steals Satish's inkstand - Kiran finds out - Nilkanta out in the street)

Score

Quest given

ons 18-20 : Answer any TWO of the following. Each question carries five scores. 2x5=10

he Film Club of your school has decided to conduct a film festival featuring the popular lms of renowned film directors Satyajit Ray and Majid Majidi. Prepare a **notice** inviting veryone to the festival.

unt Jane in the play 'The Never Never Nest' was shocked to see the luxurious life led y Jack and Jill despite their low income. She writes her thoughts and feelings in her liary. Prepare the likely **diary** entry of Aunt Jane.

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie in her enlightening speech discusses the danger of a single story. You get an opportunity to interview her. Prepare **five questions** you may ask her.

tions 21-25 : Answer any THREE of the following. Each question carries six scores. 3x6=18

'The Snake and the Mirror' is an interesting story written by Vaikom Muhammad Basheer. After reading the story, you decide to write a **letter** to one of your friends describing the various events in the story. Prepare the likely **letter**.

Martha in 'The Scholarship Jacket' overcomes the obstacles in her life with confidence and determination. Prepare a **character sketch** of Martha.

Write a short **profile** of Anton Chekhov using the hints given below.

Birth	:	January 29, 1860, Taganrog, Russia
Occupation	:	Physician, short story writer, playwright
Famous as	:	Most cherished story teller, one of the masters of the modern short story
Notable works	:	A Dreary Story, Ivanov, Peasants, The Bear, The Cherry Orchard
Awards	:	Pushkin Prize
Death	:	July 15, 1904, Badenweiler, Germany

The shooting of the film *Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne* by Satyajit Ray in Notun Gram attracted media attention. The news appeared in a daily, the following day. Prepare the likely **news report.**

Mr. John in 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' goes through unforgettable experiences in his life and career. Prepare a **paragraph** on the circumstances that led Mr. John to think of ending his life.

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Score 5

estions 26-30 : Details of the winners of the Golden Crow Pheasant for the best film are en in the table below. Study the table and answer the questions that follow.

Winners of the Golden Crow Pheasant for Best Film				
Year	**Film (Original Title)**	**English Title**	**Director**	**Country**
2003	*Abouna*	*Our Father*	Mahamat Saleh Haroun	Chad
2005	*Sheng si jie*	*Stolen Life*	Shaohong Li	China
2006	*Nirontor*	*Forever Flows*	Abu Sayeed	Bangladesh
2009	*Jermal*	*Fishing Platform*	Ravi Bharwani	Indonesia
2015	*Ottaal*	*The Trap*	Jayaraj	India

Which year did an Indonesian film get the award ?

Name the director of the film that won an award in 2015.

What is the English title of the film directed by Abu Sayeed ?

Which country does the director Mahamat Saleh Haroun belong to ?

Who is the director of the film *'Sheng si jie '* ?

Report the following dialogue. 2

A friend : Why are you worried ?

Homeopath : A snake coiled around my arm.

(a) A friend asked the Homeopath _____

(b) The Homeopath replied _____

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

Martha could not ___(a)___ the decision of the board. But she was not ready to ___(b)___ her hopes to win the Scholarship Jacket. Totally fearless, Martha ___(c)___ her thoughts to the principal. The principal was ___(d)___ by Martha's response and finally changed his decision.

(give up, put across, taken a back, put up with)

Score

33. There are a few errors in the passage given below. They are underlined. Edit them. 4

In the spring, **where (a)** the banyan tree was full of small red figs, birds of all kinds **will (b)** flock into its branches. The red-bottomed bulbul, rosy-pastors, parrots and crows, **squabble (c)** with each other all the time. During the fig season, the banyan tree was the noisiest place **in (d)** the road.

34. Complete the conversation between Dr. A J Cronin and Mr. John. 4

Dr. A J Cronin	:	You were watching me closely, _____(a)_____ ?
Mr. John	:	Yes of course. _____ (b)_____ ?
Dr. A J Cronin	:	No, I'm sorry, I don't remember you.
Mr. John	:	You saved me, some 25 years ago, when you were practicing in London.
Dr. A J Cronin	:	Yes, now I remember you. _____ (c)_____ ?
Mr. John	:	I'm working as the director of a charitable organisation.
Dr. A J Cronin	:	Good to learn that.
Mr. John	:	If you hadn't saved my life, _____ (d)_____.
Dr. A J Cronin	:	Glad to hear that.

35. Complete the following passage choosing the right words from those given in brackets. 4

Satyajit Ray realised how reverently the animal-actors were treated when he happened to see the shooting _____(a)_____ a film twenty years ago in Disney Studio _____(b)_____ Hollywood. _____(c)_____ main character in the film was _____(d)_____ large dog.

(a, the, in, of, on)

36. Read the following sentences and identify the Noun Phrase in the subject position. 3

(a) The ship moved on through the still darkness of the night.

(b) All my characters were white and blue-eyed.

(c) The American and British books stirred my imagination.

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