

SSLC Preparatory Examination 2023-24

Subject: English (31E)

Max. Marks: 80

Class: 10

Time: 3 hours

I. Four alternatives are given for each of the following questions/incomplete statements. Only one of them is correct or most appropriate. Choose the correct alternative and write the complete answer along with its letter of alphabet. **4x1=4**

1. Choose the appropriate question tag and fill in the blank:

Sagar is going to school,

- A) is he? B) does he?
C) isn't he? D) doesn't he?

2. Choose the appropriate passive form:

Raj is writing a short story.

- A) A short story was being written by Raj B) A short story is being written by Raj
C) A short story was written by Raj D) A short story is written by Raj

3. Read the given conversation and choose the language function for the underlined sentence:

Varun: Hello Vinod! Do you know the way to the post office?

Vinod: Of course! Go straight and take the first left turn. The first building is the post office.

- A) Seeking direction B) Giving direction
C) offering help D) Requesting

4. Read the given conversation and fill in the blank choosing the most appropriate words:

Radhika: Hey Suma! Did you meet Anu yesterday?

Suma: No! It was raining till late at night. Otherwise I _____ gone to her house.

- A) wouldn't have B) would have
C) should have D) shouldn't have

II. Do as directed

12x1=12

5. Identify the part of speech of the underlined word

Samit is very kind.

6. Which of the following words has one syllable?

Cloudy, examine, true, article.

7. Combine the word in column-A with its collective word in Column-B

'A'	'B'
sun	[rain, sky, flower, stream]

8. Fill in the blank using suitable linker:

Time _____ tide waits for none.

9. Fill in the blank with appropriate tense form of the verb given in brackets:

She _____ (study) music for two years.

10. Fill in the blank using the correct article:

It was eventful day.

11. Fill in the blank with appropriate preposition:

The headmaster presided _____ the meeting.

12. Write the correct form of the word given in bracket:

The level of _____ (pollute) is high in recent years.

13. Use the word 'clear' as verb in a sentence.

14. Change into comparative degree:

Sumanth is the cleverest boy in the class.

15. Frame a question to get the underlined word as answer:

The students played hockey.

16. Read the following conversation and change the underlined sentence into reported speech

Ramya: Hello Sarita! Are you going to the concert?

Saritha: Yes! Will you, come with me?

Ramya asked Sarita _____.

III. The following paragraph has two errors. Edit the paragraph and rewrite it:

2X1=2

17. All these woman and many more who lived in huts and hamlets, rose above their ordinary selves and fought silent for the freedom of our country.

Clues:

A) Plural to be used.

B) Adverbial form to be used.

IV. Answer the following questions in 2-3 sentence each:

7x2=14

18. Dr. Ambedkar was a voracious reader. Explain.

19. Describe briefly the feelings of Smita, when the first notes of music came over the air.

20. How can you say that Americans were generous in their ways?

21. Why were the technical experts summoned by the three super powers?

22. Why does the poet use the expression 'Winter under lock' in the poem 'Off to Outer Space Tomorrow Morning'?

23. What had the police expected about the way of protest? How did the student leaders manage the protest? **OR**

What kind of hardships and challenges Dicky Dolma had to face as a young girl?

24. How can you say that Haneef was talented boy? **OR**

Do you think Wangjia was indeed very brave? Substantiate.

V. Answer the following questions in 5-6 sentences each:

2x3=6

25. Describe how the bird in the garden changed the course of Satish's life.

26. Appearances can be deceptive. How can you justify this statement in reference to Jazz Poem Two'?

Q.VI Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow:

4x3=12

27. Leave alone strength, can you prove you have courage?

- a) Who is the speaker?
- b) Who does 'you' refer to?
- c) Why did the speaker make this remark?

28. 'Oh, I couldn't thank him.'

- a) Who is the speaker?
- b) Who does 'him' refer to?
- c) Why did the speaker want to thank him?

29. 'Why should one man have the lives of fifty in his hands?'

- a) Who is the speaker?
- b) Who was this said to?
- c) What does the statement mean?

30. We were crowded in the cabin, Not a soul would dare to sleep'.

- a) Who does 'we' refer to?
- b) Why could not a soul dare to sleep?
- c) Name the poem from which these lines have been taken.

VII. Given below is a profile. Write a paragraph using the clues given below:

1x3=3

31. Name	:	Mr. Narayan
Place and date of birth	:	Chitradurga, 30th May 1980
Qualification	:	M.A, B.Ed.
Profession	:	Teacher at a government school
Family	:	wife and a son
Hobbies	:	Playing flute, gardening
Reasons for popularity	:	Polite and friendly, helps students in need.

VIII. Develop the story using the clues given below:

1x3=3

32. A hungry dog----- searching food----- found a bone----- happy ----- going home----- crossing a bridge----- saw own reflection---- another dog----- bark----- bone fell----- water-----dog----- foolish----- home----- disappointed----- moral.

IX. Study the picture given below:

1x3=3

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



X. Quote from memory:

1x4=4

34. His sceptre _____

_____sway.

OR

You talk of _____

_____night.

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

1x4=4 (2x2)

35. There is an interesting story about what happened in Rashtrapathi Bhavan when Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, popularly known as Rajaji, was the last Governor General after the British handed over power. One of his ADC's (Aides-de-Camp) forgot to shave that morning and joined Rajaji at breakfast. Rajaji, who led a dry sense of humour, decided to teach the young man a lesson in a rather amusing way. 'I am sorry you are not well this morning', he said to the young ADC, 'you look very sick., you must see a doctor immediately. I suggest you skip breakfast today.' Thus dismissed, the young man went to his room and stood in front of mirror to find out what was wrong with him. He then realised he had not shaved that morning. At lunch time, when appeared after a shave, Rajaji said: "I am glad to see you looking so much better. The doctor's medicine has already started working."

Questions

- a) Why did Rajaji advise the ADC to see the doctor?
- b) What was wrong with the young ADC?

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

1x4=4

36. According to the poet his grandmother was a genius. Elaborate.

OR

The poet V.K. Gokak's vision of India is full of hope. Describe.

OR

How does the planet earth put up with man's greed?

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

1x4=4

- 37. a) Disadvantages of mobile phones
- b) Water pollution
- c) Cleanliness

XIV. Write a letter using the information given below:

1x5=5

38. Imagine you are Nikhil / Kavya studying in Government high school, Mandya.

Write a letter to your brother describing 'Gandhi Jayanti' celebrations in your school.

OR

Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper, complaining about lack of parks in your area.