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S.S.L.C. MODEL QUESTION PAPER-4 - 2024-25

Subject: 2nd Language — ENGLISH

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

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. **4 × 1 = 4**

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

Science is an interesting subject, _____

ANS: (B) isn't it?

(A) Is it? (B) Isn't it? (C) Does it? (D) Doesn't it?

2. Read the given conversation and choose the correct infinitive:

Radha : Hi Ravi, what are you doing here?

Ravi : Hi Radha, I am here to receive my friend.

(A) doing (B) am (C) to receive (D) are **ANS: (C) to receive**

3. Read the given conversation and fill in the blank with correct 'if clause' choosing from the given alternatives:

Heena : Why did you come late today?

Meena : Sorry Heena, if I had caught the bus in time, I _____ come late.

(A) Wouldn't have (B) will have (C) shall have (D) would have **ANS: (A) wouldn't have**

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

Sanchita : Where are you going Sukruth?

Sukruth : I am going to attend the special classes.

(A) asking information (B) asking permission (C) giving permission (D) giving information

ANS: (C) giving permission

II. Do as directed:

12 × 1 = 12

5. Fill in the blank with appropriate tense forms of the verbs given in brackets:

When the teacher saw the students, they _____ (be + swim) in the pool. **ANS: were swimming**

6. Fill in the blank with appropriate 'preposition':

The children come to school _____ bus.

ANS: by

7. Fill in the blank using suitable linker:

Born poor is not a sin dying poor is a sin.

ANS: but

8. Combine the word in Column-A with its collocative word in Column-B:

'A'

'B'

Dining [table, fan, bag, car]

ANS: dining table

9. Write the correct form of the word given in the brackets:

We should always be confident of our _____ (able).

ANS: ability

10. Fill in the blank with suitable article:

Shilpa is _____ M.Sc. graduate. She is working in a private college. **ANS: an**

11. Change the following sentence into superlative degree:

No other flower is as beautiful as rose.

ANS: Rose is the most beautiful flower.

12. Which word has two syllables? busy, natural, world, care.

ANS: busy

13. Use the word 'question' as a noun in your own sentence. **ANS: Teacher asked a question**

14. Identify the parts of speech of the underlined word:

Mysore is a clean city.

ANS: Adjective

15. Read the following conversation and change the underlined sentence into passive voice:

Satish : Papa, I want some story books.

Father : OK. Today, I will bring. **ANS: Some story books are wanted by me.**

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

Roopa : Hi, Deepa, do you like coffee?

Deepa : Yes. I like coffee.

Deepa answered that _____.

ANS: Deepa answered that she liked coffee.

III. The following paragraph has two errors. Edit the paragraph and rewrite it in the answer book: 1 X 2 = 2

17. An old woman was selling vegetables from door to door. Because of the hot sun, the woman is thirsty and tired.

a) Spelling mistake to be corrected b) Verbal mistake to be corrected.

ANS: a) Sun b) was

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

7 X 2 = 14

18. What makes you think that Ambedkar had an insatiable thirst for books?

ANS: Dr. Ambedkar was a voracious reader. He had an insatiable thirst for books. He bought books by curtailing his daily needs. In New York he purchased about 2,000 old books and that they to be sent to India in 32 boxes.

19. How do you say that Anant was better than Smita in many ways?

ANS: Anant was a talented boy. He was the best table - tennis player in the school and the fastest runner. He was learning to play the Sitar. Smitha and Anant were taking sitar lessons, but Anant was better than her as in many other things. He was already able to compose his own tunes.

20. Why did the sailors go against their captain?

ANS: Seamen set out voyage for many days to search the new world. After sailing for so many days, seamen could not sight any land. They were tired and they were home sick. They were simple men and must have their relaxation. So they wanted to return to their homes and families.

21. Why do some people want to become scientists?

ANS: According to the author, some people choose to be scientists because they cannot live without science. To them science is an adventure and the discovery made is the reward. Instead of money they enjoy freedom, friendship and the joy of uncovering one of the mysteries of nature.

22. Why did the poet Norman Nicholson ask to cross out his name from the telephone book?

ANS: Norman Nicholson asked to cross out his name from the telephone book because; when he reaches the space nobody can contact him. He cannot have any friends through letters or mails and also he is not definite of returning back from space

23. How was the students' march in Narayanpur?

ANS: The students were marching to give a notice to the collector, for the British to quit India. It was uncommon because they walked silently without shouting slogans or behaving in a violent manner. Even though there were policemen, they marched as if the policemen didn't exist. OR

What can we learn from Dicky Dolma's life?

ANS: Whenever hurdles come, we must face them boldly. We should learn to face the brute. We should be workers but not shirkers. Dolma's determination and hard work, Zeal for the work is emulating.

24. How does the writer describe the 'introvert' Haneef.

ANS: Hanif began to make friends at his fourteenth year of age. He often went out of his way to help people. By doing so, he derived joy. OR

What hardships did Wangjia undergo on his way to find the bird?

ANS: Wangjia came across three monsters on his way. They made him suffer because he refused to obey them. The first monster changed the smooth road into vast scree. Walking on this, Wangjia's boots got torn, his feet were cut and hands were torn to shreds. The second monster turned everything into a desert. He had no food at all. As a result, he suffered great pain in his stomach. When the third monster blew through his beard Wangjia's eyeballs jumped out of their sockets and he became blind.

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

2X3 = 6

25. "The Americans and the old man were very generous in their own ways." Justify the statement.

ANS: The story teller, Juan A. A. Sedillo said that the Americans are Buena gente because they did not want to cheat Don Anselmo and they were willing to pay Don Anselmo twice the money for his extra land.

Don Anselmo was generous. He was a man of principles. He stuck to his word. He refused to take the extra money offered by the Americans for his land. So the Americans and the old man were very generous in their own ways

26. List out the things that the Mother India asked the poet to sing about.

ANS: The poem 'The Song of India' is written by V.K.Gokak. The poet wanted to sing about the Himalayas, three seas and golden rays of sun. But mother India wishes him to sing about beggar and leaper.

The poet wished to sing about temples, soldiers, seers and prophets. Mother India asked him to sing about old, ignorant and helpless children.

The poet wants to sing about dams and lakes, steel mills, ship building yards and atomic age. But she forces him to sing about struggle of the past and present and also about class war.

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

4 X 3 = 12

27. "You must sleep alone here after."

a) Who is the speaker?

ANS: Swami's father

b) Who does 'you' refer to?

ANS: Swami

c) Why did the speaker say so?

ANS: Swami's father wanted his son to prove that he had the courage to sleep alone.

28. "Let's go and help her."

a) Who said this?

ANS: Baleshwar Mishra

b) Whom was this said to?

ANS: Other passenger at the train.

c) When did the speaker say this?

ANS: When he saw Roma had fallen from the train.

29. "Why didn't you come to school today?"

a) Who asked this question?

ANS: Surender

b) Who does 'you' refer to?

ANS: Satish Gujral

c) Why was that person absent?

ANS: Satish met an accident and bed ridden.

30. "Then we kissed the little maiden And we spake in better cheer."

a) Who does the word 'we' refer to?

ANS: The sailors in the boat

b) Who was the little maiden?

ANS: The little maiden was captain's daughter.

c) Why did they kiss the little maiden?

ANS: She brought back their hope of life by saying god is there to save them.

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

1X 3 = 3

31. Name	:	Lal Bahadur Shastri
Birth	:	October 2nd, 1904, Mughalsarai, Uttar Pradesh
Parents	:	Sharada Prasad and Ramdulari Devi
Education	:	M.A. in Philosophy
Achievement	:	Becoming the second Prime Minister of India
Died	:	January 11th, 1966
Awards	:	Bharat Ratna (Posthumously)
Special quality	:	Simplicity

ANS: The given profile is about Lal Bahadur Shastri. He was born on October 2nd, 1904, in Mughalsarai, Uttar Pradesh. His parents were Sharada Prasad and Ramdulari Devi. He pursued his education and earned an M. A. in Philosophy. He played a very significant role in India's history by becoming the Second Prime Minister of India. Unfortunately, he passed away on January 11th,

1966, in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. In recognition of his contribution, he was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna. Shastry was known for his simplicity, courage and kindness.

VIII. Develop the story using the clues given below:

1X 3 = 3

32. There was a poor boy — selling milk — pay school fee — one day he was hungry — asked food — nobody gave — finally a girl offered a glass of milk — refused to take money — after some years the girl fell ill — treated by a doctor — after recovery — to pay the bill — but the bill was paid already and written on the bill 'Paid in full' with a glass of milk'. Moral:

ANS: Once upon a there was a poor boy. He sold milk to pay his school fees. One day, he was very hungry and asked for food from people, but nobody was willing to help him. Finally, a kind girl offered him a glass of milk. When the boy tried to pay for it, she refused to take any money.

Years later, the same girl fell seriously ill and needed medical treatment. A doctor treated her with great care, and after she recovered, she was worried about how she would pay the hospital bill. However, when she received the bill, she was surprised to see that it was already paid. At the bottom, it was written: "Paid in full with a glass of milk".

Moral: Kindness is always repaid in unexpected away.

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:



ANS: The given picture is more informative. A single picture expresses a thousand words. The picture is about a village scene. It shows the traditional activities and daily life of villagers. There are many people. In the foreground, a woman is engaged in spinning yarn using a spinning wheel, while another woman assists a man in weaving fabric on a loom. It indicates traditional textile work. There are cows, goats, poultry and dogs roam freely. In the background, women are seen drawing water from a well. Children are playing happily. The picture reflects simplicity, hard work, and the traditional way of life in rural India.

X. Quote from memory:

1X4 = 4

34. It is enthroned
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..... seasons justice.

Or

You talk of.....
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ANS: It is enthroned in the heart of kings;
It is an attribute to God himself;
And earthly power doth then show likest God's
When mercy seasons justice.

Or

You talk of wondrous things you see,
You say the sun shines bright;
I feel him warm, but how can he
Or make it day or night?

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

1 × 4 = 4 (2 × 2)

Once, it is happened that a lion and a bear were resting not very far from each other. They both chanced to see a strong kid nearby. The great bear rushed to seize the kid from one direction and the lion came towards it from other.

Since both the lion and the bear wanted the prey, they fought savagely for it. In the battle, both received so many wounds that they sank to the ground, as they were too exhausted to continue the contest. Just then the clever fox came by. The fox dashed up, seized the kid in his jaws by his teeth, and whisked off.

The mighty lion and the powerful bear could only watch with helpless rage as a much weaker animal managed to get the prize, which they had themselves set their eyes upon. "It would have been much better," agreed the lion and bear, "to have shared the prey between us ourselves in a friendly spirit, rather than lose it to a third party!"

a) How was the fox able to get the kid?

ANS: The fox was able to get the kid because the lion and the bear fought fiercely over it. Exhausting themselves and becoming too weak to continue. Taking advantage of their condition, the clever fox quickly seized the kid and ran away with it.

b) What lesson did the lion and bear learn by their own action?

ANS: The lion and the bear learned that fighting over something without cooperation can lead to lose it altogether. The lesson is that cooperation and compromise are better than unnecessary conflict. Two people's fight benefits a third person

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

1X4 = 4

36. Describe the unique qualities of the poet's grandma.

ANS: The poet Ruskin Bond called his grandma as genius because she could climb tree. She learnt to climb tree from her loving brother at the age of six. Even at the age of sixty two, she used to climb tree. People advised her to stop climbing tree and to grow old gracefully. But she just laughed and said that she would grow old disgracefully.

One day she climbed a tree but couldn't come down. She was rescued with great difficulty. After the rescue doctor strictly advised her to take bed rest for a week. But for granny it was like a brief season in hell. As soon as she recovered, demanded a house to be built on a tree top.

The poet's father, who was dutiful, fulfilled his mother's wish, so that granny moved up and lived there like a queen in her house on the tree top.

OR

Summarize the poem "I am the Land".

ANS: In the poem 'I am the land' the poet depicts the mother earth as the speaker. Mother earth tells that she waits with patience when people claim that the land belongs to them. They occupy the land, plough, plant trees, grow fruits and grass. The children dance and play on the land. The land bears everything without a complaint. The soldiers come with guns fighting for the land. People build fences on the land to divide nations which suffocates like chains in her neck. But mother earth mocks at the people's behavior with a tone of self-assertion.

OR

Jazz player is silent in speech but eloquent in music. Describe with reference to the poem 'Jazz Poem Two'.

ANS: An old Jazz musician is pathetic figure, but at the same time, a commanding artist. He has the power in him to make people listen his music. He is silent in speech but eloquent in music.

He is standing like a Black Ancient mariner. His old face is wrinkled and weary. His faded blue shirt has turned dark with sweat. His stomach is hanging loosely. His jacket is worn out and his necktie is undone and dropping loosely over the jacket. His shoes are torn and are stuffed with paper to cover the holes. His rough unshaven face shows pain. He stands alone head down, eyes closed and ears perked. An old saxophone hangs across his chest supported from his neck by a

wire coat hanger. He gently lifts the saxophone to the parted lips. But once he starts playing music he is no longer a Black man but a bird which gathers his wings and flies high and higher. He seems to be spreading the message of God through his music.

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

1X 4 = 4

37. a) Importance of 'Yoga' b) Dengue, a fatal disease

c) Importance of trees.

ANS:

a) Importance of 'Yoga'

Introduction:

Yoga is an ancient art discovered in India over 6000 years ago and practised by most people in the olden days. However, with busy lives and tight schedules, yoga has declined.

Yoga is one of the most used methods in mind-body connection. Yoga refers to a type of exercise based on controlled breathing diet exercise and a series of physical postures. Yoga should not be viewed as just a form of exercise. It should be considered a mantra for a healthy, happy, and peaceful life. By practising yoga one can find peace and good health. It is not just an exercise for the body but the mind and soul too. By practising yoga, one can deal with several challenges, including stress and physical ailments. It helps make muscles flexible, reduces weight, and also improves the health of the skin. It helps develop patience and concentration, sharpens memory and brings peace into our lives. June 21 is celebrated as International Yoga Day every year. If one practises yoga every day, they are on the path to leading a well-balanced life.

Yoga is very useful because it helps us to control our mind contribution to health and works as a stress reducer. The term Yoga means union. A yogi's ultimate aim is to attain this union with the eternal self with the help of mental and physical exercise. The entire credit goes to Maharishi Patanjali the founder and father of Yoga.

Conclusion:

Yoga is an art which takes into purview the mind the body and the soul. Today Baba Ramdev is spearheading the Yoga movement to make India and Indians healthy and wise.

c) Importance of trees.

Introduction:

Trees make our environment beautiful and soulful. They help build a healthy community life. A neighbourhood with green and shady trees discharge positive energy and is happier compared to one that lacks greenery.

Trees are extremely important for us. It is because of plants and trees that we are able to survive on this planet. Trees exhale the life-giving oxygen without which it will not possible for the human beings or other species to live. However, this is not the only reason why trees are important for us. They have a lot to offer to the environment as well as the living beings. Apart from giving oxygen, trees also absorb various harmful gases from the environment thereby reducing the effect of global warming.

Trees also provide us food and shelter. Many trees bear the fruits that serve as food for birds and animals. Human beings also relish various fruits such as mango, apple and banana to name a few. The leaves, roots and bark of trees are used to prepare medicines. Trees also provide shelter to animals and humans. Forests filled with huge, dense trees serve as habitat for wild animals and contribute towards rich biodiversity. Wood and other material extracted from trees is used to craft several things that are essential for a comfortable living.

Conclusion:

We must save trees and plant more of them to keep our environment clean and promote a healthier and happier life.

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XIV. Write a letter using the information given below:

1X 5 = 5

38. Imagine that you are Tanvi / Tejas studying in 10th Std. Sri Siddheshwar High School, Belagavi.

Write a letter to the editor of Prajavani about bad condition of the roads of your lane.

OR

Write a letter to your friend inviting him to your school Annual Day function.

From

Tejas

10th Standard,

Sri Sri Siddheshwar High School,

Belagavi.

Date: 13-02-2025.

Dear friend,

I am fine here with my study and health with the grace of God. How are you? I hope you are also fine with the grace of God.

Dear friend, I am writing to invite you to my school's Annual Day function, which will be held on 25th March 2025 at Sri Sri Siddheshwar High School, Belagavi. It is going to be a grand celebration with cultural programs, dance performances and prize distributions.

I am also participating in dance and it would mean a lot to me if you could come and cheer for me. Our chief guest for the event is Mr Beerappa Kadlimatti who is known for his charity and inspiring speech. It will be a memorable evening.

I am sure we will have a great time together. Looking forward to see you soon!

Convey my best regards to your father mother, brother and grandparents.

With love,

Yours lovingly

Trjas

To

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3rd Cross,

Hanuman Nagar,

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