

THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL EDUCATION, KALABURAGI

DISTRICT LEVEL S. S. L. C. PREPARATORY QUESTION PAPER - 2024-25

SUBJECT: SECOND LANGUAGE - ENGLISH

SUBJECT CODE: 31E

TIME: 3HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 80

General instructions to the candidate:

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.

1. 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 x 1 = 4

1. Choose the suitable question tag to fill in the blanks:

You are shouting,

- A) are you?
- B) were you?
- C) aren't you?
- D) weren't you?

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

Rakesh : May I come in, sir?

Teacher : yes, come in.

Rakesh : thank you, sir.

- A) request
- B) seeking information
- C) giving permission
- D) order

3. Read the given conversation and fill in the blank choosing the most appropriate alternative:

Prajwal : Nandita, did you watch the T 20 cricket match, yesterday?

Nandita : yes, I did. India won it.

Prajwal : Oh, I see! If England had practiced well, it won the match.

- A) Will have
- B) would have
- C) would not have
- D) will not have

4. Choose the passive form of the given sentence:

He returned the book yesterday.

- A) The book was returned yesterday by him.
- B) The book was being returned yesterday by him.
- C) The book has been returned yesterday by him.
- D) The book had been returned yesterday by him.

II. Do as directed:

12 x 1 = 12

5. Which one of the following words has one syllable?

Court, comment, colour, concert

6. Combine the word in **Column –A** with its collocative word in **Column – B**:

'A'

'B'

Nuclear

(land, weapon, bottle, bolt)

7. Identify the part of speech of the underlined word:

Pepe was a loyal servant.

8. Fill in the blank using the correct article:

Dasharath gave me ____ important idea.

9. Fill in the blank with an appropriate preposition:

A boy sleeping _____ his grandmother was a disgraceful matter.

10. Fill in the blank using suitable linker:

Baleshwar risked his _____ saved Roma.

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

When the teacher _____ (be + teach), his phone rang.

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

The lesson 'A Hero' is very _____ (interest).

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

14. Change the given sentence into comparative degree:

Bidar is the hottest city.

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

Teacher : Children, have done the sum?

Students : yes, sir. We have done the sum.

The students replied that _____ .

16. Frame a question to get the underlined words as answer:

Vikram Sarabhai went to England to study physics.

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

17. How could an little child dare to set foot here? You must kill Lousangs mother.

Otherwise, you will be punished.

a) Correct article to be used.

b) Apostrophe to be used.

IV. **Answer the following questions in 2 – 3 sentences each:** 7 x 2 = 14

18. Why did father want Swami to sleep in the office room?

19. How can you say that Ambedkar had a great thirst for books?

20. What makes you appreciate Pandit Ravi Shankar and Ustad Allah Rakha?

21. How, according to Borok, is survival of civilization threatened?

22. Why does the poet say that the Jazz player is no longer a man when he plays?

23. Babu and Manju were a bit disappointed with the way students were marching.

What was the reason?

Or

What were the factors that encouraged Dicky Dolma to take up the basic mountaineering course?

24. Mention the two dreams of 'introvert' Hanif. Which one of them was fulfilled?

Or

What were the three conditions that the three monsters put to Wangjia to get the bird of happiness?

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

2 x 3 = 6

25. Briefly narrate how Baleshwar happened to save Roma's life.

26. How does the poet mock at the greedy nature of men in the poem 'I am the Land'?

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

4 x 3 = 12

27. "I argued with him but it was useless."

- a) Who argued with him?
- b) Who does the 'him' refer to?
- c) What was his argument?

28. "Boy, come here. What were their words?"

- a) Who called the boy?
- b) Who is the 'boy' referred to here?
- c) What were 'their' words?

29. "Why do you take away his source of entertainment?"

- a) Who asked this question?
- b) Who is the 'you'?
- c) What was his source of entertainment?

30. "I'll doze when I am sleepy and wake without a knock."

- a) Which poem is this extract taken from?
- b) Where would the speaker experience this?
- c) What does the poet mean by the statement?

VII. Given below is a profile. Write a paragraph using the clues given below: 1 x 3 = 3

31. Name : Satish
Birth : 1st June, 2000
Place : Bidar, Karnataka
Education : B. Tech. from Central University, Karnataka
Ph.D. from Osmania University, Hyderabad
Occupation : Executive Engineer, KPTCL, Kalaburagi
Hobbies : Reading, writing poems in Kannada, playing cricket.
Popularity : known for coordinating the activities of the KPTCL
Won 'The Best Engineer Award' from IISc.
Bangaluru.

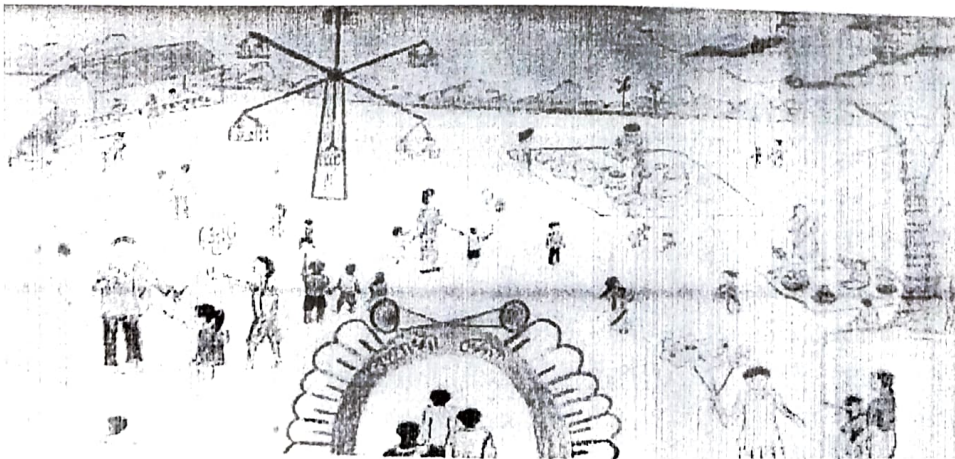
VIII. Develop the story using the clues given below: 1 x 3 = 3

32. A hare and a tortoise friends – hare proud of his speed – race started – the hare ran faster – stopped to take rest – fell asleep – the tortoise happy – went on slowly – reaches the goal – the hare wakes up – failed to win the race – ashamed of himself.

IX. Study the picture given below:

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

1 x 3 = 3



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

Use the following phrasal verbs in sentences of your own:

3 x 1 = 3

- A) Put on B) give up C) bring up

X. Quote from memory:

1 x 4 = 4

34. The quality

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.....that takes.

OR

O say what

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..... blind boy!

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

1 x 4 = 4 (2 x 2)

35. Once there was a man who was blind. He wanted to see the whole world with his own eyes. One day his friends took him to Jesus. They told Jesus that the blind man was their friend and he was blind. They requested Him to enable the blind man to see. Jesus took the blind man to a quiet place away from the crowd and gently touched his eyes. Jesus asked him if he could see then. But he could only see a few movements. Jesus gently touched his eyes again. Now he could see everything such as flowers, birds, trees, people and all. He shouted in happiness, "Lord, I can see, I can see!" he knelt down before Jesus and thanked him heartily.

a) Why did the friends take the blind man to Jesus?

b) What did Jesus do to enable the blind man to see?

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

1 x 4 = 4

36. Explain how Ruskin Bond describes grandma's habit of climbing trees as an inclination towards the nature. OR

When and how does the little maiden instill the hopes in the sailors so as to make them reach the other shore of the sea safely? OR

Write the summary of the poem – 'The Song of India'.

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

1 x 4 = 4

37. a) Environmental pollution
- b) Yoga for health
- c) Uses of mobiles

XIV. Write a letter using the information given below:

1 x 5 = 5

38. Imagine that you are Mahesh/Malini of Government High School, Aadarsha Vidyalaya, Bhimalli, Kalaburagi.

Write a letter to your father describing about how you are preparing for SSLC exam.

OR

Write a letter to the CEO, Zilla Panchayat Kalaburagi, requesting him to provide 1000 plants, on the eve of 'Koti Vanamahotsava' programme to plant around your village.