

**WAY TO SUCCESS PRACTICE PAPER FOR
SSLC MODEL PUBLIC EXAMINATION - 2014**

Language – Part B – ENGLISH – paper I

Time Allowed: 2.30 Hrs]

[Maximum Marks : 100

Instructions: (1) Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.

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Note: This question paper contains **Five** Sections.

SECTION – I (VOCABULARY: 20 MARKS)

PART - I

1. Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined words:

5 x 1 = 5

It was stupendous (i) achievement for the Indians when they won the hockey match at the Olympics. It bought immense (ii) glory (iii) to our players. It marked the beginning of our flourishing (iv) skill in sports. The world stood astounded (v) when our players exhibited their skills.

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| i) a) stupid performance | b) large and impressive | c) secret success | d) painful act |
| ii) a) very great | b) immediate | c) impoverished | d) important |
| iii) a) greatness | b) bravery | c) fame | d) memory |
| iv) a) grow successfully | b) waver | c) gather | d) rich on time |
| v) a) inadequate | b) loud sound | c) unpleasant noise | d) greatly surprised |

2. Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words:

5 x 1 = 5

Sometimes sudden storms arise (i) at that time people are only focused (ii) a survival on the bare (iii) necessities. They even run in the narrow (iv) corridors and seemed mad (v) sometimes.

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| i) a) plunge | b) drown | c) engulf | d) submerge |
| ii) a) disturbed | b) hidden | c) deviated | d) obvious |
| iii) a) plentiful | b) very | c) hardly | d) exposed |
| iv) a) broad | b) long | c) short | d) fat |
| v) a) sane | b) loose | c) relaxed | d) free |

PART - II

Answer any 10 of the following.

10 x 1=10

3. The common expansion of **VIRUS** is

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| a) Vital Information Resources Under Siege | b) Voters in Rural Union Sectors |
| c) Vital Institutions Registered Under State | d) Vital Information Registered Under Security |

4. Choose the sentence that is correct in its meaning:

- a) Did you catch my allusion to Shakespeare?
b) Did you catch my illusion to Shakespeare?

5. Replace the underlined word with its equivalent American English word:

Sweep under the carpet.

6. Which of the words given below can be placed after the word motion to form a compound word?

- a) liquid b) life c) picture d) loud

7. What is the plural form of the word roof?

- a) roof b) roofs c) roves d) roofes

8. Add a prefix to the word continent from the list given below to complete the sentence:

India is a continent.

- a) mis- b) sub- c) dis- d) pre -

9. Replace the underlined word with one of the phrasal verbs given below to convey the same meaning:

Don't worry. They won't make fun of you.

- a) laugh at b) call on c) run down on d) call out

10. Separate the syllables of any one of the following:

- a) bondage b) documentation c) education

11. Choose appropriate word to make meaningful sentence

The officer came to.....the deluxe coaches. a) inspect b) test

12. Construct a sentence using one of the following words
 a) anxious b) anxiety c) anxiously
13. Reframe the sentence using underlined word as noun:
 Let us think of a way to solve the sum.
14. Which of the two sentences given below conveys the same meaning?
 My friend struggled hard to pass her final exams.
 a) My friend was having trouble finishing her final exams.
 b) My friend was having trouble going through her final exams.

SECTION II (GRAMMAR : 25 MARKS)

PART – I

Answer all the following. Respond to the following as directed:

10 x 1 = 10

15. Which of the options given below will suit the following sentence?
If I had a degree
 a) I would have got a job easily b) I would get a job easily c) I will get a job easily
16. Identify the pattern of the following sentence:
In the end, the judge declared the culprit innocent, after the trial.
 a) SVOCA b) ASVOCA c) ASVOCC
17. Choose the correct question tag for the following:
We need not come tomorrow,?
 a) should we b) need we c) needn't we
18. Complete the sentence:
Of the three grinders, I like the Bravia best, I find it.....
 a) more elegant b) most elegant c) the most elegant
19. Choose the sentence which correctly conveys the meaning of the sentence given below:
Not one bird escaped from the cage.
 a) All the birds escaped from the cage b) All the birds were caged c) The cage was empty
20. Complete the sentence:
He has nothing.....his brother.
 a) deal with b) in comparison with c) in common with
21. Choose the correct verb form to complete sentence
I dream about.....a big house.
 a) to build b) building c) build
22. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence:
They were fortunate.....it.
 a) getting b) in getting c) at getting
23. Choose the appropriate article to complete sentence:
This is.....book that I had been looking for in all the bookshops.
 a) an b) a c) the
24. Choose the appropriate preposition to fill the dash:
This article is not.....my list. a) at b) in c) with

PART – II

Answer all of the following. Rewrite as directed.

5 x 2 = 10

25. Rewrite as a single sentence:
Aravind is sorrowful. Aravind is hopeful.
26. Rewrite the sentence using the other voice:
Do you understand the meaning? A question was asked by Kevin to Dennis.
27. Rewrite the sentence in other speech:
Mala said to Shanthi that she had completed her assignment and she needed to take rest for some time.

28. From the context of the two sentences given below form a single sentence using the 'If/Unless' clause:
We did not have a map. We could not find the way easily.
29. Read the following sentences about noisy classes and write your observation in a single sentence using any one of the degrees of comparison.
- a) Class X-A is noisy b) Class X-B is noisier
 c) Class X-C is noisier d) Class X-D is noisiest

PART - III

30. Punctuate the following sentence:

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what am i seeing here i wondered

SECTION – III (PROSE :15 MARKS)

PART - I

Answer briefly any five of the following questions. Your answer should not exceed 30 words: 5 x 2 = 10

31. Why did Hughie fear an adverse reaction from the Baron?
 32. Why didn't the narrator play the piano after the terrible incident?
 33. When does one make decisions of his own?
 34. What caused the commotion in the street?
 35. What should the employers know about the laws for domestic workers?
 36. Describe the manner in which birds make their long journey?
 37. What is the speciality of Vimanam?

PART – II

Answer in a paragraph any one of the following questions: Your paragraph should not exceed 120 words.

38. a) What are the alarming threats foreseen by environmentalists, due to water scarcity? (OR) **1 x 5 = 5**
 b) Write a short note on "Bird Migration"? (OR)
 c) What makes the Brihadeesvarar temple unique and outstanding?

SECTION – IV (POETRY : 20 MARKS)

PART – I

Quote from memory one of the following extracts:

1 x 5 = 5

39. a) Five lines from the poem "Going For Water"
 From : "Like gnomes ... To:..... to look"
 b) The last five lines of the poem "Migrant Bird"

PART – II

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions given below

1 x 5 = 5

40. Perhaps a beautiful heart
 We never thought was there,
 What is there beneath the plain look?
41. If you force your heart and nerve and sinew
 To serve your turn long after they are gone
 (a) What is meant by 'serve your turn'?
 (b) What helps us to serve our turn?
42. We fall upon our faces, trying to go
 Explain this line.
43. The globe's my world.
 Who is talking here?

PART – III

Read the following lines from the poems you have studied and answer the questions given below: 5X1= 5

44. Turns the sky in the high window blank and reeling.
 Turns the long light that droppeth down the wall.
 Turn the black flies that crawl along the ceiling
 All are turning, all the day, and we with all,
 Bring out the rhyme scheme used in these lines.

45. With speed of wings I hasten past
And close my eyes against the sun
To dream my dreams and make them last.

Pick out the rhyming words in these lines.

46. And pressing the small, poised feet of the mother who smiles as she sings.

Identify the words that are alliterated.

47. Except the will which says to them 'Hold on'

Identify the figure of speech.

48. Harmonic cocophony to oblivious ears

Name the figure of speech used in this line.

PART – IV

Answer in a paragraph any one of the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 120 words.

49. a) Narrate the adventures of the children who went in search of water. (OR)

1 X 5 = 5

b) How does the poet contrast the life of the migrant bird to that of human beings? (OR)

c) Bring out the efforts of the shilpi in his attempt at shaping a raw stone into a sculpture.

SECTION – V (LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS – 20 MARKS)

50. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

5 x 2 = 10

Gandhiji felt that there were two aspects to politics the theoretical study and practical activity. Although he realized the great need for introducing students to politics, he was not infavour of their being activity involved in it. He felt that party politics would distract them from their studies and adversely affect their future. He said that most politically active youth confine their political activities to their student years. Immediately after they leave their college and cease to be students, they seek miserable employment, rising no longer in their aspirations.

Questions:

(a) What did Gandhiji feel?

(b) Name the two aspects to politics.

(c) How would politics affect students?

(d) How are the politically active youth involved in politics?

(e) Which of these is true?

(i) A politically active youth rises in his aspirations.

(ii) A politically active youth will end up miserably employed.

51. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences:

5 x 1 = 5

a) The scenery of Kashmir are enchanting.

b) I am your friend. Amn't I?

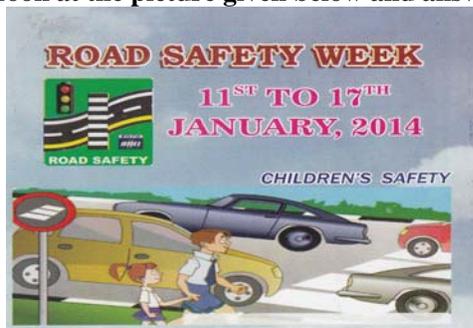
c) Mary is superior than Jose in drawing.

d) The President appointed him as Governor.

e) Guilty must be punished.

52. Look at the picture given below and answer the following questions in one or two sentences of your own

5 x 1 = 5



1. What does the picture depict?
2. When was road safety week observed?
3. How many children are there in the picture?
4. What do you know about traffic signals such as green, red and yellow lights?
5. How many cars do you see in the picture?

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(NON- DETAILED: 35 MARKS)**

1. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate phrases given below to form a complete meaningful paragraph: 5 x 1 = 5

“No”, said Louise Martinez, who lived opposite the couple. “We’ll ring the fire brigade.”

(i).....,Celine hung on. Thoughts came to her almost like (ii) She could see her daughter Amandine turning to blow her a kiss as she hurried into school. (iii), she thought. She wouldn’t be there to celebrate Amandine’s twelfth birthday in two weeks time. “No!” she said to herself. (iv)And then there was Serge. She thought of the (v) they’d had that morning.

1) I’ll never see again 2. squabble 3) I’ve got to survive 4) Drenched and freezing cold 5) photograph

2. Read the following sentences and identify the character / speaker

5 x 1 = 5

1. You are welcome.
2. I’ve got to fight to the very end.
3. Well, Look at it this way.
4. "How very strange."
5. "Home is where the heart is."

3. Match the following appropriately:

5 x 1 = 5

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| i) child Jesus | - a) Mother |
| ii) Hubert | - b) cat in a fish shop |
| iii) Rob | - c) 14 |
| iv) Belting out a tune | - d) Rex Cocker’s brother |
| v) sweet creature | - e) one month |
| | - f) 12 |

4. Complete the following sentences from the options given below:

5 x 1 = 5

- i) Diane wore.....and had a
- a) spectacles; paper b) sunglasses; cane c) jerkin; stick d) saree; dog
- ii) Celine was a.....woman.
- a) selfish b) weak c) beautiful d) determined
- iii) Kumar saw.....through telescope.
- a)3 little nestlings b) 4 little nestlings c) 5 little nestlings d) 6 little nestlings
- iv) Art and culture is also a.....
- a) skill b) magic c) trick d) creativity
- v) The inmates of the house gathered for a..... function.
- a) wedding b) family c) pongal d) diwali

5. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

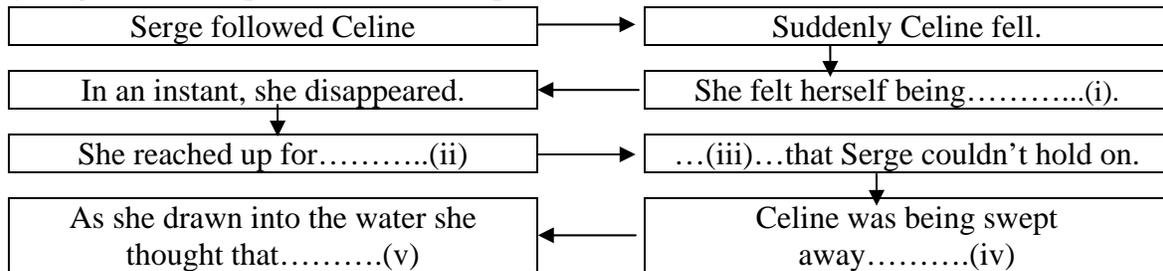
5 x 1 = 5

My brother saddled up on his beast of an invention; put his bike helmet on along with his leather gloves. He threw his leg over the contraption and held his thumb up for contact just like in those old war movies where the guy on the ground spins the propeller of the plane. I gave him the thumbs up also and he pushed off to get the bike up to speed before throwing the switch. ‘We have lifted off’, I yelled! My brother put his hand down and threw the switch. The beast came to life and the bike hurried off into the distance. I tried to keep up with him, but the bike was much too fast. Standing there out of breath with my hands on my knees, I could see my brother was having a little trouble turning the bike around. He turned it sharply around the corner and disappeared around the block. When he reappeared minutes later he was headed straight for me at a high rate of speed. Tired as I was I had to run for my life to keep ahead of the invention. Darting through the double gate of the back yard I managed to escape under the clothes line to the back fence.

- i) What does the words 'beast of an invention' refer to?
- ii) In what way was the brother's behavior like that of the character in the movie?
- iii) Why was the boy out of breath?
- iv) What danger befell the boy while watching the rider?
- v) How did the boy escape from the danger?

6. Study the given mind map and fill in the incomplete details.

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7. Answer in a paragraph any *one* of the following questions:

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- a) Narrate the story of 'Sam' in your own words. (OR)
- b) Attempt the character sketch of Celine. (OR)
- c) How did the close encounter result in bringing the brothers closer to each other.

SECTION – II (LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS: 15 MARKS)

8. Make notes of the following passage and Prepare a summary using the notes.

5 + 5 = 10

Languages are of different kinds-spoken language, written language, sign language, code language, body language, Braille or language of the blind, and the more recent ones being the machine language and the computer language. Many languages have a long history. The Greeks, the Romans, the Egyptians, the Chinese and the Indians are among those, whose languages are centuries old. The number of languages used in verbal communication is extremely large. It is said that there are as many as 3500 identified languages throughout the world. Although this is true of the spoken language, the number of written languages is much lower, with one estimate placing it at not more than 500. Within a language there are sub-languages that are called dialects. A dialect is a form of speech peculiar to a district, class or persons. It is a subordinate variety of a language with distinguishable vocabulary, pronunciation or idioms.

9. Complete the following conversation between a Guide and the student leader of an excursion party:

5 x 1 = 5

- i) Student leader : we go round the garden?
- ii) Guide :
- Student leader : Would you be able to show us the glass house?
- iii) Guide : Why not? We
- Student leader : How long do we have to walk?
- Guide : It could be quite long if we.....
- iv) Student leader: We could take the short cut, couldn't we?
- v) Guide : Yes. It
- Student leader : Thank you very much

SECTION – III (COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS: 15 MARKS)

10. Write a dialogue with atleast five utterances between two brothers/sisters discussing the job they would like to take up in the future.

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11. Raghu wanted to write to Mr. Raman asking him to be the chief guest for a function in his school. He had the format of his letter ready but had yet to write the content. Complete the content of his letter in about 100 words.

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B city,
2nd February 2014.

From

S. Raghu,
School Pupil Leader,
XYZ Higher Secondary School,
Pin XXXXXX

To

Mr. Raman,
Professor of English,
ABC Arts College,
K city, Pin XXXXXX

Dear Sir,

Sub: Invitation to preside over the inauguration of Literary Association.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
S. Raghu (SPL).

12. Prepare an advertisement on the information given below:

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- (a) Tata's latest invention- solar car- fit for Indian roads- booking- win attractive prizes. (OR)
(b) Fresh fruits- vegetables from farms- healthy- juicy- tasty- low price- care for health.

SECTION – IV (EXPANSION OF IDEAS: 35 MARKS)

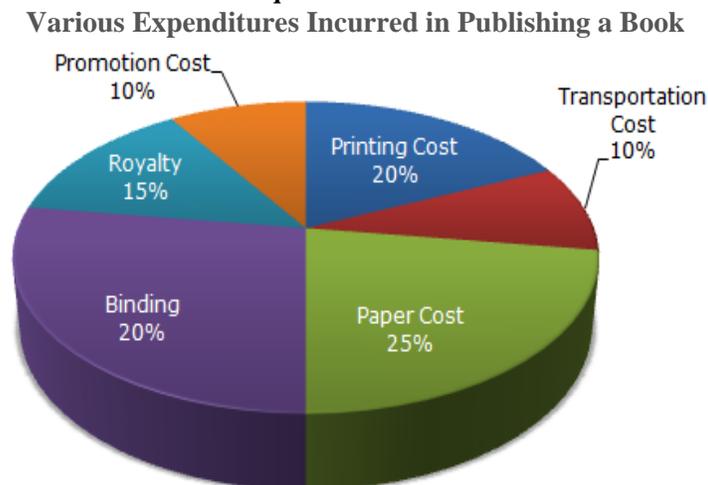
13. Expand the following headlines :-

5 x 1 = 5

- New stamp to commemorate Big Temple.
- India successfully tests first interceptor missile.
- Dutch teens arrive for reunion with family.
- Egypt army apologies for attack on innocent people.
- CPPI Vocational course for unemployed youth and housewives.

14. Study the Pie-chart given below and answer the questions that follow:

5 x 1 = 5



- Which is the maximum expenditure in publishing a book?
a) Royalty b) Printing cost c) Paper cost d) Binding cost
- State true or false:
Expenditure on Transportation and Promotion equals the sum of the expenditure on Printing cost.
- The difference between Paper cost and Royalty is equal to that on:
a) Royalty b) Printing cost c) Paper cost d) Transportation
- The expenditure on printing is ... that on binding.
a) greater than b) the same as c) less than d) double
- The expenditure on paper is..... that on printing.
a) twice b) half of c) equal to d) more than

15. Write a paragraph using any one of the following outlines in about 100 words

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- (a) It is better to prevent something disastrous before it happens-students-study daily lessons- work- avoid-scoring less- family-save money-avoid getting into debts-take care of health-avoid diseases-save money-rather than spending on medicines. (OR)
(b) Computer-electronic device-stores information-does calculations, operations quickly-data traced, restored, solves mathematical problems- computer system- three parts-input, output, central processing unit-brain of computer.

16. Match the following products and slogans appropriately:

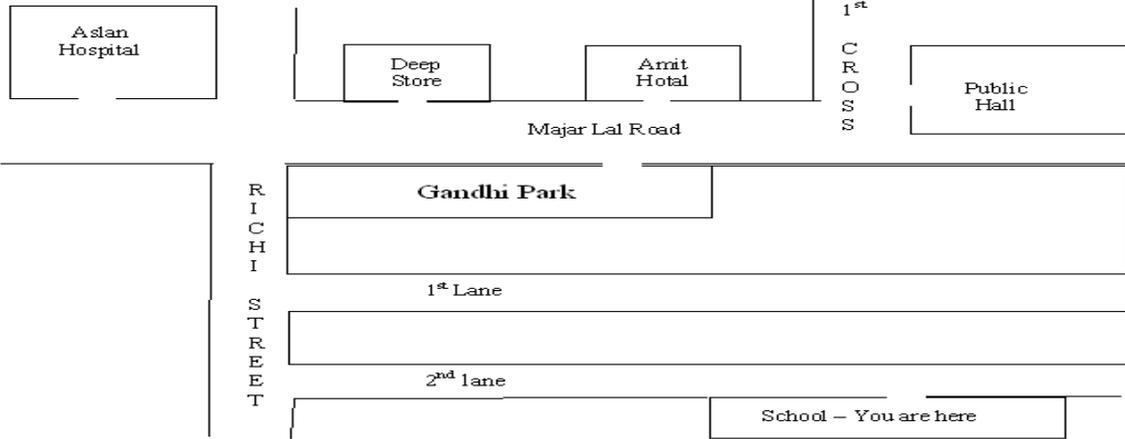
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| a) Chocolates | - Home away from home |
| b) Silk sarees | - For a confident smile |
| c) Lipstick | - A sweet gift of love |
| d) Hill resort | - Choose the colour of your smile |
| e) Tooth paste | - dazzling diamonds. |

17. Observe the map given below and write the instructions required:

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You are a leader of a school and you have to send your schoolmates to the Public Hall for the Annual Day Rehearsals, Guide them with your directions in about 50 words



18. Read the poem given below and complete its paraphrase with suitable words or phrases in the given blanks.

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Boy, in a faded blue pullover,
Poor boy, thin smiling boy,
Ran down the road shouting
Singing, flinging his arm wide,
I stood in the way and stopped him.
“What’s up? I said. “Why are you happy?”
He showed me the shining five rupee.
“I found it on the road,” he said.
And he held it to the light,
That he might see it shining bright.

“And how will you spend it,
Small boy in a blue pullover?”
“I’ll buy-I’ll buy-
I’ll buy a buckle for my belt;”
Slim boy, smart boy,
Would buy, a buckle for his belt...
Coin clutched in his hot hand,
He ran off laughing, bright,
The coin I’d lost an hour ago;
But better his than mine.

The boy who was wearing a pullover felt very happy when he found a(1) on..... (2). He wanted to buy(3). It was the same coin that the(4) an hour ago, but he did not claim it as he felt that the boy..... (5).

19. a) Translate into English:

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இந்தப் பள்ளியில் தங்கள் குழந்தைகளை சேர்க்க விரும்பும் பெற்றோர் செயலிட முகப்பு 1ல் ரூ 100ஐ பணமாக செலுத்தி விண்ணப்ப படிவம் பெற்றுக் கொள்ளவும். தபாலில் பெற விரும்பினால் ரூ 100க்கு முதல்வர் ஓரியன் பப்ளிக் பள்ளி சென்னை-14 என்ற முகவரிக்கு வரைவோலை எடுக்க வேண்டும். செயலிட முகப்பு 2ல் விண்ணப்ப படிவம் அனுப்ப வேண்டிய முகவரியுடன் கூடிய கேட்புக் கடிதத்தை வரைவோலையுடன் இணைத்து சமர்ப்பிக்க வேண்டும். [OR].

OR

b) Look at the picture given below. Express your views on it in about five sentences.

WATER SCARCITY

