

SSLC SEPTEMBER 2017 - ENGLISH II**Time: 2½ hours****Marks: 100****SECTION – I (Non – Detailed: 35 Marks)****1. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate phrases: 5**

Celine was able to ... (i) ... of the drain with her feet. The pipe had narrowed. Her hopes ... (ii) ... suddenly her face smashed against something ... (iii) ... from the wall – an iron bar. Celine lost ... (iv) ... for a moment. It seemed to be ... (v) ... hanging down from the roof.

- a) rose until b) consciousness c) touch the bottom
d) pieces of plastic e) hard protruding

2. Read and identify the character/speaker: 5x1=5

- a) “I can remember like yesterday”
b) “Yey!” I yelled, jumping up and down.
c) “He begged for wine”
d) “We have lifted off,” I Yelled.
e) “I shall perform some magic tricks”

3. Match the following appropriately: 5x1=5

- a) Nuns - Southern France
b) Mural - Cupboard
c) Lunel - Teaching piano
d) Battery - The Jesus model
e) Sneeze - Old chevy

4. Choose the correct answer: 5x1=5

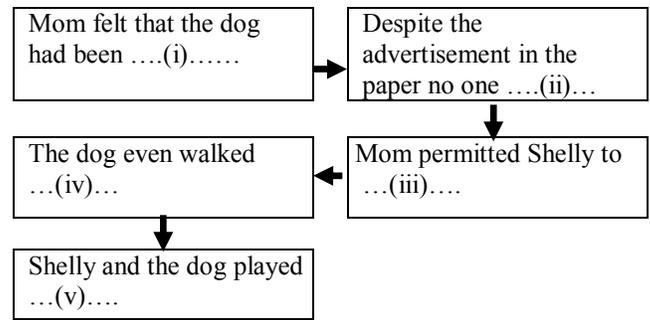
- a) Mum squealed with
i) anger ii) surprise iii) delight iv) fuss
b) The artist was painting
i) the life of Judas Iscariot ii) the life of a young man
iii) the life of a aged man iv) the life of Jesus
c) Celine was ... years old. i) 22 ii) 32 iii) 42 iv) 43
d) The clothes line caught the rider under his
i) chin ii) neck iii) legs iv) arms
e) Kumar’s family lived in
i) New York ii) Delhi
iii) The Artic iv) Vedanthangal

5. Read the passage and answer the questions: 5x1= 5

He remembered his childhood picnic with his parents to Vedanthangal, where he had seen flocks of birds nestled among the trees. Dad had hired a telescope to give him closer view of the nest, where he saw tiny little nestlings – five of them! Dad had then told him that even though these families resided here, they would soon go back to their homes far in the cold regions of the planet. His father’s words rang clear in his ears. “You see Kumar, though they have stayed here for almost half a year and enjoyed our climate and the food available, they know that their home is in the Arctic. And there’s no place like home, is there?”

Questions:

- a) What had Kumar seen in Vedanthangal?
b) Why do the birds migrate?
c) What incident made him to realise the importance of home?
d) Why did his dad hire a telescope?
e) What did Kumar see through the telescope?

6. Study the given mind map and fill the details. 5x1=5**7. Answer in a paragraph (any one) 1x5=5**

- a) How did the author’s mother overcome her disappointment of not being able to play piano? **(OR)** b) Narrate the story “The Face of Judas Iscariot” in your own words. **(OR)** c) How did the encounter bring the brothers closer to each other?

SECTION – II (Language Functions: 15 Marks)**8. Make the notes and prepare a summary 5+5=10**

Books are the greatest treasure of mankind, and the habit of reading them is the greatest source of pleasure. He, who is in the habit of reading books should buy books for himself. Borrowed books do not give so much pleasure, as the bought ones because in the case of borrowed books, the reader himself give a special pleasure because the reader has no worry about handling them and he has not to worry about the return. He who is interested in reading books should start collecting them in his youth. The books collected and arranged properly in a room, not only decorate the room but also make the presence of their authors felt. The knowledge of the presence of the great personalities in the room is very inspiring and refreshing because, they are always prepared to talk heart to heart with the reader. Books contain in them eternal truths and are better friends than those of flesh and blood as they not only entertain but also guide us.

9. Complete the following dialogue: 5 x 1 = 5

- Selvi :(i).....
Librarian : Yes, come in(ii).....
Selvi : I wish to become a member in the library.
Librarian : You have to pay a membership fee.
Selvi :(iii).....
Librarian : An annual fee of two hundred rupees.
Selvi :(iv).....
Librarian : You can borrow four books at a time.
Selvi :(v).....?
Librarian : You should return the books within fifteen days.

SECTION – III (Communicative Skills: 15 Marks)

- 10. Write a dialogue with a minimum of five utterances for the situation given below: 5**
The daughter spend much times in computer games and her mother advises her to giveup this habit.

11. Write a letter to the Editor of a news paper.**Complaining about the nuisance of loud speakers. 5**

From,

XXXXX,
24, Bharathi nagar,
YYYYY.

To,

The Editor,
The Hindu,
Chennai.

Sir,

Sub: Nuisance of loud speakers complaint-reg.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,
XXXXX.**12. Prepare an advertisement on the information: 5**

- a) Foot king foot wear-shoes, chappals-imported footwear-20% discount-gents-ladies-kids (OR)
b) Mouth watering delicious food – hygienic preparation – affordable price – makes you long for more and more.

SECTION – IV (Expansion of Ideas: 35 Marks)**13. Expand the following headlines: 5x1=5**

- a) India wins medals at Olympics.
b) Foreign Secy meets CM to discuss rehab.
c) Students collect funds for flood relief.
d) Smart cards to be distributed on Jan.10
e) Mobile phones banned in Schools.

14. Study the pie-chart and answer the questions:5x1=5**Source of energy**

- i) Which source of energy is highly used?
a) Nuclear b) Petroleum c) Natural gas d) Others
- ii) Which two source of energy have least difference in its usage?
a) Petrol and Coal b) Nuclear and hydroelectric
c) Hydroelectric and others d) Natural gas and Coal
- iii) Which Source of energy utilization must be increased?
a) Natural gas b) Hydroelectric
c) Both (a) and (b) d) Petroleum
- iv) The percentage of coal and natural gas is equal to the percentage of
i) Petroleum and coal ii) Petroleum and hydroelectric
iii) Hydroelectric and others iv) Natural gas and coal
- v) **State whether the statement is true (or) false.**
The Solar energy could be used as an alternative energy for all types of energies.

15. Write a paragraph using the hints (any one): 5

- a) An ant – falls into a river – on the way finds a twig – hold on to it – water everywhere – calls for help – dove hears – picks twig and ant – put on dry land – ant thanks – my duty replies dove – hunter sees – flying dove – aims an arrow about to shoot – ant bites hunter – misses aim – dove flies away – good friend's help. (OR)

- b) Books – have great value – made good companions – elevates our character – many varieties – select good books – don't judge the books by its wrapper – scan and select – take the best out of a book.

16. Match the following products and slogans: 5x1= 5

- a) Health drink - For long shiny hair
b) Camera - Plastic money
c) Hair oil - Save your bones
d) Motor bike - Keep the moments
e) Credit cards - Moves like wind

17. Observe the map given below and write the instructions required. Guide the stranger to Malar Hospital. Give instructions ti help him. 5**18. Read the poem and complete its paraphrase: 5**

A plump little girl and a thin little bird
Were out in the meadows together
How could that poor little bird must be,
Without any clothes like mine, said she,
Although it is sunshiny weather
A nice little girl is that, said he,
But, oh how cold she must be, for see!
She hasn't single feather!

So each shivered to think of the poor thing,
Although it was sunshiny weather.

A(i)....and a little bird went out in ...(ii).... The girl felt that the bird was shivering with cold as it had ...(iii)....like her. The bird thought that the girl must be feeling cold as she ...(iv)... Each shivered with sorrow for the other although the weather was ...(v).....

19. a) Translation: 5

The following announcement in Tamil which you hear while on the electric train. A foreign co-passenger is not able to understand it. Translate it into English for him.

இந்த மின்வண்டி அடுத்தாவரும் நிறுத்தத்தில் இரண்டு நிமிடங்கள் கூடுதலாக நிற்கும். பயணிகள் நிதானமாக இறங்கி ஏறவும். (OR)

b) Look at the picture given below. Express your views. PLANTING TREES