

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

Centuries ago a great artist was engaged to paint ... (a) ... the cathedral in a Sicilian town. The subject was ... (b) ... For many years, the artist laboured ... (c) ... and finally the painting was finished except for the two most important figures; the child Jesus ... (d) ... He searched ... (e) ... models for those two figures.

- a) and Judas Iscariot b) far and wide c) a mural for
d) diligently for e) the life of Jesus

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

- a) "We need to find his owner"
b) "There's got to be an exit further on"
c) Pensively he recalled his preparations for his trip to the United States
d) "Well, look at it this way"
e) I can't remember her ever mentioning the piano again after that.

3. Match the following appropriately: 5x1=5

- a) Judas - determined to live
b) Kumar - wise for his age
c) Mom - villainous faced model
d) Celine - picnic to Vedanthangal
e) Hubert - tenacity and good talent

4. Choose the correct answer: 5x1=5

- a) It was mean to call the on a hurt animal.
i) friend ii) doctor
iii) dog catcher iv) neighbour
b) It was after p.m, when Serge arrived at Lunel's fire station.
i) 6 ii) 7 iii) 8 iv) 9
c) Though the child's face was angel-like, it was
i) dirty ii) injured iii) stupid iv) silly
d) The thieves decided to hide inside the
i) kitchen ii) loft iii) attic iv) cupboard
e) The sky was dotted with
i) colours ii) birds iii) balloons iv) animals

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

There are geniuses and tinkers that live everywhere in small towns all over the world. My brother was a tinker and spent much of his time coming up with new inventions that would keep him from having to over exert himself during the summer months when school was out. Having too much time on his hands, he would let his mind wander and he would sit down and apply his ideas to paper skillfully blue printing his invention so he could try it out.

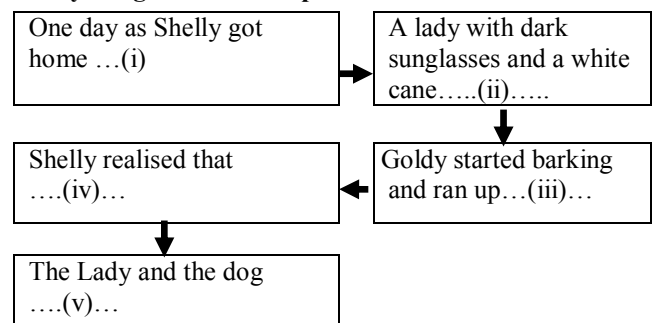
The old schwinn bike with the heavy balloon type tires sat upside down for weeks as he attached different things to the gear system of the bike.

A DC electric motor he bought from a local pawnshop for twenty bucks and the old battery out of dad's old chevy were fast coming together.

The motor was mounted on the main frame just below the bike's seat. The battery was strapped down on the rack over the back tire and fender.

Questions:

- a) Who are the people frequenting small towns everywhere?
b) Why in summer did the brother spend time on inventions?
c) What did he do to the gear system of his Old Schwinn bike?
d) What two items did he put together, in his invention?
e) Describe the positions of the motor and the battery.

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

- a) Narrate the story of the dog Sam. (OR) b) Attempt a character sketch of Celine. (OR) c) Describe the 'storm in the cupboard' and its consequences.

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

Prevention is better than cure, is a proverb and is recognised that the only way to get rid of Malaria completely is to get rid of mosquitoes. Malaria was associated with damp and the marshy land. Stagnant water is the breeding place of mosquitoes. It begins as a larva in water and malaria does not frequently occur in desert. The only way to destroy malaria is to prevent their breeding in stagnant water. This can be done by coating the stagnant water with a film of kerosene oil which can kill the larva.

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

- Roshan : (i)
Librarian : Yes, come in (ii)
Roshan : I wish to become a member in the library.
Librarian : You have to pay a membership fee.
Roshan : ... (iii)
Librarian : An annual fee of two hundred rupees.
Roshan : (iv)
Librarian : You can borrow four books at a time.
Roshan : (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**

Reshma wants to send a letter by Registered Post to Mumbai. Build a conversation between and the post office clerk, on the procedure to send the letter.

11. Gowtham started to write a letter to his HM expressing his inability to attend school for a week as he had fractured his leg in an accident. Due to some reason, he could not complete the letter. Complete the content of the letter in about 100 words. **5**

10th February, 2016

From,

Gowtham
10, car street
Ooty.

To,

The Headmaster
XXXXXX School
YYYYY

.....
Thanking you

Yours obediently,
Gowtham.

Date:
Place:

12. Prepare an advertisement on the information: 5

- a) Computer course- 3 months-flexible timing- discount for students **(OR)** b) Sale-CDs- Carnatic- Western-Pop and Rap songs- heavy discount

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

- a) Suburban Trains cancelled due to maintenance and repair work.
b) M.S. Subbulakshmi Award for carnatic vocalist.
c) “Stress leads to long term brain injury” says Neuro Surgeon.
d) E- books attract children.
e) New techniques to be adopted in teaching at elementary level.

14. Study the pie-chart and answer the questions: 5x1=5

Percentage of vehicles crossing the bridge during peak hours.



- a) The vehicles which do not cross the bridge during peak hours are.....
i) cars ii) buses iii) lorries iv) bicycles
- b) State whether the following statement is true or false.
Next to bicycles, most people prefer to travel by bikes.
- c) The fewest number of vehicles which cross the bridge are...
i) vans ii) bicycles iii) buses iv) cars
- d) The number of vans which cross the bridge is
i) equal to the number of cars
ii) less than the number of cars
iii) twice the number of cars
iv) almost the same as the number of cars
- e) The number of bicycles which cross the bridge is times greater than the number of buses.
i) two ii) four iii) five iv) three

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

- a) Foot board travel – very dangerous – school, college students – heroism – lose their life – repeated warning – conductors – train commuters – no avail – school heads – college heads – inspite of strict measures – problem not curbed – students should realise – life is precious – their parents’s concern – reform – good citizens. **(OR)**
- b) Stamp collecting – interesting hobby – rare, precious stamps – foreign nations – obtain from – friends, relatives, neighbours – needs patience – worthy hobby – makes one proud and satisfied – conduct exhibitions – gain fame – moral satisfaction – spending time usefully.

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

- a) Air conditioner - Quick solutions
b) Calculator - Feel the chillness all over
c) Water - Protects from sun and rain
d) Cycle - Waste not, want not
e) Umbrella - Easy ride

17. Your brother needs to go to the hospital to visit your sick aunt. Guide him to reach the hospital in about 50 words. 5**18. Read the poem and complete its paraphrase: 5**

Speak gently to the aged one,
Grieve not the careworn heart:
The sands of life are nearly run,
Let them in peace depart.
Speak gently to the erring ones.
They must have toiled in vain;
Perhaps unkindness made them so,
Oh! Win them back again.
Speak gently! – it is a little thing
Dropped in the heart’s deep well,
The good, the joy that it may bring.
The rolling years shall tell.

We should speak gently to the ... (i)... without hurting or offending them. Let them ... (ii)... as they have spent so many years on the earth toiling hard. We should try to win back the people who have ... (iii)... in their life. We should be ... (iv)... to them. Though ... (v)..., the joy that it would bring in future is immeasurable.

19. a) Translation: 5

A foreigner who cannot read Tamil needs your help in understanding the notice below. Give him the message in English.

தேவையில்லாமல் இயங்கும் மின்விளக்குகள், மின் விசிறி மற்றும் தொலைக்காட்சிப் பெட்டிகளை அணைப்பதன் மூலம் மின்சாரத்தை சேமிப்போம். ஏனென்றால் மின்சாரமே, நாட்டின் ஆதாரம். **(OR)**

b) Look at the picture given below. Express your views. "SAVE AGRICULTURE"