

**SSLC APRIL 2014 - ENGLISH I****Time: 2½ hours****Marks: 100****SECTION – I (VOCABULARY : 20 MARKS)**

PART - I

**1. Choose the appropriate Synonyms 5X1=5**

We were denied (i) permission to enter the drive way. Our house had caught fire while we were away and had erupted (ii) into flames. The firemen who were fighting the flames were staunch (iii) in their task of quenching (iv) the fire. We stood forlorn (v) watching them and wondering where we would sleep that night.

- (i) a) debarred b) discharged c) refused d) renewed  
 (ii) a) burst b) spread c) kindled d) grew  
 (iii) a) alert b) fast c) rapid d) steady  
 (iv) a) filling b) satisfying c) extinguishing d) wetting  
 (v) a) forsaken b) longing c) angry d) afar

**2. Choose the appropriate antonyms 5x1=5**

A Popular (i) film star driving his car rashly at top speed was chased by the traffic police, captured (ii) and put in jail. His fans felt that this act of the police was invidious (iii) and went on a riot, breaking up shop windows and attacking and buses in an act of brutality (iv). seldom (v) had the city seen such violence.

- i) a) famous b) unpopular c) happy d) gentle  
 ii) a) released b) arrested c) arrived d) returned  
 iii) a) pleasant b) fair c) unjust d) reasonable  
 iv) a) violence b) kindness c) perfection d) cruelty  
 v) a) always b) rarely c) later d) often

**II. Answer any ten of the following: 10x1=10**

3. Which of the following is the right expansion of ILO?  
 a) International Law and Order b) International Labour Organisation c) Indian Legal Orientation d) Inter – State Lawful Ordinance.
4. Choose the sentence that is correct in meaning.  
 a) The colour of your **hair** is black.  
 b) The colour of your **hairs** is black.
5. Replace the underlined word with its American word.  
 He washed his hands in the wash basin.
6. Which of the words given below can be placed after the word fast to form a compound word?  
 a) play b) food c) run d) cycle
7. What is the plural form of the word stratum ?  
 a) stratas b) stratii c) strata
8. Attach a prefix to the word ‘violet’ from the list given below to complete the sentence.  
 Some times ----- violet rays are harmful.  
 a) trans b) inter c) ultra d) over
9. Replace with phrasal verbs given below.  
 Students should have a friendly relationship with their peers.  
 a) get off b) get on c) get up d) get in
10. Separate the syllable of any one of the following  
 a) beautiful b) astronomy c) application
11. Choose the appropriate word to fill the dash.  
 As the car passed, it ----- the rain water.  
 a) shook b) spattered

12. Construct a sentence using one of the words given.

- a) popular b) popularly c) popularity

13. Reframe the sentence using the word as a verb.

You performed gracefully.

14. Which of the two sentences conveys same meaning.

We will always remember those happy days.

- a) Will we forever remember those happy days ?  
 b) Will we ever forget those happy days?

**SECTION – II (GRAMMAR: 25 MARKS)****PART – I Answer all the following. 10x1=10**

15. Which of the options will suit to fill the sentence?

If I won a lottery,.....

- a) I will buy a BMW car b) I would buy a BMW car  
 c) I would have bought a BMW car.

16. Identify the pattern of the following sentence

His father gave him his school bag.

- a) SVOC b) SVIDO c) SVOA

17. Choose the correct question tag.

I'm not late,.....? a) aren't? b) am'I c) have'I?

18. Complete the sentence

Very few toys in this shop are ..... as this one.

- a) more expensive b) as expensive c) most expensive

19. Choose the sentence which conveys same meaning.

Seldom do buses stop here

- a) Buses do stop here often b) Buses never stop here  
 c) Buses do not stop here often.

20. Complete with the correct prepositional phrase.

..... the rains, the teams continued to play the match.

- a) On account of b) In the event of c) In spite of

21. Choose the correct verb form to complete

I enjoy ..... stories for children.

- a) write b) to write c) writing

22. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence.

The principal wanted to discuss ..... with the teachers.

- a) on the matter b) about the matter c) the matter

23. Choose the appropriate preposition to complete.

Every child jumps with joy at the sight of .... elephant

- a) an b) a c) the

24. Choose the appropriate article to complete.

My Uncle will visit me ..... may.

- a) at b) in c) on

**II. Answer all. Rewrite as directed. 5x2=10**

25. Combine the two sentences into a single sentence

Maran is very tired. He cannot finish the work.

26. Rewrite the sentence in the other voice.

Children enjoy cartoon serials very much and they watch these programmes for a long time.

27. Rewrite the sentence in the indirect Speech

The teacher asked me whether I was going to join the Medical course or the Engineering course.

28. Rewrite the sentence using if clause.

The bus breaks down. I won't be able to attend the class.

29. Read and write a sentence using any one of the degrees.

Neethu's ribbon is 10cm long. Neela's ribbon is 12cm long  
 Nirmala's ribbon is 13 cm long. Nirupama's ribbon is 9cm long  
 Nivetha's ribbon is 15cm long

**PART – III** 30. Punctuate the following sentence: 5  
Oh For this I get two thousand pounds.

**SECTION – III (PROSE:15MARKS)**

**PART – I Answer any five of the following 5x2=10**

31. Why was Hughie upset?
32. What is the significance of art?
33. What kind of character should you acquire while you are a student?
34. What will be the future if the Himalayan glaciers become ice-free?
35. Why is the world of domestic workers invisible ?
36. Which is the smallest of all birds ?
37. What did the author see at the Royal Museum.

**PART – II Answer in a paragraph (any one) 1x5=5**

38. Briefly describe the scene from the arrival of the water tanker till its departure? (OR) Describe briefly how birds migrate? (OR) What was the result of Hughie's mistaking the baron for a beggar?

**SECTION – IV (POETRY : 20 MARKS)**

**PART – I Quote from memory (any one) 1x5=5**

39. a) Five lines of the poem- 'Going for water.'  
From: "But once within....."  
To: ..... a staying hand"
- b) The First five lines of the poem "The cry of the children"  
From: "For oh" ..... To: ....Stooping.

**PART – II Read the poetic lines and answer 5x1=5**

40. \*A Geode can split to reveal. A dazzling sight to view  
What do you mean by "Geode"?
41. A child sitting under the piano in the boom of the tingling strings And pressing the small poised feet of a mother who smiles as she sings.  
Whom does 'she' refers to?
42. If you can meet with triumph and disaster",  
And treat those two impostors just the same..  
Who are the two impostors?
43. "I breed my brood where'r I will  
Whom does 'I' refer to?
44. "Only bloodshot eyes betray. Deep pride, then reverence"  
Why are the eyes bloodshot?

**PART – III Read the poem lines and answer 5**

45. "The globe's my world. The cloud's my kin  
I care not where the skies begin  
I spread my wings through all the din.  
Pick out the words that rhyme in these lines.
46. Sinews taut yet steady.  
Pick out the words in alliteration
47. "If you can fill the unforgiving minute.  
With sixty seconds worth of distance run.  
Yours is the earth and everything that's in it.  
And what is more you'll be a man my son  
Bring out the rhyme scheme used in these lines.
48. Have you noticed how some people  
May seem plain as plain can be?  
Identify the figure of speech employed here

49. \*Like pearls and now a sliver blade.

Choose the figure of speech used here

- a) Simile b) Oxymoron c) Personification

**PART – IV Answer in a paragraph (any one) 1x5=5**

50. Describe the various qualities of manliness? (OR)  
According to Paul Holmes What is "inner beauty".  
(OR) Describe how the shilpi gradually changes a virgin rock into a statue of God?

**SECTION –V (LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS: 20 MARKS)**

**51. Read the passage and answer the questions: 5x2=10**

Our Earth is the only planet with a variety of plants, animals and the micro organisms living either in the aquatic or the terrestrial habitats. An environment with rich biological diversity is the basis for human existence. The equilibrium status of living and non living factors in an environment is known as balance in nature. It is disturbed at times due to natural calamities like storm, flood, pests, outbreak of diseases and fire. Rapid population growth industrialization and urbanization are the causes for deforestation exploiting fauna and flora against eco system. The Indian Parliament has passed the Wild life Protection Act in 1980 to preserve and protect our natural wealth.

- a) Which is the basis for human existence?
- b) How is balance in nature established?
- c) Mention some natural calamities that disturb the balance in nature
- d) Which Act has been passed in our country to protect the forests? When was it passed?
- e) The fauna and flora are affected due to.....  
(i) The plants of a particular environment  
(ii) The animals living in a particular area  
(iii) Deforestation

**52. Identify and correct the errors 5x1=5**

- a) Neither the doctor nor the nurse are available
- b) The dog fell along the river.
- c) Apples are not sweet as mangoes..
- d) Helen is junior than me.
- e) I have two brothe-in-laws.

**53. Look at the picture and answer the questions 5**



- a) What do you see in the picture?
- b) Would you like to have a fish tank in your house? Why?
- c) How would you feed the fish in the tank?
- d) Usually where do you find fish?
- e) What would happen to your fish if you take it out of the fish tank?

**SSLC APRIL 2014 - 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 being ....(i) ... She swallowed ....(ii)..... . She thought she was ....(iii) ..... But she found that .....(iv) ..... and that she was .....(v) ..... through which she had plunged.

(i) drowning to death. (ii) about ten metres from the manhole (iii) swept along under water. (iv) mouthfuls of the filthy liquid. (v) she could breathe again.

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

- (i) "Guess I'll call you goldy".  
 (ii) A flying officer during world war II.  
 (iii) A old priest told me this story when I very young.  
 (iv) 'Home is where the heart is'.  
 (v) "Oh, Yeah".

**3. Match the following appropriately: 5 x 1 = 5**

- (a) Migratory birds - a little boy of fourteen  
 (b) Hubert - Celine's husband  
 (c) Serge - Goldy  
 (d) Piano - Changed kumar's heart  
 (e) Sam - Positioned in the living room

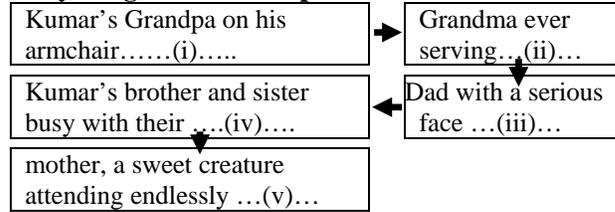
**4. Choose the correct answer: 5 x 1 = 5**

- (i) The lady got separated from Sam in.....  
 (a) a tsunami (b) an earthquake  
 (c) a terrorist attack (d) a traffic accident  
 (ii) The Cathedral was in .....town.  
 (a) Sicilian (b) Italy (c) Rome (d) jerusalem  
 (iii) Once the snuff was sprayed into the cupboard, all the thieves .....  
 (a) Yelled (b) Screamed (c) Sneezed (d) Laughed  
 (iv) His mother was never close to a piano except at the ..... Kindergarten.  
 (a) Jesuit (b) Catholic (c) Protestant (d) Non-Catholic  
 (v) Celine was .....years old  
 (a) 22 (b) 32 (c) 42 (d) 43

**5. Read the passage and answer the questions 5 x 1 = 5**

"Come on, We've got to get out of here now", Serge urged his partner Celine. Flood water that had poured into their little terraced home was already 30 centimetres deep and rising. The couple had lifted the sofa onto the dining table and stacked as many other possessions as they could out of the reach of the filthy water. It was 2:15 pm on Monday, September 22, 2003 and the small town of Lunel in southern France had been battered by violent storms since mid-morning. Council worker Serge, 43 and 32-year old Celine, a home help, had lived most of their lives in Lunel which stands only a few metres above sea level. The flat, marshy area, floods frequently. This was the second time in just over a year that the couple had found the home invaded by water.

- (i) Why was Lunel town susceptible to frequent floods?  
 (ii) What was Serge's occupation?  
 (iii) who was Celine?  
 (iv) How many times had Lunel town been flooded in a year?  
 (v) What had happened to Lunel on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2003?

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

- (a) What lesson had kumar learnt from the birds (OR)  
 (b) What happened on that day when shelly got back from school? (OR) (c) How did Hubert outwit the thieves?

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

Our blood consists of three types of blood cells: red blood cells, white blood cells and Platelets. The red blood cells are small, thin and disc shaped. They are composed of an iron containing component called haemoglobin. When blood passes through the lungs each haemoglobin molecule picks up four oxygen molecules and supplies them to the body's tissues. Red blood cells also transport the carbon dioxide from the tissues to the lungs. The lungs throw out this gas when we exhale. The white blood cells are big and few compared to red cells, numbering only one for every 700 red cells. They are the body's defenders, the soldiers that fight bacteria and other enemies. One kind, for instance, destroys dead cells.

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

- Naveen : Father, I need Rs.750 /-  
 (i) Father : .....?  
 Naveen : I need a new rain-coat, father  
 (ii) Father : But you already .....  
 Naveen : No father, It has a few holes.  
 Moreover it is two years since I bought it.  
 (iii) Father : .....?  
 Naveen : Yes, It can be used for another year.  
 (iv) Father : Then .....?  
 Naveen : All my friends have new rain coats.  
 (v) Father : .....?  
 Naveen : Ok father, I shall wait for a few more weeks,  
 but I hope you'll get me a new one before the rains begin.

**SECTION – III (Communicative Skills: 15 Marks)**

**10. Write a dialogue with a minimum five utterances for the situation given below. Sumathi has won the first prize at an elocution competition. She excitedly informs, her mother of this, describing the number of contestants the manner in which she spoke and how she had overcome her nervousness** **5**

**11. YYYY is planning to celebrate Bakrid in her house at Madurai. She started writing a letter to her cousin XXXX asking her to come over with something that she needed for the celebration. For some reason she could not complete the letter. Complete the content of her letter in about 100 words.** **5**

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 Madurai,  
 23.03.2013

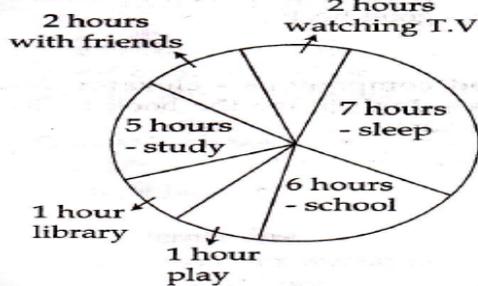
Dear XXXX

Yours Lovingly,  
YYY**12. Prepare an advertisement on the information 5**

- (a) Mouth watering - delicious food - hygienic preparation - affordable prices - makes you long for more - Crave and rave Vegetarian Restaurant, Coimbatore. (or)
- (b) Educational material - classes VI to X - Plenty of exercises - interesting games - puzzles - English, maths, Science - gain Knowledge - our books enlighten you - Contact Genius Kids publications- No.20, Nehru road, Chennai-34.

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

- (a) Schools closed due to heavy rain.  
 (b) Students collect funds for flood relief.  
 (c) Parents arrested for Child labour.  
 (d) Indian awarded Nobel Prize for Physics.  
 (e) Andhra XI beat Viva to enter football cup semi-finals.

**14. Study the Pie - Chart and answer : 5 x 1 = 5**

- i) Ramu spends the maximum time.....  
 a) in school b) sleeping c) studying d) with friends
- ii) Ramu spends more time on watching TV than on  
 a) studying b) sleeping c) playing d) friends
- iii) Besides playing Ramu spends the least time ...  
 a) in the library b) watching TV  
 c) with his friends d) in school
- iv) How much time did Ramu spend for playing?  
 a) 7 hours b) 2 hours c) 1 hours d) 5 hours
- v) State whether the following statement is True or False.  
 Ramu studies for 7 hours.

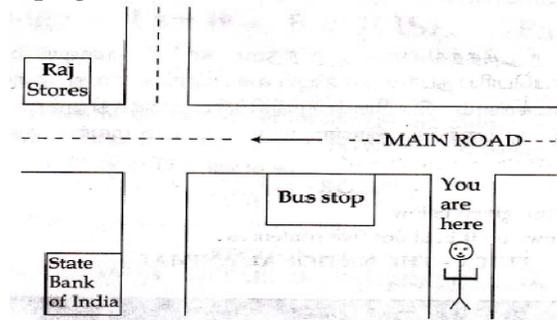
**15. Write a paragraph using the hints 5**

Keeping surroundings clean - learn this habit at a young age - good for society - don't litter the streets - road side - with garbage, rubbish - advise friends - neighbours - clean habits - good health. [OR]

Books - 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 5 x 1= 5**

- a) Calendar - Handle with care  
 b) Glass - Makes your travel easy  
 c) Suitcase - Sharp time for sharp people  
 d) Tea - Passing of days  
 e) Watch - The cup that cheers.

**17. Observe the map. Guide the stranger to the State Bank of India. Write three instructions by way of helping him. 5****18. Read the poem and complete its paraphrase: 5****GOD'S LOVE**

The fire of God's love  
 burns away impurities  
 and leaves our soul's gold,

Only He can see  
 Beneath our humanity  
 to judge our true worth,

God's eternal care  
 triumph over our weakness  
 and teaches us hope.

God's love like fire burns out all....(i).... And makes our souls ....(ii)..... . Only He can understand us and judge.....(iii)..... . His everlasting care wins over .....(iv)..... and gives us.....(v).....

**19. (a) Translation:**

A co-passenger on the bus you travel in has slipped and sprained his ankle. He wishes to go to a hospital nearby. Someone gives him the instructions in Tamil. As he is new to Tamil Nadu, he does not understand the language.

**Translate the instructions into English to help him.**

பேருந்து நிறுத்தத்திலிருந்து உத்தமர் காந்தி சாலையில் நேராகச் செல்லவும். மிகப் பெரிய தபால் நிலையம் வலப்புறம் உள்ளது. அதற்கு எதிரே சாலையை கடக்கவும். இந்தியன் வங்கிக்குப் பக்கத்திலுள்ள தெருவில் நுழையவும். இடது புறத்தில், இரண்டாவது கட்டடம் மலர் மருத்துவமனை ஆகும். [OR]

**(b) Look at the picture given below. Express your views on it in about five sentences.****TIGER - THE NATIONAL ANIMAL**