

SSLC JUNE 2017 - ENGLISH I**Time: 2½ hours****Marks: 100****SECTION – A (VOCABULARY : 20 MARKS)**

PART - I

- 1. Choose the appropriate Synonyms: 5X1=5**
Children's behaviour towards their parents should be one of **acquiescence** (i), When they control and direct them. They have to **discharge** (ii) their duties towards their parents. Showing **reverence** (iii) to parents is a **requisite** (iv) for leading successful life. When the parents become old, children should be **grateful** (v) to them.
- i) a) respect b) acceptance c) acquaintance d) kindness
ii) a) bring out b) carry out c) let out d) put out
iii) a) love b) kindness c) respect d) affection
iv) a) idea b) necessity c) step d) truth
v) a) doubtful b) helpful c) lovable d) thankful
- 2. Choose the appropriate antonyms: 5x1=5**
The Brihadeesvarar Temple or the The Big Temple as it is **commonly** (i) called by the **natives** (ii) of Thanjavur, is an architectural marvel of **immense** (iii) **glory** (iv) that has astounded the world with its stupendous proportions and **grandeur** (v)
- (i) a) rarely b) usually c) always d) sometime
(ii) a) moderates b) inmates c) foreigners d) experts
(iii) a) fair b) little c) weak d) wonderful
(iv) a) grandness b) sorrow c) disgrace d) cruelty
(v) a) ruinous b) excellence c) depletion d) humbleness
- II. Answer any ten of the following: 10x1=10**
3. Which of the following is the right expansion of **TNPSC**?
a) Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission
b) Tamil Nadu People's Social Care
c) Tamil Nadu Public Security Corporation
d) Tamil Nadu Police Security Commander
4. Choose the sentence that is **correct** in its meaning:
a) The hungry lion went in search of its **pray**
b) The hungry lion went in search of its **prey**
5. Replace with equivalent American English word:
The child broke the **jug**
6. Which can be placed after **'safe'**?
a) mark b) guard c) bed d) hood
7. What is the plural form of **'memorandum'**?
a) memoranda b) memorandaii c) memorandee
8. Add a prefix to the word **'sustainable'**.
a) in... b) dis.... c) un.... d) ir....
9. We must not **yield** to temptations.
a) give up b) put up c) give in d) put off
10. Separate the syllables of any one of the following:
a) entertainment b) articulation c) parchment
11. Nandhini will a letter next week.
a) get b) receive
12. Construct a sentence using any one of the words:
a) renovate b) renovation c) renovative
13. Reframe the sentence using the underlined as verb:
She is **tolerant** towards mischievous children.
14. Which of the two sentences given below conveys the following meaning?

Most of the students took part in the programme.

- a) All the students took part in the programme.
b) Only a few students did not take part in the programme.

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

15. Which of the options will suit the following sentence?
If I were the Prime Minister,.....
a) I would implement special schemes.
b) I will implement special schemes.
c) I would have implemented special schemes.
16. Identify the pattern of the following sentence:
I met my friend at the market.
a) SVIDODO b) SVOC c) SVOA
17. Choose the correct question tag:
Sheela danced well,?
a) did she b) didn't she c) doesn't she
18. Complete the sentence:
Gandhiji was one ofleaders.
a) greater than b) as great as c) the greatest
19. Choose which conveys same meaning .
He did not win any other contest.
a) He has won only this contest.
b) He is the only one to win this contest.
20. Complete with a correct prepositional phrase.
....., heavy rain, the match was postponed.
a) In spite of b) In case of c) On account of
21. Choose the correct verb form to complete the sentence.
..... is a good exercise.
a) To walk b) Walking c) Walk
22. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence.
Children areeating sweets.
a) fond of b) fond on c) fond for
23. Choose the appropriate article to complete the sentence:
An apple a day keepsdoctor away.
a) a b) an c) the
24. Choose the appropriate preposition to complete:
My uncle will visit meMay.
a) in b) at c) on
- II. Answer all. Rewrite as directed. 5x2=10**
- 25. Combine the two sentences into a single sentence.**
Kumar is poor. He helps many persons.
- 26. Rewrite the sentence using the active voice.**
The food was prepared with great care and it was served on silver plates by the cook.
- 27. Rewrite the sentence in the direct Speech.**
Shyam's grandfather advised him not to waste his time in unnecessary activities.
- 28. From the context of the two sentences given below frame a single sentence using the 'If' clause.**
Don't play with fire. You will get burnt.
- 29. Read the sentences and write an observation in a single sentence using any one of the degrees of comparison.**
a) Velan bought 10 apples. b) Syed bought 15 apples.
c) Surya bought 12 apples. d) James bought 9 apples.

PART – III 30. Punctuate the following sentence: 5

i am going to mumbai in may to attend my friends wedding.

SECTION – C (PROSE:15MARKS)**PART – I Answer any five of the following: 5x2=10**

31. Can you suggest some reasons as to why birds travel in flocks?
32. What was the condition of the water collected by Chaya?
33. What kind of character should you acquire while you are a student?
34. Why was Alan considered to be a good painter?
35. How did Messiaen spend his time in prison?
36. Why is the world of domestic workers ‘invisible’?
37. What aspect of the ‘Big Temple’ baffles engineers till this day?

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

38. a) Describe Hughie and the manner in which he treated the model at his friend’s studio. (OR) b) Describe the daily routine of Chaya and her family. (OR) c) Describe briefly how birds migrate.

SECTION – D (POETRY : 20 MARKS)**PART – I Quote from memory (any one) 1x5=5**

39. a) Five lines of the poem- “The cry of the Children”.

From: The reddest

To : round and round.(OR)

- b) Five lines of the poem ‘Going for water’.

From: : We ran as if to

To : we paused.

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

40. *Softly, in the dusk, a woman is singing to me;*

Who is the woman referred to here?

41. *If you can fill the unforgiving minute*

What is meant by unforgiving minute?

42. *Our knees tremble sorely in the stooping-*

We fall upon our faces, trying to go

Why does ‘we’ refer to?

43. *I spread my wings through all the din;*

Who is the speaker here?

44. *He steps back, surveys with*

Close scrutiny, then sharp critical glare

What is surveyed closely and critically?

PART – III .Read the poem lines and answer 5x1=5

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

Pick out the alliterated words in these lines.

46. *For, all day, the wheels are droning, turning,*

Their wind comes in our faces,-

Till our hearts turnour head, with pulses burning-

And the walls turn in their places.....

Pick out the rhyming words in these lines.

47. *A mirror of his changing moods*

Find out the figure of speech employed in this line.

48. *The globe’s my world.*

Identify the figure of speech employed here.

49. *If you can force your heart, and nerve and sinew*

To serve your turn long after they are gone;

*And so hold on when there is nothing in you,
Except the will which says to them, “Hold on”*

Bring out the rhyme scheme used in these lines.

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

50. a) Describe the various qualities of manliness. b) Attempt a description of the physical appearance of the Shilpi as portrayed in the poem. c) What does the poet of “Beautiful Inside” say about ‘inner beauty’?

SECTION –E (LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS: 20 MARKS)**51. Read the passage and answer the questions: 5x2=10**

Once upon a time there was a rich merchant. He was returning home from work. He brought along with himself a large sum of money he had collected throughout the day. He was quite wealthy and valued money the most. On the way he was trapped in heavy rainfall. He got totally drenched along with his money also got wet. He started grumbling and cursed the rainfall due to which he had suffered heavy loss. Sometime later a robber attacked him. He could make out that he was a wealthy man and was carrying the money. He was about to fire, but the gun did not work because the gun powder had not damp and was not working. Meantime the merchant got a chance to escape and saved himself from the loss of his life as well as money. Then he realised that the rain, which he was cursing sometime ago, had actually saved him and his money. He then understood that whatever happens, it always happens for the good.

Questions:

- a) What did the merchant carry?
- b) Why did he curse the rainfall?
- c) Why could not the robber shoot the merchant?
- d) State whether the following statement is True or False. **The rain was actually a blessing in disguise.**
- e) What was the lesson learnt by the merchant?

52. Identify and correct the errors 5x1=5

- a) He is the good batsman in our team.
- b) Economics are my favourite subject.
- c) The tree is very tall that we cannot climb upon it.
- d) He is angry on me.
- e) One of the boy has won a prize.

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

- a) Where could have this incident taken place?
- b) What has happened to the boy on the ground?
- c) What is the animal doing?
- d) Why has the other boy climbed up the tree?
- e) Suggest a suitable title for the picture.