

SMART TEACHERS ASSOCIATION & WAY TO SUCCESS
SSLC MODEL PUBLIC EXAMINATION – DECEMBER 2017
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

Character is almost a truism (i) to say that more depends for success in life on character than on knowledge. It is an invidious (ii) thing to distinguish between comparative values of knowledge and character. But since both are indispensable, (iii) I would urge (iv) on you that you should attach as much importance to character as to knowledge. This character must show itself in earnestness (v) in energy of action.

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| i) a) tourism | b) obviously true | c) untrue | d) falsehood |
| ii) a) appropriate | b) fair | c) good | d) unjust |
| iii) a) essential | b) indisputable | c) individual | d) obsequiously |
| iv) a) urgently | b) encourage | c) make | d) unusual |
| v) a) seriousness | b) serration | c) earning | d) eagerness |

2. Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words:

5 x 1 = 5

My expectations were soaring (i) high at the prospect of visiting my sister in the USA. I was much excited (ii) and triumphantly (iii) announced to my friends the date of my journey. On landing at the airport, its exceptional (iv) beauty and grandiose (v) environment amazed me.

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| i) a) shooting | b) searing | c) decreasing | d) descending |
| ii) a) calm | b) deprived | c) exhilarated | d) denied |
| iii) a) tremendously | b) dejectedly | c) shamefully | d) unsuccessfully |
| iv) a) exciting | b) electrifying | c) uncommon | d) usual |
| v) a) unimpressive | b) grand | c) weak | d) ugly |

PART - II

Answer any 10 of the following.

10 x 1=10

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

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| a) National Entrance for Engineering Technology | b) National Entrance Eligibility Test |
| c) National Eligibility and Entrance Test | d) National Efficiency and Entrance Test |

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

- a) The lion watched the deer, came near him with baited breath.
 b) The lion watched the deer, came near him with bated breath.

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

The dressings table in my home has the latest facial cream and lipstick.

6. Which of the words given below can be placed before worm to form a compound?

- a) note b) book c) pen d) pencil

7. What is the plural form of the word 'staff'?

- a) staffs b) staff c) staffes d) staffies

8. Add a prefix to the word fame.

- a) en b) ily c) ous d) de

9. Replace the underlined word in the sentence with one of the phrasal verbs to convey the same meaning.

We are trying to make a change in our educational system.

- a) bring up b) bring about c) bring in d) bring on

10. Separate the syllables of any one of the following words:
 a) zoology b) dropped c) electricity
11. Choose the appropriate word to make a meaningful sentence:
 She sings so well. Music is in her a) genes b) jeans
12. Construct a sentence using one of the words given below:
 a) success b) successful c) succeed
13. Reframe the sentence using the underlined word as a Noun:
 He was penalized for his disobedience.
14. Which of the two sentences given below conveys the following meaning?
Everyone cannot avoid failures.
 a) All of us avoid failures. b) There are few people who can avoid failures.

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 Gita had a piece of chalk,
 a) She can write on the black board. c) She could have written on the black board.
 b) She could write on the black board.
16. Identify the pattern of the following sentence:
The book made me famous. a) SVOC b) SVAC c) SVCA
17. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement:
Keep quiet,? a) may you b) can't you c) do you
18. Complete the sentence:
Tamil is.....languages. a) one of the oldest b) the oldest c) most old
19. Choose the sentence which correctly conveys the meaning of the sentence given below:
Mother's love for children is unconditional.
 a) Mother does not love her children only for reasons of merit.
 b) Mother loves those who have potential to become rich.
 c) Mother loves only intelligent children.
20. Complete the sentence with correct prepositional phrase:
 **our expectations, India won the match.**
 a) Contrary to b) Nevertheless c) In favour of
21. Choose the correct verb form to complete the sentence:
A kind teacher always makes usbetter
 a) to learn b) learn c) learning
22. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence:
Mother Teresa was.....evils.
 a) free of b) free for c) free from
23. Choose the appropriate article to complete the sentence:
English is global language
 a) the b) an c) a
24. Choose the appropriate preposition to complete the sentence:
My friend hails a good family
 a) from b) on c) in to

PART – II

Answer all of the following. Rewrite as directed.

5 x 2 = 10

25. From the context of the two sentences given below form a single sentence.
Kannan belongs to a rich family. Kannan is miserly.
26. Rewrite the sentence into other Voice.
The magazine contains glossy pictures. We sell it at high price.

27. Rewrite the sentence into Indirect speech.

Gopi said “Mother, you are so kind to me. I can never forget you in my life.”

28. From the context of the two sentences given below form a single sentence using ‘If’ clause.

Raju did not study well. He did not pass.

29. Read the following sentences and write an observation in a single sentence. Using any one of the degrees of comparison.

Animal	Speed
Cheetah	120 km/h
Free tailed bat	96.6 km/h
Prong horn	88.5 km/h
Lion	80 km/h

PART - III

30. **Punctuate the following sentence:**

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celine was amazed have i been down here for five hours

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. What stands testimony to the Chola’s opulence?
32. What are the dangers faced by migrant birds?
33. What are the causes for the increase in domestic workers?
34. Do you know how the Himalayan glaciers are useful?
35. What is your primary duty towards yourself?
36. What happened on September 11, 2001?
37. Why did Hughie fear an adverse reaction from the Baron?

PART – II

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

38. a) Comment on the role played by Alan Trevor in the story. **(OR)** **1 X 5 = 5**
b) What makes the Brahadeesvarar temple unique and outstanding? **(OR)**
c) Describe the sufferings of domestic workers.

SECTION – IV (POETRY: 20 MARKS)

PART – I

Quote from memory one of the following extracts:

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39. a) The five lines of the poem, “Going for Water”

From: “Without To:soon.”.

(OR)

b) The first five lines of the poem “The Cry of the children”

From: For oh,..... To: the stooping.

PART – II

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

5 x 1 = 5

40.till the heart of me weeps to belong

To the old Sunday evenings at home,

Whose heart weeps to belong to the past?

41. And, underneath our heavy eyelids drooping,

Give the meaning of ‘drooping’.

42. No walls for me, no vigil gates.

What is meant by vigil?

43. Only bloodshot eyes betray deep pride, then reverence

Why are the eyes bloodshot?

44. Piles of purple crystals sparkling in the light

What sparkles in the light?

PART – III

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

45. *Our knees tremble sorely in the stooping
We fall upon our faces, trying to go;
And underneath our heavy eyelids drooping,
The reddest flower would look as pale as snow.*

Pick out the Rhyming words in these lines.

46. *Betrays me back, till the heart of me weeps to belong.*

Pick out the words in alliteration.

47. *Piles of purple crystals
Sparkling in the light,
Such wonderful inner beauty
Now apparent for our delight!*

Bring out the rhyme scheme used in these lines.

48. *A newly discovered treasure.*

Find out the figure of speech employed here.

49. *piano our guide.*

Find out the figure of speech employed here.

PART – IV

Answer in a paragraph any one of the following questions. Your paragraph should not exceed 120 words. 1x5= 5

50. a) Which, in your opinion, is of more value in a human being—the inner beauty or the outer appearance? (OR)
b) What is your impression of the poem migrant bird? (OR)
c) Describe how the Shilpi gradually changes a virgin rock into a statue of God.

SECTION – V (LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS – 20 MARKS)

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

5 x 2 = 10

A person who says whatever he likes usually ends up hearing what he doesn't like. Be tactful. Tact consists of one's words carefully and knowing how far to go. It also means knowing what to say and what to leave unsaid. Talent without tact may not always be desirable. Words reflect attitude. Words can hurt feelings and destroy relationship. More people have been hurt by an improper choice of words than by any natural disaster. Choose what you say rather than say what you choose. That is the difference between wisdom and foolishness. Excessive talking does not mean communication. Talk less; say more. A fool speaks without thinking; a wise man thinks before speaking. Words spoken out of bitterness can cause irreparable damage.

Questions:

- a) What is meant by 'tact'? i) to act without offending ii) being wise to answer iii) talking less
b) What do words convey about a person?
c) What is the difference between wisdom and foolishness?
d) How should one communicate?
e) How can words hurt?

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

5 x 1 = 5

- a) Gita prefers reading than swimming.
b) Ooty is coldest than Trichy.
c) Samrithi is one of the most talkative girl in the class.
d) The marriage took place on April.
e) The deer runs fastly.

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

5 x 1 = 5



Questions:

1. What do you see in this picture?
2. How many persons are there?
3. What are they doing?
4. This picture depicts water scarcity. (True / False)
5. Is water important to our life?

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SECTION – I

(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

The story of the(i)... spread afar and many men fancying themselves of wicked countenance offered to pose as models for ...(ii)... but....(iii)... The old painter looked for a face that would serve to show Judas as he envisioned him: a man ...(iv)... enfeebled by ...(v)... and lust.

i) warped by life ii) surrender to greed iii) the face of Judas iv) unfinished master piece v) in vain

2. Read the following sentences and identify the character / speaker: 5 x 1 = 5

i) “What troubles you so?”

ii) “Enough is enough”

iii) She began to cry.

iv) “Oh Ma! How I miss you.”

v) He was beaten black and blue.

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

- a) Sam - Young and enterprising
 b) Dad - Strong determination and perseverance
 c) Celine - An intelligent boy
 d) Kumar - Hard working person
 e) Hubert - The school boy

4. Complete the following sentences from the options given below: 5 x 1 = 5

i) Mum squealed with

a) anger b) surprise c) delight d) fuss

ii) When the work was in progress, the model.....

a) escaped b) broke down c) died d) asked for wine

iii) Thewas carried out at the back of the house.

a) battery terminal b) centre block c) spring d) test run

iv) Her put a damp on his cheer.

a) sobs and pleas b) feeling c) attitudes and feelings d) emotions

v)believed Hubert’s story.

a) The sons b) The daughters c) The old man d) The old women

5. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 5 x 1 = 5

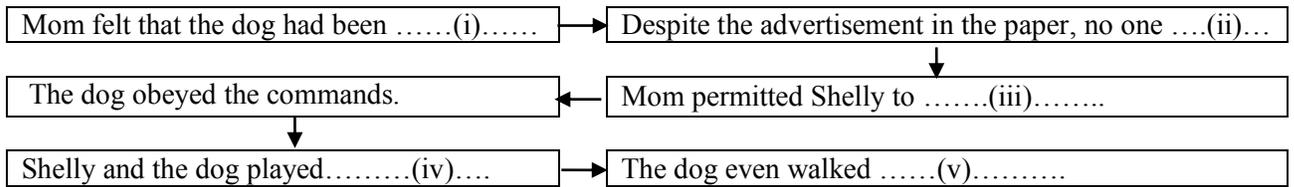
She couldn’t understand what was happening. She was being swept along underwater, helpless and swallowing mouthfuls of the filthy liquid. “I am going to die”, She thought. “I am drowning. There’s no way I can survive this.” She found that she could breathe again. In the dim light, she could see that she was about ten metres from the manhole through which she had plunged, but the current made it impossible to swim back. She was in two metre wide concrete storm drain which was almost completely filled with water and it was still rising. Across the drain stretched a plastic pipe. Further on, the tunnel was completely black.

Questions:

- a) What happened to Celine?
 b) What did Celine think?
 c) Where was Celine?
 d) Describe the drain.
 e) Could Celine swim? Why?

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) How does Rob Reilly convey the attitude of woman in ‘The Piano Lesson’? (OR)
- b) What lesson had Kumar learnt from the birds? (OR)
- c) How did the painter find a model for the face of Judas Iscariot?

SECTION – II (LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS: 15 MARKS)

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

5 + 5 = 10

Like humans, birds and animals use tools. For instance, Egyptian vultures pick up rocks with their bills. They hurl the rocks at ostrich eggs. The eggs does not break right away, they will repeat the pounding. Some vultures drop bones from high in the air on the rocks. When the bones are shattered, the birds get at the soft marrow. Turtles are also dropped like this to break their shells. The archer fish uses water as a tool for getting food. The little fish swims close to the shore looking for spiders, insects and other creatures clinging to the branches of trees. When it spots a prey it moves back and forth in the water and adjusts the distance. Then the archerfish spits ‘bullets’ of water at the target. Hit by the bullet the insects falls on and the fish makes a meal of it. An elephant with an itch in the middle of its back cannot scratch it with its feet. With its trunk, the elephant picks up a long stick and uses it as a scratcher. Mother elephants sometimes employ another tool, as a sort of weapon. They uproot a shrub or a small tree and spank their young ones with it when they misbehave.

9. Complete the following conversation between a student and a teacher:

5 x 1 = 5

- Student : Good morning sir.
Teacher :(i).....
Student : Sir, could you suggest me some books to improve my English?
Teacher :(ii).....
Student : No Sir.
Teacher : Mastery of a language can’t be improved by just writing it.
Student : What do you recommend Sir?
Teacher : You must.....(iii).....
Student :(iv).....
Teacher : Such steps would keep you ahead of others. Talk without worrying of others.
Student :(v).....

SECTION – III (COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS: 15 MARKS)

10. Build a dialogue between a mother and her daughter who spends much time on mobile and her mother advices her to give up this habit and concentrate on her studies.

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11. Gita wanted to write a letter to her friend about her plan to join the summer class during her vacation. And she insists her friend also to join with her. Help Gita to complete her letter.

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10, Sterling Road,
K city,
9th March 2018.

Dear Yazhini,

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Your Loving friend,
Gita.

Address on the envelope:

To,
Miss. Yazhini,
23, Lovedale,
Ooty.

12. Prepare an advertisement on the information given below:

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Smart phones - latest models - all brands available - free - sim, head set, and memory card for every purchase above 10,000 - all mobile accessories - bottom - rock prices.

(OR)

Educational materials - classes - VI to XII plenty of exercises - includes Psychometric Tests - clear cut concepts - rich vocabulary - carefully graded exercises - solved question papers - gain your knowledge - contact - Shakespeare Publications -10, United India colony, Chennai.

SECTION – IV (EXPANSION OF IDEAS: 35 MARKS)

13. Expand the following headlines: -

5 x 1 = 5

- i) New teaching techniques for school teachers.
- ii) Students take up rally to create dengue fever awareness
- iii) PM to visit Chennai in April
- iv) R.B.I to release new 1000 rupees note
- v) Heavy flood in Kashmir buildings ruined

14. Study the Table given below and answer the questions that follow:

5 x 1 = 5

Batsman	Runs scored	Balls faced
Ganguly	45	55
Tendulkar	99	110
Kaif	40	40
Dravid	80	90
Harbajan	12	15

- i) runs had been scored by these five players.
a) 276 b) 100 c) 15 d) 300
- ii) had scored the highest number of runs.
a) Ganguly b) Kaif c) Dravid d) Tendulkar
- iii) had faced the least number of balls.
a) Kaif b) Harbajan c) Dravid d) Ganguly
- iv) had not wasted the maximum number of balls that he faced.
a) Harbajan b) Dravid c) Ganguly d) Kaif
- v) The above chart showed the game
a) Tennis b) Soccer c) Billiards d) Cricket

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

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a) Trees - supply - conveniences - daily life - support - life of living things - replace oxygen - turned into carbon-dioxide - animals breathe, things burn - green leaves - absorb carbon-dioxide - air - sunlight - break it up - carbon and oxygen - carbon - used to make starch and oxygen - released in atmosphere - trees help to replace - oxygen in atmosphere - green cells of leaves - wonderful little laboratories - all starch - produced - starch forms - important part of - food of men - animals, their life depends on - work done by green cells of plants - trees - great friends of man. (OR)

b) We - not realise - our minds - moulded by - books we read - several means - we acquire - knowledge today - radio, TV, newspapers and magazines, the internet etc. - reading books - most ancient, most effective - Reading a book - different - an activity - gives - pleasure - never alone - company of books - modern world - little time - little leisure, we watch TV, gossip or run to parties, clubs - other social activities - afraid to be alone - afraid to sit and think - happy with others - not with ourselves - reading - gives us - comfort of good company - true pleasure

16. Match the following products and slogans appropriately:

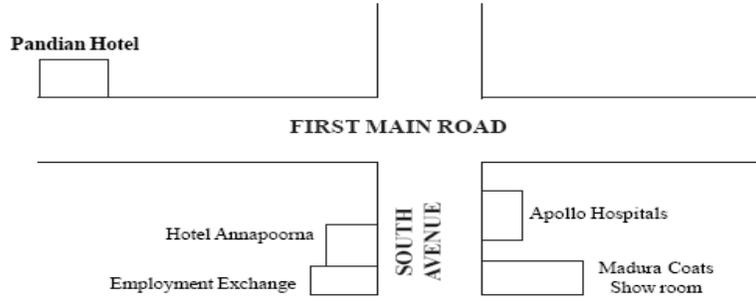
5 x 1 = 5

- a) Tea - For external use
- b) Eraser - Children's delight
- c) Ice-cream - The taste that does not slip from your mouth
- d) Toys - Erases everything but the past
- e) Ointment - Melts in your mouth

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

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You are near Pandian Hotel. A stranger asks you to direct him to the Employment Exchange. Guide him 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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*Speak gently to the aged ones,
Grieve not the care worn heart,
The sands of life are nearly run,
Let them in peace heart.
Speak gently! To the erring ones,
They must have toiled in vain:
Perhaps unkindness made them so,
Oh! Win them back again
The good, the joy that it may bring.*

The poet advises to speak ... (a) to the old people. One should not hurt the ... (b) heart. As ... (c) people have lived almost their life, They may be allowed to rest in (d) And one must restore their (e)

19. a) Translate the following information into English:

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Your Delhi friend buys a hot pack from a shop. The instructions in the hand book are in tamil. Translate the instructions into English and help your friend to understand them.

உணவுப்பொருட்களை சூடாக வைத்திருக்க உள்ளே இருக்கும் துருப்பிடிக்காத எஃகு பாத்திரத்தை வெந்நீரால் அலசவும். அது போலவே உணவுப் பொருட்களை குளிர்ச்சியாக வைத்திருக்க உள்ளே இருக்கும் துருப்பிடிக்காத எஃகு பாத்திரத்தை குளிர்ந்த நீரால் அலசவும்.

(OR)

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

