

**QUESTION PAPER-1**  
**SSLC MARCH 2015 - ENGLISH I**

Time: 2½ hours

Marks: 100

## SECTION – A (VOCABULARY : 20 MARKS)

PART - I

## 1. Choose the appropriate Synonyms: 5X1=5

The children stared at the Taj Mahal which was an **amazing** (i) structure and one among the Seven Wonders of the world. It was an architectural marvel of immense **glory** (ii). It exhibits the **diligence** (iii) of those who worked day in and day out to create this **rare** (iv) piece of magic. All the children **jostled** (v) for their positions to get photographed in front of the Taj Mahal.

- i) a) a superior b) wonderful c) bright d) alarming  
ii) a) beauty b) strength c) splendour d) popularity  
iii) a) sincerity b) carefulness c) intelligence d) struggle  
iv) a) common b) uncommon c) important d) different  
v) a) fought b) turned out c) pushed roughly d) quarrelled

## 2. Choose the appropriate antonyms: 5x1=5

There are people with **inability** (i) to compete. Sometimes **eagerly** (ii) sought for their identification. The **irreverent** (iii) people sometimes humiliate them. But they **prosecute** (iv) their day – to – day activities without **panic** (v).

- i) a) ability b) nobility c) mobility d) anxiety  
ii) a) indifferently b) differently c) actively d) closely  
iii) a) relevant b) release c) reverent d) reluctance  
iv) a) start b) stop c) proceed d) process  
v) a) joy b) tear c) bold d) happy

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

3. Which of the following is the right expansion of **PIN**?  
a) Population Index Number b) Postal Index Number  
c) Poor Identification Notice d) Physics Internal Note
4. Choose the sentence that is **correct** in its meaning:  
a) Gold is measured in carat.  
b) Gold is measured in carrot.
5. Replace with equivalent American English word:  
My mother put my baby sister in the cot.
6. Which can be placed before 'gazing'?  
a) goat b) star c) boy d) land
7. What is the plural form of thief?  
a) thieves b) thieffes c) thievs
8. Add a suffix to the word 'beautiful'.  
Guru plays the Piano beautiful \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) \_\_\_\_\_ly b) \_\_\_\_\_er c) \_\_\_\_\_less d) \_\_\_\_\_ness
9. The meeting was postponed due to bad weather.  
a) put off b) put in c) put up d) put on
10. Separate the syllables of any one of the following:  
a) monument b) glum c) queue
11. Many people want to \_\_\_\_\_ a flat.  
a) buy b) by
12. Construct a sentence using any one of the words:  
a) life b) live c) lively
13. Reframe the sentence using the underlined as adverb:  
Please handle the glasses with care.

14. Which of the two sentences given below conveys the following meaning?

- a) He hardly listens to me.  
b) He seldom listens to me.

## 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 met him, \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) I will speak to him b) I would speak to him  
c) I would have spoken to him

16. Identify the pattern of the following sentence:

**He sang me a song melodiously.**

- a) SVOC b) SVOA c) SVIDOAO

17. Choose the correct question tag:

**They were climbing the trees \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) were they b) weren't they c) weren't it

18. Complete the sentence:

**Very few buildings in this street are \_\_\_\_\_ this one.**

- a) taller than b) as tall as c) the tallest of

19. Choose which conveys same meaning .

**We did not meet any other friend at the party.**

- a) We met no friends at the party.  
b) We met only one friend at the party.  
c) We did not meet all our friends at the party.

20. Complete with a correct prepositional phrase.

\_\_\_\_\_ **his riches, he is not happy.**

- a) Because of b) In spite of c) Owing to

21. Choose the correct verb form to complete the sentence.

**The society has nothing \_\_\_\_\_ with entertainment.**

- a) do b) to do c) doing

22. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence.

**The child started crying \_\_\_\_\_ its way.**

- a) lost b) on losing c) in losing

23. Choose the appropriate article to complete the sentence:

**This is \_\_\_\_\_ book that I had been looking for in all the book shops.**

- a) an b) a c) the

24. Choose the appropriate preposition to complete:

**The work will be over \_\_\_\_\_ this evening .**

- a) on b) by c) in

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

25. Combine the two sentences into a single sentence.

**The tea is very hot. He cannot drink it.**

26. Rewrite the sentence using the passive voice.

**The Florist delivers flowers to my office every day.**

27. Rewrite the sentence in direct Speech.

**Guru told Mukhil that he had completed his assignment and he needed to take rest for sometime.**

28. From the context of the two sentences given below frame a single sentence using the 'If' clause.

**Work hard. You will succeed in life.**

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

- a) Chandrika is 5 feet tall b) Deepa is 6 feet tall  
c) Revathy is 5.6 feet tall d) Suba is 5.2 feet tall

**PART – III 30. Punctuate the following sentence: 5**  
We are facing an unsustainable situation says dinesh.

**SECTION – C (PROSE:15MARKS)**

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

31. Who are the brave little voyagers?
32. What was their first meal of the day for Chaya's children?
33. What is the twofold duty to be acquired by students?
34. Why would Hughie wish to apologize to the Baron?
35. How is music different from astronomy?
36. How are some domestic worker's lives similar to those of slaves?
37. What is the speciality of the Vimanam?

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

38. a) What were the contributions of the Cholas to art and culture?(OR) b) Describe the courageous way the Americans overcame the "Fall of Twin Towers".(OR) c) How is character important in life?

**SECTION – D (POETRY : 20 MARKS)**

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

39. a) Five lines of the poem- 'Manliness'.  
From: "Except the will.....  
To : ..... my son".
- b) The first five lines of the poem "Migrant Bird".  
From: : "The Globe's .....  
To : ..... Vigil gates".

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

40. Then, what gems would we see?

**What do gems refer to?**

41. *Virgin rock takes form Rugged lines melt.*

**What is meant by Virgin rock?**

42. *To the old Sunday evenings at home, with winter outside  
And hymns in the cosy parlour, the tinkling Piano our guide*

**What is meant by 'Cosy Parlour'?**

43. *'O ye wheels' breaking out in a mad moaning  
'Stop! be silent for to – day!*

**What is their prayer?**

44. *If you can meet with triumph and disaster.*

**Give the meaning of 'triumph'.**

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

45. *With speed of wings I hasten past  
And close my eyes against the sun  
To dream my dreams and make them last.*

**Pick out the rhyming words in these lines.**

46. *My manhood is cast down in the flood of remembrance.*

**Identify the figure of speech employed here..**

47. *"For all day, the wheels are droning, turning  
Their wind comes in our faces.....  
Till our hearts turn, ... Our head, with pulses burning,  
And the walls turn in their places".*

**Bring out the rhyme scheme used in these lines.**

48. *Harmonic cacophony to oblivious ears.*

**Find out the figure of speech employed in this line.**

49. *If you can dream and not make dreams your master.*

**Identify the words that are 'Alliterated'.**

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

50. a) Describe the experiences of the children on their way to the brook to seek water. (OR) b) What are D.H. Lawrence's reminiscences about his childhood days? (OR) c) Describe the condition of the children working in factories.

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

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

Speech is a great blessing but it can also be a great curse, for while it helps us to make our intentions and desires known to others, it can also, if we use it carelessly, make our attitude completely misunderstood. A slip of the tongue, the use of an unusual word, or of an ambiguous word, may create an enemy where we had hoped to win a friend. Again different classes of people use different words, and the ordinary speech of an educated man may create the impression to an uneducated listener that he was showing off with his skill: Unwittingly we may use a word which bears a different meaning to our listener from what it does to a man of his own class. Thus speech is not a gift to use lightly without thought, but one which demands careful handling: Only a fool would express himself alike to all kinds and conditions of people and situations.

**Questions:**

- a) In what way is speech a blessing to mankind?
- b) Describe how words could make an enemy out of someone you would like to be a friend?
- c) Why is an educated man's speech considered boastful by an uneducated listener?
- d) How should speech be used?
- e) How does one prove himself a fool through his use of language?

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

- a) He has grey hairs.
- b) The view were enchanting.
- c) I took a umbrella with me.
- d) As the child fell down so it started crying.
- e) Suba is the tallest girls in the class.

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



**Questions:**

- a) How many types of vehicles are seen in the picture?
- b) Where is the helmet kept?
- c) Write any two traffic rule other than 'No Parking'.
- d) What will happen if you park the vehicle in 'No parking' area?
- e) Do you follow traffic rules?

**QUESTION PAPER - 2****SSLC March 2015 - ENGLISH II****Time: 2½ hours****Marks: 100****SECTION – I (Non – Detailed: 35 Marks)****1. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate phrases: 5**

As Hubert painfully staggered inside, he was shocked to hear the voices of the thieves ... (i).... The thieves had tactfully ... (ii)... of the inmates of the house to some huge noise outside, forcing them all ... (iii)... to find out what was happening there. As the inmates were likely to return soon the three thieves decided to ... (iv)... and wait until night ... (v)...

- i) to plunder the household ii) to rush onto the streets  
iii) hide inside a cupboard iv) who had waylaid him  
v) diverted the attention

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

- a) There was a lady with dark sunglasses and a white cane.  
b) He had saved enough money to buy Mum another piano.  
c) “Years ago I was your model for the Child Jesus”.  
d) “I wanted to be there for my daughter and for Serge”  
e) “At least we had some quality time together today.”

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

- a) Kumar - Unfinished for a long time  
b) Hubert - Serge’s partner  
c) tinker - Green Card holder in America  
d) Celine - Performed magic tricks  
e) Mural - Rex Coker’s brother

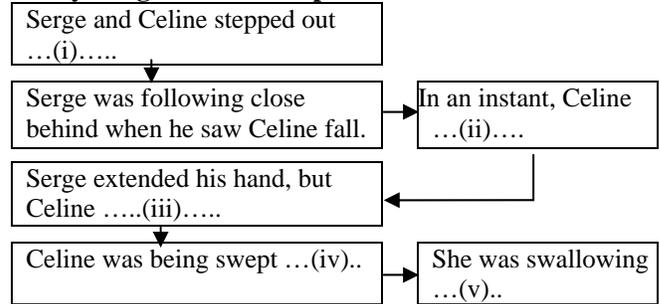
**4. Choose the correct answer: 5 x 1 = 5**

- i) I was quick enough to notice a large newspaper.... displaying a new piano.  
a) announcement b) application  
c) advertisement d) declaration
- ii) A great artist was engaged to paint a mural for the ..... in a Sicilian town.  
a) cathedral b) exhibition c) mosque d) temple
- iii) The small town Lunel had been battered by a violent storm on Monday, September 22, .....  
a) 2000 b) 2003 c) 2004 d) 2005
- iv) Kumar was in a fully furnished apartment in .....  
a) New Jersey b) New Delhi c) New Zealand d) New York
- v) A flying officer during World War II, Dad was dressed in a ..... uniform.  
a) black b) blue c) brown d) red

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

When Goldy was feeling all better, we played frisbee and football in the yard. He was a very smart dog and knew commands like “Sit”, “Stay” and “Come”. “Someone must have trained him”, Mom said sadly. “That means he had an owner” But still no one came. Secretly, I was glad. I wanted Goldy to be my dog. Mom even put his picture in the paper, and still no one came. “Guess he’s your dog now, Shelly”, she said one day, as she brought home a new chew toy for Goldy to play with.

- a) Who played frisbee and football together?  
b) What were the commands known to the dog?  
c) Why was Shelly glad?  
d) What did Mom bring home for Goldy to play with?  
e) Why did Mom put his picture in the paper?

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

- a) How did the author’s mother overcome her disappointment of not being able to play the piano? (OR)  
b) Bring out the element of irony in the story, ‘The Face of Judas Iscariot’. (OR) c) How did the brothers realise their affection for each other through the close encounter?

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

The buying and selling of commodities is termed as trade. People who buy and sell things are called traders. Finished products are bought by traders and sold in markets. People who buy and sell large quantities of commodities are called wholesale merchants. People who buy and sell small quantities are called retailers. When there is surplus of commodities, there is a fall in price. When there is deficit in commodities, there is a rise in price. The Government supplies essential commodities like rice, dhal, sugar and oil through fair price shops. The Government has taken several steps to control price rise through the enforcement of laws. When there is a shortage of commodities, the Government imports them from other countries and distributes them through fair price shops.

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

- Rekha : Hi Sheela! .... (i) .....?  
Sheela : Oh! I had been to Ooty to enjoy the flower . So I could not come to school on Saturday.  
Rekha : ..... (ii) ..... ?  
Sheela: No, there was only a slight shower. It did not rain heavily.  
Rekha : ..... (iii) .....?  
Sheela : I returned only last night.  
Rekha : What attracted you a lot, there ?  
Sheela : Well, the flowers ..... (iv).....  
Rekha : The arrangement of flowers in various shapes must have been very attractive. Next year, . (v)...  
Sheela : Sure, I shall take you with me, after getting the consent of your parents.

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

10. Write a dialogue with a minimum of five utterances for the situation given below: Harish wants to spend his summer holidays usefully. He informs his father about his interest in computer courses. They discussed about what summer course he has to take up, and which institution he has to join in. 5

11. Babu wanted to join a technical course in the evenings at an institution. He started writing a letter to the Principal

of his school, requesting him to provide him with a bonafide certificate enabling him to join the course. Babu could not complete the letter. Complete the content of his letter in about 100 words. **5**

From

A. Babu, X Standard A,  
ABC. Hr. Sec. School, XXXX.

To

The Principal,  
ABC Hr. Sec. School, XXXX.

Respected Sir,

Thanking you,

Date :

Yours faithfully,

Place :

A.Babu.

**12. Prepare an advertisement on the information: 5**

- (a) MN silks – all varieties – latest collections – low cost – authorised silk mark showroom – festival offer – good customer service. (OR)  
(b) Grand Discount Sale – Mobile store – exchange offer – Buy one and get one free – Dual SIM Mobile Rs. 1,299/- Android mobile even at Rs. 2,499/- - All spare parts available – Sunday working day.

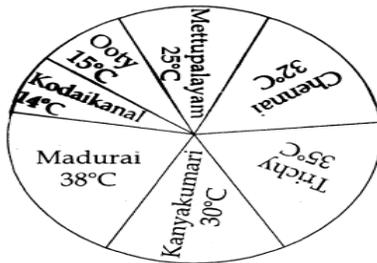
**SECTION – IV (Expansion of Ideas: 35 Marks)**

**13. Expand the following headlines: 5x1=5**

- a) Bird census commences in TN  
b) Prime Minister to inaugurate National Games  
c) Passengers injured in accident  
d) India to host SAARC meet in UP  
e) Scientist discovers new planet

**14. Study the Pie-Chart and answer the questions: 5x1=5**

**Temperature of various places in Tamil Nadu**



- i) ..... is the coolest place of all.  
a) Ooty b) Trichy c) Kodaikanal d) Mettupalayam  
ii) Ooty is almost as cool as .....  
a) Mettupalayam b) Kodaikanal c) Trichy d) Kanyakumari  
iii) ..... has the second highest temperature.  
a) Trichy b) Chennai c) Madurai d) Kanyakumari  
iv) Trichy is less hotter than .....  
a) Ooty b) Kodaikanal c) Madurai d) Mettupalayam  
v) Kanyakumari is hotter than .....  
a) Mettupalayam b) Trichy c) Chennai d) Madurai

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

(a) Agra – tourist spot – Taj Mahal – red walls – tomb – whole of Quran inscribed – marble stone – breathtaking effect – entrance – long pool – reflection of Taj in moonlight – very beautiful – Taj reveals – love of Emperor Shan Jahan – wife Mumtaz Mahal [OR]

(b) Prevention – better than cure – good habits – good character – few diseases – study regularly – avoid failure – save money – avoid debts – regular exercise – avoid sickness and medicines – well – planned life – happiness – result.

**16. Match the following products and slogans: 5 x 1= 5**

- a) cement - it removes adamant stains  
b) bike - it binds for centuries  
c) pen - storehouse of knowledge  
d) library - it glides on the paper  
e) washing powder - it races like a horse

**17. Observe the map and write the instructions required. 5**

Guide the stranger to the Petrol Bunk. Give instructions.



**18. Read the poem and complete its paraphrase: 5**

**MY DOG**

Have you seen a little dog anywhere about?

A raggy dog, a shaggy dog, who's always looking out  
For some fresh mischief which he thinks he really ought to do

He's very likely to do at this minute, biting someone's shoe.

If you see that little dog, his tail up in the air,

A whirly tail, a curly tail, a dog who doesn't care

For any other dog he meets, not even for himself;

Then hide your mats, and put your meat upon the top-most shelf.

If you see a little dog barking at the cars,

A raggy dog, a shaggy dog, with eyes like twinkling stars,

Just let me know, for though he's bad, as bad as he can be,

I wouldn't change the dog for all the treasures of the sea!

-E.Lewis

The dog is a raggy and (i) dog. He always looks out for some fresh mischief which he thinks he (ii). This minute he is very likely to be biting (iii). He doesn't care for other dogs and not even for himself. If you see this dog you must hide your mats and put your meat (iv). Though the dog is as bad as he can be, the poet is not ready to (v).

**19. a) Translation: 5**

You see notice in the railway station. A North Indian who cannot read tamil, needs your help in understanding the notice. Give him the message in English.

எச்சரிக்கை:

அறிமுகம் இல்லாத நபர்களிடமிருந்து உணவு பொருட்களை ஏற்காதீர். ஓடும் இரயிலில் ஏறவோ இரயிலிலிருந்து இறங்கவோ கூடாது. எளிதில் தீயநபர்க்கூடிய பொருட்களை இரயிலில் கொண்டு செல்லக்கூடாது. (OR)

**b) Look at the picture given below. Express your views. "Help the Needy"**

