

SSLC OCTOBER 2013 Public Examination
ENGLISH I Paper

Time: 2½ hours**Marks: 100****SECTION – I (VOCABULARY : 20 MARKS)**

PART - I

1. Choose the appropriate Synonyms 5X1=5

Vishal's greatest (i) accomplishment is his ability to (ii) articulate his words. But the task was (iii) exacting when he went through his training. Today he can speak a (iv) torrent to words without making a mistake either in pronunciation or intonation. His (v) exceptional skill has won him many awards competition.

- (i) a) aptitude b) achievement c) attitude d) boon
 (ii) a) speak loudly b) speak softly
 c) speak harshly d) speak clearly
 (iii) a) demanding b) accurate c) perfecting d) painful
 (iv) a) storm b) drizzle c) outpour d) sprout
 (v) a) abnormal b) unusual c) strange d) odd

2. Choose the appropriate antonyms 5x1=5

An immense (i) crowd gathered at the M.C.C stadium. The photographers were eager to capture (ii) pictures of the fastest (iii) bowler Shoib Akhtar in action. Sachin Tendulkar faced the balls in a brave (iv) manner and helped India win the match. Sachin indeed is an indispensable (v) player for India.

- i) a) small b) great c) enough d) immediate
 ii) a) call b) release c) attack d) flight
 iii) a) cruelest b) biggest c) heaviest d) slowest
 iv) a) bold b) slow c) timid d) petty
 v) a) important b) essential c) avoidable d) exposed

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

3. The common expansion of CAT is
 a) Common Aptitude Test b) Computer Aptitude Test
 c) Computer Accuracy Test d) Computer Accessories Test.
4. Choose the sentence that is correct in meaning.
 a) Ours is a big clock b) Hours is a big clock.
5. Replace the underlined word with its American word.
 Could you please pass me the jug of milk.
6. Which of the words given below can be placed after the word air to form a compound word?
 a) sea b) port c) pool d) loom
7. What is the plural form of the word 'crisis' ?
 a) crisis b) crises c) criteria
8. Add a prefix to the word 'obey' from the list given.
 Children should not obey their elders
 a) mis b) dis c) In d) un
9. Replace with phrasal verbs given below
 The match was postponed due to heavy rain.
 a) put off b) put up with c) put on d) put in
10. Separate the syllable of any one of the following
 a) entertainment b) about c) Random
11. Choose the appropriate word to fill the dash.
 Kannan hashis homework.
 a) fulfilled b) completed
12. Construct a sentence using one of the words given.
 a) diminish b) diminishing c) diminished

13. Reframe the sentence using the word as a verb.
Migration of birds is a regular event.
14. Which of the two sentences conveys same meaning.
 Prakash never comes to school on time.
 a) Prakash usually comes to school on time
 b) Prakash always comes late to school.

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 this Morning had been sunny,.....
 a) We would go for picnic b) We would have gone for a picnic
 c) We will have gone for a picnic
16. Identify the pattern of the following sentence
 I shall meet you tomorrow a) SVO b) SVIODO c) SVOA
17. Choose the correct question tag.
 Our team will win the match.....
 a) won't it b) will it c) isn't it
18. Complete the sentence
 This mango isthat mango
 a) as sweet as b) sweeter c) sweetest
19. Choose the sentence which conveys same meaning.
 Can anyone forget October 2nd?
 a. Everyone can forget October 2nd
 b. Nobody can forget October 2nd
 c. Everyone should not remember 2nd October
20. Complete with the correct prepositional phrase.
 He resigned.....illness.
 a) in the event of b) in spite of c) on account of
21. Choose the correct verb form to complete
 I started.....too, but for a different reason.
 a) to be crying b) crying c) cry
22. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence.
 The man got promotion ,.....hard.
 a) at working b) through working c) on working
23. Choose the appropriate preposition to complete.
 Ravi stayed with his uncle.....six months
 a) by b) in c) for
24. Choose the appropriate article to complete.
 "What.....amazing model" whispered Hughie.
 a) the b) an c) a

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 in the other voice.
 The grandmother looks after the children
 They admire her very much.
27. Rewrite the sentence in the indirect Speech
 Sundari said to Priya, "Where are you going now?"
28. Rewrite the sentence using if clause.
 Kalai did not have a cycle. He did not reach school early.
29. Read and write a sentence using any one of the degrees.
 Tamil is easy to study
 Science is also easy to study
 Social is very easy to study
 English is not an easy subject to study.

PART – III 30. Punctuate the following sentence: 5
what will he think of me said my friend.

SECTION – III (PROSE:15MARKS)

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

31. What was Hughie's financial status?
32. How did the people express their grief over fall of Twin Towers?
33. What according to Gokhale are the two valuable qualities to be practised by a student?
34. What was the first meal of the day for Chaya's children?
35. What are the causes for the increase of domestic workers?
36. Can you think of a few sources of danger birds face during migration?
37. What is the speciality of the vimanam at the Brihadeesvarar Temple at Tanjavur.

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

38. Describe the courageous way the Americans overcome the fall of the Twin Towers? (OR) How is character important in life? (OR) What makes the Brihadeesvarar temple unique and outstanding?

SECTION – IV (POETRY : 20 MARKS)

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

39. a) Five lines from the poem- Going for water.
From: We ran as..... To:We paused.
- b) Five lines from the poem "Migrant Bird"
From: I breed my... To:Make them last.

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

40. *The griefs and hates and all the meaner parts
That balances thy one grin misgotten pile.*
Whom does they refer to?
 41. *If you can dream and not make dreams your master
If you can think and not make thoughts your aim*
How can dreams become our master?
 42. *Ready to run hiding new,
With laughter when she found us soon.*
Whom does the word "she" refers to?
 43. *I won't look down, no I will not.
With speed of wings I hasten past*
Who is the speaker of these lines?
 44. *The days of toil
Hammer and chisel laid aside.*
Why are the hammer and chisel laid aside?
- PART – III Read the poem lines and answer 5**
45. *So now it is vain for the singer to burst into clamour.
With the great black piano passionate the glamour.*
Pick out the rhyming words in the above lines.
 46. *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 rhyme scheme in the above lines
 47. *He steps back survey with
Close scrutiny then sharp critical glare*
Write the words which are in alliteration

48. *Now drops that floated on the pool like pearls*
What is the figure of speech used in the above line?
49. *A creature of that old distorted dream.*
Pick out the words in alliteration in this line.

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

50. What are the poet's reminiscences of his childhood days? (OR) Describe the tragic state of the children as portrayed in the poem "The cry of the children". (OR) How does the bird's life differ from that of human beings?

SECTION – V (LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS: 20 MARKS)

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

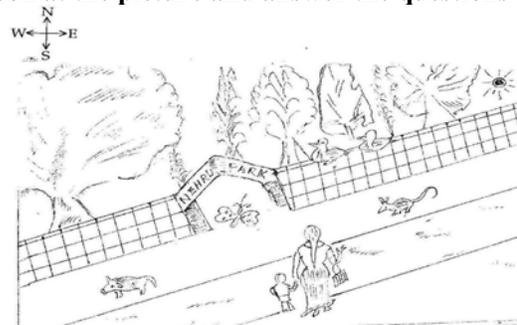
Pollution is an undesirable change in physical, chemical and biological characteristics of our land, air and water caused by excessive accumulation of pollutants. The pollutants like carbon – di – oxide sulphur-di-oxide and nitrogen oxide cause air pollution. The gas sulphur di-oxide produces acid rain. Due to acid rain buildings and plant materials are damaged. The increase of these causes global warming also. The average increase in the temperature of atmosphere is called global warming. This is otherwise known as green houseeffect. This leads to the rise of sea level due to the melting of glaciers. The expansion of water will engulf many parts of this country. July 1998 was the hottest month world over.

- a) What is pollution?
- b) Name a few pollutants?
- c) What is global warming?
- d) What is the significance of July 1998?
- e) The melting of glaciers makes the sea- level...

52. Identify and correct the errors 5x1=5

- a) I walked fast and I missed the bus
- b) He told to me a story.
- c) I have been living in this house since five years.
- d) The deer runs fastly.
- e) He arranged the furniture properly.

53. Look at the picture and answer the questions 5



- a) Which place do you see in this picture?
- b) Who are going to the park?
- c) Is the park a shady place? Why do you say so?
- d) Is the time of day morning or evening?
- e) If you go to a park, What would you do there?

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SECTION – I (Non – Detailed: 35 Marks)

1. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate phrases: 5

The days went by with no one showing up to claim the dog. When Goldy was feeling all better, we played(i)... He was a ...(ii)... and knew commands like ..(iii)... (iv)..... Mom said sadly, “That means he has an owner”. But still(v)..... Secretly, I was glad.

- (i) no one came.(ii) Someone must have trained him.
(iii) Frisbee and football in the yard. (iv) “Sit”, “Stay” and “come”. (v) Very smart dog.

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

- (i) “Guess he’s your dog now, Shelly”
(ii) He was trying to rebuild his life.
(iii) A gaunt and tattered figure.
(iv) “We’ll ring the fire brigade”.
(v) “Home is where the heart is”.

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

- (a) Sam - a highly intelligent and enterprising young man
(b) Serge - Rex Coker’s brother
(c) Tinkerer - a guide dog
(d) Kumar - a little boy of fourteen
(e) Hubert - Council worker

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

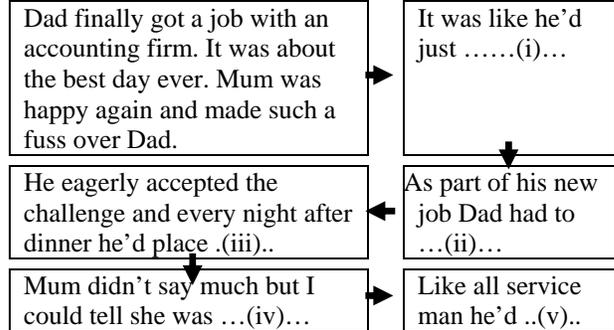
- (i) The boy called the dog
(a) sweetie (b) Goldy (c) Brownny (d) Lucy
(ii) The model for the child Jesus
(a) six years old (b) twelve years old
(c) fourteen years old (d) an infant
(iii) Amandine was to celebrate her ... birthday.
(a) twelfth (b) thirteenth (c) tenth (d) ninth
(iv) The tinkerer applied his ideas to paper skillfully
his invention. (a) drawing (b) copying
(c) sketching (d) blue printing
(v) Kumar remembered his childhood picnic with his
parents to
(a) the Marina beach (b) Vandaloor Zoo
(c) Vendanthangal (d) Mahabalipuram

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

A narrow congested street: two flight of stairs upward and a cramped flat with inadequate water supply; no study room and the door always ajar with his family members walking in and out frequently. Grandpa on his arm chair watching the TV and the open door way: grandma ever serving coffee, pakodas, snacks, etc; Dad with serious face striding to work; Kumar’s brother and sister busy with their school activities and Mother – oh – that soft, sweet creature, ever loving and caring, attending endlessly to all members of the family, cooking, cleaning and running errands. ‘Oh, Ma! How I miss you, thought Kumar.

- (i) Why was the door of the cramped flat always ajar?
(ii) What was grandpa doing?
(iii) How was grandma busy?
(iv) Who is referred to as ‘soft, sweet creature’?
(v) How did Kumar’s Mom spend her time?

6. Study the given mind map and fill the details: 5x1=5



7. Answer in a paragraph (any one) 1 x 5 = 5

- (a) Narrate the story ‘Sam’ in your own words. (OR)
(b) Narrate the story of the model who posed for the artist’s mural. (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

No study of English can be completed without a reference dictionary of idioms. A very useful and easily available reference material is The Collins Dictionary of English Idioms. This dictionary contains clearly explained meanings of over three thousand common English idioms. To make the meaning even clearer and to show you how the idiom can be used, each idiom is provided with a suitable sample sentence. In this dictionary the emphasis is on ‘true’ idioms. These are expressions whose meanings cannot be easily worked out from the words they contain. The dictionary also provides a great many variations in the way these idioms are used. The main emphasis, however is on providing an understanding of the meaning of the idioms rather than attempting to be a complete guide to idiomatic usage

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

- (i) Ram : Hello?
Rahim : Yes, may I know who is calling?
(ii) Ram :?
Rahim : Hi, Ram, what can I do for you?
(iii) Ram :
Are you free after six this evening?
(iv) Rahim: Sorry. Ram Will it be convenient for you to come tomorrow morning.
(v) Ram : Ok

SECTION – III (Communicative Skills: 15 Marks)

10. Write a dialogue with at least ten utterances between a mother and a doctor on the need for vaccination against Dengue fever. 5

11. D.Ramya wrote a letter to the collector of Chennai District expressing her wish to contribute some funds she had collected for the victims of a recent flood in her city. She started her letter but could not complete it. Complete the contents of her letter in about 100 words.5
6th November 2013

From
D.Ramya, 10thStd, ‘C’ Section,
Govt. Hr.Sec.School,Chennai – 600024.

To

The District Collector,
Chennai – 600016.

Respected Sir/Madam,

Sub: Contribution to the Flood Relief Fund – Reg

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Thank you,

Yours faithfully,
D.Ramya.

12. Prepare an advertisement on the information 5

- (a) Best furniture – for classrooms, houses – Teak wood and Rose wood – elegant style – comfort – cheap and best – Discount for bulk orders. (or)
(b) Kanchipuram silk Sarees Sale – Discount for Pongal and Wedding Collections – Abundant collection – Computer design Sarees and New varieties – 10. West PerumalMaistry street, Madurai – Mobile:9843141557.

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

- (a) Jewels stolen from House in Mylapore.
(b) Obama to visit India in January.
(c) Students take up rally to create AIDS awareness.
(d) Smart cards to be distributed on Dec.19.
(e) Parents arrested for child abuse.

14. Study the Pie – Chart and answer : 5 x 1 = 5**Time spent by Steffi in a day**

- i) Steffi spends on Reading.
a) 1hour b) 2hours c) 8hours d) 6hours
- ii) Check whether the statement is **True or False**:
Steffi spends time equally on sleeping and at school.
- iii) The difference between the time spent on learning and gardening is equal to that of ...
a) time spent on Reading b) time spent on playing and school c) time spent on playing d) time spent on sleep and miscellaneous
- iv) The time spent in sleeping is that ... on being at school.
a) greater than b) the same as c) less than d) double
- v) The time spent on reading is that on playing.
a) twice b) half of c) equal to d) more than

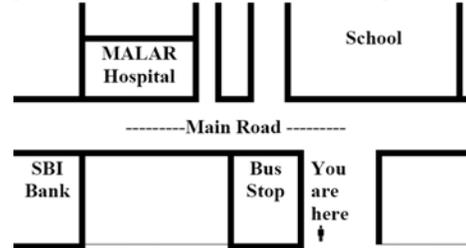
15. Write a paragraph using the hints 5

It is better to prevent something disastrous – before it happens – students – study daily – lessons – work – regularly avoid scoring less – family – save money – avoid getting in to debts – take care of health – avoid diseases – save money – rather than spending on medicines. [OR]

Trees – wealth of a nation – should not be cut down – Forests aid rainfall – natural resources – students – aim in life planting of trees – encourage – in schools, colleges, create awareness in public - regarding - saving trees – preventing – cutting down trees.

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

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| a) Wrist watch | - Get, set, go |
| b) Jewellery | - You are what you wear |
| c) Clothes | - Sharp time for sharp people |
| d) Pens | - Dazzle and sparkle |
| e) Slippers | - The magic of words |
| | - wear and tear |

17. Observe the map. Guide the stranger to Malar Hospital. Write the instructions required.5**18. Read the poem and complete its paraphrase: 5****Are Dry: Environment poem by Moses H.Barbu**

She told you to plant trees
and you paid her no heed
and now the taps are dry.
They released a water rationing schedule today
a water Conservation measure
you stay, because the taps are dry.
you should have rationed your greed
and paid her heed, when she told you not to cut down
forest trees
but you did not see the wisdom of her pleas
and now the taps are dry.

You did(i).... to her when she told you to plant trees. Now there is no(ii).... you tell me that(iii).... to control and distribute a limited supply of water in order to conserve water. You should have controlled your greed and paid attention. When she told you(iv).... the forest trees but you did not understand how(v).... And now there is no water in the taps.

19. (a) Translation:

The following is an announcement in Tamil which you hear while on electric train. A foreign co-passenger is not able to understand it. Translate it into English for him.

இந்தமின்வண்டி அடுத்துவரும் நிறுத்தத்தில் இரண்டு நிமிடங்கள் கூடுதலாக நிற்கும். பயணிகள் நிதானமாக இறங்கி ஏறவும். [OR]

(b) Look and Express your views: "The Class-room"