

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

PART - I

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

- i) b) courage    ii) c) offence / b) wrong  
 iii) a) refute    iv) d) stress  
 v) c) efficiency

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

- i) a) rarely    ii) d) foreign  
 iii) a) irreverence    iv) c) little  
 v) c) imperfect

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

3. b) Goods and Services Tax  
 4. a) The **eminent** scientist won the Nobel prize.  
 5. footpath – side walk    6. d) fire **brigade**  
 7. a) matrixes (or) c) matrices  
 8. d) **dish**mony    9. c) called off  
 10. a) mag-na-ni-mous / mag-nan-i-mous - 4 syllables  
       b) street - 1    c) ob-ser-va-ble / ob-serv-a-ble - 4  
 11. b) spattered  
 12. a) brief- Please be brief. We don't have much time.  
       b) briefed - The teacher has briefed the whole lesson.  
       c) briefly – Answer briefly all the questions.  
 13. The teacher **evaluated** the paper. / The paper is **evaluated** by the teacher  
 14. b) Sheela hardly comes to school.

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

15. b) I would buy a BMW car.    16. a) SVOA  
 17. b) Shall we?    18. b) the most intelligent  
 19. c) I could not find my lost purse anywhere.  
 20. b) In spite of    21. c) to learn  
 22. a) about the matter    23. a) a    24. b) from

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

25. The stadium was packed so we could not get a seat.  
       The stadium was too packed for us to get a seat.  
       The stadium was packed and so we could not get a seat.  
 26. The astronomers were fascinated by the rare phenomenon  
 and their observations were noted by them.  
 27. Mr. Sharma ordered his driver to drop him at the gym  
 and pick him up at 7 pm.  
 28. If you speak kindly to them, they will listen to you.  
 29. Mt. Everest is the tallest / highest peak. (or)  
       Mt. Kilimanjaro is higher than Mt. Fuji. (or)  
       Mt. K2 is the second highest peak in the world. etc..

**PART – III. Punctuate the following sentence: 5**

30. "Yes, I'm here, I'm here," Celine yelled back.

**SECTION – C (PROSE : 15 MARKS) PART – I 5x2=10**

31. Hughie – **could not fulfill** – colonel's condition – to marry Laura  
 32. On September 11, 2001 – **Terrorist attacked twin towers** of America – **Americans sang songs** - to overcome their grief  
 33. Duty to fellow students – **co-operation**

34. **Dozen boys swarm on** - jamming hoses in - **siphoning water out** - women jostle - six minutes - tanker is empty  
 35. Domestic workers - **denied their due rights** – sorrows, **sufferings - not noticed** - by society

36. **Young migrating birds** - brave little voyagers.  
 37. **Shrine for Lord Muruga** - integral part of temple - designer's delight - **unrepeated designs on pillars**

**PART – II. Paragraph**

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38. a) Messiaen    b) bird migration    c) Hughie

**SECTION – D (POETRY : 20 MARKS)****PART – I 39. Memory Poem**

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"For oh," say the children, "we are weary,  
 And we cannot run or leap.  
 If we cared for any meadows, it were merely  
 To drop down in them and sleep.  
 Our knees tremble sorely in the stooping--"

We ran as if to meet the moon  
 That slowly dawned behind the trees,  
 The barren boughs without the leaves,  
 Without the birds, without the breeze.  
 But once within the wood, we paused

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

40. When we **peer deeper (look very close)**, the gems can be seen.  
 41. They are **tired** due to heavy work.  
 42. Sinew means **muscle**.  
 43. They went to the brook **to check whether it still ran** (or)  
       They went to the brook **to fetch water**.  
 44. The globe here is '**world**' / '**earth**'

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

45. Onomatopoeic word - tinkling  
 46. Rhyming words: master – disaster, aim – same  
 47. Personification    48. Rhyme scheme: aabb  
 49. Alliterated words : within, wood, we

**PART – III . Paragraph**

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50. a) Cry of the children    b) Migrant Bird    c) Shilpi

**SECTION – E (LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS: 20 MARKS)****51. Passage comprehension.**

5x2=10

- a) The piranha is a much-hated fish.  
 b) They are generally found in rivers and creeks of the Amazon rainforest.  
 c) Each piranha species plays an important role in maintaining the ecological balance. One type of piranha takes chunks out of the fins of other fish. Another type eats fruit falling from trees into the river.  
 d) The piranha is not always the notorious killer fish that the tough, muscular heroes of popular nature television shows would have us believe.  
 e) iii) well known for some bad quality.

**52. Identify and correct the errors**

5x1=5

- a) I hope you will succeed **in** your task.  
 b) Neither the principal nor the class teacher **was** available.  
 c) She is **an** honest and hardworking teacher.  
 d) Kolkata is one of the biggest **cities** in India.  
 e) The policeman got all the **information**.

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

- a) They are doing 'yoga' / 'Dhyanam' etc..  
 b) School / yoga centre / auditorium / play ground etc..  
 c) Good for health and mind. (\* any relevant answer)  
 d) Yes / No (\* any one answer)  
 e) For concentration of mind (\* any relevant answer)