

**SSC Public Examinations: 2021****Model Paper – 1****Third Language – English****Class: X****Max. Marks: 100****Time: 3.15 Hrs.****Instructions:**

1. This question paper has 35 questions in three sections (A, B, and C)
2. Answer all the questions on a separate answer book supplied to you.
3. 15 minutes of time is allowed exclusively for reading the question paper and 3.00 hours for writing the answers.
4. Answer all the questions of section – B (Grammar & Vocabulary) in the same order at one place in your answer book.

**Section A: Reading Comprehension****Question (1-5): Read the given passage carefully.**

I was deeply depressed when I was eight years old,' he said. 'I went to my mum crying and told her I wanted to kill myself.' 'I felt cold and bitter. I hated God for doing this to me and was terrified of what would happen when my parents weren't there to look after me.' 'I could brush my own teeth with a wall mounted brush and wash my own hair with pump action soap, but there was so much that was impossible for me.' At age ten Nick tried to drown himself in the bath but luckily the attempt was unsuccessful. 'I felt there was no purpose when you lack purpose and strength. It is hard to hold on,' he said. But with the help of his religion, friends and family, Nick managed to pull through to become an international symbol of triumph over adversity. 'When I was 13, I read a newspaper article about a disabled man who had managed to achieve great things and helped others,' said Nick. 'I realised why God had made us like this - to give hope to others. It was so inspirational to me that I decided to use my life to encourage other people and give them the courage that the article had given me. (Attitude is Altitude)

**Now answer the following questions:****5 X 2 = 10M**

1. Why was Nick deeply depressed?
2. What did Nick try to do at the age of 10?
3. Nick said, "It is hard to hold on." What does Nick mean by this sentence?
  - a. It is very difficult for him to hold anything.
  - b. It is very difficult for him to study in a special school.
  - c. It is very difficult for him to live without purpose and strength.
4. Nick has become an international symbol of triumph over adversity with the help of \_\_\_\_
  - a. his religion, friends and family.
  - b. his classmates and neighbours.
  - c. newspaper article.
5. The newspaper article gave Nick \_\_\_\_
  - a. hope to others.
  - b. disappointment
  - c. courage and inspiration.

**Questions (6-8): Read the following stanza carefully:**

There was a time indeed  
they used to shake hands with their hearts:  
but that's gone son.  
Now they shake hands with without hearts:  
with their left hands search  
my empty pockets.

(Once Upon a Time)

Choose the correct answer to the following questions: 3 X 2 = 6M

6. How did people shake hands in the past?
  - a. People used to shake hands without hearts.
  - b. People used to shake hands searching the empty pockets.
  - c. People used to shake hands with their hearts.
7. "but that's gone, son" ....What was gone?
  - a. The tradition of shaking hands without hearts.
  - b. The tradition of shaking hands with hearts.
  - c. The tradition of searching empty pockets.
8. What does the speaker mean by 'shaking hands without hearts'?
  - a. Unnatural / artificial / fake wish without emotions and warmth.
  - b. Natural wish with emotions and warmth.
  - c. Shaking hands with one hand in the pocket.

**Questions (9-10): Read the following conversation carefully:**

**Abel:** I'll tell you what I've got to do. On Monday next I've got to do three things. I've got to go to the lawyer and alter my will; and I've got to go to the insurance office and pay my premium and I've got to go to St Philip's Church and get married.

**Ben and Henry:** What!

**Mrs. Jordan:** Get married!

**Mrs. Slater:** He's out of his senses. (General consternation)

(Dear Departed – II)

Now, answer the following questions:

2 X 2 = 4M

9. Why did Abel want to meet his lawyer on the next Monday?
  - a. To make a will
  - b. To change his will
  - c. To pay the insurance premium.
10. Why did Abel want to go to St Philip's Church on the next Monday?
  - a. To offer prayers.
  - b. To attend a marriage.
  - c. To get married again.

**Questions (11-15): Read the following table:**

**Medals won by different countries in Rio Olympics-2016**

S.No	Country	Medals Won			
		Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	America	36	34	32	102
2	Britain	23	21	13	57
3	China	21	17	23	61
4	Russia	13	15	19	47
5	Germany	13	08	13	34

**Now answer the following questions:**

**5 X 2 = 10**

11. What does the above table show about?  
 12. Which country got the highest number of Gold medals?

13. The number of bronze medals won by America is

- a. 32                      b. 102                      c. 36

14. \_\_\_\_\_ country has got second place in winning silver medals.

- a. America                      b. Britain                      c. China

15. \_\_\_\_\_ have won equal number of bronze medals.

- a. America and Britain                      b. China and Russia                      c. Britain and Germany

### **SECTION B: Grammar & Vocabulary**

**NOTE: Answer all the questions of section – B (Grammar & Vocabulary) in the same order at one place in your answer book.**

**16. Combine the following sentences using 'who'                      2M**

Abel thrusts his hand at Ben. He slips back smartly.

**17. Change the following sentence into passive voice.                      2M**

We have not shared our resources equitably.

**18. Combine the following sentences using 'in spite of'                      2M**

Thomas Edison failed approximately 10000 times. He invented the light bulb.

**19. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions given in the brackets. 2M**

- a. Abel was fond \_\_\_\_\_ (at/of/for) Jimmy.  
 b. I looked \_\_\_\_\_ (at/for/with) myself in the mirror.

**20. Fill in the blanks with suitable forms of the verbs given in the brackets. 2M**

I finally \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to go to work as my marriage \_\_\_\_\_ (increase) my responsibilities.

**21. Your friend is waking up late these days.**

**Advise him to wake up early to prepare well for the exams.                      2M**

**22. Change the following into polite request.                      2M**

You to your neighbour: 'bring these medicines.'

**23. What do the following sentences mean?**

**Choose the right answer and write it in your answer book.                      2X1=2M**

**(i) Won't you get me a little water?**

- a) making a request                      b) refusing a request  
 c) asking permission                      d) agreeing to a request

**ii) You are staying in the town, aren't you?**

- a) suggestion  
c) permission

- b) request  
d) confirmation

**24. Read the following paragraph and write the synonyms of the underlined word choosing from the words given in the box. 4X1=4M**

exit , sorry , exist , called , disparity , hatred

Lakshmana Sastry summoned (a) the teacher, and in our presence, told the teacher that he should not spread the poison of social inequality (b) and communal intolerance (c) in the minds of innocent children. He bluntly asked the teacher to either apologize or quit (d) the school and the island.

**25. Read the paragraph and match the words under A with their Antonyms under B. 4X1=4M**

On the whole, the small society of Rameswaram was very rigid (a) in terms of the segregation (b) of different (c) social groups. However, my science teacher Sivasubramania Iyer, though an orthodox (d) Brahmin with a very conservative wife, was something of rebel.

**'A'**

- (a) Rigid ( )  
(b) Segregation ( )  
(c) Different ( )  
(d) Orthodox ( )

**'B'**

1. Unorthodox  
2. Same  
3. Stiff  
4. Integration  
5. Conventional  
6. flexible

**26. Fill in the blanks with right form of the word given in the bracket. 4X1=4M**

Abel: It didn't take you long to start \_\_\_\_\_ (a) (divide/dividing/divides) my things between you. I'll tell you what I'm going to do since your mother died, I've \_\_\_\_\_ (b) (living /lived/lives) part of time with you, Amelia, and part with you, Lizzie well, I shall make a new will \_\_\_\_\_ (c) (left/leaving/leave) all my bits of things to whoever I'm living with when I \_\_\_\_\_ (d) (die/dead/death). How does that strike you?

**27. Complete the following word with "ou, ea, iu, ee" 2X1=2M**

He was too (a) hon \_ \_ rable to have 'gone' without paying his (b) prem \_ \_ m.

**28. Complete the word with correct suffix given in the bracket. 2X1=2M**

One leg is peace, the other leg is good govern \_\_\_\_\_ (ence/ance) and the third leg is sustain \_\_\_\_\_ (able/eble) management of resources.

**29. Find the wrongly spelt word and write the correct spelling. 2X1=2M**

a) lamgiene stretch scratch pebbles

b) skate board despite bisycle

**30. Read the following entry of the word given below and answer the questions that follow. 1X2=2M**

Bureau /'bjʊərəʊ/ noun (C). A desk with drawers and usually a top that opens down to make a table to write on. (Pl) bureaux.

- a. What is the meaning of the word 'bureau'?  
b. Which part of speech is it?

31. Arrange the following words under the correct headings.

8 x ¼ = 2M

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Pessimistic, optimistic, generous, cowardly, arrogant, courageous, independent, dependent

Positive qualities	Negative qualities
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4

32. Match the following one word substitutes in 'Part A' with the meanings in "Part B". Write only the numbers and their corresponding letter in your answer book.

**Part –A**

1. Theist ( )
2. Fatalist ( )
3. Misogynist ( )
4. Teetotaler ( )

**Part – B**

- A. one who spends time and money for others.
- B. one who believes in God.
- C. one who abstains from taking alcohol.
- D. one who hates women.
- E. one who believes in fate.
- F. one who spends too much.

**Section C – (Creative Expression)**

33. Answer any one of the following.

10X1=10M

(a) **W M:** Well, the first time when I told them, "Let us plant trees", the women said they did not know how to plant trees. So I asked the foresters to come and teach them, but they were very complicated-they are professionals. **Using this context write a possible conversation between Wangari Maathai and the woman.**

(or)

(b) In the lesson 'My Child hood' you have read that Kalam was invited for a meal by Subramanyam Iyer. His wife refused to serve him in her kitchen. Sivasubramania Iyer was not perturbed, nor did he get angry with his wife, but instead, served him with his own hands and sat down beside him to eat his meal. His wife watched them from behind the kitchen door. He wondered whether she had observed any difference in the way he ate rice, drank water or cleaned the floor after the meal. **Imagine you are Abdul Kalam and write a diary entry in this context.**

34. Answer any one of the following.

10X1=10M

You have celebrated your school Annual Day recently. The local MLA was the chief guest. Your headmaster arranged dinner for the students. A meeting was convened in the evening which was presided over by headmaster. Message was given by the chief guest. Prizes were distributed to the winners. Cultural programmes were arranged after the meeting. **You also participated in a skit. Now, write a letter to your sister describing the event.**

(OR)

**Write a biographical sketch of Homi Jahangir Bhabha who is a pioneer of Atomic work in India.**

Name: Homi Jahangir Bhabha  
Birth and parentage: Bombay. Rich Parsee parents  
Early education: Bombay  
College Education: Elphinstone College, Institute of Science, Bombay  
Other Interests: Books, music and Art.  
Ph.D: Cambridge University, London.  
Career: Professor in Theoretical Physics, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

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Director, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bombay  
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission  
Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India  
Died in an air crash in January, 1966.

Death:

35. Answer anyone of the following.

10X1=10M

a. Read the following passage carefully focussing on the underlined parts.

I gave him the **(A) can of wine**. He poured himself a mug and handed me the can. He drank all of it at one go. He then arranged **(B) the belt** that was attached to the trunk carefully on his forehead. So, this was the picture: my father carrying my luggage on his back and me following him with a tiny bag in my hand. We were walking up **(C) a narrow hilly road**, and neither of us uttered a word as if we were strangers who spoke different languages. I did not know what was going on in his mind. From time to time it crossed my mind that it was improper for me **(D) to let father carry the luggage**. I wanted to tell him that I would like to carry the trunk myself, but **(E) my guilt and shame** did not allow me to do so. This self-consciousness had probably to do with my education, the white-collar job that I had, or quite simply my pride. Somehow, I had the feeling that if I carried the luggage, my father and my people, in fact the whole world would laugh at me and I would be belittled.

Now frame 'Wh' questions to get the underlined parts as answers.  
(OR)

b. Study the following bar chart and write a paragraph describing the information in it.

