SSC Public Examinations: 2021

Model Paper – 3

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.

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 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 to let father carry the luggage. I wanted to tell him that I would like to carry the trunk myself, but 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. **(The Journey)**

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

1. Who were the people walking up a narrow hilly road?
2. What was the narrator's luggage?
3. The narrator wanted to tell his father that _____
   a. he wanted to carry the trunk.
   b. he wanted to send his father back.
   c. he wanted to drink a can of wine.
4. The improper thing for the narrator as per his mind is _____
   a. letting father carry the luggage.
   b. walking all the way on a hilly road.
   c. walking without talking.
5. The author thought that the whole world would laugh at him if _____
   a. his father carried luggage.
   b. he carried luggage
   c. the villagers carried luggage.

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

Let's ignore the selfish call of each region,
and listen for once to the call of the nation.
Why do we spend our time bickering

when so many tasks need finishing?
Don't we have better things to do

than indulge in creating problems anew? **(A Plea for India)**
Choose the correct answer to the following questions: **3 X 2 = 6M**

6. What should we ignore?
a. The call of the nation.
b. The call of the leader.
c. The selfish call of the each region.

7. What should we listen to?
a. the call of the nation.
b. the call of the each region.
c. the call of the fighters .

8. Why should we not spend our time bickering?
a. because we need to be attentive to the call of a selfish leader.
b. because there are so many tasks need to be finished .
c. because we should encourage regional differences.

Questions (9-10): Read the following passage carefully:

Setbacks are inevitable in life. A setback can act as a driving force and also teach us humility. In grief you will find courage and faith to overcome the setback. We need to learn to become victors, not victims. Fear and doubt short-circuit the mind. Ask yourself after every setback: What did I learn from this experience? Only then you will be able to turn a stumbling block into a stepping stone.

(Every Success Story is also a Story of Great Failures)

Now, answer the following questions: **2 X 2 = 4M**

9. What does a setback teach us?
   a. victory
   b. humility
   c. grief

10. How do we overcome a setback?
   a. with courage and faith.
   b. with fear and doubt.
   c. with grief and humility.

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

1. **Read the following data regarding the incidence of fire accidents in textile factories in a country.**

Cause	Year		
	2011	2012	2013
Short Circuiting	98	74	64
Smoking	50	45	65
Scrap burning	26	35	27
Unknown	08	09	04
Total	182	163	160
Damage (in rupees)	2,96,000	2,49,000	2,10,000|

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

11. What does the above table show about?

12. Which factor is responsible for the increase of accidents in 2003?

13. The most frequent cause for the fire accidents in the textile factories is _____
   a. smoking   b. short-circuiting   c. unknown

14. The year in which the more fire accidents occurred is _____.
   a. 2013   b. 2012   c. 2011

15. The cause for fire accident that has been decreasing gradually is _____.
   a. short circuiting   b. scrap burning   c. smoking

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 'which' **2M**
   We lived in our ancestral house. It was built in the middle of the nineteenth century.

17. Change the following sentence into passive voice. **2M**
   Amelia and Henry have stolen the bureau.

18. Combine the following sentences using 'when' **2M**
    Nick tried to drown himself in the bath. He was 10 years old then.

19. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions given in the brackets. 2M
   a. It was a fairly pucca house, made ____ (with/of/from).
   b. A sudden demand ____ (for/with/into) tamarind seeds erupted.

20. Fill in the blanks with suitable forms of the verbs given in the brackets. 2M
   Before I _____ (come) home, my parents _____ (arrange) my marriage.

21. Your friend doesn't sanitize his/her hands.
   Advise him/her to sanitize hands. **2M**

22. Change the following into polite request. **2M**
   You to your friend: 'drop me at the airport.'

23. What do the following sentences mean?

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

(i) How about going to a movie tonight?
   a) request   b) offer
   c) order   d) suggestion

 ii) When will be the next bus to Amaravathi?
   a) thanking   b) order
   c) enquiring   d) request

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

Bewildered,   forecast,   carry,   departed,   gift,   steal

Henry : Mother and I are going to **bring (a)** grandfather's bureau down here.
Victoria : Are you planning to **pinch (b)** it?

Henry : *(**Shocked**)* **(c)** No, my child. Grandpa gave it to your mother before he **died (d).**

Victoria : This morning?

25. Read the paragraph and match the words under A with their <u>Antonyms</u> under B.   4X1=4M

   Many wars that are fought in the world are fought over **natural (a)** resources. Some wars are fought because the environment is so **degraded (b)** that is not **able (c)** to support communities and so they fight over the **little (d)** that is left.

'A'		'B'
(a) natural	( )	1. large
(b) degraded	( )	2. unnatural
(c) able	( )	3. small
(d) little	( )	4. ability
		5. upgraded
		6. unable

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

One day when I was in the fifth standard at the Rameswarm Elementary School, a new teacher _____ (a) (**come/came/comes**) to our class. I used to _____ **(b)** (**wear/wore/worn**) a cap which marked me as a muslim, and I always _____ **(c)** (**sit/sat/sitting**) in the front row next to Ramanadha sastry, who _____ **(d)** (**wear/wore/wearing**) the sacred thread.

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

   Good management of natural res _ _ rces is important for p _ _ ce.

28. Complete the word with correct suffix given in the bracket.   2X1=2M
   The first casualty came in the form of the suspen _____ (sion/tion) of the train halt at Rameswaram stat ____ (tion/sion).

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

   (a) vulgar, enough, amount, vigoros

   (b) bureua, upstairs, clock, mantel

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

Triumph /ˈtraɪ.əmf/ noun [C or U] a very great success, achievement, or victory (= when you win a war, fight, or competition).

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

31. Arrange the following words under the correct headings.   8 x ¼ = 2M

   datum, media, axis, bases, syllabus, erratum, theses, crises

Singular Nouns	Plural Nouns
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. omnipresent   (   )
2. centenarian   (   )
3. spendthrift   (   )
4. linguist   (   )

Part – B

A. one who knows many languages.
B. one who possesses many talents.
C. one who hates women.
D.one who is present everywhere.
E. one who is above hundred years.
F. one who spends too much.

Section C – (Creative Expression)

33. Answer any one of the following.   **10X1=10M**

(a) In the lesson 'Every Success Story Is also a Story of Great Failures', you have read that a young man asked Socrates the secret to success. Socrates told the young man to meet him near the river and took him by surprise and ducked him into the water. The boy struggled to get out but Socrates kept him there until the boy started turning blue. Socrates pulled his head out of the water and the first thing the young man did was to gasp and take a deep breath of air. **Now, write a possible conversation between Socrates and the young man in the above context.**

(OR)

(b) "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 complicated-they were professionals. It became very complicated for ordinary illiterate women so I told the women "We shall use our common sense, and just what do we do with other seeds." In the beginning it was difficult, but they soon gained confidence and they became competent foresters. **These words were spoken by Wangari Maathai. Imagine you are Wangari Maathai. Now, write in your diary how you were able to make the illiterate women as competent foresters.**

34. Answer any one of the following.   **10X1=10M**

(a) Your friend invited you to spend your Dasara holidays in his village. He promises a beautiful and cool country side against a contrast of a busy and frantic city life. He promises to take you to some important places in his place and neighbourhood. You are excited by the invitation. **Write a letter to him/her accepting the invitation.**

(OR)

Write a biographical sketch of Rajaram Mohanrai, a social reformer of India, using the following hints.

Name:	Raja Ram Mohanrai
Date of birth:	22-05-1972
Place of birth:	Radhanagar, Bengal
Father:	Ramkant Roy
Mother:	Tarini Devi
Career as a social reformer:	Worked for Bengal renaissance. Founded Brahma Samaj. Fought against 'Sati' culture.

Titles:	Modernization of education in Inida.
	Maker of modern India.
	Father of modern India.
	Father of the Bengal renaissance.
Date of death:	27-09-1833
Place of death:	England

35. Answer any one of the following.   10X1=10M

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

The Second World War broke out in 1939, when I was eight years old. For reasons I have never been able to understand, a sudden demand **(A) <u>for tamarind seeds</u>** erupted in the market. I used to collect the seeds and sell them to a provision shop on Mosque Street. A day's collection would fetch me **(B) <u>the princely sum of one anna</u>**. My brother -in-law Jallaluddin would tell me stories **(C) <u>about the War</u>** which I would later attempt to trace in the headlines **(D) <u>in Dinamani</u>**. Our area, being isolated, was completely unaffected by the War. But soon India was forced to join the Allied Forces and something like a state of emergency was declared. The first casualty came in the form of the suspension of the train halt at Rameswaram station. The newspapers now had to be bundled and thrown out from the moving train on the Rameswaram Road between Rameswaram and Dhanuskodi. That forced my cousin Samsuddin, who distributed newspapers in Rameswaram, to look for a helping hand to catch the bundles and, as if naturally, I filled the slot. **(E) <u>Samsuddin</u>** helped me earn my first wages. Half a century later, I can still feel the surge of pride in earning my own money for the first time.

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

(OR)

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

Average heart rates by age

Age in years	Average maximum heart rate in beats per minute	Target heart rate range in beats per minute
40	180	90 to 153
45	175	88 to 149
50	170	85 to 145
55	165	83 to 140
60	160	80 to 136
65	155	78 to 132
70	150	75 to 128
Source: American Heart Association.		