

SSC Public Examinations: 2021

Model Paper – 4

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.
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Section A: Reading Comprehension

Question (1-5): Read the given passage carefully.

When I was a child, which is almost more than fifty years ago, the environment was very pristine, very beautiful, and very green. We were a British colony, and the British government at that time started to clear cut the indigenous forests in our forested mountains because they wanted to establish commercial plantations of exotic species of trees such as the pines from the northern hemisphere and the eucalyptus from Australia. These trees are very nice, they grow tall, and they grow very fast, but as they grow they destroy all the local biological diversity. All the flora and fauna disappeared. So although we were getting commercial timber for the growing timber industry, we also destroyed our local flora and fauna.

(Environment)

Now answer the following questions:

5 X 2 = 10M

1. How was the environment when the speaker was a child?
2. Why did British government start to clear cut the indigenous forests?
3. The speciality of pine and eucalyptus trees is _____
 - a. they grow very tall and fast.
 - b. they are native trees.
 - c. they are non-commercial.
4. All the flora and fauna disappeared because _____
 - a. there was no rain .
 - b. the local people cleared it away.
 - c. the pine and eucalyptus trees destroyed.
5. The eucalyptus trees were brought from _____
 - a. America
 - b. Australia
 - c. Africa.

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

So I have learned many things, son.
I have learned to wear many faces
like dresses - home face,

office face, street face, host face,
cocktail face, with all their conforming smiles
like a fixed portrait smile.

(Once Upon a Time)

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

6. Who is speaking to whom in this stanza?

- a. the poet to his son.
- b. the son to the poet.
- c. the poet to the audience.

7. The poet has learned _____

- a. to wear many dresses.
- b. to wear many faces.
- c. not to laugh.

8. The meaning of the expression “learned to wear many faces” is _____

- a. the poet changes his expressions and feelings to suit the situations.
- b. the poet uses different face masks.
- c. the poet wears different dresses.

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

Mrs. Jordan: You know, father, it's quite time you came to live with us again. We'd make you very comfortable.

Mrs. Slater: No, he's not been with us as long as he was with you.

Mrs. Jordan: I may be wrong, but I don't think father will fancy living on with you after what's happened today.

(The Dear Departed – II)

Now, answer the following questions:

2 X 2 = 4M

9. We'd make you very comfortable. Who are 'we' here?

- a. Amelia Slater and Henry Slater
- b. Elizabeth Jordan and Ben Jordan
- c. Henry Slater and Ben Jordan.

10. What happened that day?

- a. Amelia and Henry had stolen the things of Abel.
- b. Abel's food was poisoned.
- c. Abel gave all his property to his second daughter, Elizabeth Jordan.

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

Study the following table about the animals and their fascinating facts.

Animal	Where it lives	Fascinating fact
Caterpillar	all over the world	has three times as many muscles as humans
Chameleon	Forests in Africa and Madagascar	can move its eyes in two different directions at the same time
Cockroach	all over the world	Can live for up to a week without a head
Crocodile	Tropical climates	Eats only about 50 meals a year
Giraffe	Grasslands in Africa	Tallest of animals; has only seven neck bones
Shark	Oceans throughout the world	Never runs out of teeth
Snail	Almost everywhere – forests, deserts, rivers, ponds, oceans	Can sleep for almost three years without waking up
Octopus	Oceans throughout the world	Has three hearts

Now answer the following questions:

5 X 2 = 10
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11. How many animals have been mentioned in the table?
12. Which animal can move its eyes in two different directions at the same time?
13. Cockroach lives in _____
a. all over the world b. grasslands in Africa c. tropical climates
14. _____ animal can live for up to a week without head.
a. giraffe b. Chameleon c. Cockroach
15. _____ live in oceans throughout the world.
i. Shark and octopus
ii. Caterpillar and Cockroach
iii. Chameleon and snail

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 'that'

2M

We plant a tree. It will last forever.

17. Change the following sentence into passive voice.

2M

Abel made a new will.

18. Combine the following sentences using 'though'

2M

Nick has no arms and legs. But he can play football and golf.

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

- a. His wife was horrified _____ (at/of/from) the idea of a Muslim boy being invited for dinner.
- b. They are transfixed _____ (from/with/for) amazement.

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

After my father _____ (drink) a mug of wine, he _____ (arrange) the belt to the trunk carefully.

21. Your friend has started smoking recently.

Advise him/her not to smoke.

2M

22. Change the following into polite request.

2M

You to a stranger: 'show me the way to the cinema theatre.'

23. What do the following sentences mean?

Choose the right answer and write it in your answer book.

2X1=2M

(i) Could you lend me your pen?

- a) asking a question b) making a suggestion
- c) seeking help d) making a request

ii) Shall I do it for you?

- a) warning b) suggesting
- c) offering help d) seeking information

24. Read the following paragraph and write the synonyms of the underlined word choosing from the words given in the box.

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4X1=4M

wrong, allow, spoke, way, tell, correct

We were walking up a narrow hilly road (a), and neither of us uttered (b) 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 (c) for me to let (d) Father carry the luggage.

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

Father had provided for my education, and I had been able to realize his dreams. My parents were truly proud (a) of me. It was through me they had earned (b) a greater degree of admiration and respect (c) from the villagers. He was stronger and more skilled (d) than I in these matters.

'A'		'B'	
(a) proud	()	1. achieved	
(b) earned	()	2. lost	
(c) respect	()	3. inexperienced	
(d) skilled	()	4. contempt	
		5. humble	
		6. complication	

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

Father was _____ (a) (quiet/quietly/quieted) for some time. He _____ (b) (thought/thoughtfully/thoughtful) looked at the sun for a moment, and then his eyes _____ (c) (fall/fell/falling) on the can of home-made wine that I was _____ (d) (carrying / carried/carries). Wetting his lips with his tongue he said in a matter-of-fact manner, 'I am thirsty.'

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

Victoria app __ rs, dressed according to her mother's instruct __ ns.

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

Good managem ____ (ant/ent) of the natural resources, equitable distribu ____ tion/sion) of these resources is important for peace.

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

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|------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| (a) kettle | insurance | delicate | curtain |
| (b) scared | crazy | begger | twinkle |

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

Austere /ɔ: 'stɪə/ adjective. Very simple, with only the things that are absolutely necessary, especially because of severe limits on money or goods

- What is the meaning of the word 'austere'?
- Which part of speech is it?

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

audio visual, double-faced, old-fashioned, bus stop, wild life, home-made, pebble-strewn, copy editor

Open compounds	Hyphenated compounds
1	1
2	2
3	3

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. Dentist ()
2. Linguist ()
3. Cardiologist ()
4. Psychologist ()

Part – B

- A. A scientist who studies the mind of a person.
- B. A scientist who studies Physics.
- C. A person who studies languages.
- D. A person whose job is to take care of people's teeth.
- E. A doctor who studies and treats heart diseases.
- F. A person who spends too much.

Section C – (Creative Expression)

33. Answer any one of the following.

10X1=10M

(a) You know that in the lesson, 'The Journey', the author's father asked him to give a pair of old shoes. The author wanted to buy a new pair of canvas shoes for his father. But his father protested. 'Give me an old pair. You don't have to spend money on new shoes.' He couldn't convince him to buy a new pair.

Now, write a possible conversation between the author and his father.

(OR)

In the play, "The Dear Departed -1" you heard the conversation between Henry and Amelia just before the arrival of Ben and Elizabeth. They stole the things (slippers, bureau, clock) of Abel Merryweather. Imagine you are Victoria in the play. You observed the attitude of your parents and your uncle and aunt. You were surprised and shocked with their thoughts. **Now write a diary entry of the day when your aunt and uncle came to your home.**

34. Answer any one of the following.

10X1=10M

(a) Your school celebrated The Independence Day recently. The District Educational Officer was the chief guest. Your Head Mistress arranged breakfast for all the students. A meeting was convened in the morning which was presided over by the Head Master. Message was given by the chief guest. Winners in different competitions received prizes. Cultural programmes were organized after the meeting. You too participated in a drama. **Now write a letter to your friend describing the Independence Day Celebrations.**

(OR)

(B) Write a biographical sketch of Virat Kohli, a famous cricketer and the captain of Indian Cricket Team.

Name:	Virat Kohli
Profession:	Indian international cricket player
Date of birth:	Nov 5 th , 1988 into a Punjabi family
Place of birth:	Delhi, India
Father:	Prem Kohli, a criminal lawyer
Mother:	Saroj Kohli, a house wife
Siblings:	Elder brother, Vikash and an elder sister, Bhavana
Education:	Vishal Bharti and Savier Convent, Delhi
Initial Training:	West Delhi Cricket Academy, since 1998
Performance:	-Represented Delhi in first-class cricket -The captain of the victorious Indian team at the 2008 U/19 Cricket world cup held in Malaysia -One day International debut in 2008 and was part of the Indian team which one the 2011 World Cup. - First Test in 2011 against West Indies

- Played for Royal Challenges, Bangalore in the IPL
- Started a charity foundation – Virat Kohli Foundation in 2013 for helping underprivileged children.
- won the ICC ODI player of the year in 2012
- the BCCI’s international cricketer of the year for 2011-12 and 2014-15
- the Arjuna award in 2013
- Padma shri award on Jan 26, 2017

Honours:

35. Answer any one of the following.

10X1=10M

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

Mrs. Slater: Father had been **(A) merry** this morning. He went out soon after breakfast **(B) to pay his insurance**.

Ben: My word, it's a good thing he did.

Mrs. Jordan: He always was thoughtful in that way. He was too honourable to have 'gone' without paying his premium.

Henry: And when I came in I found him undressed sure enough and snug in bed.

Mrs. Slater: And **(C) when we'd finished dinner** I thought I'd take up a bit of something on a tray. He was lying there for all the world as if he was asleep, so I put the tray down **(D) on the bureau-** *(correcting herself)* on the chest of drawers - and went to waken him. *(A pause)* He was **(E) quite cold.** *(A pause. They wipe their eyes and sniff back tears.)*

Mrs. Slater: *(Rising briskly at length; in a business-like tone)* Well, will you go up and look at him now, or shall we have tea?

Mrs. Jordan: What do you say, Ben?

Ben: I'm not particular.

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

(OR)

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

