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**SSC PUBLIC EXAMS – TELANGANA STATE 2020-21**

**MODEL PAPER-4**

**SUB : English,**

**Part-A & B**

**Time : 3.15 Hrs.**

**Max. Marks : 80**

**Instructions:**

- i) Read the question paper carefully.
- ii) Answer the questions under Part-A in the answer booklet.
- iii) Write the answers to the questions under Part-B the question paper itself.

**Time : 1.30 Hrs.**

**Part-A**

**Max. Marks : 40**

**Question No. (1-5) :**

**Read the Passage given.**

Every child is born, with some inherited characteristics, into a specific socio economic and emotional environment, and trained in certain ways by figures of authority. I inherited honesty and self - discipline from my father; from my mother, I inherited faith in goodness and deep kindness, so did my three brothers and sister, I had three close friends in my childhood - Ramanadha Sastry, Aravindan and Sivaprakasan. All these boys were from orthodox Hindu Brahmin families. As children, none of us ever felt any difference amongst ourselves because of our religious differences and upbringing. Infact, Ramanadha Sastry was the son of Pakshi Lakshmana Sastry, the high priest of the Ramanadha temple. Later he took over the priesthood of the Rameswaram temple from his father; Aravindan went into business of arranging transport for visiting pilgrims; and Sivaprakasan became a catering contractor for the Southern Railways.

**- My Childhood**

**Now answer the questions in three to four sentences.**

**(5x2=10 Marks)**

- 1) "Every child is born, with some inherited characteristics." What do you think are yours ?
- 2) According to the passage, who were the childhood friends of the author ?
- 3) You are living in a colony where families of different religions live together." What factors do you think help them to live together?
- 4) What were the characteristics inherited by the speaker from his parents?
- 5) How can you say that the speaker enjoyed religious harmony in his childhood?

**Question No. (6 - 10) ;**

**Read the passage given.**

Overjoyed, the housewife began living with swabbing as the chief mission in her life. She scrubbed the house spotlessly clean at all times and beautifully decorated it with multi-coloured designs. That's how her life went on, with a sumptuous and ceaseless supply of swabbing cloths and muggu baskets.

But one day while scrubbing the floor, the housewife suddenly asked herself, 'What is my name?' The query shook her up. Leaving the mopping cloth and the muggu basket there itself, she stood near the window scratching her head, lost in thoughts. 'What is my name - what is my name?' The house across the road carried a name-board, Mrs M. Suhasini, M.A., Ph.D., Principal, 'X' College. Yes, she too had a name as her neighbour did - 'How could I forget like that? In my scrubbing zeal I have forgotten my name - what shall I do now?' The housewife was being zealous. I have forgotten my name - what shall I do now?' The housewife was perturbed. Her mind became totally restless. Somehow she finished her daubing for the day.

**(What is My Name?)**

**Now answer the questions in three to four sentences.**

**(5x2=10 Marks)**

- 6) What do you think was the reason for her restlessness?
- 7) What would be your reaction, if you were that woman?
- 8) Why was the woman overjoyed?
- 9) How did her life go on?
- 10) Why do you think the writer decided to focus on the question of married women's identity?

**Question No. (11) :**

In the lesson 'My Childhood'. Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam speaks of his childhood. You have read that Kalam shares about his experiences with a new teacher who made him sit separately from his friend in the classroom. Later, Lakshmana Sastry, the high priest, calls the teacher to warn him not to spread the poison of social inequality and communal intolerance.

*Now, write a possible conversation between Lakshmana Sastry and the teacher based on the above incident.*

**(OR)**

The 6th Edition of Aortal Marathon saw over 16,000 runners participate in three events held on 28th August. Nearly 1,000 runners participated in 42km full marathon flagged off by the Additional Commissioner of Traffic, Hyderabad. Mesfin B. won the men's event after completing it in 2.3 hrs, Jyothi Gawte was the first woman to complete in 2.59 hrs. Kuldeep and Navya are the first man and woman to complete the first 10 km run.

*Imagine that you are Kuldeep I Navya and prepare a report of the Marathon for your school magazine. The following details may be included.*

- Date, venue, starting place
- No. of participants
- Time taken
- Your feelings on being the winner

**Question No. (12) :**

The lesson 'My Childhood' depicts good friendship among Abdul Kalam and his friends. In order to develop good friendship among the students - you plan to organise Friendship Day in your school.

**Prepare a notice about the programme.**

**(8 Marks)**

**(OR)**

Your school is organizing the prestigious Inspire Science Exhibition on its premises. Design an invitation giving all essential details like

Date and Venue, Chief guest, Guest of honour, Programms, Vote of thanks.

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**Note :**

1. Answer all the questions in this part on the question paper itself.
2. Avoid over-writing.

**Questions (13-17) :****Read the Following poem.****The Mountain and the Squirrel**

Had a quarrel,  
 And the former called the latter "Little Prig".  
 Bun replied,  
 'You are doubtless very big;  
 But all sorts of things and weather  
 Must be taken in together'  
 To make up a year  
 And a sphere,  
 And I think it no disgrace  
 To occupy my place.  
 If I'm not so large as you,  
 You are not so small as I,  
 And not half so spry;  
 I'll not deny you make'  
 A very pretty Squirrel track.  
 Talents differ; all is well and wisely put;  
 If I cannot carry forests on my back,  
 Neither can you crack a nut."

**- Ralph Waldo Emerson**

**Glossary :**

- Prig** : Someone who is considered very annoying  
**Sphere** : (here) Earth  
**Disgrace** : Shame  
**Spry** : Full of life and energy

**Now, answer the following questions. Each question has four choices. Choose the correct answer and write (A), (B), (C) or (D) in the brackets given. (5x1 = 5 Marks)**

- 13) **How many times does the mountain speak in the poem ?**  
 A) Once    B) Twice    C) Thrice    D) None of the above
- 14) **The expression "I'm not as large as you" is**  
 A) Metaphor    B) Simile    C) Irony    D) Personification
- 15) **What can't a mountain do that can be done by a squirrel ?**  
 A) Carrying forests on its back    B) Cracking a nut  
 C) Quarrelling with others    D) Carrying nuts on its back
- 16) **Who is referred to as 'bun' in the poem ?**  
 A) The mountain    B) The poet    C) The squirrel    D) The pigeon

17) What is the moral of the poem?

- A) The bigger ones have got more importance in this nature
- B) The smaller ones are more talented than the bigger ones.
- C) Everything has its own importance. Nothing is high or low in the world.
- D) We must be proud of our talents.

**Question No. (18 - 22) :**

**In the following passage, five sentences are numbered and each of them has an error.**

**Correct them and rewrite them in the given space.**

**(5x5 = 5 Marks)**

(18) As a young cartoonist, Walt Disney faced many rejections from newspaper editors, whom said he had no talent. (19) One day a minister-at a church hired him to draw some cartoon. (20) Disney was work out of a small mouse infested shed near the church. (21) After. seeing small mouse, he was inspired. That was the start of Mickey Mouse. (22) Success people don't do great things; they only do small things in a great way.

18) ..... 19)..... 20)..... 21)..... 22).....

**Question No. (23 – 27) :**

**Read the passage given below focusing on the parts that are underlined and answer the questions given at the end as directed.**

**(5x2 = 10 Marks)**

Communication has become very easy. (23) You can talk to anybody in the world through telephone and wireless. You can transmit the message to any part of the world in no time. (24) Cell phone has brought the whole world closer.

Science has also greatly helped man in the war on illness and diseases. Doctors have found medicines for almost all kinds of troubles. (25) Epidemics wiped out whole cities. They have become things of the past. Surgeons perform most intricate operations on the human body. X - ray photography can locate any cause of trouble inside the body and make its cure easy.

(26) Machines have made labour easy. Science has comes to the aid of the agriculturist through pesticides. Robots and computers have taken away more and more activities of human beings. Robots can work in factories and in houses like human workers. Computers can do all the things of human beings. (27) Science is a blessing today. It may be curse in the future if misused.

- 23) Combine the sentences using 'not only but also'.
- 24) Add the question-tag.
- 25) Combine the sentences using 'which'.
- 26) Start the sentence with 'Labour'.
- 27) Combine the sentences using 'which'.

**Question No. (28–32) :**

**Complete the following passage choosing the right words from those given below it. Each blank is numbered and each blank has four choices (A), (B), (C) and (D). Choose the correct answer from these choices and write (A), (B), (C) or (D) in the brackets given.**

**(5x1=5 Marks)**

Rajamouli is.....(28) famous Telugu film director. His films Bahubali -1 and Bahubali – 2 broke all the records ..... (29) Indian Cinema Industry. Prabhas, Rana, Ramya Krishna, Anushka, Satyaraj..... (30) Tamanna are the main actors in these movies. These films were..... (31) in many countries.....(32) remarkable thing for Indian film industry.

- 28) A) a B) an C) the D) none  
 29) A) of B) off C) in D) to  
 30) A) although B) because C) but D) and  
 31) A) release B) released C) releasing D) releases  
 32) A) is B) will C) would D) can

**Question No. (33 – 37) ;**

**Complete the passage by choosing the correct words given in brackets. (5x1 = 5 Marks)**

The use of water as an agent in the treatment of disease is known as hydrotherapy. The.....(33) (beneficent / beneficial) effects of water can be ..... (34) (uses / used) in the treatment of disease. Water is one of heaven's..... (35) (choice / choicest) blessings. The Egyptian and Roman heating and cooling baths were used in ..... (36) (much / several)treatments. Water ..... (37) (acting / acts) on the body in various ways according to its temperature. It helps to remove toxins from the body.

- 33) ..... 34) ..... 35) .....  
 36) ..... 37) .....

**Question No. (38 - 42) ;**

**Choose the correct form of the words given in brackets to complete the passage.**

**(5x1 = 5 Marks)**

If Gods were to grant me one boon, I would ..... (38) (sincere) wish to be a bird. I envybirds when I see them ..... (39) (flew) high in the sky. This is their ..... (40) (nature) freedom in a world where every man is born free but everywhere he is in chains. If I were a bird, I ..... (41) (will) fly to distant lands, see the whole world and make many foreign friends in whose company I shall ..... (42) (enjoyment) immeasurably.

- 38) ..... 39) ..... 40) .....  
 41) ..... 42) .....

**Question No. (43 - 47) :**

**Read the following passage with focus on the underlined parts. Answer them as directed.**

**(5x1 = 5 Marks)**

Effects of soil pollution are danger (43). They may cause acid rains who (44) can kill trees and other plants. It disrupt (45) the balance of nature. Soil pollution is also dangerous to wild (46) life. Pesticides used more than required can damage (47) the crops and poison birds, animals and fishes.

- 43) Write the appropriate form of the underlined word.  
 44) Replace the underlined word with correct one.  
 45) Write the correct form of the underlined word.  
 46) Write the word that is opposite in meaning of the underlined word.  
 47) Write the word that has the same meaning of the underlined word.