
SSC PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS : JULY-2020
MODEL PAPER
Third Language - ENGLISH - PAPER-I & II

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 allotted 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

Questions (1-5) : Read the following passage carefully.

His parents decided not to send him to a special school-a decision he said was very hard for him, but which may have been the best decision they could have made for him.

When Nick was born his father was so shocked that he left the hospital room to vomit. His distraught mother couldn't bring herself to hold him until he was four months old.

His disability came without any medical explanation - a rare occurrence called phocomelia - and Nick and his parents spent many years asking why this cruel trick would happen to them. 'My mother was a nurse and she did everything right during pregnancy but she still blamed herself,' he said.

(Attitude is Altitude)

Now answer the following questions :

5 × 2 = 10 M

1. Why did Nick's parents decide not to send him to special school ?
 2. What did his father do when Nick was born ?
 3. Nick's mother blamed herself for
 - A) not doing good things
 - B) not predicting phocomelia
 - C) not doing right during pregnancy.
 4. Nick's mother couldn't hold her son until he was four months old as
 - A) She was in bed for four months.
 - B) Nick was on ventilator for four months.
 - C) She could not digest giving birth to a torso.
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5. According to Nick and his parents 'cruel trick' in the passage literally means ...
- A) Helplessness of his parents in assisting him.
 - B) Nick's birth with disability.
 - C) Decision of Nick's parents not to send him to a special school.

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

Once upon a time, son.
they used to laugh with their hearts
and laugh with their eyes;
but now they only laugh with their teeth,
while their ice-block-cold eyes
search behind my shadow.

(Once upon a Time)

Choose the correct answers to the following questions

3 × 2 = 6 M

6. In these lines the poet is talking about
- A) the honest and innocent world of children.
 - B) the insincere world of adults.
 - C) the differences between the past and the present.
7. The expression 'Ice-cold-block eyes' means
- A) a dead man's eyes
 - B) expressionless eyes
 - C) The eyes are wet with tears.
8. This stanza is a conversation between
- A) a father and his son.
 - B) a person and his neighbour.
 - C) two childhood friends.

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

It is a tribute to Telugu culture, language and customs for the land. The film was watched repeatedly soon after its release because people identified every character of the film with someone they knew in their immediate vicinity and the audience still do the same now.

Now, answer the following questions.

2 × 2 = 4 M

9. What is a tribute to Telugu culture, language and customs for the land ?
- A) The characters
 - B) The audience
 - C) Maya Bazaar
10. What do the audience do while watching Maya Bazaar ?
- A) Start singing songs
 - B) Pay tribute to the film
 - C) Relate every character to someone they knew in their immediate vicinity.

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

You to a co-passenger in a train : "Don't stand at the door"

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

Choose the right answer and write it in your answer book. 2 × 1 = 2 M

i) **Hist ! Listen.**

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| A) Expressing annoyance | B) Attracting attention |
| C) Expressing surprise | D) Expressing hesitation |

ii) **Will you join us for tea ?**

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| A) Suggestion | B) Offer |
| C) Question | D) Order |

24. **Read the following paragraph and write the synonyms of the underlined words choosing from the words given in the box.** 4 × 1 = 4 M

prevent, objected, permit, encourage, forbid, trunk

I protested. (a) How could I allow (b) my old father to carry my trunk ? What would people think ? What would they say ? But I failed to dissuade (c) him. It was decided that father would carry the chest (d).

25. **Read the paragraph and match the words under 'A' with their antonyms under 'B'.**

4 × 1 = 4 M

So good management of the natural (a) resources, equitable (b) distribution of the resources is important (c) for peace (d)

'A'

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| a) natural | () |
| b) equitable | () |
| c) importance | () |
| d) important | () |
| e) peace | () |

'B'

1. unimportant
2. artificial
3. inequitable
4. fair
5. war
6. calmness

26. **Fill in the blanks with right form of the words given in brackets.** 4 × 1 = 4 M

"If I fail, I try again, and again, and again. If you fail, are you going to try again ? The _____ (a) (human / humanity / humanly) spirit can _____ (b) (handle / handled / handling) much worse than we _____ (c) (realize / realization / realizing). If matters how you are going to finish. Are you going to finish _____ ? (d) (strongly / strong / strength)

27. **Complete the following spellings with "ou, ea, oa, ei, ee, oo'.** 2 × 1 = 2 M

They are coming to talk over p _ _ r (a) grandpa's affairs. Your father sent them a telegram as soon as we found he was d _ _ d. (b)

28. **Complete the words with correct suffixes given in brackets.** $2 \times 1 = 2 \text{ M}$
 Roberge does not endorse the accusa _____ (tion / sion) of Ray's detractors that the master direct _____ (er / or) made his reputation selling India's poverty to the West.
29. **Find the wrongly spelt word and write the correct spelling.** $2 \times 1 = 2 \text{ M}$
 a) insted programmer encourage perseverance
 b) complacent bureu malicious lethargy
30. **Read the following entry of the word given below.** $2 \times 1 = 2 \text{ M}$
leth.argo / 'leθədʒi; NAmE 'leθədʒi / noun [U] te state of not having any energy of enthusiasm for doing things **SYN** listlessness, inertia **leth.argoic** / le'θədʒɪk; NAmE -'θɑːrdʒ-/ adj. : *The weather made her lethargoic.*
 a) What is the part of the speech of the word 'lethargo' ?
 b) Write the synonym of lethargo ?
31. **Arrange the following words under the correct heading.** $8 \times \frac{1}{4} = 2 \text{ M}$
 bye bye, dilly dally, chit chat, tata, ping pong, papa, ha ha, tick tock.

Duplicative words	Alliterative words

32. Match the following one word substitutes in 'Part-A' with their meanings in 'Part-B'. (Write only the numbers and their corresponding letters in your answer book.) $4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2 \text{ M}$

Part-A	Part-B
1. manuscript ()	A) one who can do anything for money.
2. publisher ()	B) a handwritten document.
3. teetotaler ()	C) a person who brings out books.
4. theist ()	D) one who abstains from taking alcohol.
	E) one who believes in God.
	F) one who hates women.

SECTION - C (CREATIVE EXPRESSION)

Q. No.33.

5 M

- (a) In the lesson 'My Childhood', Kalam and his friend Ramanatha Sastry went home after school and told their respective parents about the incident that happened in the class. Ramanatha Sastry's father, Lakshmana Sastry summoned the teacher and told him not to spread the peison of social inequality in the minds of innocent children. Now, write a possible conversation between Lakshmana Sastry and the new teacher. **10 M**

(OR)

- (b) In the lesson, 'What is my name', the housewife felt like a person, when her friend Pramila embraced her calling 'Sarada'. She was delighted to know her name the thanked Pramila. She returned home in a joyful mood taking the pride of being a complete woman.

Imagine you are Sarada and write a diary entry expressing your happiness.

34.

5 M

- (a) The Government has proposed an 'Educational tour' for class IX & X in the month of November. It has allotted Rs. 200/- per head. Your school decided to take the students of classes IX and X with necessary equipment and arrangements.

Write a letter to your friend about the place you visited and the time you spent with classmates and teachers.

(OR)

- (b) **Write a Bio-grapical sketch of Anita Desai, a famous novelist and writer of childrens' stories.**

Born	:	24 June 1937 (82 years), Mussorie
Education	:	Miranda House, University of Delhi
Spouse	:	Ashvin Desai (m.1958)
Children	:	Kiran Desai
Film	:	In Custody (novel)
Awards	:	Sahitya Academy Award (1978), shortlisted for Booker Prize (1980), (1984), (1999) Padma Bhushan (2014)
Works	:	The Zigzag Way, In Custody, The Village by the Sea, Games at Twilight, Fire on the Mountain etc.

35. a) **Read the following passage carefully focussing on the underlined parts.**

Savitri (A) was adored for the matchless ease in expression. Meenakumari, the heroine of Hindi films said, "when I watch Savitri's acting. I usually get doubts about my own action." (B). Her strikingly expressive (C) eyes and her superb sense of timing made her one of the greatest actresses. Maya Bazaar (D) is another film that brought fame to Savitri. She played the role of Sasirekha (E).

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

5 M

(OR)

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

**ABC International School,
Favourite Activities**

