Sl. No.

SSLC EXAMINATION, MARCH - 2022

ENGLISH

Second Language

Time : 2½ Hours | Total Score : 80

General Instructions to Candidates :

- 15 minutes is 'Cool-off time'. Use this time to get familiarised with questions and plan your answers.
- Questions with different score are given as distinct Parts.
- Read the instructions carefully before answering the questions.
- Keep in mind the score and the time while answering the questions.
- The maximum score for questions from 1 to 35 will be 80.

Score

PART - I

(Each question carries 1 score)

Questions 1 - 6 : Read the excerpt from 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' and answer any FOUR questions that follow. 1x4=4

Though the house and grounds of our home in India were Grandfather's domain, the magnificent old banyan tree was mine-chiefly because Grandfather, at the age of sixty-five, could no longer climb it. Grandmother used to tease him about this, and would speak of a certain Countess of Desmond, an English woman who lived upto the age of 117, and would have lived longer if she hadn't fallen while climbing an apple tree. The spreading branches of the banyan tree, which curved to the ground and took root again, forming a maze of arches, gave me endless pleasure. The tree was older than the house, older than Grandfather, as old as the town of Dehra, nestling in a valley at the foot of the Himalayas.

1. 'The magnificent old banyan tree was mine . . .' Why does the boy think so ? 1

2. How does the grandmother tease the grandfather ? 1

3. Which town is referred to in the passage ? 1

P.T.O.

Score

Questions 16 - 18 : Read the excerpt from 'My Sister's Shoes' and answer any TWO questions that follow. 2x2=4

He goes to the pile of boxes in front of the shop and picks the bundle of nan and then looks for the bag of shoes. Unable to find it, he places the bag of nan atop the vegetable boxes and begins to search underneath. First, he puts his hand and then his head in the gap between the boxes of vegetables, which upsets them all. The vegetable boxes tumble and vegetables scatter on the ground. On hearing the sound, Akbar comes running from inside the shop and sees the vegetables strewn on the ground.

Akbar : (*annoyed*) What the hell are you doing ? Why did you spill these ? Are you crazy ?

Ali : (*looking at him with guilt*) My sister's shoes have disappeared.

Akbar : Get lost. Beat it.

Ali : I left my sister's shoes here.

Akbar : I said get lost! (*bangs his fist on the pile of boxes.*)

Ali runs away, scared.

16. Describe two actions of Ali after getting out of the shop. 2

17. Why were the boxes of vegetables upset ? 2

18. What are the two expressions of Akbar that shows his annoyance ? 2

PART - III

(Each question carries 4 score)

Questions 19 - 23 : Answer any THREE of the following. 3x4=12

19. **Complete the following passage choosing the right phrases from those given in the box.** 4

After reaching my room I __(a)__ my coat and white shirt and hung them up. I had to __(b)__ a lot of rats who were running around my room. I __(c)__ but I could not sleep. I __(d)__ and went out to the veranda for a little air.

lay down, get up, put up with, take off

Score

20. **Read the passage given below. There are certain errors in it. They are underlined. Edit them.** 4

All my characters **was** (a) white and blue-eyed, they **playing** (b) in the snow, they ate apples, and they talked a lot about the weather. How lovely it was **which** (c) the sun **has come** (d) out!

21. **Complete the conversation suitably.** 4

Boy : You didn't see the fight in the garden, (a) ?

Grandmother : No dear. (b) ?

Boy : I saw the fight between a mongoose and a cobra.

Grandmother : (c) ?

Boy : Yea, the cobra was killed.

Grandmother : If the mongoose had not killed the cobra, (d) ?

Boy : The mongoose did it for us.

22. **A few words are missing in the following passage. Choose the right ones from the box given below and fill in the blanks.** 4

As he spoke (a) _____ real feeling, I got (b) _____ vivid picture of the work these two people were doing. I learned how they took derelict adolescents (c) _____ were put in juvenile courts to a special centre. Then they would place these young people in a healthy environment (d) _____ heal them in mind and body.

and, with, a, from, who

23. **Read the following sentences and identify the noun phrases in the subject position of each sentence.** 4

(i) Adichie went to the US for her studies.

(ii) Her American roommate was shocked.

(iii) All the students in the class looked at her whenever Africa was referred to.

(iv) The single story about Africa which we believe may not be the only story.

P.T.O.

Score

Questions 24 - 25. Answer any ONE of the following. 4x1=4

24. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. 4

One day a father and a son went to a restaurant to have dinner. The father was so old that his hands shook while eating and spilled food on his shirt and trousers. Other diners watched the father in disgust, but this did not embarrass the son in any way. After eating, the son quietly led him to the wash, removed the food particles on his father's dress and combed his hair. When they came out of the wash, the entire restaurant was watching them in dead silence. The son settled the bill and was walking out with his father when an old man among the diners called out to him 'Son, now I have a hope to live on'.

(i) Where does the incident take place ?

(ii) Why did the other diners watch the father in disgust ?

(iii) How did the son help his father ?

(iv) What was the reaction of the other old man who watched the scene ?

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Score

PART - IV

(Each question carries 6 score)

Questions 26 - 29 : Answer any THREE of the following in about 80 words each. **3x6=18**

26. Read the following lines taken from the poem 'The Ballad of Father Gilligan' and prepare a note of **appreciation** focusing on the theme, imagery and other poetic devices. 6

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Or under green sods lay.
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28. The homeopath in the story 'The Snake and the Mirror' found his room cleaned out by a thief when he came back the next day. You meet him after this incident. Prepare a set of **six questions** that you would like to ask him. 6

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31. Prepare a **profile** of Anton Chekhov using the hints given. 6

Born	: January 29, 1860, Taganrog, Russia
Education	: First Moscow State Medical University
Occupation	: Physician, Short Story Writer, Playwright
Famous as	: Playwright, Short story Writer
Notable works	: Three Sisters, The Cherry Orchard, The Lady with the Dog
Awards and Honours	: Pushkin Prize
Died	: July 14, 1904, Germany

32. Ali was deeply distressed when he realised that he had lost his sister's shoes. When he reached home, Zahra, his sister asked him about her shoes. Prepare the likely **conversation** between Ali and Zahra. *(Write at least six exchanges.)* 6

PART - V

(Each question carries 8 score)

Questions 33 - 35 : Answer any TWO of the following in about 120 words. 2x8=16

33. 'The Scholarship Jacket' describes the struggles of Martha for justice. She narrates the incidents at school to one of her friends. Prepare the likely **narrative.** 8

*(**Hints :** Texas school - Martha expects to win the Scholarship Jacket - overhears the conversation between her teachers - change in policy - needs fifteen dollars - grandfather refuses - meets the Principal - changes decision - Martha gets the jacket)*

34. The story, 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' portrays a boy's close-knit relationship with Nature. **Narrate** in your own words the incidents which the boy witnesses. 8

*(**Hints :** Banyan tree - a favourite spot of the boy - friendship with a grey squirrel - birds - the fight between the mongoose and the cobra - the strange case of the grey squirrel and the white rat)*

35. The life of John in the story 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' is a good example of how reckless life spoils a young man. The transformation in John's life is inspiring. Prepare the text of a **speech** on the need to keep away from bad friendship and the importance of leading a socially committed life. 8

*(**Hints :** John loses his parents at an early age - leads a lonely life in London - falls in bad companionship - engages in gambling - steals money - attempts to commit suicide - saved by a doctor, sergeant of police, landlady - starts a new life - dedicates his life for derelict adolescents)*

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