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S.S.L.C. MODEL QUESTION PAPER-1: 2025-26

ವಿಷಯ: ಪ್ರಥಮ ಭಾಷೆ ಇಂಗ್ಲಿಷ್

SUBJECT: First Language English

ಸಮಯ: 3 ಗಂಟೆ 15 ನಿಮಿಷಗಳು

ವಿಷಯ ಸಂಕೇತ: 14E

ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂಕಗಳು:100

Subject Code:14E

General Instructions to the Candidate:

1. This question paper consists of 45 questions.
2. Follow the instructions given against questions.
3. Figures in the right hand margin indicate maximum marks for the questions.
4. The maximum time to answer the paper is given at the top of the question paper. It includes 15 minutes for reading the question paper.



I. Four alternatives are given for each of the following questions/ incomplete statements. Only one of them is correct or most appropriate. Choose the correct alternative and write the complete answer along with its letter of alphabet. 6x1=6

1. The alarm clock screamed at me.

The figure of speech used here is

- a. Alliteration
- b. Metaphor
- c. Personification
- d. Simile

2. reviewer wants to know more about book.

The appropriate articles to be filled in the blank are.

- a. The, the
- b. A, the
- c. A, an
- d. The, a

3. He never wakes up early, _____?

The appropriate question tag to be added is

- a. do he?
- b. does he?
- c. don't he?
- d. doesn't he?

4. My first impression..... at the site was one of disillusionment.

The correct form of the phrasal verb to be filled

- a. on arriving
- b. at arriving
- c. while arriving
- d. when arriving

5. The girl saw the painter standing..... the torrent.

The suitable preposition to be filled in the blank is

- a. to
- b. by
- c. from
- d. with

6. He..... swum the whole night to reach Ayodhya.

The correct form of the verb to be filled in the blank is

- a. was
- b. were
- c. had
- d. have



II. Observe the relationship in the first pair of words and complete the second pair accordingly in the following: **4x1=4**

7. Oculist : Eye :: Urologist :
8. Meat : Meet :: Night :
9. Success : triumph :: Stature:
10. Elegant : Elegance :: Calm:

III. Rewrite as directed: **3x1=3**

11. Change the voice of the sentence:

The king gave the commander a reward.

12. Frame a question to get underlined words as answer:

I met an old woman in the park last night.

13. Change the following assertive into an exclamatory sentence:

You are a great fool.

IV. Answer the following questions in a sentence each: **4x1=4**

14. Who was a real problem child?
15. Why was Pierre pinched?
16. How according to the author, is a bottle of coke harmful to our human body?
17. What does the expression "picked up hands and jaws" suggest?



V. Answer the following questions in two to three sentences each: **7x2=14**

18. How did Mr. Pollack finally catch the last ball?
19. What is the success story of Pepsi and Coca-Cola?
20. How do hunters disturb the stones on the wall?
21. What must every individual resign themselves to?
22. Give any two examples of Jim's acts of bravery?
23. How did Ulysses help his men escape from the cave?
24. Why did the female Sarus Crane sit on the blood stained feathers?

VI. Rewrite as directed: **3x2=6**

25. Combine the following sentences using:

- a) As soon as
b) No sooner..... Than

The driver saw the green signal. He started his car.

26. Change the following sentence to the other two degrees of comparison.

Rhodium is the costliest metal.

27. Change into reported speech.

Mother said to me, " Have you eaten your lunch".

VII. Answer the following questions in five – six sentences each: 6x3=18

- 28. What justification did Drona give for his unfair demand?
- 29. What was the impact on Germans after Anne Frank’s diary was published?
- 30. "Basavanna console himself regarding his helplessness as a poor man". Illustrate.
- 31. Why did Wordsworth say that his moving the boat is an act of stealth? Why was he guilty of his act?
- 32. How did Duryodhana restore Karna’s honour?
- 33. Explain the difference between a mechanical act and an intentional act with an example.

OR

"Every research that Pasteur did was meant for the benefit of human beings." Explain.

VIII. Explain with reference to the context: 5x3=15

- 34. "Only some more work from your hands."
- 35. "Please God, make him think I am still pretty".
- 36. "She was an interesting girl".
- 37. "There are maidens in Scotland more lovely by far".
- 38. "O grave, keep shut lest I be shamed!".

XI. Quote from memory: 1x4=4

39. And it grew

.....

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..... it was mine.

OR

My legs.....

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.....

..... stay.



X. Answer the following questions in seven-eight sentences each:

3x4=12

40. Point out all the values which the poet-father wants the teacher to teach his son?

41. What does C. V Raman say about the beauty of countryside and the rain –fed tanks?

OR

Why does Gandhi say that moral act should be done without compulsion?

42. How did Pasteur develop the idea of immunity?

OR

“Man today is an unstoppable buying machine.” Elucidate with examples.

XI. 43. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

1x4=4(2+2)

Mr. Arvind’s family was not rich. They just managed to make both ends meet. They economised on everything. They bought food on subsidised rate and their meals had no variety. His sisters made their dresses at home and he used to go through terrible scenes on account of lost buttons and torn trousers. Uncle Jules, his father’s brother was the only hope of the family.

Question:

(a) How was Mr. Arvind’s family?

(b) How did they lead their life?

XII. Write an essay of about 18-20 sentences on any one of the following topics.

1x5=5

44. a. Growth of science and technology in India.

b. The harmful effects of overusing the cell phone.

XIII. 45. Imagine you are Keerthan or Keerthana studying in Government

High school, Vijayapura.

1x5=5

Write a letter to the local Electricity Board to reduce the power-cuts during evening stating reasons.

OR

Imagine you are Bharat or Bhagya studying in Government High school, Hassan

Write a letter to your elder brother/sister thanking him/her for preparing you for inter-state debate competition in which you won the first prize.

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S.S.L.C.MODEL QUESTION PAPER-1,2025-26

ವಿಷಯ: ಪ್ರಥಮ ಭಾಷೆ - ಇಂಗ್ಲಿಷ್ (NCERT)
Subject: First Language—ENGLISH (NCERT)



ವಿಷಯಸಂಕೇತ:15-E

SubjectCode:15-E

[ಸಮಯ:3ಗಂಟೆ 15 ನಿಮಿಷಗಳು]

[Time: 3Hours 15Mins]

[ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂಕಗಳು:100]

[Max.Marks: 100]

General Instructions to the Candidate:

1. This question paper consists of 47 questions.
2. Follow the instructions given against the questions.
3. Figures in the right hand margin indicate maximum marks for the questions.
4. The maximum time to answer the paper is given at the top of the question paper. It includes 15 minutes for reading the question paper.

I. Four alternatives are given for each of the following questions/ incomplete statements. Only one of them is correct or most appropriate. Choose the correct alternative and write the complete answer along with it's letter of alphabet: 6x1=6

1. Today, all of us do, by our presence here confer glory and hope to new born liberty.

The noun form of confer is

- (A) Conferring (B) confident
(C) Conference (D) configuring

2. 'Chimney for a nose'.

The figure of speech in the given line is

- (A) Simile (B) Metaphor
(C) Personification (D) Synecdoche

3. The cars were stripped _____ going any further due to a traffic diversion.

The appropriate preposition to be filled in the blank is

- (A) to (B) within
(C) by (D) from

4. The students _____ to participate in the workshop, and submit a report at the end of the day to the English teacher.

The correct form of the verb to be filled in the blank is

- (A) were asked (B) had been asked
(C) will have asked (D) were ask

5. You will travel to native place, _____?

The suitable question tag to be added is

- (A) will you (B) would you
(C) won't you (D) wouldn't you

6. The residents promised to _____ the president of the association in his demand for proper garbage disposal systems.

The proper verbal phrase to be filled in the blank is

- (A) stood by (B) stand by
(C) stand against (D) stood for



II. Observe the relationship between the first pair of words and complete the second pair accordingly in the following:

4x1=4

7. humane : inhumane :: polite : _____
8. rigid : stiff :: contentment : _____
9. roof : roofs :: loaf : _____
10. kind : kindness :: laugh : _____

III. Rewrite as directed:

3x1=3

11. Change the voice of the sentence.
They expressed their ideas.
12. Frame a question to get the underlined words as answer.
Radha borrowed an English novel from her cousin.
13. Frame a sentence using the word 'dance' as noun.

IV. Answer the following questions in a sentence each:

7x1=7



14. Where did the boys deboard the train in Tea from Assam?
15. How is leopard recognized in 'How to tell Wild animals'?
16. Mention the sitting posture of fog.
17. Whom did Anil talk about after Hari Singh's self introduction?
18. Why does Horace Danby get angry?
19. What did visible Griffin find in the restaurant kitchen?
20. As said by Think Tank, What has Earthlings discovered?

V. Answer the following questions in two to three sentences each: 7x2=14

21. Interpret the drastic effect of,an hour of hail rain in 'A Letter to God'.
22. According to Natalya, Why did Green Meadows belong to them?
23. Mention the features of chameleon as in 'How to Tell Wild Animals'.
24. Brief the feeding time observation of Mr.Herriot.
25. Sketch the character Waiter in'The Midnight Visitor'.
26. What opinion did Mr.Weiharer, Ebright social science teacher have about him?
27. Reproduce the confession words of Matilda Loisel to Mme Forestier.

OR

Enumerate the consolation note of Sulekha to Ramlal after her wedding broke down.

VI. Rewrite as directed:

3x2=6

28. Change the following sentence into reported/indirect speech.

The host said to his guests, "What a pleasure it is to meet them at the party."

29. Change the given simple sentence into compound and complex sentences.

On account of his coming late, his parents punished him.

30. Change the following sentence into the other two degrees of comparison.

Kolkata is more populated than most other cities in India.

VII. Answer the following questions in five to six sentences each: 6x3=18

31. How did the young seagull's family enjoy the time 'He had made his first flight'?

OR

People of Coorg are possibly of Greek or Arabic descent. Elaborate with supportive points from the prose 'Coorg'.

32. Anne found a real friend in writing diary. Illustrate.

33. Why did Kisa Gotami meet the Buddha? How did Buddha change her life?

34. Elaborate the phrase 'epistemology of loss' referring to 'The Ball Poem'.

35. How does the imagery of the trees movement from the house to the forest in 'Trees' reflect themes of liberation and growth in human experiences?

36. How did Matilda's desire for material wealth drive the plot of 'The Necklace'?



VIII. Explain with reference to the context:

4x3=12

37. She looked at me very strangely, and then laughed.

38. I was craning my neck trying to follow the hunt...

39. Has given my heart A change of mood.

40. I'll certainly never let down my bright hair!

XI. Quote from memory:

1x4=4

41. But if.....
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..... would suffice.

OR

Belinda was.....
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..... safe cage.

X. Answer the following questions in seven to eight sentences each. 3x4=12

42. 'No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin or his background or his religion'. Elaborate on the basis of the chapter 'Nelson Mandela- Long Walk to Freedom'.

OR

Why did Valli spend her time all alone and what became her favourite pastime?

43. Who are paders and why are they friends of children and important to Goans?

OR

How does the ignorance about Mijbil as a creature in the urban environment of London reveal insights about people's perceptions and knowledge regarding animals?

44. How does the poet reinforce the contrast between the tiger's confined environment and its internal emotions.

OR

Briefly summarise the poem 'Amanda'.

XI. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below. 1x4=4(2+2)



45. Water is one of the most essential resources on Earth, yet it is often taken for granted. Despite its abundance, the reality is that only a small fraction of the world's water is fresh and available for human use. With increasing populations, climate change, and industrial demands, the pressure on our water resources is growing. This makes water conservation not just a collective responsibility but a crucial individual duty. Each person's effort towards conserving water can significantly impact the preservation of this vital resource for future generations.

One of the primary reasons individual water conservation efforts are so important is the cumulative effect of small actions which may seem trivial on their own. However, when multiplied by millions of people, these actions can lead to substantial water savings. For example, a single dripping tap can waste over 15 litres of water a day, imagine the water saved if every household in a city repaired just one leaky faucet. This highlights the power of collective individual actions in reducing water waste.

Moreover, personal efforts towards water conservation often lead to greater awareness and education. When individuals take steps to conserve water, they become more conscious of their water usage and the importance of this resource. This awareness can then spread within communities, inspiring others to adopt similar practices. For instance, a family that installs water-saving devices in their home may encourage neighbours and friends to do the same, creating a ripple effect. This grassroots approach to conservation can be particularly effective in areas where larger-scale initiatives may be slow to implement or lacking in support.

Questions:

- a) Enumerate the significant impact of preservation of the most essential resource on Earth.
- b) How does water conservation lead to greater awareness among individuals?

XII. Write an essay of about 18-20 sentences on any one of the following:

1x5=5

- 46. a) Students and Social Service
- b) Essence of Ecological balance in the environment

XIII. Letter Writing.

1x5=5

- 47. **Imagine that you are Savitha/Sathwik, studying in class X, Adarsha Vidyalaya, Mundgod.**

Write a letter to your head of the institution to allocate specific periods for reading in the library.

OR

Imagine that you are Rajni/Ranjit residing at Iynmane, Iruppu Road, Madikeri.

Write a letter to the Post Master about the non-receipt of money order.



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MODEL ANSWERS

ವಿಷಯ : ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಭಾಷೆ - ಇಂಗ್ಲಿಷ್

Subject: Second Language — ENGLISH

ವಿಷಯ ಸಂಕೇತ: 31-E

Subject Code: 31-E

[ಸಮಯ : 3 ಗಂಟೆ]

[Time: 3 Hours]

[ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂಕಗಳು: 80]

[Max. Marks : 80]



General Instructions to the Candidate:

1. This question paper consists of 38 questions.
2. Follow the instructions given against the questions.
3. Figures in the right hand margin indicate maximum marks for the questions.
4. The maximum time to answer the paper is given at the top of the question paper.

It includes 15 minutes for reading the question paper.

- I. Four alternatives are given for each of the following questions / incomplete statements. Only one of them is correct or most appropriate. Choose the correct alternative and write the complete answer along with its letter of alphabet. 4×1=4

1. Choose the appropriate question tag and fill in the blank:

The smartphones create a lot of health problems, ?

- (A) didn't they (B) don't they
(C) do they (D) did they

Ans: B) don't they?

2. Read the given conversation and choose the language function for the underlined sentence:

Baleshwar: I'm new to Mumbai, but I've noticed that people here are afraid.

Roma: Yes, you're right. They fear of getting involved.

- (A) Expressing agreement. (B) Giving information
(C) Accepting invitation (D) Expressing gratitude

Ans: A) Expressing agreement

3. Fill in the blank choosing the appropriate 'if' clause:

Surender : Hi, how do you feel now, Satish?

Satish : It's been pretty bad since the last operation on my leg.

Surender : What actually happened there in Kashmir?

Satish : I met with an accident. I fell off a rickety bridge over some rapids.

Surender : Very sad. If you had been a little careful, it happened.

- (A) would have (B) shall have
(C) would not have (D) will have.

Ans: C) would not have

4. Read the given conversation and choose the correct infinitive:

Dhanvi : I am going to the library. I need some more books for my studies.

Naina : That's good. I too join with you. I have to refer to some books.

- (A) am (B) going
(C) to refer (D) join

Ans: C) to refer

II. Do as directed:

12×1=12

5. Which word has two syllables?

Returning, safer, desperately, speak

Ans: safer



6. Fill in the blank with the appropriate article:

Dev is working in European country.

Ans: a

7. Fill in the blank with the appropriate tense form of the verbs given in brackets:

Satish (be+draw) when his father observed him.

Ans: was drawing

8. Change the following sentence into positive degree:

Swami was the cleverest boy in the class.

Ans: No other boy in the class was as clever as Swami.

9. Fill in the blank using the suitable linker:

Raju his friend were playing chess.

Ans: and

31-E

10. Combine the following sentences using 'so.....that':

The players are very tired. They cannot play more.

Ans: The players are so tired that they cannot play more.

11. Change the following sentence into passive voice:

Swami caught the burglar.

The burglar was caught by Swami.

12. Fill in the blank with the appropriate preposition:

Don't laugh me.

Ans: at

13. Fill in the blank with the appropriate form of the word given in the brackets:

They should be given good _____ (educate).

Ans: education

14. Identify the parts of speech of the underlined word:

Ravi won two gold medals this year.

Ans: adjective

15. Read the following conversation and change the underlined sentence into reported speech:

Neha: Hello Neeti, Will you send me today's homework?

Neeti: Yes, I will. But why were you absent to school today?

Neeti: Ok, take care of yourself.

Neha asked Neeti

Ans: Neha asked Neeti whether/if she would send her that day's homework.

16. Use the word 'walk' as a verb in your own sentence.

Ans: I walk for two kms every day. (Any other grammatically meaningful sentence)



III. The following sentence has two errors. Edit the sentence and rewrite it in the answer booklet: The clues are given below. 1×2=2

17. Swami hurried got up and spread his bed under the bench, but crouched there.

a) Adverbial mistake to be corrected.

Ans: hurriedly

b) Conjunction to be corrected.

Ans: and

IV. Answer the following questions in 2 – 3 sentences each: 7×2=14

18. Don Anselmo was passionate for his land and the children of his village. Justify.

Ans: Don Anselmo was passionate for his land and the children of Rio-en-Medio. He used to plant a tree, every time a child was born in the village. And when he sold his land, he did not sell the trees. He said the trees belonged to the children of Rio-en-Medio.

19. Ambedkar was described as the 'symbol of revolt'. What made Nehru to describe so?

Ans: Nehru described Dr. Ambedkar as a symbol of revolt because Dr Ambedkar always fought for equality and social justice. In parliament he argued for many bills and never let the ministers be complacent.

20. Smitha was successful in fulfilling her brother's wish. Elaborate.

Ans: Smita's plan was to request Pandit Ravi Shankar to play the sitar for her brother. As soon as the concert was over, she went up to the stage and approached him. She told him about her sick brother and of how he longed to hear his music. Her plan was successful because they were touched by her brother's story and agreed to come to her house and played for her brother.

21. How, according to Borok, is survival of civilization threatened?

Ans: The survival of our civilization is threatened by natural and man-made disasters. Some of them are earthquakes, self-inflicted destruction of megacities, environment catastrophes, economic and social crisis. Today there is a massive release of radio activity from a nuclear disposal.

22. "You cannot put a fence around the planet Earth" Is this tone of weakness or self-assertion? Give reason for your answer.

Ans: The tone of the speaker in "You cannot put a fence around the planet Earth" is self-assertion, because the human beings are acting as they own the Earth but its nature is beyond human control.

23. Why were Babu and Manju a bit disappointed with the way the students were marching?

Ans: The students marched back to their homes when the DSP asked them to go back. Manju and Babu thought that the students were scared of the police. According to Babu and Manju the students should have protested. Mohan realised them how the British police provoked the students to be violent. They were not prepared to go to jail.

OR

Taking up mountaineering was not a difficult decision for Dicky Dolma. Justify.

Ans: From her childhood, Dolma was fascinated by the grandeur of the snow-clad peaks of the Himalayas. Beautiful mountain peaks surrounded her house in Palchan. They were the first things she saw every morning when she woke up and this developed in her the zeal and the urge to climb those peaks and savour the breathtaking view from the top.

24. In what way did the absence of mother make Hanif and his brothers responsible?

Ans: The absence of their mother made Hanif and his brother responsible because they had to take care of themselves and do all household works. They learned to cook, clean, study on their own and supported each other which made them disciplined and responsible.

OR

How did the Bird of Happiness bring happiness to the Tibetan villagers?

Ans: The Bird of Happiness gave three loud cries. At the first cry, the golden sun broke through the clouds and a warm breeze came down. At the Second cry, the forest appeared all over the mountains. At the third cry, green rivers and fields came into existence All the people of the village never suffered again from that day.

V. Answer the following questions in 5 - 6 sentences each:

2×3=6

25. Write in your own words how Swami became a hero overnight.

Ans: Swami was sleeping alone in his father's office room to prove he had courage. He was woken up by a rustling sound. In the darkness, he saw something moving towards him. He thought that the devil had come to carry him away. As it came nearer, he crawled out from under the bench. He hugged it with all his might and bit it with his teeth. That moving figure was one of the most notorious housebreakers of the district. The burglar fell among the furniture. The father, cook, and servant caught and handed the burglar to the police, so congratulations were showered on Swami. In this way, Swami became a hero by chance overnight. Swami was congratulated by everyone the next day.

26. The physical appearance of the Jazz player does not match when he plays on his saxophone. Explain.

Ans: An old Jazz musician is standing like a Black Ancient mariner. His old face is wrinkled and weary. His faded blue shirt has turned dark with sweat. His stomach is hanging loosely. His jacket is torn out and his necktie is undone and dropping loosely over the jacket. His shoes are torn and are stuffed with paper to cover the holes. His rough unshaven face shows pain. He stands alone head down, eyes closed and ears perked. An old saxophone hangs across his chest supported from his neck by a wire coat hanger.

The poet describes an old jazz player and how he transforms when he played the music he loves. He gently lifts the saxophone to the parted lips. Suddenly, he is filled with a new life. There is a power in his music which draws people to listen. Once he starts playing music, he is no longer a Black man but a bird which gathers his wings and flies high and higher. He seems to be spreading the message of God through his music.

VI. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow:

4×3=12

27. "I think it's astonishing that a stranger would jump off a train and risk his life for me."

a) Who does 'I' refer to?

Ans: Here 'I' refer to Roma Talreja.

b) Who was a stranger?

Ans: Baleshwar was a stranger.

c) How did the stranger help the speaker?

Ans: Baleshwar jumped off the still moving train. With the help of a tempo truck driver he admitted her to the hospital.

28. "Why should one man have the lives of fifty in his hands?"

(a) Who is the speaker here?

Ans: Diego is the speaker.

(b) Who does 'one man' refer to?

Ans: Columbus is one man here.

(c) What does the speaker mean by this statement?

Ans: Rebellious was his intention. He was not happy with the way Columbus behaved with them. Columbus didn't allow them to go back to their families. They didn't want to continue the voyage.

29. "It is no career for a bright boy."

a) Who made this statement?

Ans: Satish's father Avatar Narain made this statement.

b) What does 'It' refer to?

Ans: It refer to the drawing.

c) What made the speaker think so?

Ans: Because one cannot earn livelihood by the drawing and painting.

30. "In solitary confinement as complete as any gaol."

(a) Who is the speaker of the above words?

Ans: The poet Norman Nicolson is the speaker.

(b) What is referred to as 'solitary confinement'?

Ans: Solitary confinement means the prison.

(c) Why does the speaker say so?

Ans: The speaker would be all alone in his capsule in space. No one would visit him, nor would he have any one to talk to. He would neither write nor receive any letters.

VII. Given below is a profile. Write a paragraph using the clues given below: 1×3=3

31. Name : Mr. Raghavendra
 Education: : B.Sc M.Ed
 Profession : Education Officer
 Age : 55 years
 Height and weight : 5- 4', 55 Kgs
 Family : One son, Engineer and one daughter, Studying MBBS
 Reason for popularity : helpful, best gardener
 Hobbies : gardening, bee-keeping, coin collection

Ans: The paragraph is about Mr. Raghavendra. He has completed his degree in B. Sc and Masters Degree M.Ed. He is working as an education officer. Now he is 55 years old. He is 5-4' height and 55kgs. He has a son, he is an engineer and one daughter she is studying MBBS. He is popular for his helping nature and for his best gardening skills. His hobbies are gardening, bee-keeping and coin collecting.

VIII. Develop the story using the clues given below:

1×3=3

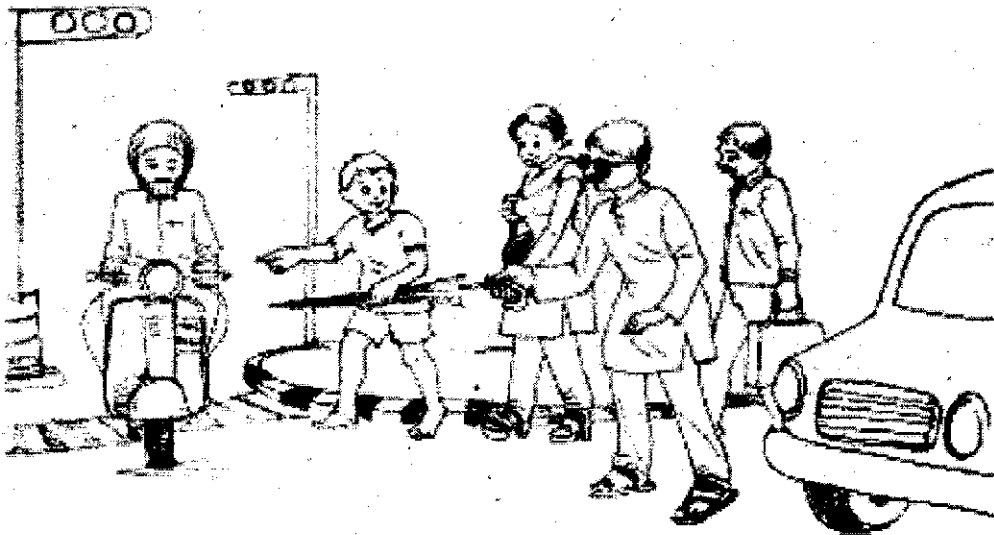
32. Tortoise and hare—argument—race—settle the argument—race started—hare ran fast—slept—tortoise –slowly reached—won the race.

Ans: Once upon a time, a hare and a tortoise had an argument about who was faster. They decided to settle the argument with a race. The race started, and the hare quickly ran fast, leaving the tortoise far behind. Confident of winning, the hare decided to take a nap midway through the race. Meanwhile, the tortoise kept moving slowly and steadily. When the hare woke up, it was too late; the tortoise had already reached the finish line and won the race. The moral of the story is that slow and steady wins the race.

IX. Study the picture given below:

1×3=3

33. Write a description or an account of what the picture suggests to you in a paragraph.



Ans: 'A picture speaks more than thousand words.' I am going to write the description of this picture. This is a message -oriented picture.

In this picture, I can see the road and signal lamps. There are five persons including a young girl and a kid. The kid is going to help the blind person. The boy is using an umbrella as a stick to hold. Behind the blind man, I can see that there is a man moving towards the signal. He is carrying a bag with him. Between the kid and the blind man, a girl can be seen observing the helping nature of the boy. A person can be seen passing the signal on his scooter. He has worn helmet for his safety. We should wear helmet while riding two wheelers. On my right, a car can be seen waiting for the green signal. We also should follow the traffic rules. I like this picture very much.

Alternative question for visually impaired candidates only. (In lieu of Q. No. 33)

Use the following phrasal verbs in sentences of your own:

3×1=3

a) Pick up

Ans: I will pick up my bag before you leave.

b) Pick out

Ans: I picked out a nice dress for my daughter.

c) Pick on

Ans: It is wrong to pick on someone who is quiet.

X. Quote from memory :

1×4=4

34. The quality

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..... that takes.

Ans: The quality of mercy is not strain'd;

It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven

Upon the place beneath. It is twice blest:

It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.

OR

You talk

.....

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..... or night?

Ans: You talk of wondrous things you see,

You say the sun shines bright;

I feel him warm, but how can he

Or make it day or night?

XI. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: 1×4=4 (2 × 2)

35. Artificial Intelligence (AI) refers to the simulation of human intelligence in machines, enabling them to perform tasks that typically require human intelligence. AI encompasses various technologies like machine learning, natural language processing, and robotics. AI systems can analyze vast amounts of data, learn from it, and make predictions or decisions, often exceeding human capabilities in specific tasks. AI is used in numerous applications, including healthcare, finance, entertainment, and transportation, with self-driving cars being a prominent example. AI can automate repetitive tasks, improve decision-making, and enhance efficiency in various industries. One of the main concerns about AI is the potential for job displacement due to automation. Ethical considerations surrounding AI, such as data privacy and bias, are also important areas of focus. The future of AI holds significant potential for both positive transformation and challenges, requiring careful



consideration of its societal impact.

a) How is AI useful for us?

Ans: AI is used in numerous applications, including healthcare, finance, entertainment, and transportation, with self-driving cars being a prominent example. AI encompasses various technologies like machine learning, natural language processing, and robotics. AI systems can analyze vast amounts of data, learn from it, and make predictions or decisions, often exceeding human capabilities in specific tasks.

b) What is one of the main concerns about AI?

Ans: One of the main concerns about AI is the potential for job displacement due to automation.

XII. Answer the following question in about 8 – 10 sentences :

1×4=4

36. The behaviour of Ruskin Bond's grandmother is unusual. Explain.

Ans: In this poem the poet Ruskin Bond beautifully describes his granny's love for trees and childish activities. The poet calls his granny a 'genius' because she could climb tree even at the age of 62. She had learnt it from her loving brother at the age of six. Everybody feared that one day she would have a terrible fall.

It was feared that one day she would fall and suggested her not to climb tree but she didn't stop. one day when she was alone at home, she climbed a tree, but could not come down. She was rescued from the tree top. After rescue, the doctor advised her rest for a week. She felt like she was in hell. She called her son and told him her wish to build and stay in a house on the tree top. He fulfilled her wish. Granny moved to her new house happily and enjoyed her olden days.

OR

Write the summary of the poem 'The Song of India'.

Ans: The Song of India is a beautiful poem written by V K Gokak. In this poem, the poet describes the mother India. This poem is in a form of conversation between the poet and the mother India. The poet goes on asking about what song he would like to sing. He describes about the natural beauty of our country like Himalayas, three oceans and the sunrise looking like gold strikes.

He also describes about our beautiful temples, curved figures on the walls. They tell us story. The poet also remembers our soldiers who sacrifice their lives for the country. He wishes to sing about our seers and prophets who always put us on a right path.

In the end the poet describes the Industrial progress, the dams and lakes which are our pride. He also praises about the steel mills and ship building yards. But mother India doesn't like all these. She asks him to sing about poor people, beggars, lepers, unemployment problem and strikes.

OR

"The spirit of the little maiden saved the life of the sailors." Justify

Ans: It was a dark, stormy night in winter. A ship was out at sea. Huge waves dashed against the ship and the roar of the sea filled the sailors with fear. They crowded together in the cabin. Even the bravest among them could not sleep. They just sat in the darkness and prayed. As the storm continued, the captain too gave up hope and said that nothing could save them. At that point, the captain's little daughter held his hand and quietly asked if God protected them on land, would he not protect them at sea. Her faith in God filled the sailors with a

new hope. By morning, the storm cleared and they reached the harbour safely.

XIII. Write an essay on any one of the followings:

1×4=4

37. a) Air Pollution

Ans: Introduction: Air pollution is one of the most serious environmental problems faced by the world today. It refers to the presence of harmful substances in the air that we breathe. These pollutants can be natural or man-made, and they affect not only human health but also plants, animals, and the entire ecosystem.

Causes: There are many causes of air pollution.

1. The most common cause is the smoke released from vehicles such as cars, buses, and trucks.
2. Factories and industries also release toxic gases and chemicals into the atmosphere.
3. Burning of fossil fuels like coal, petrol, and diesel further increases the amount of harmful gases in the air.
4. In rural areas, burning of agricultural waste and firewood also contributes to air pollution.
5. Natural events such as forest fires and volcanic eruptions can pollute the air as well, though they happen less frequently.

Effects: Air pollution has several harmful effects.

1. When people breathe polluted air, it can lead to health problems such as asthma, lung infections, coughing, and breathing difficulties.
2. It can also cause long-term diseases like lung cancer and heart problems.
3. Air pollution damages crops, reduces soil fertility, and harms animals.
4. It also contributes to global warming and climate change by increasing the amount of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

Remedies: To reduce air pollution, everyone must play a responsible role.

1. Governments should make strict laws to control emissions from industries and vehicles. Public transport, cycling, and carpooling can reduce the number of vehicles on the road.
2. Using cleaner energy sources like solar and wind power can replace fossil fuels.
3. Planting more trees is one of the simplest ways to clean the air, as trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen.
4. People should avoid burning waste and should dispose of garbage properly.

Conclusion: Air pollution is a serious issue that demands immediate attention. If we want a healthy and safe future, we must take steps today to protect our environment. Clean air is essential for life, and it is our duty to keep it pure for ourselves and for future generations

b) Mobile Phones

Ans: Introduction: Mobile phones have become an important part of our daily life. Today, almost every person, including students, uses a mobile phone for communication, learning, and entertainment. With the growth of technology, mobile phones have changed the way we live, study, and connect with others.

Advantages: Mobile phones have many advantages.

1. They help us stay in touch with family and friends through calls, messages, and video chats.
2. Students use phones to access online classes, educational videos, and digital notes.



3. Mobile phones also provide useful tools such as calculators, cameras, maps, and the internet, which make daily tasks easier.
4. In emergencies, mobile phones can save lives by allowing quick communication.

Disadvantages:

1. Many students spend too much time on games, social media, and videos, which affects their studies.
2. Excessive use can cause eye strain, headaches, and lack of sleep.
3. Addiction to mobile phones can reduce physical activity and affect mental health.
4. Misuse of phones, such as cyberbullying or spreading misinformation, can also create problems.

Conclusion: In conclusion, mobile phones are powerful devices that offer many benefits if used properly. They can improve learning and communication, but misuse can lead to serious problems. Responsible and smart use of mobile phones is the key to enjoying their advantages while avoiding their negative effects.

c) Social Media

Introduction: Social media has become an important part of modern life. Platforms like Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, YouTube, and Twitter allow people to share information, communicate instantly, and express their opinions. For students, social media is both helpful and challenging, depending on how it is used.

Advantages:

1. It helps people stay connected with family and friends, even if they live far away.
2. Students can use social media to join study groups, watch educational videos, and learn new skills.
3. News and information spread quickly, helping people stay updated about events happening around the world.
4. Social media also gives individuals a platform to showcase their talents such as singing, dancing, art, or writing.

Disadvantages:

1. Spending too much time on these platforms can affect studies and reduce concentration.
2. Many students become addicted to scrolling, gaming, or chatting, which leads to less physical activity and poor sleep.
3. Social media can also expose young people to cyberbullying, fake news, and harmful content.
4. Sometimes, people compare themselves with others online, which affects their self-confidence and mental health.

Conclusion: social media is a powerful tool that can be useful or harmful depending on how it is used. When used responsibly, it helps in learning, communication, and creativity. But misuse can lead to serious problems. Smart and balanced use of social media is essential for a healthy and productive life.

38. Imagine you are Suhas/ Saritha studying in 10th std, Government High School, Narayanapura.

Write a letter to your cousin Janaki inviting her to attend your brother's birthday.

Ans: Suhas

10th std,

Govt. High school, Narayanpur.

28th Nov. 2025

Dear Janaki,

I am fine with my study. I hope you are doing well. It has been a long time since we met. I am writing a letter to you to invite you to my brother's birthday celebration. We are planning a small party at home on 1st of December at 7pm. There will be games, music, cake cutting ceremony. It would be a great fun if you also join us and make it more special. Please try to attend without fail. Everyone is eagerly waiting to meet you.

Thank You,

Yours loving Cousin

Suhas

OR

Write a letter to the municipal officer to provide drinking water facility in your locality.

From,

Saritha

10th Std,

Govt. High School, Narayanapur.

28th Nov. 2025.

To,

The Muncipal Officer

Narayanapur.

Respected Sir,

Subject: Request to Provide Drinking Water Facility in Our Locality

I, the resident of Vijayanagar of Narayanapur city, would like to bring to your kind notice that our area has been facing a severe shortage of drinking water for the past few weeks. The supply is irregular, and the residents are finding it very difficult to manage daily needs.

We kindly request you to take necessary action at the earliest and provide a proper drinking water facility in our locality. Your timely support will greatly help all the families living here. I hope you will look into this matter and resolve it as soon as possible.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Saritha

