

STATE LEVEL SSLC PREPARATORY EXAMINATION QUESTION

PAPER KEY ANSWER- 2023

FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

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) John and Mary were..... each other.

The correct phrase which can be filled in here is

a) made out b) made of c) made in d) made for

Ans: d) made for

2)cow is..... useful animal.

The appropriate articles to be filled in the blanks are

a) a, an b) the, a c) the, the d) an, a

Ans: b) the, a

3) They loved each other very much,.....

The appropriate question tag to be added is

a) do they? b) didn't they? c) did they? d) don't they?

Ans: b) didn't they?

4) He is man..... a fine sense of humour.

The appropriate preposition to be filled in the blank is

a) of b) for c) with d) at

Ans: c) with

5) Choose the correct one word medical term for the following:

Science of the structure of the human body.

a) anatomy b) pathology c) epidemic d) Urology

Ans: a) Anatomy

6) My legs are pillars.

The figure of speech used here is

a) Simile b) Metaphor c) Personification d) Synecdoche

Ans: b) Metaphor

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

7) Blue: Blew:: Flu:..... Flew

8) Believed: Belief:: Behaved: Behaviour

9) Gallant: Brave:: Imputation: Accusation/ charge/ allegation

10) Co-operation: Non Co-operation:: Finished Unfinished

III. Rewrite as directed: 3x1=3

11) Change the voice of the following sentence:

Pasteur received many honours.

Ans: Many honours were received by Pasteur.

12) Frame a question to get the underlined word as answer:

Humour is mankind's greatest blessing.

Ans: What is mankind's greatest blessing?

13) Rewrite the following sentence into an Exclamatory sentence:

It is very cold.

Ans: How cold it is!

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

14) Egypt is full of life and vegetation. Give reason.

Ans: It is due to Nile river, Egypt is full of life and vegetation.

15) How much money did Della get for her hair?

Ans: Della got twenty dollars for her hair.

16) According to Ruskin Bond which is the best month to visit Mussorie?

Ans: October is the best month to visit Mussorie.

17) What is referred to as "Death's second self?"

Ans: Sleep is referred to as "Death's second self."

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

18) What was Jim's first reaction when he saw Della without her lovely hair?

Ans: Jim returned from his work and he entered his flat. He was very quiet and puzzled. He did not say anything and stood froze.

19) What are bacteria?

Ans: Bacteria are little rod shaped plants which exist in the air, water, soil and animal bodies.

20) What kind of a listener does the father want his son to be?

Ans: Abraham Lincoln wants his son to listen all but not to believe everything he hears. He wants his son to filter all that he hears on a screen of truth.

21) When does love become more strong?

Ans: When it is going to lose someone, at that time love becomes more strong.

22) How has John Masefield summarized about his birth?

Ans: For the mother all her pain and suffering during the birth of her child and for the son who feels that it was because of his birth that his mother died, though partially.

23) Why was a large crowd assembled in the arena?

Ans: A large crowd assembled in the arena because the Pandavas and the Kauravashad to exhibit their proficiency in the use of arms, which they had learnt from theirguru Kripacharya and from Dronacharya.

24) Why did Ulysses and his men enter the habitation of the cyclop?

Ans: Ulysses and his men entered the habitation of the Cyclops because they wanted to travel around when they saw a huge cave which was built with stones and big trees, it was an outlandish cave.

VI. Rewrite as directed: 3x2=6

25) Change the following sentence to the other two degrees of comparison:

Very few materials in the world are as useful as iron.

Ans: Positive: Very few materials in the world are as useful as iron.

Comparative: Iron is more useful than many other materials in the world.

Superlative: Iron is one of the most useful materials in the world.

26) Change the following sentence to reported speech:

“It’s God’s wish that I do not tell you what happened”, said Abhinandan.

Ans: Abhinandan said that it was God’s wish that he did not tell him what happened.

27) Combine the sentences using:

a) As soon as

b) No soonerthan,

Vijay saw the news. He called Sanjay.

Ans: a) As soon as Vijay saw the news, he called Sanjay.

b) No sooner did Vijay see the news than he called Sanjay.

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

28) Explain how water is the basis of all life.

Ans: Water is the basis of all life, each creature and each plant contains a significant amount of free or joined water in its body, and no sort of physiological action is possible in which the fluid doesn't have an essential part, and that implies it helps living things with existing.

29) Describe the effect that the spectacle of the peak had on the poet’s mind after going home.

Ans: When the boy took a boat that was in a rocky cave and moored to a willow tree. He was glad with his act and rowed in river but when he came near a craggy ridge then he saw a huge,

black, threatening peak which was following him. The boy rode the boat back to the cave and rushed back to home but then it was very difficult for him to forget those things and they remained for a long time on poet's mind.

30) What qualities of Daniel Webster does Gandhiji mention?

Ans: According to Gandhiji the qualities of Daniel Webster mentioned that he had a great sense of the heroic and the sublime. He was also very intellectual.

31) How did the hunters kill and carry the bird?

Ans: The hunters killed the bird and treat the body in cruel manner or we consider it as inhuman. They threw dead male crane into a coarse bag as if it was dirty linen in a washing bag. The lifeless body was not respected by the hunters.

32) How does Basavanna explain his devotion and faith in God?

Ans: The temple and the body (Vachana) a beautiful poem, Basavanna tells us that rich man can build temples for Shiva but a poor man cannot afford it. He compares his body as temple, where his legs as pillars, his body as shrine and his head as cupola. He says that things, structures could destroy as passes but the soul which is a part of God cannot destroy, it is eternal.

33) Explain how Anne compares herself to a song-bird.

Ans: Anne compares herself to a song bird because she feels that her wings have been brutally torn out and who is flying in utter darkness against the bars of its own cage.

OR

Explain the two opposing laws talked by Pasteur at the opening ceremony of Pasteur Institute in Paris.

Ans: The first law was of blood and death, opening out each day new methods of destruction, forces nations to be ready for battle. The second law was of peace, work and health, whose aim was to deliver man from the disasters which surround him.

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

34) "What kind of work would you like?"

Ans: Lesson: A wrong man in a workers' paradise

Author: Rabindranath Tagore

Context: The above words were said by silent torrent girl to the wrong man. When she had seen idler then she asked him if he had any work to do. Later she asked him what kind of work would he like. The idler asked the silent torrent girl to give pitch to draw picture on that.

35) "Where are your money and jewels?"

Ans: Lesson: The girl who was Anne Frank

Author: Louis De Jong

Context: The above sentence was said by one of the four Dutch Nazi policemen.

Otto Frank's family and Van Daan's family were hiding in secret place which was known as Annexe. When Adolf Hitler declared anti - Jew decree that time Otto Frank had decided to hide there. Everything was fine until sixteen months. Suddenly on 4th August, 1944, one German and four Dutch Nazi Policemen stormed upstairs and asked them where their money and jewels were.

36) "Go away I've got nothing for you,"

Ans: Lesson: The Pie and The Tart

Author: Hugh Chesterman.

Context: The above sentence was said by M. Gaultier to Pierre. Pierre was starving and he went to M. Gaultier house to beg. Pierre begged M. Gaultier to take pity on him and feed something to eat. M. Gaultier asked him to go another street, as his wife was away and he was busy.

**37) To lead but one measure,
drink one cup of wine.**

Ans: Poem: Lochinvar

Poet: Walter Scott

Context: The above words were said by Lochinvar to Bride's father. Lochinvar had reached Netherby Hall where the wedding of his beloved Ellen about to take place. Bride's father asked Lochinvar why had he come, whether to fight, or dance. Lochinvar replied bride's father that there were so many maidens who wanted to marry him. He had come to Netherby Hall to drink one of wine and dance in the wedding

38) "Good fences make good neighbours."

Ans: Poem: Mending Wall

Poet: Robert Frost

Context: The above words were said by poet's neighbour to the poet. The wall between poet and his neighbor had fallen down, poet did not want fence between them but the poet's neighbor said it was good to have distance between them, so that the relations would remain healthy all the times.

IX. Quote from memory: 1x4=4

39) It was.....

.....

.....

.....**did grow.**

Or

My legs.....

.....

.....

.....**shall stay.**

An:

39) It was angry with my friend;

I told my wrath, my wrath did end,

I was angry with my foe;

I told it not, my wrath did grow.

Or

My legs are pillars,

the body the shrine,

the head a cupola,

of gold.

Listen, O lord of meeting rivers,

things standing shall fall,

but the moving ever shall stay.

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

40) Describe briefly how Buttoo fulfills Drona's wish?

Ans: The great qualities of Buttoo: Buttoo's devotion towards his teacher Dronacharya: Buttoo was dedicated student to his teacher even though his teacher had refused him to teach him science of archery. But Buttoo was completely devoted himself to his teacher. Buttoo's determination to learn science of archery was great quality expressed by him. Buttoo was very humble and modest person and he was not envious of Arjuna as his teacher refused him for Arjuna. Buttoo had given his right hand thumb to his teacher as recompense when he demanded him and he kept his promise, Buttoo was truthful in that occasion. The most important quality of Buttoo was his respect towards his teacher. Buttoo had dedicated his whole life for his teacher.

41) Man of today is an unstoppable buying Machine. Elucidate with examples.

Ans: Man today is an unstoppable buying machine. It is absolutely true which is mentioned by the author. The author brings to the readers to see their own ways of managing money. Is there shopping meeting their essential necessities or would they say they are enjoying superfluous buys? He needs the readers to comprehend why they are shopping and what are they looking for. A case of it would purchase enhanced beverages with no nutritive worth. He considers publicists and huge companies liable for making an enticing business sector where the customers become relentless purchasing machines.

Or

Explain how Pasteur showed, the difference between pure and stale air.

Ans: Pure air is different from stale air; Louis Pasteur had proved this by his experiment with soup in bottles. He kept soup bottles in three different areas, one in hotel bed room, second in field and third on mountain. He found that the soup in hotel was completely moldy, the soup in field somewhat was moldy and there were no germs in soup which he had kept on high mountain. Hence, he proved that pure air had no germs comparing stale air.

42) How does “uncertainty and disorganization” among the ranks of the invaders add to the humour?

Ans: There was a great deal of vulnerability and disorder. At the point when the ball hit by the smithy, which had taken off high uncertain, started it's respectable, all the fielders started rushing to get under it to get it. There was no understanding among the fielders. They continued taking a gander at the ball and not at different fielders running, not one of them seemed, by all accounts, to be mindful that any other person existed. All ran together, ran into one another and tumbled down. The way that the entirety of the players was running from their situations to get one ball add to the humor. This disarray was aggravated by the conflicting directions given by Hodge.

Or

How did Anne's Diary open the eyes of Germans to the Viciousness of racialpersecution?

Ans: Anne's Diary received a remarkable response from the German audience. Packed audiences received the tragedy of Anne Frank in silence heavy with remorse. After the war, it was assessed, of the many Jews extradited from the Netherlands somewhere only few endure. An expected some Jews stayed in the Netherlands, with numerous individuals helped by the Dutch underground. Anne's journal gave them Knowledge into a universe of annihilation from the perspective of a youngster caught in a horrible world. An expression of scorn that ought to have destroyed her soul, however actually, it did something contrary to Anne and she clutched her expectation in humankind more emphatically than any time in recent memory.

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

2x2=4

Aksionov was a handsome, fair-haired, curly-headed fellow, full of fun, and very fond of singing. When quite young he had been given to drink, and was riotous when he had too much; but after he married he gave up drinking, except now and then.

One summer Aksionov was going to the Nizhny fair, and he bade good-bye to this family, his wife said to him, "Ivan Dmitrich, do not start, I have had a bad dream about you". Aksionov laughed and said "you are afraid when I get to the fair. I shall go on a spree." His wife replied "I do not know what I am afraid of; all I know is that I had a bad dream. I dreamt you returned from the town and when you took off your cap, I saw that your hair was quite grey."

Aksionov laughed "that's a lucky sign," said he "see if I don't sell out all my goods, and bring you some presents from the fair."

Questions:

43) a) Describe Aksionov's character and appearance.

Ans: He "was a handsome, fair-haired, curly headed fellow, full of fun, and very fond of singing." He used to drink but had changed his ways and became a goodman. He was accused of murdering a fellow merchant and robbing him. Even though he maintained his innocence, he was convicted of the crime and sent to prison.

b) What did Aksionov's wife say about her bad dream?

Ans: Aksionov's wife said that she did not know what she was afraid of; all she knew was that she had a bad dream. She dreamt that he returned from the town, and when he took off his cap, he had seen that his hair was quite grey."

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

1x5=5

44) a) Environmental pollution

Ans: We have been exposed to an environment where resources were plentiful. Hence there is a lack of appreciation for these resources that are easily accessible. Environment is a valuable endowment of nature. It comprises of the air we inhale, the water which we drink, the earth on which we live. Environment pollution is the negative adjustment of our environmental factors, completely or to a great extent as are sult of man's activities, through immediate or roundabout impacts of changes in energy designs, radiation levels, synthetic and actual constitution. Pollution can happen in water, soil or air when substances delivered into them are past their ability of absorption.

Water is the most important and valuable component in our life. Water is needed in huge amounts for modern purposes while the waste is later unloaded in streams or into the ocean. Network squanders, for example, sewage and trash from metropolitan settlements are released into streams. Water that streams on the outside of developed fields where composts, pesticides, bug sprays and other agrochemicals are utilized, contributes a lot to the contamination of water. The earth is made up of 30% land and 70% water, the water bodies includes oceans, rivers, streams, ponds, lakes, glaciers and underground water. Changing our outlook is the most important objective of every citizen to conserve water.

OR

b) Importance of Mass Media.

Ans: Mass media is very important in everyone's life. Today our life is brimming with mass media. Our day starts with a newspaper delivered to us with our morning cup of tea. A few of us switch on to radio or television while preparing for the afternoon and attempt to retain the most recent developments since the newspaper went to bed the previous evening. Both on radio and television commercials are sandwiched between news things and melodies songs as the case may be. These advertisements attempt to impact our minds about what we ought to eat, drink, wear or purchase overall.

They even caution us against sicknesses like remind us about polio drops, HIV AIDS, illuminate us about upcoming movies and motivate our thinking in a subtle way. Before leaving to venturing out from home for the day a few of us check and answer our messages like we used to see our post boxes.

XIII. Imagine you are Shiny/ Sharon studying in Government High School, Indiranagar, Bangalore.

45) Write a letter to your friend describing the 75th Independence Day celebration in your school.

Ans:

Shiny

Government High School,

Indira nagar

Bangalore

27th February, 2023

Dear Pooja,

Wish you happy 75th Independence Day. You have wanted to know how we observed our 75th Independence Day in our school.

We observed the 75th Independence Day of our country at our school within credible ceremony and magnificence. We remained in rows in the school ground which was well brightened with little banners and trims. The Guest-in-chief on this occasion was our District Commissioner. The National Flag was hoisted by our President of school. We all saluted the flag and sang our national anthem in melody.

Pass my best respects on to your parents and love to your siblings.

Yours truly,

Sd/-

Shiny

To,

Pooja Biradar,

Rajkumar layout,

Mysore

Imagine you are Sunitha/ Suman of Government High School, Mysore.

Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper expressing your concern on uncontrolled increase in prices of essential goods.

Ans:

Suman

Government High School,

Mysore

27th February, 2023

The Editor,

Deccan Herald,

Mysore

Respected sir,

Subject: Uncontrolled increase in prices of essential goods.

I, Suman would like to draw your kind attention towards subject mentioned above that inconveniences caused by the high price rise of essential goods

The costs of essential goods are ascending huge amounts at a time. This is bringing a lot of hardship to the people. Now, such price – hike is totally unexpected and this is the gravest problem which our country faces now. The worst affected people are those who live below the poverty line. The main reason for this price-rise is the artificial scarcity of goods made by dishonest businessman. Thus, I think the Government should take necessary steps against the hoarders and black marketers to bring down the price-rise of commodities in the market.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Suman