



DIET MALAPPURAM & VIJAYABHERI MALAPPURAM

SSSLC PRE- MODEL EXAMINATION , MARCH 2022



SET-3

ENGLISH

Second Language

Time: 2 ½ hours

Total Score : 80

Instructions:

- 20 minutes is given as cool-off time
- Use cool off time to read the questions and to plan your answers.
- Attempt the questions according to the instructions.
- Keep the scores and the time in the mind while answering the questions.
- Maximum Score will be 80

Part I

A. Questions 1 – 6 Read the passage and answer ANY FOUR questions that follow: (4 x 1 = 4)

My first friend and familiar was a small grey squirrel. Arching his back and sniffing into the air, he seemed at first to resent my invasion of his privacy. But, when he found that I did not arm myself with a catapult or air-gun, he became friendlier. And, when I started leaving him pieces of cake and biscuit, he grew bolder, and finally became familiar enough to take food from my hands. Before long he was delving into my pockets and helping himself to whatever he could find. He was a very young squirrel, and his friends and relatives probably thought him headstrong and foolish for trusting a human.

In the spring, when the banyan tree was full of small red figs, birds of all kinds would flock into its branches, the red-bottomed bulbul, cheerful and greedy; gossiping rosy pastors; and parrots and crows, squabbling with each other all the time. During the fig season, the banyan tree was the noisiest place on the road.

1. Why did the squirrel resent the invasion of the boy?
2. How did the boy make friends with the squirrel?
3. What did the friends and relatives think about the young squirrel?
4. How was the condition of the banyan tree in the spring season?
5. How did the tree become the noisiest place on the road in the spring season?
6. Pick out a word from the passage that means ‘quarreling and exchanging words’.

B. Questions 7 - 10 Read the following lines from 'Blowin' in the Wind' and answer ALL the questions given below: (4 x 1 = 4)

How many roads must a man walk down

Before you call him a man?

How many seas must a white dove sail

Before she sleeps in the sand?

Yes, and how many times the cannon balls must fly

Before they're forever banned?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind

The answer is blowin' in the wind.

7. When do you call a man, 'a man'?
8. Why should the cannon balls be banned?
9. What is the irony of white dove imagery sleeping in the sand?
10. The answer is blowin' in the wind'. What does this line indicate?

Part II

A. QUESTIONS 11 – 15 Read the following lines taken from the poem 'Mother to Son' written by Langston Hughes and answer ANY THREE of the questions that follow: (3 x 2 = 6)

The birds around me hopped and played,
Their thoughts I cannot measure
But the least motion which they made
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

The budding twigs spread out their fan,
To catch the breezy air;
And I must think, do all I can,
That there was pleasure there

If this belief from heaven be sent,
If such be Nature's holy plan,
Have I not reason to lament
What man has made of man?

11. What is the least motion that the birds created?
12. Why do the budding twigs spread out their fan?
13. What is the pleasure in the inhaling of breeze?
14. What is the holy plan of the nature?
15. Write down the rhyme scheme of the poem.

B. Questions 16 – 18 Read the following passage and answer ANY TWO questions that follow. (2 x 2 = 4)

The battle of the gods and demons began in the evening. The roaring storm, the pouring rain, the bludgeoning thunder and lightning and the black clouds all took their part. The Ganges was furious and one could hear nature's screams, sighs and groans everywhere.

In one of the river side houses of Chandernagore, an endless verbal battle was going on between Sharat and his wife Kiran about her staying in the house. Kiran fell seriously ill making everyone in her native village terribly anxious. The whole village advocated for a change necessary for her and to be taken to her own home. But Sharat and his mother gave more importance to their darling than the wisdom of the village.

16. Who are all in the battle field? Do you think it is a real battle?
17. Why did Kiran come to the Ganges? Why Sharath and Kiran were in verbal battle?
18. What did the villagers advocate? What was the opinion of the mother?

PART III

A. Answer ANY THREE questions from 19 to 23. Each carries 4 scores. (3 x 4 = 12)

19. Complete the conversation suitably

Principal : You didn't speak to your grandfather,.....?

Martha: Yes I did speak with him.

Principal : Good. So?

Martha: No, he will not pay.

Principal : Didn't you inform him the decision of the board?

Martha: Yes. But he said then it won't be a scholarship,?

Principal : let me speak with the board. This year.....

Martha: Thank you very much Sir.

20. The errors in the passage are marked. Edit them suitably

It was a hot summer night of (a) ten o' clock. I had my meal by (b) the restaurant and returned to my room. I heard a noise from above as I opened the door. The sound was a familiar one. One could say when(c) rats and I shared the room. I out took (d) my box of matches and lighted the kerosene lamp on the table.

21. Use the correct phrasal Verbs from the brackets and substitute with the underlined words
(beat down, get to see, Take home, put in bag, take away, throw out)

No one can beat Hollywood when it comes to making films with animals in them. Later, we watched three or four other films with a collie called Lassie. It seemed that the director could make Lassie do just about anything. These trained dogs were famous stars in their own rights, and the money they earned was no less than what a real film star got. Their owners could easily make as much as a hundred thousand rupees from just one film.

22. Fill in the missing words in the passage using the given words
(in, because, under, that, with)

But I also had grandfathers who died /(a) refugee camps. My cousin Polle died /(b) he could not get adequate healthcare. One of my closest friends, Okoloma, died in a plane crash because our fire trucks did not have water. I grew up /(c) repressive military governments /(d) devalued education, so that sometimes, my parents were not paid their salaries.

23. Analyse the following sentences and answer the questions as per the instructions:

- i) *He moved back and looked out to the window*
- ii) *Martha asked grandpa for money but he refused to give it.*
- iii) *The man brought a hundred ravens with him.*

- (a) Identify the prepositional phrase in sentence i.
- (b) Write a sentence similar to the pattern of sentence ii
- (c) Identify the Noun Phrase and Verb Phrase in sentence iii
- (d) Make a sentence similar to sentence i.

B. Answer ANY ONE question from 24 to 25. Each carries 4 scores. (1 x 4 = 4)

24. Given below is a table showing the sales report of different bikes during 2019 and 2020. Study the report and answer the questions that follow.

Branch	2020	2020 Growth	2019	2019 Growth
Pulsar	153025	18.8	191942	14
Royal Enfield	199847	11.5	194412	10.2
Unicorn	182610	13	20610	9.1
Glamour	145602	11	121321	8
CT 100	110254	7.5	115897	7.3
Others	454799	33	565520	35.1

- (a) Which of the bikes recorded the highest sale rate in 2019?
- (b) Which of the bikes shows the highest growth rate in 2020?
- (c) How many Glamour Bikes were sold in 2019?
- (d) Which is the least sold bike in 2010?

25. Read the passage and answer the questions given below

Mirrors have been used since ages. It is said that Archimedes used huge mirrors to focus the heat of the sun's rays on enemy ships to burn them. Astronomers use huge concave mirrors to focus starlight. The mirrors used in telescopes are polished by giving a thin coat of silver or aluminum to the glass. With the telescopes, astronomers can see the heavenly bodies, but even without the telescopes one can see the moon. A full moon shining overhead is a beautiful sight. But it is also a puzzle, because if the sun and the moon both give the same light, then why is the moonlight more pleasant? The reason is that the moon reflects very little sunlight, in fact, only seven percent of the light it receives. Fresh snow is the best reflector of sunlight in nature. The bright light reflected by it can dazzle and harm your eyes. Mountaineers, therefore, use dark glasses.

1. How did Archimedes use mirror against enemies?
2. Why do the astronomers use the concave mirror?
3. Why is the moonlight more pleasant?
4. Why do the mountaineers use dark glasses?

PART IV

A. Answer ANY THREE questions from 26 to 29. Each carries 6 scores. (3 x 6 = 18)

26. Martha, after everything is solved in favour of her grade, writes a letter to her sister about what all happened. Draft the likely letter.

27. Sathyajith Ray was very much happy after the successful ending of the shooting. He wrote down the experience in his diary. Prepare the diary

28. Read the following lines from the poem "Mother to Son" and prepare a note of appreciation

Well, son, I'll tell you:
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.
It's had tacks in it,
And splinters,
And boards torn up,
And places with no carpet on the floor—
Bare.

29. Satyajit Ray has been visiting your school as a chief guest to inaugurate the film festival. Students are given a chance for an interaction with him. Prepare 6 questions to ask Ray.

B. Questions 30 – 32 Answer ANY TWO questions.

(2 x 6 = 12)

30. On the way to the post office Vanka happened to meet a police officer who approached the poor boy and inquires about his reason for coming out in such a late time. Prepare a likely conversation.

31. Prepare a profile of WB Yeats using the hints given below.

Birth	:	1865
Death	:	1939
Nationality	:	Irish
Awards	:	Nobel Prize for literature in 1923
Major Works	:	Inspired poetry, The Tower (1928), The Winding Stair, Other Poems (1929)

32. English club of your school is inviting film director Majid Majidi as the chief guest to the English Day celebration. As the secretary of the club prepare the likely notice giving all the necessary details of the programme.

PART V

A. Questions 33 – 35 Answer ANY TWO questions.

(2 x 8 = 16)

33. Shooting animals in film is very risky. The great Indian Film Maker Satyajit Ray had experimented on it in the film Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne. Narrate how he shot the film with tiger.

[Hints: inspiration from the hollywood movies – his wish to shoot an animal in one of his films – approaches the circus company for a tiger – manager and Mr. Thorat – Experience in first spell – chaos in the shooting site – failed camera – retaking and successful ending]

34. Martha got a chance to address the school assembly after she received the scholarship jacket. Prepare the speech for her.

[Hints: Her journey from 1 to 8 the grades, her family, grandfather, issues that she happened to eavesdrop, argument between the teachers, Meeting with the principal, Grandfather's view point]

35. The lesson “The Best Investment I Ever Made” is conveying a lot of values to the reader. Prepare a review of the story concentrating on the main theme of the story

[Hints: Helping in need, downtrodden people, Justice to the deserving, Confession is a punishment, Giving hand and guide youngsters]