SSLC EXAMINATION 2022 ENGLISH – ANSWER KEY BY ANOOP SEBASTIAN, HST(ENG)PTCM HIGH DCHOOL **KUNDUTHODE** 1 The boy felt that the banyan tree was his domain as the Grandfather, at the age of sixty five could no longer climb it. 2 The grandmother used to tease the grandfather by talking about the countess of Desmond who fell down from an apple tree and died 3 Dehra 4 The boy said that the banyan tree was older than the house, older than grandfather and as old as the town of Dehra. 5 The spreading branches of the banyan tree, which curved to the ground and took root again formed a maze of arches 6 Domain The people referred here are the ones who do not have freedom / the oppressed people 8 9 It shows the indifference of the man towards the suffering people 10 The man pretends that he is not seeing the sufferings of the common people The black mother is the speaker and she is giving an advice to her son. 11 12 Boards were torn up and without carpet / the stair had tacks and splinters 13 The stair is a metaphor for the mother's life. Here it hints at her poverty or lack of luxuries of the mother 14 Turning corners and going in the dark 15 There ain't been no light because it's dark. It shows the moments in life when we are hopeless 16 He picked up the bundle of nan and looked for the bag/ looked at Akbar with guilt, Ran away. 17 Ali puts his hand and then his head in the gap between the boxes of vegetables searching for the bag of shoes 18 Annoyed, bangs his fist on the pile of boxes / what the hell are you doing? Are you crazy? 19 a.Take off / took off b. Put up with c. Lay down/ laid down d. Got up 20 a. Were b. Played c. That d. Had come 21 a. Did you? b. What happened?/ what did you see? c. Did the mongoose kill it? d. It would have attacked us 22 a. With

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