

SSLC Examination, March 2018

ENGLISH

Answer Key

Q 1- 6

1. The narrator could not participate in sports at school because she could not afford to pay the registration fees, uniform costs and other expenses of trips out of town.
2. The clause, “even though our family was quite agile and athletic there would never be a school sports jacket for us” tells us that the narrator was athletic by nature.
3. No student was interested in the class, everybody was in a mood of leaving the school and wanted to speed up the last few weeks as they were close to the graduation.
4. The narrator was very thin without any curve anywhere in her body.
5. The intended word is “agile”. {‘*Agile*’ is an adjective meaning ‘*able to move quickly*’. In the question, ‘*the ability to move quickly*’ refers to a noun form and then the single word should be ‘*agility*’ but there is no such a noun form in the passage.}
6. The narrator’s nick names were ‘beanpole’ and ‘string bean’.

Q 7 -10

7. The “I” in the poem is referred to a mother who is the speaker of the poem representing the black Afro-American women.
8. The speaker compares her life to a crystal stair.
9. The speaker’s advice to her son is not to turn back even if he has to face many troubles in climbing the stairs of his life.
10. The speaker had to face many obstacles and miseries in her life. But she was very bold and determined to meet and surmount all the difficulties and was ready to work hard to succeed in life.
11. (Write a brief appreciation of the poem)
12. The women or girls in the family usually did all the house-work in the past.
13. Washing up, preparing breakfast or attending babies were certain household work never done by men in the past.
14. The whole family viewed that the male child could not or should not clean, mend, wash, cook or make bed.

15. Even the male doctors, barristers or manager are now proud and boastful of working in kitchen or nursery and washing clothes and personal linen. Boys are more often expected to help their mothers now.
16. Shortage of domestic servants and unavailability of girls as they are either going to school or factories are some of the reasons that changed men's attitude towards household work.
17. Dr. Amartya Sen was given the *Bharat Ratna* for his contributions in **Economics in the year 1999**.
18. The playback singer who was awarded the *Bharat Ratna* in 2001 is **Lata Mangeshkar**.
19. **Nelson Mandela** was awarded the *Bharat Ratna* for his contributions to International politics **in 1990**.
20. The sports person who was given the *Bharat Ratna* **in 2014 is Sachin Tendulkar**.
21. The former President of India was awarded the *Bharat Ratna* **in 2014** for his contributions in **Science and Technology**.

Q 22 (*The Pain behind 'Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne'* - Write-up)

Q23 (*From Brink of Death* -Narrative)

Q24 (Diary Entry)

Q25 (Notice – *Back to Woods*)

Q26 (Dialogue)

Q 27

Majid Majidi

Majid Majidi is an Iranian film director, producer and screenwriter. He was born on 17 April 1959 in Tehran, Iran. His notable works or films are *The Color of Paradise*, *The Songs of Sparrows*, *Children of Heaven* etc. He has won many international awards and honours for his works. In 1999 he won the Grand Pix of America Best Award. In the year 1998 he was nominated for the prestigious Academy Award. In the field of Iranian feature film arena Majid Majidi is still an active figure.

Q 28 (Letter – A friendly letter)

Q 29 (A Paragraph)

Q 30 (Character sketch of Think-Tank)

Q 31 (A Report)

Q 32 (a) don't you? (b) What happened?/ What is the reason/problem?

(c) Did it bite you? / Did it do anything harmful? (d) it would have bitten me.

(d) change the house. / find another house. / not go there.

Q 33 (a) in (b) had kept (c) find (d) were

Q 34 Adichie asked Fide's mother who had made that basket.

Fide's mother replied that Fide's brother had made it.

Q35 (a) in (b) that (c) and (d) the

Q36 (a) put up with (b) pulled down (c) gave up (d)

Q 37 'had been serving the Zhivarev family' (VP)

'was growing old'. (VP)

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