



## SSLC PRE-MODEL EVALUATION, JANUARY - 2023

Time: 1½ Hrs.

ENGLISH

Score: 40

**Questions 1 – 4: Read the excerpt from ‘The Best Investment I Ever Made’ and answer the questions that follow:**

A long bar of silence throbbed in the little attic when he concluded this halting confession. Then, gruffly, the sergeant asked how much he had stolen, Seven pounds ten shillings- the answer sounds pitiful. For this paltry sum, he he had almost thrown away his life.

There was a pause. The three of us, the sergeant, the landlady, and me, as the sole witnesses of the near tragedy, had the same unspoken thought in our minds. We decided to give the young man a fresh start.

The sergeant, at considerable risk to his job, resolved to make no report upon the case, so that no court proceedings would result. The landlady offered a month’s free board until he should upon his feet again, While I, making perhaps the least contribution, came forward with seven pounds ten shillings for him to put back in the office safe.

1. How much money did the young man steal? 1
2. How did the sergeant help the young man? 1
3. What was the best investment made by the narrator? 1
4. Pick out a word from the passage which means ‘in a deep, rough and unfriendly manner’. 1

**Question 6 – 9 Read the given lines from ‘The Ballad of Father Gilligan’ and answer the questions below.**

Once while he nodded in a chair  
At the moth-hour of the eve  
Another poor man sent for him,  
And he began to grieve.

5. When did Father Gilligan sit nodding in the chair? 1
6. What is meant by moth-hour? 1
7. Who sent for the priest? 1
8. Identify an instance of visual image from the above lines. 1
9. Write **an appreciation of the poem ‘Poetry’** focussing on the theme, imagery and other poetic devices. 4

**Questions 10- 13 Read the given text and answer the questions that follow.**

4 × 1 = 4

No one knows exactly where or when cricket began, but it is most likely that it began as a children’s game in England, and was played only by children for many centuries, It is believed that the game was invented by Children who belonged to the farming families of south-east England. They would play in grass clearing or areas grazed by sheep. A matted lump of sheep’s wool, or even a stone or lump of wood, would be used as ball, a stick or some other farm tool would serve as the bat, and a gate or tree stump would be used for the wicket. The earliest written reference to the game was in 1598, where it was called ‘Creeckett’.

10. Where is cricket believed to have started?
11. Who were the earlier players of cricket?
12. In which year was the earliest written reference to cricket made?
13. What was the game called at that time?

**Questions 14-15 Answer any ONE of the following.**

1 × 6 = 6

14. The doctor in the story ‘The Best Investment I Ever Made’ was excited when he met Mr John after a long time. He narrates the whole incident to his friend after a while. Prepare the likely **narrative**.

15. Martha in her thanksgiving speech describes how she overcame the problems she faced in winning the scholarship jacket. Prepare the likely **speech** of Martha.

**Questions 16-18 answer any TWO of the following:**

2 × 5 = 10

16. Prepare a **profile** of Pablo Neruda using the hints given below. Don’t forget to use linkers and cohesive devices wherever necessary.

Birth	:	12 July 1904
Place of Birth	:	Parral, Chile
Nationality	:	Chilean
Famous as	:	poet, diplomat, politician, the national poet of Chile
Major Works	:	20 Love Poem, 100 Love Sonnets, The Hands of the Day, The Yellow Heart.
Awards	:	Lenin Peace Prize (1953), Nobel prize for literature (1971)
Death	:	23 September 1973, Santiago, Chile

17. Drug-addiction and alcoholism are major social issues today. The Anti-Drugs Club of your school has decided to organise a programme in the school campus to make the public aware of the dangers of these issues. As you are the secretary of the club, prepare a **NOTICE** for the programme including all the relevant details.

18. Complete the conversation suitably.

John	:	Sir, you are a doctor,.....(a).....?
Doctor	:	Yes. ....(b).....?
John	:	I am John. You saved me from a suicide attempt.
Doctor	:	Oh! Now I remember you.
John	:	If you had not come on time that day, .....(c).....
Doctor	:	.....(d).....?
John	:	I went to New York to visit the juvenile homes there.
Doctor	:	.....(e).....?
John	:	Yes, I stay in London.
Doctor	:	I’m very happy to meet you.

19. Read the passage given below and fill in with suitable phrasal verbs given in brackets.

3 × 1 = 3

It was the time for my PE class. I had to **remove** (a) my uniform and **wear** (b) PE shorts to go to the playground. I **started** (c) towards my classroom to take the shorts.

went out    put on    take off    put down    set out
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20. Complete the passage choosing suitable words given below.

3 × 1 = 3

Then one Saturday, we went .....(a).....his village.....(b).....his mother showed us .....(c).....beautifully patterned basket.

of    a    and    to
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21. Identify the verb phrase from the following sentences.

2 × 1 = 2

- a. I couldn’t believe those words.
- b. Mr. John spoke with real feeling.