

Karnataka SSLC Model Question Paper 2025

(English - Second Language)

Paper Set 1 Answer Key

Section I: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) (4 × 1 = 4 marks)

1. Joritha comes to school regularly, *doesn't she?* (A)
2. Language function for the underlined sentence: (C) *Giving advice*
3. Conditional sentence completion: *If you had suggested earlier, I would have watched it.* (B)
4. Passive voice transformation: *A car is being purchased by me.* (D)

Section II: Grammar (12 × 1 = 12 marks)

5. Two-syllable word: *Colour*
6. Collocation: *Twinkling star*
7. Part of speech of 'water' in the sentence: *Noun*
8. Article: *Raveesh is a famous doctor.*
9. Preposition: *Raghu goes to school on foot.*
10. Linker: *Should we go to Hubli by train or bus?*
11. Tense form: *Vishwanath works in a Government school.*
12. Word form: *The officer gave his resignation letter to his boss.*
13. Sentence using 'Brush' as a verb: *I brush my teeth twice a day.*
14. Comparative degree: *Bengaluru is costlier than any other city in Karnataka.*
15. Reported speech: *Girish said to Manu that he had met his friend the previous day.*
16. Framing a question: *How many times a week does Peter wash his clothes?*

Section III: Editing (1 × 2 = 2 marks)

17. *Ravindra thought for a moment and ran quickly to help his friend.*

Section IV: Short Answer Questions (7 × 2 = 14 marks)

18. *Swami was honoured by his classmates, teachers, and headmaster. His classmates looked at him with admiration, his teacher praised him, and the headmaster called him a true scout for catching the burglar.*
19. *Ambedkar's thirst for books: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar spent hours reading books, even skipping meals. His extensive reading shaped his intellectual abilities and helped him draft the Indian Constitution.*
20. *Smita's attempt to fulfill Anant's wish: Smita approached Pandit Ravi Shankar and convinced him to perform for Anant, who was terminally ill and a passionate sitar enthusiast.*
21. *Scientists as practical people: Keilis Borok states that scientists apply their knowledge to real-life problems, like predicting earthquakes and developing new technologies.*
22. *Jazz player's feelings while playing music: The Jazz musician expresses his struggles and emotions through music, reflecting both his pain and resilience.*
23. *Why were Babu and Manju disappointed? The students in the protest march were marching sluggishly, which disappointed Babu and Manju. OR*
Dicky Dolma's preparation for Everest: She trained rigorously, maintaining physical fitness and overcoming financial constraints before climbing Mount Everest.
24. *Haneef's hardships in early life: After losing his father, Haneef took on responsibilities at a young age, but his determination led him to become a pilot. OR*
Wangjia's hardships: Wangjia faced extreme weather and hunger in his journey to find the Bird of Happiness but remained determined.

Section V: Long Answer Questions (2 × 3 = 6 marks)

25. **Baleshwar's bravery:** He jumped off a moving train to save Roma, carried her to safety, and ensured she received medical help, showcasing selflessness.
26. **Mother Earth's feelings in 'I Am the Land':** The poem shows Mother Earth as patient and enduring despite human exploitation and destruction.

Section VI: Extract-Based Questions (4 × 3 = 12 marks)

27. **"We would buy, and the money was ready."**
a) 'We' refers to the narrator and his family.
b) They were buying land from Don Anselmo.
c) Don Anselmo refused to sell the trees that grew on the land.
28. **"He is under treatment and will soon be fine!"**
a) The speaker is Anant's doctor.
b) This statement was made when Anant's family was worried about his health.
c) The tone is reassuring but uncertain.
29. **"There are limits to patience, Sir."**
a) The speaker is the lawyer in 'Quality'.
b) He said this when the Gessler brothers' business was declining.
c) It was said when mass production overtook handmade shoes.
30. **"With tea cups circling round me like the planets round the sun."**
a) The speaker is the office boy in 'The Discovery'.
b) He experiences this at his workplace.
c) The tea cups symbolize his continuous work and burden.
31. **Sharad Kumar** was born on March 1, 1992, in Muzaffarpur, Bihar. He graduated in Political Science and International Relations. Despite having impaired muscle power, he excelled in high jump. He won a bronze medal at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics and a silver at the 2020 Paris Paralympics. His determination and dedication made him an inspiring

figure in Indian athletics

32. *The Greedy Dog*

Once upon a time, there was a hungry dog wandering through a village in search of food. After a long search, he finally found a juicy bone near a butcher's shop. Delighted, he grabbed the bone in his mouth and ran away to enjoy it in peace.

As he crossed a small bridge over a river, he happened to look down and saw his reflection in the water. Thinking it was another dog with a bigger bone, he became greedy. He wanted that bone too. Without realizing that it was just his reflection, he opened his mouth to bark at the "other dog."

The moment he opened his mouth, his own bone slipped from his jaws and fell into the river. The dog watched helplessly as the bone sank into the water, beyond his reach. He tried to get it back, but it was too late.

Sad and disappointed, the greedy dog learned a valuable lesson. He walked away with a heavy heart, realizing that in his greed, he had lost the only bone he had.

Moral: Greed leads to loss. Be content with what you have.

33. *Picture Description*

The image depicts a deforested area where trees have been cut down, leaving the land barren. The absence of greenery highlights the impact of deforestation on the environment. Without trees, the land appears dry, and the ecosystem is disturbed. Deforestation leads to soil erosion, loss of biodiversity, and climate change. This picture serves as a reminder of the importance of planting trees and preserving forests. Sustainable forestry practices and afforestation efforts can help restore balance to nature. It is crucial to take responsibility and contribute to environmental conservation for future generations.

34. Quote from Memory

Option 1: From 'Quality of Mercy'

*The throned monarch better than his crown;
His scepter shows the force of temporal power,
The attribute to awe and majesty,
Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings.*

OR

Option 2: From 'My Day or Night'

*My day or night myself I make,
Whene'er I sleep or play;
And could I ever keep awake,
With me 'twere always day.*

35. Comprehension Answer

- (a) The farmer could afford to stay in the expensive hotel because he had won a lot of money.
- (b) The head waiter was surprised because the farmer had tied his table napkin around his neck, which was unusual and inappropriate in such a high-class restaurant.

36. Poetry Interpretation

Option 1: Grandma Climbs a Tree

In the poem *Grandma Climbs a Tree*, the poet Ruskin Bond describes his adventurous grandmother who loved climbing trees despite her old age. Her deep connection with nature is evident as she finds joy in tree climbing. When she falls sick, she requests a treehouse instead of staying in bed, showing her strong-willed nature. This reflects her love for freedom and independence. The poem humorously conveys the idea that age is just a number when it comes to passion and enthusiasm for life.

OR

Option 2: Ballad of the Tempest

The poem *Ballad of the Tempest* describes the emotions of sailors caught in a storm. The poet creates a dramatic and tense atmosphere where the sailors fear for their lives as the violent sea threatens to destroy their ship. However, amidst the danger, they find comfort in the presence of their captain, who remains strong and fearless. The poem highlights themes of courage, faith, and the power of leadership during adversity.

OR

Option 3: Song of India

In *Song of India*, the poet expresses deep admiration for Mother India and praises its beauty, culture, and contributions to the world. The poem presents a dialogue between the poet and the country, where the poet seeks to glorify India's achievements, but the country reminds him of its struggles and hardships. The poem emphasizes the importance of recognizing both the country's past struggles and future aspirations, inspiring patriotism and responsibility.

37. Essay Writing

(a) Social Evils

Social evils are deep-rooted issues in society that hinder progress and equality. Some common social evils include child labor, gender discrimination, caste system, and corruption. These problems create disparities and limit opportunities for marginalized communities.

Education plays a vital role in eradicating these evils. The government and society must work together to promote awareness, enforce laws, and encourage social harmony. By fostering equality and justice, we can build a better and more

inclusive world for future generations.

OR

(b) Ban on Plastic

Plastic pollution is one of the biggest environmental concerns today. Plastic waste clogs drains, pollutes water bodies, and harms marine life. Since plastic is non-biodegradable, it remains in the environment for years, causing severe damage. Many countries have imposed bans on plastic to reduce pollution. People should use eco-friendly alternatives like cloth bags and biodegradable materials. Awareness campaigns and strict implementation of plastic bans are necessary to make our planet cleaner and safer.

OR

(c) Environmental Pollution

Environmental pollution is a major threat to life on Earth. Air pollution from industries and vehicles, water pollution from waste disposal, and soil pollution from chemicals are affecting human health and wildlife. Deforestation and excessive use of natural resources further worsen the situation. To combat pollution, afforestation, waste management, and renewable energy sources must be promoted. Governments and individuals must work together to reduce pollution and protect the environment for future generations.

38. **Letter Writing**

Option 1: Invitation to a Friend for School Day Function

Government High School,

Jayanagar, Tumkur.

Date: [Insert Date]

Dear [Friend's Name],

I hope you are doing well. I am excited to inform you that our school is organizing its Annual School Day function on [Insert Date] at [Venue].

There will be various cultural performances, speeches, and awards

distribution. It would be a pleasure to have you as my special guest to enjoy the event together.

Please do come and make the occasion memorable. I look forward to your presence.

Yours sincerely,

Pavani

Option 2: Request Letter to Village Panchayat for Cleaning School Premises

Government High School,

Jayanagar, Tumkur.

Date: [Insert Date]

To,

The PDO,

Village Panchayat,

Jayanagar, Tumkur.

Subject: Request for Cleaning School Premises

Respected Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of the students and staff of our school to bring to your attention the unhygienic conditions in our school premises. Due to accumulated waste and stagnant water, many students are falling sick, and there is a rising risk of dengue fever.

We kindly request the Panchayat to take immediate action and arrange for cleaning and fumigation of the premises to ensure a safe environment for students.

We hope you will consider our request at the earliest.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Pavani

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