

SSC Previous Question Papers - 2008

English Paper - I

Time : 2 1/2 Hours]

PARTS A & B

[Max. Marks : 50

Instructions :

1. Answer the questions under **Part A** on a separate answer book.
2. Write the answers to the questions under **Part B** on the question paper itself.
3. Start answering the questions as you read them.

Time : 1 1/2 Hours ]

PART - A

[Marks : 20

Note : Use a separate answer book to answer the questions in this part.

[1 - 10] Answer ANY FIVE of the following questions in two or three sentences each. 5 x 2 = 10

1. The king warned the barber against doing something. What was it ? (*The King and the Tamarind Drum*)
2. When did Polya realise the importance of knowing how to read ? (*Polya*)
3. Do you think Bahuguna was influenced by Gandhiji's methods ? How ? (*Chipko*)
4. When did the narrator become an irresponsible idiot ? (*My Financial Career*)
5. How did Lieutenant Blandford get through the test of true love ? (*The Test of True Love*)
6. What did people think had happened when the last excavator climbed out of the tomb ? (*The Curse of Tutenkhamen*)
7. How did Sudha Chandran's father pay a tribute to his daughter ? (*Dancing On*)
8. What was the conversation between Gandhiji and Patel about ? Why was it important ? (*Death Before Prayers*)
9. What happened to Jim's eyes as a result of his watching TV set all day and night ? (*Jimmy Jet and His TV Set*)
10. Why did Death drive his carriage slowly ? (*Because I could not Stop for Death*)

11. Complete the following stanza.

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And I a hill .....  
 .....  
 .....  
 .....and endures.

OR

Where the clear stream .....  
 .....  
 .....  
 ..... country awake.

12. Read the following lines.

3 x 1 = 3

"I'm glad you made the mistake. But you're a very young person to be alone at Christmas time."

Now answer the following questions.

- a) Who is the narrator talking to ?
- b) Who is the young person mentioned here ?
- c) How does the narrator feel ?

13. Read the following lines.

2 × 1 = 2

"The Himalayas are dying and if they are not saved, all of India will be turned into desert"

Now answer the following questions.

- What are dying according to the writer of the passage?
- What happens if they are not saved?

Time : 1 Hour ]

**PART - B**

[Marks : 30

Note : i) Answer the questions in this part on the question paper itself.

ii) Candidate must use capital letters while answering the multiple choice questions.

14. Complete the following passage choosing the right words from those given below. Each blank is numbered and for each blank, four choices (A), (B), (C) and (D) are given. Choose the correct answer from these choices and write (A), (B), (C) or (D) in the blank.  $5 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2 \frac{1}{2}$

A relative came to see Nasruddin ..... (1) the country, and ..... (2) a duck. Nasruddin ..... (3) grateful. He has ..... (4) bird cooked and shared with ..... (5) guest.

- (A) of (B) for (C) from (D) about
- (A) brings (B) bought (C) bring (D) brought
- (A) is (B) are (C) was (D) has
- (A) a (B) an (C) on (D) the
- (A) him (B) he (C) his (D) their

15. Match the parts of sentences under 'A' with those under 'B'. Write the letter of the sentence part in 'B' against the sentence part in 'A'.  $5 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2 \frac{1}{2}$

'A'

- Though Soumya was unwell [.....]
- When I reached home [.....]
- They came by air [.....]
- Since it was a holiday [.....]
- It is too late for you [.....]

'B'

- didn't they?
- he woke up very late.
- she sang very well.
- to make a new beginning.
- my father had already left.

16. Study the following pair of sentences and answer the question. 1

(a) Sudha slipped out when the teacher was not looking.

(b) Radha slipped when the teacher was not looking.

Q. Which girl fell?

Ans. ....

17. The sudden noise frightened the horse

(Re-write in Passive Voice) 1

Ans. ....

18. You must have a pass. You cannot get in.

(Combine the sentences using 'Unless') 1

Ans : .....

19. Ravinder, you haven't got a pencil, .....

(Add the right Question tag) 1

Ans. ....

20. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs.  $2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1$
- (i) I saw a girl ..... (carry) a basketful of flowers.  
(ii) All his money was ..... (deposit) by him in a bank.
21. Fill in the blanks, choosing the right words from those given in the brackets.  $4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$
- (a) Latha is suffering ..... headache. (with, in, from)  
(b) She has three other pens ..... this. (besides, beside, also)  
(c) Alcohol is injurious ..... health. (of, to, in)  
(d) This book consists ..... 14 chapters. (about, with, of)
22. Choose the right words from those given in brackets and fill in the blanks.  $4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$
- (a) Seema started ..... a car when she was just twelve. (running, riding, driving)  
(b) The reason behind the prisoner's suicide is still ..... (interesting, mysterious, disgusting)  
(c) Graham Bell ..... the telephone. (discovered, found, invented)  
(d) Every child is ..... to its parents. (expensive, costly, precious)
23. Fill in the blanks with words opposite in the meaning to those underlined.  $4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$
- (a) It is comfortable to travel by train, but it is ..... to travel by bus.  
(b) Rains are usual at this time of the year but snow is .....  
(c) People living in ..... areas seem to be healthier than people living in urban areas.  
(d) Loading is very easy but ..... is difficult.
24. Fill in the blanks with the right form of the underlined words.  $4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$
- (a) Mr. Kumar always speaks politely, his ..... has earned him many friends.  
(b) Things can be preserved for a long time at low temperature.  
Their ..... becomes easy then.  
(c) Tendulkar performs well in playing cricket. But at times his ..... did not help India to win.  
(d) Try to make others happy and you will find ..... in yourself.
25. Put the following words under the correct headings.  $8 \times \frac{1}{4} = 2$
- editor, library, clinic, accountant, bank, doctor, press, secretary.
- | PLACES OF WORK |       | PERSONS |       |
|----------------|-------|---------|-------|
| (1)            | ..... | (1)     | ..... |
| (2)            | ..... | (2)     | ..... |
| (3)            | ..... | (3)     | ..... |
| (4)            | ..... | (4)     | ..... |
26. Complete the following words by using *ee*, *ea*, or *ia*.  $2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1$
- (a) music \_ \_ n  
(b) cr \_ \_ ture

27. Complete the following words with the letters given in the brackets.  $2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1$   
 (a) mumm..... (feid/fied) (b) approp..... (riate/reate)
28. One word in each list is *wrongly spelt*. Underline the word.  $2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1$   
 (a) adolscent, comparison, lieutenant, conference  
 (b) amputate, celing, malicious, gradual
29. Look at the two sets of the words given below. In each set, the letters underlined in two words are pronounced in the same way. Find the words and copy them out.  $2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1$   
 (a) head bean great lean  
 Ans. ....  
 (b) sugar curse, vision, sure  
 Ans. ....
30. Arrange the following words in *alphabetical order*.  $4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$   
 argue, abroad, amputate, advice  
 Ans. ....
31. Your friend has been losing weight recently. Tell her that she should see a doctor. 1  
 Ans. ....
32. What do the following sentences mean? Put a (✓) mark against the right answer.  $2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1$
- i) *Would you mind closing the door?*  
 (a) a request [.....] (b) an order [.....]  
 (c) a suggestion [.....] (d) an advice [.....]
- ii) *What a stupid idea!*  
 (a) complaining [.....] (b) congratulating [.....]  
 (c) criticising [.....] (d) exclaiming [.....]
33. Change the following into a polite request. 1  
 You to your teacher : I want to leave the room.  
 Ans. ....
34. Your friend has just got married. What would you say to him? 1
- a) How nice! [.....]  
 b) Well done. [.....]  
 c) Keep it up. [.....]  
 d) Best wishes. [.....]

