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DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS
GENERAL EDUCATIONAL TEST OF THE S.S.L.C. STANDARD
PAPER - I - GENERAL ENGLISH

(Without Books)

Maximum Time : 2.30 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Answer ALL questions.

- I. Answer any SIX of the following : (6 × 4 = 24)
1. Rewrite as directed : (4 × 1 = 4)
- (a) Ram was smiled at by Sita. (into Active voice)
- (b) My mother said to me, "You should take proper diet". (into indirect speech)
- (c) If you work hard you will pass (into compound sentence)
- (d) Ravi is going to Jaipur, (use the correct question tag)
2. Frame a sentence using the given pair of words. (2 × 2 = 4)
- (a) Week, Weak
- (b) No, Know
3. Rewrite as directed : (2 × 2 = 4)
- (a) Seeing a lion he fled away (Change into compound)
- (b) She got the message and immediately she left in a car (Change into complex)
4. Fill in the blanks with correct words given in the brackets :
- (a) You cannot buy a _____ in a _____ (dairy, diary)
- (b) The _____ lorry is loaded with _____ (stationery, stationary)
5. Use the word in the sentence of your own as Noun and Verb. (2 × 2 = 4)
- (a) Water
- (b) Fine
6. Find out the error and Re-write the sentence correctly : (4 × 1 = 4)
- (a) Physics are my favourite subject.
- (b) Smoking is injurious for health.
- (c) One of my sisters was a doctor.
- (d) He write a letter

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7. Spot the errors and rewrite the sentence correctly : (4 × 1 = 4)
- (a) He is a MLA.
 - (b) Mr. Srinivasan is the doctor.
 - (c) He collected furnitures from the shop.
 - (d) The Mettur Dam is a large dam at India.
8. Rewrite the jumbled words in a meaningful and cogent order. (4 × 1 = 4)
- (a) the source / is / of all water / Rain.
 - (b) in the class / the cleverest / girl / Veena was
 - (c) Mekala / her / completed / paper
 - (d) help / should / the poor / we.
- II. Answer any SIX of the following : (6 × 6 = 36)
9. Rewrite the sentence as directed : (3 × 2 = 6)
- (a) Inspite of being poor he is an honest man. (change into complex)
 - (b) The students are being helped by her (change into active)
 - (c) He said he was going to the cinema (into direct speech)
10. Re-write the sentence as directed (3 × 2 = 6)
- (a) Mumbai is one of the most beautiful cities in India. (change into comparative)
 - (b) He saw the police, he ran away (using and, so)
 - (c) He told me that he never ate sweets. (into direct speech)
11. Rewrite the sentence into direct speech (3 × 2 = 6)
- (a) The teacher said that a stitch in time saves nine.
 - (b) Ram told me that he gets up early in the morning.
 - (c) He said that the sun sets in the west.
12. Write your own sentences using the ground form of the following verbs : (6 × 1 = 6)
- (a) stand
 - (b) tell
 - (c) write
 - (d) cry
 - (e) run
 - (f) park

13. Match the following and frame the sentences : (6 × 1 = 6)
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| (a) The Soldier had set up | (i) get oxygen free |
| (b) Farmer producing crops | (ii) a movie |
| (c) Smoking is dangerous | (iii) in English |
| (d) There are twelve types of tense | (iv) to make money |
| (e) Save the tree | (v) to health |
| (f) I am watching | (vi) a makeshift camp |
14. Match the idiom with their correct meaning : (6 × 1 = 6)
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| (a) Drop out | (i) difficult situation |
| (b) A cuckoo in the nest | (ii) discontinue |
| (c) In hot water | (iii) to spread the news |
| (d) A drop in a ocean | (iv) in deep trouble |
| (e) To beat the drum | (v) very small but unimportant |
| (f) Tight corners | (vi) an unwelcome intruder |
15. Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom underlined in the sentence and rewrite the sentence (3 × 2 = 6)
- (a) My Grandfather is in the pink of health.
- (b) Time and tide waits for none.
- (c) The old man got irrigated at the loud noise outside.
- (i) blew a fuse
- (ii) very weak
- (iii) course of time.

III. Answer any FOUR of the following : (4 × 10 = 40)

16. Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend your sister's marriage. (1 × 10 = 10)

17. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

An important reasons for ant's success is their ability to talk-not with words but with tastes and smells. Their vocabulary is made up of a mixture of substances. They produce in various parts of their bodies and emit via their glands. They so called pheromones are signals that other ants can smell and taste. The messages they communicate set off a specific kind of behaviour : fetching food for instance, or looking after the brood or feeding the Queen. Furthermore, ant-talk is not limited to food. Ants use a hundred different scents to communicate a hundred different messages.

- (a) What brings success to ants?
- (b) What is their vocabulary made up of?
- (c) What are Pheromones?
- (d) Mention a few behaviours of the ants.
- (e) How do they communicate different messages?

18. Write a letter to the Manager of a factory seeking his permission to visit his factory. (1 × 10 = 10)

19. Make notes and summarise the following passage : (1 × 10 = 10)

Guyana is a small country situated in the Northern coast of South America, on the Atlantic ocean. People of the Indian ancestry form nearly 50 percent of its population. The rest are European and Chinese descent.

Columbus is believed to have discovered Guyana in 1498. The Dutch landed there in the late 16th century and the local Amerindians welcomed them as trading partners. In 1834 slavery was abolished and thousands of indentured labourers were brought from India, China and Portugal to replace the slaves. George Town is the National capital and a major seaport. The country's economy is largely based on sugar, rice, cotton and livestock. Indians have contributed a great deal to the country's development.

Dr. Cheddi Jagan became the first Premier of British Guyana. Famous Guyanese of Indian origin included Rohan Babulal Kanhai and Sreedath Ramphal.

20. Write any TWO paragraphs about given topics in 100 words : (2 × 5 = 10)

- (a) Pollution
 - (b) Water scarcity
 - (c) Truth alone triumphs
 - (d) My favourite game.
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