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GENERAL ENGLISH
Paper – II

Duration : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 100

General Instructions to the Applicants :

- i) This Question Paper is Descriptive Type in SSLC Standard.
- ii) There is no reservation of marks for neatness of execution in respect of this paper.

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PART — A

- Note :** i) Answer all the questions.
ii) Each question carries one mark.

(20 × 1 = 20)

Choose the correct *Synonyms* for the underlined words in the given passage : (1 – 5)
(5)

The inscriptions of the Vimanam talk about Rajaraja Chola's gifts to the temple. In its magnanimous idea, its grandiose vision, its display of the Herculean effort in construction, its portrayal of their glorious past of the Chola regime and their patronage for arts and culture, this temple stands as testimony for all and ever.

Options :

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| (a) week | (b) excellent | (c) splendid |
| (d) impressive | (e) denied | (f) support |
| (g) ignoble | (h) mighty | (i) disgrace |
| (j) unimpressive | | |

Choose the correct *Antonyms* for the underlined words in the given passage : (6 – 10)
(5)

He took Scott's hands, held them and broke out : My dear Colonel, I was brute last night. I have no excuse to offer. I was weary to the last extent, but I had no right to treat a man with rudeness who has offered his life to his country, much more a man in great affliction.

Options :

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| (a) joy | (b) fresh | (c) bad manners |
| (d) started suddenly | (e) taken | (f) good manners |
| (g) started gradually | (h) given | (i) sorrow |
| (j) tired | | |

Read the given passage and answer the questions given below : (11 – 15)

(5)

I stood in awe, astonishment and reverence when I saw a walled fortress inside – a standing testimony of the Cholas' opulence and vision. The enormity of the deities reflect the staunch reverence of the King to Lord Shiva. Rajaraja, his sister and queens donated their possessions of gold and silver to this temple. The gold the King donated came from his treasury.

Questions :

11. What stands testimony to the Chola's opulence?
12. How is the King's reverence to the Lord revealed?
13. What are the things that reflect the generous attitude of the Chola King and his family?
14. From what source did the King donate the gold?
15. Which King's family donated their belongings to the Brihadeesvara (Shiva) Temple?

Read the given Poem and answer the questions given below : (16 – 20)

(5)

The globe's my world. The cloud's my kin
I care not where the skies begin;
I spread my wings through all the din;
Through fears and fright I fly my flight.

Questions :

16. What kind of world is described in the poem?
17. Pick out the words that rhyme in these lines?
18. Bring out the rhyme scheme used in these lines?
19. "The globe's my world. The cloud's my kin".
Identify the figure of speech employed here?
20. "Through fears and fright I fly my flight"
Pick out the words in alliteration.

PART — B

- Note :**
- i) Answer all the questions.
 - ii) Each question carries one mark.

(30 × 1 = 30)

Write the pattern for the given sentences :

(2 × 1 = 2)

21. People made Joseph the King.
22. The birds flew over the tree.

Supply suitable question tag :

(2 × 1 = 2)

23. The flag has four colours on it, _____?
24. Plants give out oxygen during the day, _____?

Fill in the blank with suitable prepositional phrase :

(2 × 1 = 2)

25. We could not _____ their violent temper.
26. John has _____ sign the document.
 - (a) in the midst of
 - (b) to take a new turn
 - (c) bear with
 - (d) on account of
 - (e) agreed to

Join the sentence using correct relative pronoun :

(2 × 1 = 2)

27. By _____ was the invitation delivered?
28. The monkey _____ tail was long kept grinning impishly.

Join the sentence using 'If' clause :

(2 × 1 = 2)

29. He is not a painter. He cannot draw his mother's picture.

30. The boy practises well for the game. He plays well.

Write the correct tense form and complete the following sentences :

(3 × 1 = 3)

31. By the end of March, we _____ (learn) all the lessons in our books.

32. A wood cutter _____ (cut) wood, when I saw him.

33. He _____ (suffer) from colour blindness for nearly 6 years.

Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles :

(3 × 1 = 3)

34. This is not _____ easiest way to do it.

35. I tried out _____ experiment.

36. Karthik is _____ famous cricket player.

Fill in the blanks with appropriate preposition :

(3 × 1 = 3)

37. Meet me _____ your meals.

38. The boy always stands _____ his mother.

39. This table is made _____ wood.

Write the sentences in Negative form :

(3 × 1 = 3)

40. My friends often go to movie.
41. Sheela can read faster than all others.
42. Everything is possible in life.

Rewrite the sentences as directed :

(2 × 1 = 2)

43. The boy said to her, "Have you done the homework"? (Change into indirect speech)
44. The Headmaster advised us to switch off the fans when we left the class. (Change into direct speech)

Rewrite the sentences using the other Voice forms :

(2 × 1 = 2)

45. My uncle had sold the house last year. (Change into passive voice)
46. The portions were completed by the teacher and a test was conducted by her. (Change into active voice)

Rewrite the sentences using the Degrees given in brackets :

(2 × 1 = 2)

47. This is more serious than most other problems the world faces. (positive)
48. No other answer is as relevant as your answer. (comparative)

Transform the sentences as given :

(2 × 1 = 2)

49. Being busy Jeba could not attend the wedding. (compound)
50. Unless you run fast, you will not win the race. (simple)

PART — C1

- Note :**
- i) Answer all the questions.
 - ii) Each question carries one mark.

(20 × 1 = 20)

Replace the underlined word with its equivalent American word : (2 × 1 = 2)

51. I bought a pair of trousers yesterday.

52. My mother was waiting for a post from her father.

Write the expansion for the following Abbreviation and Acronyms : (2 × 1 = 2)

53. TANSI

54. UFO

Form compound words by using the combinations given below : (2 × 1 = 2)

55. Noun + Noun

56. Noun + Adverb

Write the plural form for the following words : (2 × 1 = 2)

57. Negro

58. Manifesto

Fill in the blanks with the right homophones : (59 – 60) (2 × 1 = 2)

The colour of your 59 is the same as that of the 60. (hair / hare)

Complete the sentence with the appropriate words given below : (61 – 62) (2 × 1 = 2)

Till recently there was little knowledge about the _____ 61 _____ route of those birds which spend the winter in India. What surprised all bird watchers was that these birds followed routes which had no _____ 62 _____ at all.

(evidence, reaches, landmarks, migrating)

Reframe the sentences by replacing the underlined words : (2 × 1 = 2)

63. Please handle the glasses with care. (as adverb)

64. I decided to join the Arts College. (as noun)

Construct sentences of your own, using the given phrasal verbs : (2 × 1 = 2)

65. put up with

66. give in

Fill in the blanks with suitable modals given below : (2 × 1 = 2)

67. You _____ not waste your time.

68. How _____ you oppose me?

(ought to, should, need, dare)

Spot the errors and rewrite correctly : (2 × 1 = 2)

69. Do you know which is world's tallest building?

70. Neither the doctor nor the nurse are available.

PART — C2

- Note :**
- i) Answer **all** the questions.
 - ii) Each question carries **five marks**.

(2 × 5 = 10)

71. Describe the process for the given activity :

How will you hang a picture on the wall?

72. Explain the following proverb :

Birds of the same feather flocks together.

PART — D

Write a letter on the following.

(1 × 5 = 5)

73. Write a letter to your cousin asking her/him to come over with some things that you need for the arrangements.

PART — E

Write a precis not exceeding one third of the passage.

(1 × 5 = 5)

74. Our blood consists of three types of blood cells, red, white and platelets. The red blood cells are small thin and disc shaped. They are composed of iron containing component called haemoglobin. When blood passes through the lungs each haemoglobin molecule picks up four oxygen molecules and it supplies the oxygen to the body's tissues. Red blood cells also transport the carbon-di-oxide from the tissues to the lungs. The lungs throw out this gas when we exhale. The white blood cells are big and they are few when compared with the red cells, numbering only one for every 700 red cells. They

are the body's defenders. They are the soldiers that fight bacteria and other enemies. One kind, for instance, destroys dead cells. Other kind produce antibodies against viruses. Some other eat up and digest bacteria. Platelets are like round or oval plates. They are key elements in blood clotting. When a blood vessel is cut, the platelets rush to the place. They stick to the edges of the wound clump together and seal the hole. Each drop of blood has 15 million platelets and they have a life span of eight days.

PART — F

(1 × 10 = 10)

75. Write an essay on, 'My Dreams about India' in about 250–300 words.
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