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SSLC First Mid Term Test 2013-14

ENGLISH - PAPER II

Time Allowed : 2 1/2 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 100

INSTRUCTION : Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.

Note : This question paper contains Four Sections.

SECTION - I

(NON-DETAILED : 35 MARKS)

1. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate phrases given below to form a complete meaningful paragraph: 5X1=5

I nursed the dog's paw as best as I could, then sat down (i) _____ him and patted his head because he seemed (ii) _____. Questions circled (iii) _____, like, How did he (iv) _____? Goldy and I _____ until mom came home.

- i) a kind of sack (i) ii) get hurt (iv) iii) next to (i) iv) sat together (v) v) through my mind (ii)

2. Read the following sentences and identify the character / speaker: 5X1 =5

- i) 'Can I keep him, Mom?' - Shelly's dad / dad.
ii) Enough is enough. - Author's dad.
iii) I bought your mum a piano. - Author's dad.
iv) You can come and visit him anytime you like. Diane, the blind lady
v) I would be as happy as a cat in a fish shop to have such a long holiday. Author (Small boy) Rob Reilly 5X1=5

3. Match the following appropriately:

- i) Diane - a) tried to find the dog's real owner (v)
ii) Dad - b) the dog's real name (iv)
iii) Rob Reilly - c) thanked shelly (i)
iv) Sam - d) The piano lesson (iii)
v) Mom - e) Studied late in the night (ii)

4. Complete the following sentences choosing the correct answer from the options given below: 5X1=5

- i) Shelly watched the _____ with the two happy souls disappear.
a) car b) van c) road d) garden
ii) Mum stayed in the _____ sobbing.
a) living room b) drawing room c) kitchen d) backyard
iii) They played Frisbee and _____ in the yard.
a) toys b) football c) cricket d) hide and seek
iv) Dad finally got a job with an _____.
a) accounting firm b) cashier c) tutor d) Manager
v) Shelly found the dog on the _____.
a) front porch b) garden c) background d) garage

5. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 5X1=5

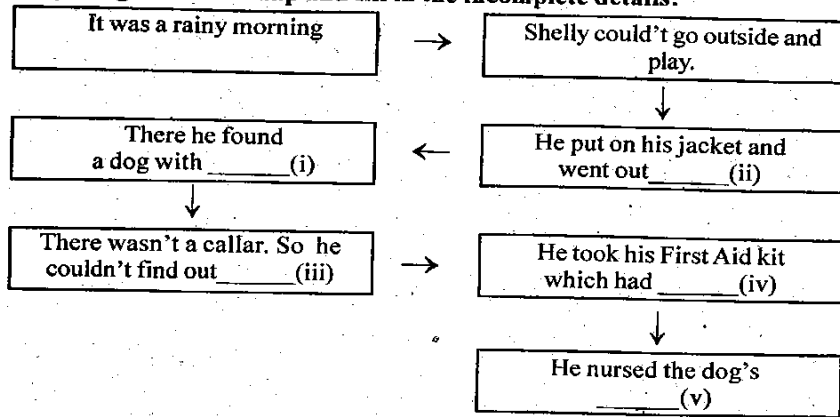
As he walked up the front path of our home, he saw Mum and me standing on the veranda and he dropped the suitcase. The belt came undone and the contents spilled out onto the lawn.

I was only five years old at the time so Dad made quite a fuss of me, then began making an ever bigger fuss of my mother. This left me free to examine all the stuff lying around the broken suitcase, which was mainly clothes and shoes and things, but I was quick to notice a large newspaper advertisement displaying a new piano. When Dad saw me holding up the newspaper cutting, his face broke into a grin. Yes, that's light he said, I bought you mum a piano. Mum squealed with delight.

- (i) What did he drop on the Veranda? He dropped a suitcase.
(ii) How old was the narrator at that time? Five years old.
(iii) What were the things in the suitcase? clothes, shoes and things.
(iv) What did Father buy for his wife? A Piano
(v) Was Mom happy on seeing the piano? yes. Mom was happy on seeing the piano.

6. Study the given mind map and fill in the incomplete details:

5X1=5



7. Answer in a paragraph on any one of the following questions:

1X5=5

(a) Narrate the story "Sam" in your own words.

(Or)

(b) How did the author's mother overcome her disappointment of not being able to play the piano? What does it tell you about the attitude of the woman?

SECTION - II
LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS : (15 MARKS)

8. Make notes of the following passage and prepare a summary using the notes: 5+5=10

No study of English can be complete without a reference to a dictionary of idioms. Collins Dictionary of English Idioms is very useful. In this dictionary, you will find clearly explained meanings of over three thousand common English idioms. To make the meaning even clearer, each idiom has an example sentence which also helps to show you how the idiom can be used. In this dictionary, the emphasis is on true idioms, i.e. expressions whose meaning cannot be easily worked out from the words they contain. When it comes to understanding English, it is these expressions which cause most difficulty to the learner. And also, there are great variations in the way these idioms are used, many of the variations are to be found in this dictionary. The main emphasis, however, is on the understanding of the meaning of the idioms rather than attempting to be a complete guide to idiomatic usage.

9. Complete the following dialogue appropriately:

5X1=5

Shiva : Weren't you at home last evening?
 Arun : *yes. I had gone to Book Fair*
 Shiva : *were there a lot of books in the Book fair?*
 Arun : Yes, there were lot of books and I had a good time.
 Shiva : *what had you bought? (or) what did you buy?*
 Arun : I had bought Rowlings Novels and Science Fictions.
 Shiva : *I want to go there to buy some books.*
 Arun : *Good soon. Tomorrow is the last day.*

SECTION - III
(COMMUNICATION SKILLS: 15 MARKS)

10. Write a dialogue with at least five utterances between a doctor and patient 5

11. Shivani celebrated her birthday last week. Her uncle Mr. Suman working in Dubai sent a laptop. Shivani wants to thank him for the gift. The format of the letter is ready. Help Shivani to complete the content of her letter in about 100 words. 5

172, Annai Illam,
V.R.Nagar,
X City,
20th July 2013.

My dear uncle,

*I am fine. How are you? I hope this letter finds you and
 aunty in good health. My birthday function went off very
 well. I received your gift. It is a brand new laptop. I like it very much. It is so nice and useful too. I will never
 forget your love and love your lovely present. Thank you so much.*

Convey my regards to aunty.

Yours lovingly,

Shivani.

Address on the envelope:

To.
Mr. Suman, B.E.,
Site Engineer,
Dumas oil Refineries,
27, Mazil Avenue,
Dubai.

12. Prepare an advertisement with a catchy slogan using the information given below: 5

- (a) Thangam Agencies - generators - inverters - Ups - T.V - Fan - lights - Fridges - Aadi offer - special discount 20% - rockbottom price - one year warranty (Or)
(b) Space for rent - commercial use - in the heart of city - three floors - parking not available.

SECTION - IV

(EXPANSION OF IDEAS : 35 Marks)

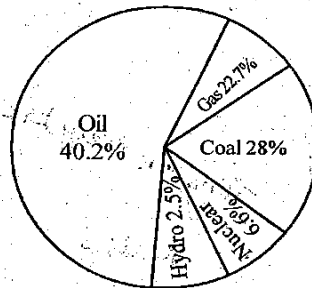
13. Expand the following head lines :

- a) C.M. announces welfare schemes.
b) Water released for cultivation.
c) Jawan killed in militant attack.
d) Trichy gets flight service to Bangalore.
e) ICC announced for English tour.

5X1=5

14. Study the Pie-chart and answer the question below.

5X1=5



- i) The number of sources of energy given in this pie-chart is
a) 3 b) 4 c) 5 d) 2
- ii) State the following statement is true.
Hydro energy is the lowest energy product.
- iii) The highest source of energy is
a) gas b) coal c) nuclear d) oil
- iv) The availability of nuclear energy is _____ hydro energy.
a) equal to b) higher than c) lower than d) double
- v) The difference between the availability of Nuclear and Hydro energy is
a) 4.01 b) 4.1 c) 6.1 d) 1.04

15. Write a paragraph using any one of the following outlines in about 100 words. 5

- a) Students - take care of health time their study - get enough sleep - eat healthy food - regular study hour - avoid last minute cramming - last minute tension - attention in class - recapitulation at home - clear doubts - drink - lots of food. (Or)
(b) Population - a serious problem to our country - three babies born every second - maximum death rate in the past - thanks to medical science - death rate reduced. The span of human life increased - people have to think seriously - Co-operative with the government programmes - rate of population can be reduced.

5X1=5

16. Match the following products and slogans :

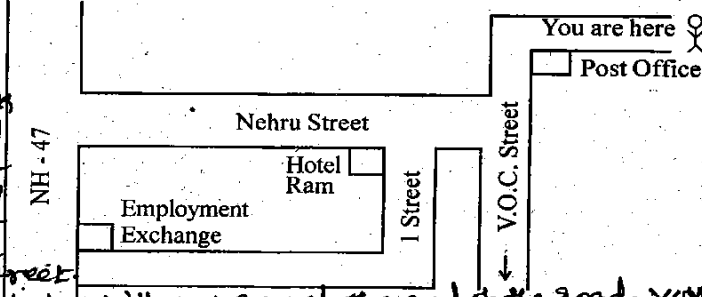
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|------------------|---|------------------------------|
| (a) LPG Stove | - | A sparkling smile (e) |
| (b) Salt | - | The secret of our energy (d) |
| (c) Fountain pen | - | Add taste (b) |
| (d) Boost | - | A new style of cooking (a) |
| (e) Tooth Paste | - | For easy writing (c) |

17. Observe the map given below and write the instructions required:

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A stranger asks you to direct him to the employment exchange. Guide him with your directions in about 50 words.

Go straight. You will reach V.O.C. Street. Then turn left. Walk a few metres. You will find Nehru Street on your right. Walk along Nehru Street till you find the 1 Street on your left. Take the 1 Street. Turn right. Keep walking till you reach the end of the road. You can find the Employment Exchange on your right.



18. Read the poem given below and complete its paraphrase with suitable phrases in the given blanks. 5X1=5

The School Boy

I love to rise in summer morn,
When the birds sing on every tree,
The distant huntsman winds his horn,
And the skylark sings with me
O! what sweet company!
But to go to school in summer morn,

O! it drives all joy away;
Under a cruel eye outworn
The little ones spend the day
In sighing and dismay:

Paraphrase:

I like to wake upon a (i) summer morning when the birds (ii) sing on every tree. The distant (iii) huntsman/hunter has already gone on his hunting. The skylark sings happily Everything is happy around me. The thought of going to (iv) school drives all joy away. The children spend their time (v) sighing in the classroom, supervised by an old teacher. They are dismayed at the instructions that do not give them joy.

19. a) Translation:

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A tourist from Delhi visits Kanyakumari. He goes to seashore. He see before him a board in Tamil. As he does not know Tamil help him to understand the instructions through your translation. Translate it into English for him.

இது ஆபத்தான பகுதி. இங்கு கடலில் குளிக்க தடை செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது.

(Or) Dangerous zone. Swimming in the sea is prohibited here.

b) Look at the picture given below. Express your views on it in about five sentences.

