

S. S. L. C. EXAMINATION, MARCH/APRIL, 2018
MODEL ANSWERS
Subject : First Language — ENGLISH(14E)

PART - A
(Prose, Poetry and Supplementary Reading)

I. One sentence answers:

4 × 1 = 4

1. Because the man had passed all his life on earth without doing a scrap of useful work.
2. It has a damaging effect on the digestive system and the bones.
3. The dead body of the male Sarus crane.
4. By sitting on the blood-stained feathers to hatch them into a toddling chick.

II. Answer the following questions in *two* sentences each :

8 × 2 = 16

5. For the first time in life she had seen something that had no meaning and no purpose at all. She scanned it from all angles. A new sense seemed to have awakened in her, a sense that seemed to have no meaning and no purpose at all. Her hurrying feet became less hurried.
6. It reveals her trust she puts in a wise father. Her grief, as she feels that her mother does not understand her.
7. It is highly dangerous for the well being of humanity. The price is paid in ecological terms (impoverishment of resources)
8. By telling him that Marion would not give the tart to just anyone, it had to be the same messenger who had come for the pie or none at all.
9. Lochinvar said that the love he had for Ellen which swelled like Solway river, ebbed like its tide. He came to attend the wedding, dance once with her and drink one cup of wine. He also told that there were so many lovelier maidens in Scotland who wished to become his bride.
10. Drona asked for this unreasonable due from Buttoo because he had promised earlier that there would be no one greater than Arjuna, in archery. So to keep up his promise he asked for this unreasonable demand.
11. Indra granted the boon to Karna but with a condition. He told Karna that he could use the weapons against only one enemy and will him whose ever he may be. But after that it would not be available to him but would return to Indra.
12. Cyclop drank the wine and was so intoxicated that he fell unconscious. Ulysses asked his men to heat the stake till it was red hot. Then four men carried it with great difficulty and bored the sharp, heated end of the stake right into the eye of the drunken cannibal.

III. Answer the following questions in *four to five* sentences each :

5 × 3 = 15

13. There is nothing which aids so much to the beauty of the country side as water. It may be just a little stream trickling over the rocks or it may be a little pond by the way side where the cattle quench their thirst of an evening. The rain fed tanks that are so common and play a vital role in south Indian agriculture. It is a cheering sight to see the sun rise or sunset over one of them. Water in a landscape may be compared to the eyes of a human

face. It reflects the mood of an hour, being bright and gay when the sun shines. It turns to dark and gloomy when the sky is overcast. Therefore, C V Raman compares water in a landscape to the eyes in a human face.

14. Pasteur filled some bottles with soup. He took some into a little hotel bedroom where the air was hardly ever changed, broke their necks off so that the air could enter freely, and after a few minutes sealed them up again. He then took some bottles into a field near by and did the same with them. Finally he opened some on the top of a high mountain and again sealed them up. The result – When they were examined, the bottles opened in the hotel bedroom were full of soup which had gone completely mouldy; the bottles opened in the field were mouldy, but not quite so bad; those opened on the mountain had no germs in them at all.

15. Through the poem Vachana, Basavanna wishes to tell us that we give a lot of prominence to physical things and forget the devotees, nor is it a sign of devotion when God in fact resides in our heart. God does not appreciate these physical tributes but appreciates the true devotion more. Therefore according to the poet a true devotion is better and it is permanent than any opulent building which is in fact perishable.

16. The poet Shakespeare compares the fading of his age with three elements of the universe, the fading of the season-autumn, the fading of the day-sunset, the dying of fire-ashes. Throughout the poem, the poet has described the consequences of old age and appeals his friend to understand it and express his love for him. He describes the old age in the three quatrains of the sonnet and appeals his friend to show his love for him in the last two lines (couplet). The couplet gives a conclusion to the thought process in the quatrains. The couplet advises the friend to behave in a certain way as the poet is in the last stage of his life or on the death-bed.

17. Ben Gunn was a part of captain flint's crew when the treasure was buried in the Island, He returned to the Island to look for the treasure three years later. But as they couldn't find it, his shipmates left him marooned on the Island.

IV. Explain with reference to the context :

4 × 3 = 12

18. Lesson-The Gift of Magi by O. Henry.

It was told by Della to Jim. When Jim came home, he stared at her. She could not understand his expression. She told him that she had her hair cut off and sold it because she would not have lived through Christmas without giving him a present. She assured that her would grow out again and said the above sentence.

19. Lesson – The Eyes Are Not Here by Ruskin Bond.

The narrator said this to the girl. The blind narrator was trying to pretend to be normal sighted to the girl who was travelling with him in the same compartment of the train. When the girl asked him to look out of the window, he moved to the window and told the above statement.

20. Poem – Mending Wall by Robert Frost.

The speaker feels that there was no need of mending the wall and explains him the reason, but his neighbour insists on doing it and continues mending the wall. Therefore he looks

like a savage to the speaker when he moves with stones in each hand and expresses that he was moving in darkness.

21. Poem-C.L.M. by John Masfield

The poet recalls how his mother's life made him a man. He remembers her pain and sufferings she underwent when she was pregnant and during child-birth. Therefore he feels he is indebted to her and to woman-kind in general. But he regrets that he has not repaid her sacrifice by doing anything to womankind.

V. Answer the following questions in six to eight sentences each : $4 \times 4 = 16$

22. Talking about the difference between a conventional behaviour and a moral behaviour, Gandhiji says that moral act must be our own act which must spring from our own will.

We should bear in mind the distinction between acting mechanically and acting intentionally.

When we all care only for what or conscience says, then alone can we be regarded to have stepped on to the moral road. We should believe that God is within us, the God of all, is the ever present witness to all our acts.

The moral action depends upon the intention of the doer. For instance, a man out of great pity feeds the poor and another who does the same with the motive of winning prestige or with some such selfish end. Though the action is the same, the act of one is moral and that of other non-moral.

It is not enough for a moral act to have been done with a good intention, but it should have been done without compulsion.

Just as a moral action should be free from fear or compulsion so should there be no self-interest behind it.

Action done for considerations of comfort and personal happiness is non-moral. That action is moral which is done only for the sake of doing good.

It is cowardice to be true to friends and break faith with enemies. Those who do good out of fear and haltingly have no moral virtue.

OR

Adolf Hitler, in 1933 began issuing anti-Jewish decrees which made all the Jews in Germany to either migrate to other places or go in hiding. People hid in dark and airless rooms without proper food or ventilation. When they were arrested by the Nazi police, they were taken to the Nazi concentration camps and tortured to death. The Nazi had no compassion for women and children too. Families were split with men somewhere and their women and children elsewhere. They were kept in very pathetic conditions without proper food or attire. In fact children were made to stand naked in freezing rain before being sent to the gas chamber. After the prisoners died, they were all dumped and buried together in mass graves. Thus the Nazis treated the Jews with utmost cruelty and barbarism.

23. The Sexton, hit the ball which flashed like a thunderbolt at the South in the blue jumper. He screamed and moved out of its way and fell down backward, Boone who was standing behind felt the brunt of the ball on his midriff. He caught it by reflex action but threw it down angrily and started to massage the injured spot.

The blacksmith hit the ball so hard that it soared high up in the air, seemed to be suspended for a while and came sailing down. All the fielders ran forward to catch it resulting in a collision and falling down.

The ball fell on the professor's head, leapt up into the air a foot or so, cannoned on to Boone's head and fell slowly down the colossal expanse of the wicket keeper's back, bouncing and when it was just a foot from the ground, Pollock sprang and caught it. Thus the match ended in a tie.

OR

The writer is of the opinion that the development of the country is in a very ironic situation. While pockets of the private prosperity are growing, the resources of public sphere are depleting. Thus though we have an amazing variety of sleek new cars models to choose from, the roads in our cities are in pretty bad shape and getting worse. Fashionable luxury resorts are mushrooming everywhere but the lung spaces like parks and playgrounds are shrinking. It is a similar story with many other services in the public domain including transportation, health care, education etc. Even the essential services are pushed into the private realm so that some company or the other can make profit on them. It is indeed a tragicomedy because the poor are also pushed into becoming consumers of increasingly expressive goods and utilities.

24. He should know that all men are not just. For every enemy there is a friend. To have faith in his own ideas. To be gentle with the gentle and tough with the tough. He should not follow the crowd blindly. He should filter all he hears on a screen of truth. He should laugh when he is sad. He should be aware of too much sweetness. Should sell his strength and intelligence to the highest bidders, but never sell his soul. Should have sublime faith in himself and in mankind.

OR

The agony and desperation of the female crane is described in a very touchy manner by the poet. When the female Sarus crane saw that the mate was shot down by the bird killers, she flew about crying. She cried bitterly when his body was stuffed into a bag and carried away. She went on circling the sky in deep sorrow over his disgraceful end. She sat where the mate had fallen and cried and sent her sorrow to the heaven in a telegraphic mode. She kissed a few feathers of her mate which lay strewn and in desperate hope sat on those feathers hoping to bring back the life of her mate. She pined and grieved so much that god took her away from the mortal world. The female Sarus crane was the epitome of marital fidelity.

25. One summer evening, when Wordsworth was a young boy, he came across a boat tied to a willow tree in a rocky cave. He untied the boat quickly, slipped into the boat and rowed away stealthily and took it out for a rowing. There was nobody around there to take the permission.

But the absence of the owner did not mean that he could just like that take the boat. It was risky for a young boy to row a boat in such a lonely and not a safe lake. This was clearly an act of stealth. Therefore he was guilty of his act. After rowing to a certain distance his guilt began to haunt him. As he was rowing, suddenly he saw a large mountain looming ahead of him. It was huge and black and kept growing in stature. He felt that it was following him therefore he turned back and kept the boat from where he had taken. For days together after this incident his mind remained dark and blank. His guilt inside him made the nature look

menacing. His feeling of guilt was so threatening that he quickly returned the boat to its original place.

OR

The poet, John Masefield dedicates this poem to his mother who died while giving birth to her sixth child, his sister Norah. C.L.M. is the shortened form of the poet's mother, Caroline. L. Masefield.

The poet has expressed his love and affection for his mother in a very poignant way. The poem begins by explaining how the mother gave him life and died. He expresses his grief, for his mother cannot see him grown-up and cannot see how his son has lived his life. He says that even if death could be undone and his mother be reincarnated it would be of no use because they would not recognize each other. He then thinks that she is in the suffering they need to undergo while bearing the child and when in labour. He concludes the poem with more feeling of guilt for he thinks he has not repaid the favour of living upto his mother's desires and to that of women in general. The poet thinks that being a man, he is also to be blamed for the fact that men are considered superior to women for he has not done anything about it. He expresses concern over the inequality of gender. The tone of the poem is serious and grave and makes us think about the way we treat women in our society.

VI. Quote from memory :

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26. He staid not for brake, and he stopp'd not for stone,
He swam the Eske river where ford there was none;
But ere he alighted at Netherby gate,
The bride had consented, the gallant came late:

OR

And it grew both day and night,
Till it bore an apple bright;
And my foe beheld it shine,
And he knew that it was mine.

Part B (Grammar and Vocabulary)

VII. Multiple choice questions :

10 × 1 = 10

27. B- was delivered
28. B — Vijay said that he had done his homework.
29. D — an, a
30. C — shall we?
31. A — personification
32. B — meet-meet
33. C — Solar energy is cheaper than most other forms of energy.
34. A — A cure for many deadly diseases is being desperately searched by researchers.
35. B — through
36. A — take in.

VIII. Observe the relationship in the first pair of words and complete the second pair accordingly :

4 × 1 = 4

37. Skin
38. height

39. Preference
40. imperturbable

IX. Rewrite as directed :

41. Compound Sentence: You were absent so it disappointed us.

OR

You were absent and it disappointed us.

Complex sentence: As/Because/ Since you were absent, we were disappointed.

42. How did Dr. Radhakrishnan pursue his education?

43. I would have attended your wedding if you had given me advance intimation.

OR

If you had given me advance intimation, I would have attended your wedding

PART – C (Composition and Comprehension)

X. Letter writing :

44.

Government High School.

Madhugiri.

Date: 23. 03. 2018

Dear Anna,

“A Hearty Congratulations to you on winning a gold medal!!”

We are proud of you brother! Our State is proud of you!

Brother you have brought laurel to our family and the state. I have watched you working hard to pursue your goal and I was sure that you are going to make it. You have stood as a model and an inspiration to me and all your followers.

Now it’s time to celebrate your success. Come home soon, mother and father are eagerly waiting for your arrival. Please let us know when you are coming home.

Take care

Yours lovingly

Deeksha/Deekshith

OR

Deeksha/Deekshith

Government High School

Madhugiri.

Date: 23.03.2018

The Mayor

Madhugiri

Dear Sir,

Subject: Appeal to construct a market building in Gandhinagar

Sir, this is to bring to you kind notice that there is no organized market in our area. There are some scattered shops where all the essentials are not sold. The residents of our area have

to travel a long distance to buy their essentials. Therefore, on behalf of the residents of our area, I request you to construct a full fledged market in our area.

Hope my request will be considered as a necessity.

Thank You

Yours Sincerely

Deeksha/Deeshith

45. **Essay writing:** [Note: the essays given below are model essays. The students should prepare essays taking points from these] **5 M**

a) India is a democratic country where the parliamentary system of government prevails. So every individual is expected to know the functioning of this system. The members of the parliament are elected by voting. Therefore school is the avenue where children, the future citizens can be taught the values and methods of voting.

Generally almost all higher primary schools do adopt the system of conducting elections to choose student leaders at school level and class level. Soon after the schools reopen in June every year, elections are held to form the School Parliament. In schools, class leaders are elected to form the parliament. From among them, the various office bearers such as Chairman, School leaders etc are elected. The school leader will be the Chief Minister. The Chief Minister nominates the other members of the cabinet and they are given different portfolios. Discipline, sanitation, running of library and reading rooms, social service and cultural activities are some of the portfolios entrusted to them. The headmaster of the school will be the president. Two or three sessions of school parliament will be conducted every year.

There are many advantages to the credit of school parliaments. The school parliament gives training to the students regarding the function of democracy. This helps the students understand the process of the parliamentary system of the government. In a broad sense, the school parliament teaches children how democracy works. They freely vote their favourite candidates. They learn that the group which gets the majority assumes power. Leadership qualities are spotted and developed. Children learn to be responsible. School parliament are entrusted with the discipline, cleanliness and running of class rooms and libraries. Those entrusted with such responsibilities will become good administrators later. The success of democracy in our country depends to a great extent on the effective functioning of school parliaments.

b) **Water is precious – save it:** Water is an essential part of all life on the globe. Plant and animal cannot not live without water. Water ensures food security, livestock security, maintain organic life, industrial production and to conserve the biodiversity and environment. Hence, there could be no life without water. Earth is the only planet, so far we know that posses water and this makes it fit for human living and other living organisms to exist on it.

This precious substance which is not properly utilized by mankind and increasing demand due to growing population and unsuitable lifestyle, many countries are facing sever water crisis. Year by year per capita availability of water is decreasing which threats to human life in many ways. If proper planning and corrective measures are not taken up in the proper place and proper time many developing countries including India will have to face declining

in food production and water security in the near future.

India has sufficient water potentiality enough for its own population, but due to severe neglect and lack of monitoring of water resources development projects, several regions in the country experience water stress from time to time. Further neglect in this sector will lead to water scarcity during the next few decades. It is therefore necessary to prevent this crisis by making best use of the available technologies and resources to conserve the existing water resources, convert them into utilizable form and make efficient use of them for agriculture, industrial production and human consumption.

c) Role of mass media in promoting National Integration: Role of media in national integration: What does National Integration mean? Its mean is to combine and to bring together all the people of a country. It is a sentiment that binds together all the people in one common bond, no matter what their race, caste, sub-caste, region or religion is. Actually it is a strong cementing force by virtue of which all types of people live together peacefully and can identify themselves as part of a single whole.

Media is the link between the people of a country to propagate the information from one end of the country to the other either by electronic means or by the means of print, i.e. is either by Radio, Television, and Internet or by News Papers.

Media is the most powerful tool of communication. It helps promoting the right things on right time. It gives a real exposure to the mass audience about what is right or wrong. Even though media is linked with blaming fake news every time on terrorist attacks by saying directly Muslim fundamentalist hand in attack without properly investigating but on the safe side, it helps a lot to inform us about the realities as well.

National Integration: For binding the people in sentiment of oneness i.e. in the bond of nationalism or what we call National Integration, it is necessary to all to eliminate and evaporate the feeling of regionalism, communalism, Linguism etc. among themselves. Now days in a society Media plays a very important role. Without Media, people in societies would be isolated, not only from the rest of world but from the Government, Law and Orders, neighbouring Towns and Cities.

Role of Media has a constructive role to play for the society. Today News Channels and even some Newspapers are mouthpiece of some social issues, which helps us to estimate the realities of lives. It is the fact that in most of the eras, media were not being given free and fair chances to explore the issues of society more openly than it is being given now; but we can't deny this fact that the issues were always raised in order to provide justice to the people.

Conclusion: Journalists, as well as Media should be committed and self dependable. They should express social responsibilities that would invariably sustain the growth of micro ethno system in the nation, aid the political terrain, and eliminate friction in human relationships and other sectors of the country. As the watch dog of society, they are responsible to the people and can also help in the elimination of social vices confronting humanity and National Integrity

XII. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

5 × 1 = 5

46. The success of a major operation depends on the intensive post-operative care of the patient.

47. Trained nurses and doctors use electronic monitoring devices to detect deviations in the patient's vital functions.
48. The slow-up of blood flow in the veins is known as venous stenosis.
49. Because of prolonged anaesthesia and extensive surgical trauma, the patient is in worse shape after the operation than before.
50. Surveillance.