ONE TWO ACADEMY CHALLENGE QUESTION PAPER 2023 – 24

SSLC ENGLISH

Maximum Marks: 100 marks Duration 3.00 Hours

Instructions: (1) Check the question paper for the fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness inform the Hall Supervisor immediately.

(2) Use **Blue** or **Black** ink to write and underline.

PART – I

Note : (i) Answer **all** the questions.

(ii) Choose the most appropriate answer from the given four alternatives and write the option code and the corresponding answer.

Choose the appropriate synonym for the italicized words.

1. I saw a *frial* man.

(a)Wet (b) blunt (c) cry (d) grumble

2. The little seagull *gnawed* at the dried pieces of eggshell.

(a) chewed (b) craved (c) swallowed (d) cackled

3. They continue to *grapple* with the challenges.

(a) confuse (b) fight (c) cry (d) grumble

Choose the appropriate antonym for the italicized words.

4. What was the *selection* process?

(a) rejection (b) extension (c) termination (d) collection

5. A project was undertaken in *consonance* with the National Policy.

(a) concern (b) agreement (c) disagreement (d) confidence

6. The spoilt children of *affluent* parents.

(a) happy (b) healthy (c) wealthy (d) poor

7. The common expansion of BBC is _____.

(a) British Broadcasting Company (b) British Broadcasting Corporate

(c) British Buyers Corporation (d) British Bandwidth Company

8. Choose the correct plural form of *woman servant* from the following:

(a) women servants (b) woman servants (c) women servant (d) womans servant

9. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.

He was _____ tables.

(a) Waiting on (b) waiting (c) waiting at (d) waiting in

10. Which word can be placed before *sister*?

(a) half (b) cousin (c) girl (d) home

11. Choose the correct prefix which will complete the following statement

I'm very sorry. I probably ___ placed your book, and now I can't find it.

(a) dis (b) mis (c) un (d) de

12. Choose the correct meaning for the following idiomatic expression given in the sentences:

It's raining cats and dogs.

(a) It's just started to rain (b) it's raining very heavily

(c) It's going to rain (d) it's raining on cats and dogs

13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form of the verb given below:

The office goers _____ for the train.

(a) had been waiting (b) has been waiting

(c) was waiting (d) waiting

14. Complete the following sentence

The flights were delayed _____ thick fog.

(a) because (b) due to (c) despite (d) inspite

PART – II

SECTION -1

Answer **any three** of the following questions in a sentence or two 3 x 2 = 6

15. Who was Mrs. Hudson? Why was she worried?

16. What was the daily routine of Sanyal?

17. What woke up the mother?

18. What prompted the young seagull to fly?

SECTION – 2

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer **any three** of the following. **3 x 2 = 6**

19. In the dim past, nor holding back in fear
From what the future veils, but with a whole
And happy heart, that pays its toll
To Youth and Age, and travels on with cheer
(a) What does the poet mean by the phrase 'in the dim past'?
(b) Is the poet afraid of the future?

20. Don't ever try to saw her pride, her self-respect.
She knows how to thaw you, saw you-so beware!
(a) What do the words thaw and saw mean here?
(b) What is the tone of the author?

21. "Not a crumb to be found
On the snow-covered ground;
(a) What couldn't he find on the ground?
(b) Why was the ground covered with snow?

22. And now, if you will set us to our task, We will serve you four and twenty hours a day!

(a) Who does the pronoun 'you' refer to here?

(b) Whose task is referred to as 'our task' here?

SECTION – 3

Answer **any three** of the following. **3 x 2 = 6**

23. Rewrite this sentence using the passive voice:

I had sharpened my pencil and I had used it to sketch the diagram.

24. Rewrite this sentence in direct speech:

Pritam asked the shopkeeper whether he would exchange the defective torch which he had bought from him the previous day.

25. Punctuate the following sentence

The teacher said be sure to turn off the lights when you leave the room

26. Transform the following sentence into a simple sentence

Ramesh changed his dress and went out to play.

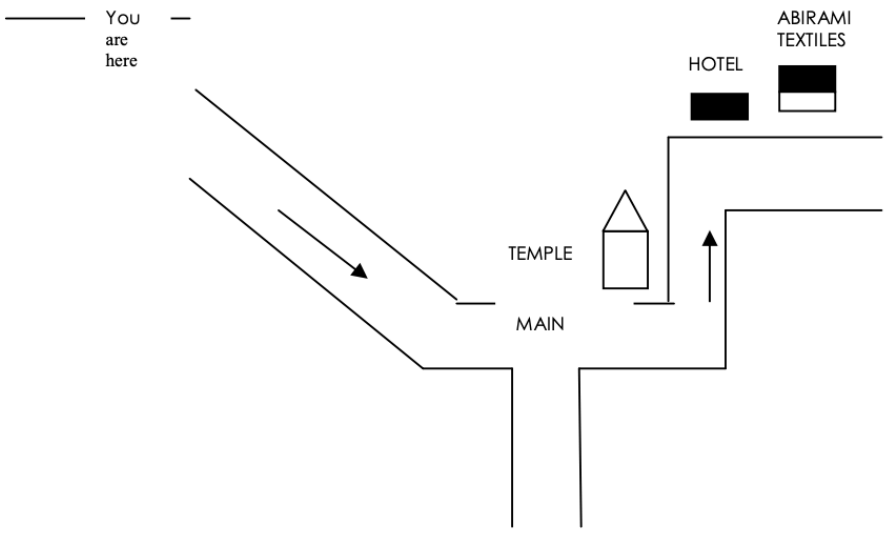
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentence.

(a) followed / suggestion / my / they

(b) hard-working / Mathew / was / a / business man.

SECTION – 4

28. You are near the park. A stranger asks you to direct him to a textile shop. Guide him with your directions in about 50 words. (2)



PART – III

SECTION – 1

Answer **any two** of the following in a paragraph. 2 x 5 = 10

29. Give an account of the last day of M. Hamel in school.

30. "Technology is a boon to the disabled", - Justify.

31. Give a brief character sketch of Sanyal.

32. How did Holmes trap Mr. Culverton Smith to confess the murder?

SECTION – 2

Answer **any two** of the following in a paragraph. 2 x 5 = 10

33. Compare and contrast the attitude of the Ant and the cricket.

34. What is the central theme of the poem 'No Men are Foreign'. ?

35. Read the following stanza and answer the following questions.

It sat alone.

What happened there is still today unknown.

It is a very mysterious place,

And inside you can tell it has a ton of space,

But at the same time, it is bare to the bone.

(a) What does 'It' refer to?

(b) Pick out the line that indicates the size of the house?

(c) What is unknown to the poet?

(d) Why is the house a mysterious place?

(e) Find out the rhyming words in the above stanza?

(f) What is the figure of speech in the 1st line?

(g) What is the figure of speech in the 4th line?

36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

Let us learn to walk with a smile and a song,

No matter if things do sometimes go wrong;

And then be our station high or humble,

We'll never belong to the family of Grumble.

SECTION – 3

Answer **any one. (5)**

37. Rearrange the following sentences:

a)The road was was long and steep.

b) He ordered to put to death to all aged people.

c) The poor farmer who loved his mother was struck with grief.

d)The country shining was governed by a despotic leader.

e) He carried his old mother to the mountains.

38. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

In total despair at their failure to wake ZigZag, or atleast stop him from snoring, they shut themselves in a bedroom that was furthest away from Mrs. Krishnan's Studio where Zig Zag was creating the terrible din. Mrs Krishnan was just unravelling a roll of cotton wool to stuff in his ears , when they heard their maid , Lakshmi , shrieking as if she had been electrocuted

(i) Were they able to stop Zigzag from snoring ?

(ii) Where did they shut themselves ?

(iii) What was Mrs. Krishnan trying to do ?

(iv) Who is Laskmi?

(v) How did Lakshmi scream ?

SECTION – 4

Answer **any four** of the following **4 x 5 = 20**

39. Prepare an advertisement on the information given below:

Grand look ___ clothes shop __ Aadi sale – 15% discount __ gents' / ladies' / kids' apparels.

40. Write a letter for the following situation.

Ramesh wanted to write to Mr Nagaraj asking him to be the Chief Guest for a function in his school.

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

42. You are Kevin/ Keerthi, the SPL of GHSS, Villupuram. Prepare a notice on behalf of your school inviting all the students to take part in the Drawing competition, to be held in your school on behalf of Children's day on the 10th of next month.

43. Make notes or write summary for the following.

No study of English can be complete without a reference dictionary of idioms. A very useful and easily available reference material is The Collins Dictionary of English Idioms. This dictionary contains clearly explained meanings of over three thousand common English idioms. To make the meaning even

clearer, and to show you how the idiom can be used, each idiom is provided with a suitable sample sentence . In this dictionary, the emphasis is on 'true' idioms. These are expressions whose meanings cannot be easily worked out from the words they contain. The dictionary also provides a great many variations in the way these idioms are used. The main emphasis , however is on providing an understanding of the meaning of the idioms, rather than attempting to be a complete guide to idiomatic usage. (145 words).

44. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences:

(a) My uncle is richest man in the village.

(b) Many people behaves rudely now-a-days.

(c) A American lives near my house.

(d) The dog fell along the river.

(e) Each of the cycles are damaged.

SECTION – 5

45. Quote from memory. **(5)**

Some water, coal ……. and drive.

PART – IV

46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints. (8)

(a) True Story – little boy named Peter – rescues his fellowmen – sees a small hole – water flows like a stream – thrusts his finger – stops the leaking water – next morning – people repair the hole – thank – Peter.

OR

(b) Twelve years ago – help of King of Naples – landed on a distant island – witch Sycorax - shipwrecks them – test Ferdinand - searches for his son – Prospero confronts – restored Dukedom.

47. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below. **(8)**

Discipline is the most essential virtue you should acquire when you are young. It is a complex quality. It shapes your mind to religious, social and economic patterns when you grow up to be an active citizen. At a young age, we do not realize the value of discipline, As children, we merely long for unlimited freedom, without understanding the meaning of discipline. An athlete disciplines himself and keeps himself fit. He refrains from smoking, observes good food habits and keeps good health.. Discipline increases the human energy and implies control, resistance and adjustment. Our energy is saved and made vital for a good output.

Questions :

(a) The word 'essential' means: (i) necessary (ii) important (iii) compulsory

(b) How does discipline aid a citizen?

(c) Why don't children want discipline?

(d) Mention some ways in which an athlete maintains discipline.

(e) How is discipline beneficial to human beings?