
S.S.C. PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS - 2025-26
THIRD LANGUAGE - ENGLISH
MODEL PAPER-2

Time : 3.15 hours

Max. Marks : 100

Instructions :

1. The question paper has 37 questions in three sections (A, B and C)
 2. Answer all the questions on a separate answer book supplied to you.
 3. 15 minutes of time is allotted exclusively for reading the question paper and 3 hours for writing the answers.
 4. Answer all the questions of SECTION - B(Grammar and Vocabulary) in the same order at one place in your answer book.
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SECTION – A : READING COMPREHENSION

(Questions 1 - 5) : Read the following passage carefully.

"Oh, this is tea country now," he said. "Assam has the largest concentration of plantations in the world. You will see enough gardens to last you a lifetime!"

"I have been reading as much as I could about tea," Rajvir said. "No one really knows who discovered tea but there are many legends."

"What legends?"

"Well, there's the one about the Chinese emperor who always boiled water before drinking it. One day a few leaves of the twigs burning under the pot fell into the water giving it a delicious flavour. It is said they were tea leaves."

"Tell me another!" scoffed Pranjol.

"We have an Indian legend too. Bodhidharma, an ancient Buddhist ascetic, cut off his eyelids because he felt sleepy during meditations. Ten tea plants grew out of the eyelids. The leaves of these plants when put in hot water and drunk banished sleep.

"Tea was first drunk in China," Rajvir added, "as far back as 2700 B.C.! In fact words such as tea, 'chai' and 'chini' are from Chinese. Tea came to Europe only in the sixteenth century and was drunk more as medicine than as beverage."

(Glimpses of India)

Now, answer the following questions.

5 × 2 = 10 M

1. How was tea discovered accidentally in China ?
 2. What was the legend about Bodhidharma with relation to the tea plants ?
 3. Which state in India has the largest concentration of tea plantations ?
A) Coorg B) Darjeeling C) Assam
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4. What is the origin of the word 'Chai' ?

- A) Japanese B) Chinese C) Indian

5. Tea was drunk in Europe in the sixteenth century as

- A) beverage B) medicine C) soup

(Questions 6 - 10) : Read the following stanza carefully.

He stalks in his vivid stripes

The few steps of his cage,

On pads of velvet quiet,

In his quiet rage.

He should be lurking in shadow,

Sliding through long grass

Near the water hole

Where plump deer pass.

(A Tiger in the Zoo).

Now, answer the following questions.

5 × 1 = 5 M

- 6.** What words are used to describe the movements and actions of the tiger in the cage and in the wild ?
- 7.** What was the mood of the tiger in the cage ?
- 8.** Where is the tiger in the first cage ?
- A) in a cage in the zoo B) in the forest C) in a circus
- 9.** Why would the tiger lurk in shadow and slide through the long grass ?
- A) to hunt the deer unsuspectingly B) to hide from human beings C) to drink water
- 10.** Why do the deer pass near the water hole ?
- A) to feed on the grass B) to drink water C) to hide from the tiger

(Questions 11 - 15) : Read the following passage carefully.

I WAS really worried about Tricky this time. I had pulled up my car when I saw him in the street with his mistress and I was shocked at his appearance. He had become hugely fat, like a bloated sausage with a leg at each corner. His eyes, bloodshot and rheumy, stared straight ahead and his tongue lolled from his jaws. Mrs Pumphrey hastened to explain, "He was so listless, Mr Herriot.

He seemed to have no energy. I thought he must be suffering from malnutrition, so I have been giving him some little extras between meals to build him up, some malt and cod-liver oil and a bowl of Horlicks at night to make him sleep — nothing much really."

"And did you cut down on the sweet things as I told you?"

"Oh, I did for a bit, but he seemed to be so weak I had to relent. He does love cream cakes and chocolates so. I can't bear to refuse him."

I looked down again at the little dog. That was the trouble. Tricky's only fault was greed. He had never been known to refuse food; he would tackle a meal at any hour of the day or night.

(A Triumph of Surgery)

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given :

5 × 1 = 5 M

11. Why was the doctor shocked on seeing Tricki ?

- A) he had become very fat
- B) he had become very thin
- C) he is healthy

12. What did Mrs. Pumphrey cannot bear to refuse Tricki ?

- A) cod-liver oil
- B) a bowl of Horlicks
- C) cream cakes and chocolates

13. Who is Tricki ?

- A) Mr. Herriot's dog
- B) Mrs. Pumphrey's dog
- C) a street dog

14. What instruction did the doctor give Mrs. Pumphrey to do earlier ?

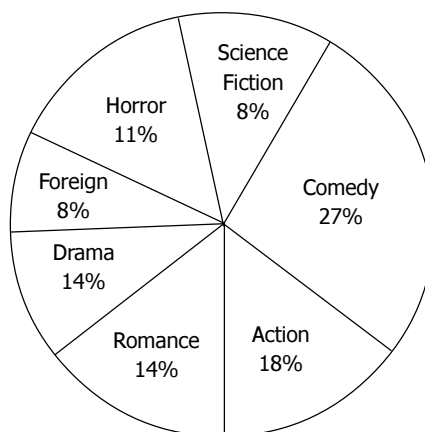
- A) to give Tricki more sweets
- B) to give a bowl of Horlicks
- C) to cut down the sweet things

15. What was Tricki's fault ?

- A) he always refuses food
- B) he eats a meal at any hour of the day or night
- C) he eats only one meal a day

(Questions 16) : Study the following pie-chart carefully.

FAMOUS MOVIE GENRES IN MRS. SMITH'S FILM CLASS



Now, answer the following questions.

5 × 1 = 5 M

- i) What does the Pie-chart show ?
 - ii) What is the most famous movie genre in Mrs. Smith's class ?
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- iii) What is the percentage of the genre 'Horror' in Mrs. Smith's class ?
a) 8% b) 18% c) 11%
- iv) After 'comedy', which genre is favoured in Mrs. Smith's class ?
a) Action b) Drama c) Science fiction
- v) Choose the correct statement based on the table given.
a) Both 'drama' and 'romance' are given equal weightage in the pie-chart.
b) The percentage of 'Foreign' genre is more than the genre 'Horror'.
c) The least favoured genre is 'Comedy'.

(Question 17) : Read the following passage carefully.

Birds nest building is a fascinating display of instinct and ingenuity. Birds utilize a wide range of materials, from twigs and leaves to mud and even saliva, to construct their nests. The specific materials and construction techniques vary greatly, between species, with some birds weaving intricate baskets, while others create simple platforms or burrows. Nest building is typically a collaborative effort between the male and female, although in some species, one partner takes on the primary responsibility. The nests serve as vital shelters for eggs and young birds, protecting them from the elements and predators.

Now, arrange the following jumbled sentences into a meaningful order. 5 × 1 = 5 M

- a) Nests serve as vital shelters for protecting eggs and young birds.
b) Construction techniques and material differ greatly with some birds weaving simple platforms, while others intricate baskets.
c) Nests are built by a collaborative effort between the male and female birds.
d) Building nests is a fascinating display of instinct and ingenuity in birds.
e) A variety of materials like twigs, mud and sahiva are used by birds to construct their nests.

SECTION – B

GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

Note : Answer all the questions of Section - B in the same order at one place in your answer book.

18. Combine the following sentences using 'who' 2 M

My mother is going to host a TV show on cooking. She cooks very well.

19. Change the following sentence into 'passive voice' 2 M

Lencho wrote a letter to God.

20. Change the following into Reported Speech. 2 M

LOMOV : I've come only to see you.

21. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition given in brackets. 2 × 1 = 2 M

- i) It was a spectacular array South African jets. (*for / to / of*)
ii) She was born July. (*on / in / at*)

22. Edit the following passage. 4 × 1 = 4 M

The journey to the valley of flowers begin (a) about
16 kms away for (b) Joshimath, at Govindghat
(1770) on the Rishikesh Badrinath heightway (c)
The valley of flower are (d) covered with a
rich variety of magnificent plants.

23. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles. 2 × 1 = 2 M

1. She bought dozen mangoes.
2. They live near sea.

24. Change the following into Repeated action in the past using 'would/used to'

- i) When I was a child, I play outside for hours everyday.
ii) Our teacher gives us a quiz every day. 2 × 1 = 2 M

25. Rewrite the sentences into a single sentence using Noun-modifiers. 2 × 1 = 2 M

- i) The pilot saw dark clouds. The clouds were stormy and dangerous.
ii) The tiger was moving in the cage. The cage was narrow.

26. Give a suitable advice for the situation given below. 2 × 1 = 2 M

Your friend is becoming fat and lazy. Advise / him / her to do yoga everyday.

27. Read the following paragraph and write the synonyms of the underlined words, choosing the words given in the box. 4 × 1 = 4 M

ownership, country, well-known, strange, criminals, honour

We, who were outlaws (a) not so long ago, have today been given the privilege (b) to be host to the nations of the world on our own soil. We thank all of our distinguished (c) guests for having come to take possession (d) with the people of our country of what is, after all, a common victory for justice, peace, for human dignity.

28. Read the following paragraph and write the antonyms of the underlined words. 4 × 1 = 4 M

May be it's my fault (a) that we don't confide (b) in each other. In any case, that's just how things are and unfortunately they're not liable (c) to change. To enhance (d) the image of this long-awaited friend in my imagination, I don't want to jot down the facts in this diary.

29. Fill the blanks with the right form of words given in the brackets. $2 \times 1 = 2 \text{ M}$

The days passed, **(a)** (*peace, peaceful, peacefully*), at Basra, but I dreaded the prospect of **(b)** (*transport, transporting, transportation*) Mij to England and to Camusfearna.

30. Complete the words with correct Prefixes and Suffixes given in the brackets. **$2 \times 1 = 2 \text{ M}$**

i) In this valley of desolation there is a path that leads to mortality. (*im, in*)

ii) Kisa Gotami became weary and hope (*les / less*).

31. Find the wrongly spelt word and write the correct spelling. $2 \times 1 = 2 \text{ M}$

i) scriptures, befitted, royalty, shielded

ii) funeral, procession, enlighten, witnessed

32. Read the following dictionary entry of the word given below. $2 \times 1 = 2 \text{ M}$

solitary / adjective /

Definition : 1. being, living or existing alone, without companions
2. isolated or remote from other.

Example : She enjoyed the solitary walk through the forest.

Synonyms : alone, lone, lonesome, unaccompanied, isolated

Antonyms : social, gregarious, accompanied, communal, crowded.

Now, answer the following questions using the information above.

i) Write two synonyms of the word 'Solitary'.

ii) Write any one definition of the word 'Solitary'.

33. Use the following expressions in sentences of your own. $2 \times 1 = 2 \text{ M}$

i) Phrasal verb : hand in

Ans.

ii) Idiomatic expression : earning my keep

Ans.

34. Match the following. $4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2 \text{ M}$ **Part - A****Part - B**

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| i) homesick | () | a) obeying and respecting the law |
| ii) law-abiding | () | b) an informal word which means a very stupid person |
| iii) heartbreaking | () | c) missing home and family very much |
| iv) blockhead | () | d) producing great sadness |

SECTION – C : CREATIVE EXPRESSION

- 35. A)** Two passengers noticed Valli travelling alone to the city. They wondered at the freedom of thought and expression of an eight year old girl. They observed the approach of Valli towards the conductor and other passengers in the bus. **10 M**

Imagine a possible conversation between the two passengers about the consequences of a girl of eight years travelling alone to a far off place.

(OR)

- B)** The pilot in the lesson 'The Black Aeroplane' reached home safe after an unusual experience with his plane in the sky. He shared the terrible incident with his wife and family. Hearing about it, the pilot's wife went panic and felt the other plane as a 'blessing in disguise'.

Imagine you are the pilot's wife and write a diary entry about his awful journey and the unseen unexpected grace that saved him.

- 36. A)** Your mother promised to let you bring up a pet dog on your successful completion of your Exams. you brought home a puppy, named it and had the pleasure of feeding it, playing with it and caress. Write a letter to your friend to share how you named it, had delightful moments and its naughty deeds. **10 M**

(OR)

- B)** You are the school pupil leader of XYZ Public School. For the Mega PTM conduct very soon. You are assigned the duty of ensuring discipline and plant distribution to the students under the programme 'Ek ped Ma Ke naam'. On this occasion, you gathered the students of classes 6 to 10 to inform the necessity to meet the need of above mentioned aspects. Prepare a script for speech on why discipline is important and how things can be well-maintained if there is discipline. You may educate them on the necessity of growing plants and take initiative to choose atleast one plant in the name of their mother.
- 37. A)** The lesson "The Necklace," critiques the social hierarchy and the human desire for status. It offers a commentary on social class in the society. Matilda's life was ruined because of a small mistake. But in the end, she came to know that she had struggled for nothing.

Now, write a description of Matilda's feelings and thoughts as she knew that the necklace was not made of gold by depicting the contrast between her dreams and her reality and the consequences of not confessing the truth to her friend.

(OR)

B) Study the following 'pie chart' and write a paragraph based on the information given in it.

