

S.S.C. PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

MARCH 2011

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**ENGLISH PAPER - II**

(Third Language)

Time : 2 ½ hours

Maximum Marks : 50

**SECTION - I**

- (1-5) Read the passage given below. Then answer the questions that follow it. Write the answers in your answer book. 5 x 1 = 5

Last night at about 2 a.m. I woke up when I heard someone walking quietly past my door. I got up and opened my door and peeped out. It was Barrymore, with a candle in his hand. There was something indescribably guilty and secret about him. I followed him and saw him enter one of the rooms at the further end of the corridor.

1. What did Barrymore do after he entered the room?
2. Why did Barrymore look guilty ?
3. Who followed him that night ?
4. How did Barrymore help the convict other than by taking food to him ?
5. How did Barrymore's help lead to the death of the convict?

- (6-10) Read the passage given below. Then answer the questions that follow it. Write the answers in your answer book. 5 x 1 = 5

Having lived in the woods, Thoreau decided that he wanted to see the ocean. Along with a friend, he made a trip to Cape Cod, a narrow strip of the Massachusetts coast extending far in to the sea.

(Henry David Thoreau)

6. Who is Thoreau?
7. Name the woods where he lived ?
8. Why did he live in the woods ?
9. Why did he decide to see the ocean ?
10. Where did he go to see the ocean ?

**SECTION - II**

- (11-19) Answer FIVE question, choosing at least TWO from each set. 5 x 2 = 10

**SET -A**

11. According to Holmes why did Sir Charles run away from the house in the Yew Alley and not towards it on the day he died?
12. Who is Selden ? Why was he living on the moor ?

13. Why did Holmes decide to live in a stone hut on the moor and not at Baskerville Hall ?
14. What did Stapleton do before he came to live in Devon Shire ?
15. How did Holmes discover Stapleton's actual identity ?

**SET - B**

16. Give an example for Thoreau's concept of Passive resistance.  
(Henry David Thoreau)
17. According to the writer, how did talking evolve ?  
(Desmond Morris Grooming)
18. Why does Salim Ali describe the behaviour of the baya birds as "unorthodox goings-on in the colony"? (The Thrills of Bird-watching)
19. Why does Martin Luther King Jr refer to some people who struggle for freedom as 'pilots and ground crew' ?

**SECTION - III**

(20-21) Rearrange the scrambled sentences in each set (A & B) to form meaningful paragraph. Do not copy the actual sentences in your answer-book. Write only the letters corresponding to the sentences in the proper order. 2 x 2½ = 5=

**SET -A**

20. (a) Mexican chillies are used to flavour stewed meat dishes.  
(b) Hot peppers include cherry, red cluster, Tobasco, long chilli and cayenne pepper.  
(c) There are two kinds of peppers : mild and hot.  
(d) These are often served as relishes and pickles or ground into fine powdered spices.  
(e) Tobasco peppers are ground and mixed with vinegar to make a spicy hot sauce.

**SET -B**

21. (a) Then he taught them to perform on command.  
(b) It is said that if you are fortunate enough to see them blow bubbles you will be lucky in marriage.  
(c) The trio were taught to take in the air from the trainers oxygen tank.  
(d) Three bubble-blowing beluga whales are a big attraction at the Aquas Aquarium in Japan.  
(e) A trainer noticed them casually blowing rings on their own.

22. Read the following advertisement which appeared in a newspaper.

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**Easy Date Entry Job (Visakhapatnam)**  
Hurry! Golden opportunity to earn easily from home by simple posting of advertisement for us. Earn up to Rs. 18,000 + (per month)  
Enroll TODAY and Start earning .....  
To learn more about your job profile visit us at  
www.easyjob4earn.com or email us at info @easyjob4earn.com  
Reply to : anirbandas\_1234 @ yahoo.co.in or  
contact : + 919007466506

*Write a letter to the above address applying for the job. State your qualifications along with other details which you consider would be in your favour.*

23. Read the following dialogue. Then write a paragraph expressing your views on the topic discussed in the dialogue.

Nita : You know I went to watch the latest Harry Potter movie today. It's a pity that I have not read the book yet!

Rahul : Yes where's the time to read in today's fast life? I'm happy that I did engineering in college. That's how I could get such a good job immediately after completing my course. Had I pursued a literature course I would still be unemployed!

Nita : I don't quite agree with you. In fact I regret the fact that I didn't study literature. Then I would get to read more works of fiction, learn to use good language and understand human relations better. And I'm sure I would get an equally good job had I majored in Literature.

Rahul : But you know how parents are in India. They push their kids to take up science subjects and not humanities. I think they are right and it has helped me get a good job.

Nita : Well in my opinion job and earning money are not the only things that should have importance in one's life. One should also enjoy works of art and appreciate and value human emotions. I think by reading literature we get a very balanced view of life.

- (24-25) Read the newspaper report given below :

**Sewage floods roads in Velachery locality**

(The Times of India)

CHENNAI : Life, for the over 1,000 residents of Venus Colony in east Velachery, has become difficult for the past couple of weeks. Thanks to the heavy sewer overflow in the locality.

Velachery has, according to residents, always been beset with a host of civic problems. The present situation in Venus Colony is the perfect example of what a resident of the area faces daily. Hundreds of people, including children and elderly citizens, have been traumatized by the unbearable stench.

"For the past many weeks, sewage water has stagnated in the locality. It has become the breeding ground for mosquitoes. Most of the time we keep the windows and doors closed to keep out the bad smell. We also fear an outbreak of malaria is imminent," said Satish, a resident of the locality.

24. Imagine that you are a resident of Venus Colony and write a letter to your friend in Hyderabad describing the present state of chaos in the colony and how you feel about it.

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25. Write a letter to the Editor of the Newspaper in which the report appeared expressing your anguish about the incident and suggesting ways to avoid such incidents.

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