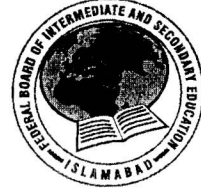


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COMPULSORY SSC-II
SECTION - A (Marks 15)
Time allowed: 20 Minutes

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Fill the relevant bubble against each question:

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- _____ word to the wise is sufficient. The correct option is: A An The No article is required
- Owning two cars is a luxury in most countries. Which type of pronoun is the underlined? Concrete Abstract Proper Collective
- When I saw him, he _____ chess. Choose the correct form of verb. Is playing Was playing Were playing Play
- The foolish crow tried to sing. The underlined word is: Noun Verb Adjective Adverb
- The ship _____ rapidly. Choose the correct verb to complete sentence. Sinking Sank Sunk Sinking
- He works carefully. The underlined word is an adverb of: Manner Quantity Degree Frequency
- Salman enjoys playing cricket. The sentence is an example of: Assertive sentence Interrogative sentence Exclamatory sentence Imperative sentence
- I am doing it now. This sentence is an example of _____ sentence. Simple Compound Complex Compound complex
- Which of the following sentences has an adjective? She is an excellent player I shall definitely play She is here She walks too slowly
- The cat jumped _____ the chair. Choose the correct preposition to complete the sentence. About Off Beneath Through
- I had written the letter. Which tense is used in the given sentence? Simple past Past progressive Past perfect Past perfect continuous
- I ate some rice. The underlined is adjective of: Quality Quantity Manner Demonstration
- Our friend _____ writing to us before he left the city. Choose the correct option to complete the sentence. Is Will be Have Had been
- 'Cat' is to 'kitten' as 'lioness' is to: Lion Puppy Cub Baby
- He says, "I am unwell". Choose the correct indirect speech. He said that I am unwell He said that he is unwell He says that he is unwell He says that he was unwell



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Time allowed: 2:40 Hours

Total Marks Sections B and C: 60

NOTE:- Answer all the questions from Sections 'B' and 'C' on the separately provided answer book. Use supplementary answer sheet i.e. Sheet-B if required. Write your answers neatly and legibly.

SECTION – B (Marks 36)

Q. 2 Read the following passage carefully and answer any FIVE questions including Question No.(i) appended to it.

Note: Question No. (i) about summary writing is compulsory carrying 06 marks while rest of the question carry 03 marks each. (6 + 4×3= 18)

More than 99 percent of the world's food supply comes from the land, while less than 1 percent is from oceans and aquatic habitats. The continued production of an adequate food supply is directly dependent of ample fertile land, fresh water and energy. As the human population grows, requirements for these resources also grow. Even if these resources are never depleted, on a per capita basis they will decline significantly because they must be divided among more people. At present, fertile agricultural land is being lost at an alarming rate. The shortage of productive fertile land and combined with decreasing land productivity is the major cause of current food shortages.

Water is another critical item for all crops. Massive amount of water is required during the growing season for cultivation. In fact, agricultural production consumes more fresh water than any other human activity. In many countries, people are facing shortage of fresh water. Competition for water resources among individuals, regions, countries and associated human activities is already occurring with the current world population. Water resources, critical for irrigation, are under great stress as populous cities, states and countries require and withdraw more water from rivers, lakes and aquifers every year. A major threat to maintaining future water supplies is the continuing over-use of surface and ground water resources.

Questions:

- (i) Summarize the given passage. Also suggest a suitable title to it. (Compulsory)
- (ii) Explain the food resources of the world.
- (iii) What happens to the available food resources if the population of the world continues to increase?
- (iv) What is the condition of fertile land at present?
- (v) What are the effects of shortage of water in agriculture sector?
- (vi) Do you also face shortage of water in your locality? Why? or Why not?
- (vii) Write down the synonyms of any three of the underlined words.

Q. 3 A. Paraphrase any ONE of the following stanzas: (02)

I. The pines where they stood;
The wind will miss them ---- the rain,
When its silver blind is down.
They have stripped the bark from the wood----
The needy boughs, and the brown
Knobby nuts trodden into the ground.

OR

II. But all of that is
Not its core,
Its center is in truth
Eternal stillness
Bright blue skies
And all you hear
Are gentle whispers
Far away
And unimportant.

B. Read the following poem/stanza carefully and answer the questions appended to it:

I. Figure it out for yourself, my lad,
You've all the greatest of men have had,
Two arms, two hands, two legs, two eyes,
And a brain to use if you would be wise,
With this equipment they all began,
So, start for the top and say 'I can'

Questions:

- (i) Explain the theme of the stanza. (02)
- (ii) What is the rhyme scheme of the given stanza? (02)

OR

- II. I hear leaves drinking rain;
I hear rich leaves on top
Giving the poor beneath
Drop after drop;
'Tis a sweet noise to hear
These green leaves drinking near.

Questions:

- (i) What do the rich and the poor leaves stand for? (02)
(ii) Explain the 'sweet noise' mentioned in the stanza. (02)

Q. 4 A. Fill in blanks with appropriate form of the verbs given in the brackets. (04)

- (i) It _____ (rain) all night.
(ii) Ali fell off the ladder when he _____ (mend) the roof.
(iii) This time tomorrow I _____ (sit) on the beach in Karachi.
(iv) Don't disturb me, I _____ (do) my work.

B. Change the FOUR bold sentences into indirect speech: (04)

He said, "**Who are you to speak to me like this**". He added, "**I am the master**". "**Why should I help you?**" The man replied. "**It is your work to draw the cart**".

C. Do as directed (any FOUR) of the following: (04)

- (i) The sun rises in the east. (Change into interrogative)
(ii) Piper, piped that song again. (Change into negative)
(iii) The girl closed the door quickly. (Change into imperative)
(iv) Ahmed spoiled the project in a hurry. (Change into interrogative)
(v) Did the plane arrive at 3:30. (Change into affirmative)
(vi) I bought a new bicycle last week. (Change into negative)

SECTION - C (Marks 24)

Q. 5 Write an application to the 'Director of Education' for the grant of scholarship. (08)

OR

Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about price hike.

Q. 6. Describe your weekend, using appropriate/correct transitional devices (at least six) for connecting your ideas logically in paragraph. (06)

Q. 7. Write an essay on any ONE of the following topics: (200-250 words) (10)

We Live in Deeds Not in Years

OR

Importance of Tree Plantation

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Hard Work is the Key to Success

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Fill the relevant bubble against each question:

- Faraz is a giant in his class, towering a foot over his classmates. The sentence means: Faraz is short Faraz is tiny Faraz is heavy Faraz is tall
- Clock is to time as ruler is to: Mile Length Angle Space
- The child is gaining maturity. The underlined word is: Abstract noun Concrete noun Proper noun Collective noun
- I met him at _____ mosque. Choose the correct article to complete the sentence. A An The No article required
- I _____ up every day at five o'clock Get Gets Getting Got
- The young boy _____ the car rashly yesterday. Choose the correct form of verb to complete the sentence. Driving Drove Driven Drived
- There is little time for preparation. The underlined word is: Verb Adverb Adjective Noun
- The earth revolves around the sun. The sentence is an example of: Simple sentence Compound sentence Complex sentence Compound complex sentence
- Alas! She is dead. Which kind of sentence is this? Declarative Interrogative Exclamatory Imperative
- 'She seldom asks me to help her'. Which type of adverb is used in the given sentence? Manner Frequency Degree Time
- The cat jumped _____ the chair. Choose the correct preposition to complete the sentence. About Through Beneath Off
- She _____ studying in England before she came to Pakistan. Choose the correct form of verb to complete the sentence. Is Will be Have Had been
- She had done the exercise. Which tense has been used in the given sentence? Present Perfect Past Perfect Simple Past Past Perfect Continuous
- After the trip, I feel, I am the _____ boy on earth. Lucky Luckiest Luckier More lucky
- The birds chirp beautifully. The underlined is an adverb of: Place Time Manner Frequency



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Newspapers do not require us to sit at a place and read the news. Busy people may read the papers anytime of the day. They may read the news that is important to them early in the morning, and carry the paper with them to read in the bus or van. They may also choose to omit certain aspects of the news that they are not interested in.

Television on the other hand, requires its viewers to be at a certain place, at a certain time in order to watch and listen to the news. If they are busy people, they will miss the news. They cannot choose to read it on the move or throughout the day. They cannot even choose which piece of news they wish to skip. One way could be to record it and watch it later. But the point here is that it is not that convenient.

Television brings laziness in us. We can view the news with a little or no effort since it is practically a form of entertainment. If we have the leisure time, we can view the television news anytime of the day and night. It broadcasts the news as it is happening. Much mastery of language is not necessary for the person who prefers to view the news on television because everything is visual and auditory. A person with a basic knowledge of the broadcast language will be able to view and understand it. In comparison, the reader of a newspaper needs to be proficient in the language in order to understand it better.

Questions:

- Summarize the given passage. Also give a suitable title to it. (Compulsory)
- What are the advantages of reading newspaper?
- What are disadvantages of watching television?
- Explain the role of language if you watch television instead of reading newspaper.
- How does television make us lazy?
- What do you prefer, reading newspaper or watching television, if you need to get news?
- Write down the synonyms of any three of the underlined words.

Q. 3 A. Paraphrase any ONE of the following stanzas: (02)

I. 'Tis a lesson you should heed---
Try again;
If at first you don't succeed,
Try again;
Then your courage should appear;
For in you will persevere,
You will conquer, never fear,
Try again.

OR

II. Look them over, the wise and great
They take their food from a common plate
And similar knives and forks they use,
With similar laces they tie their shoes,
The world considers, them brave and smart,
But you've all they had when they made their start.

B. Read the following poem/stanza carefully and answer the questions appended to it:

I. Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.

Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is barren field
Frozen with snow

Questions:

- Write down the theme of the poem.
- What happens when dreams die?

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II. And when the sun comes out,
After this rain shall stop,
A wondrous light will fill
Each dark, round drop;
I hope the sun shines bright;
It will be a lovely sight.

Questions:

- (i) Write down the moral lesson the poet is conveying in the stanza. (02)
(ii) What happens when the sun comes out after rain? (02)

Q. 4 A. Fill in blanks with appropriate form of the verbs given in the brackets. (04)

- (i) The river _____ (flow) under the bridge.
(ii) I _____ (write) the letter before he arrived.
(iii) I _____ (not go) out if it rains.
(iv) He _____ (sleep) for five hours.

B. Change the FOUR bold sentences into indirect speech: (04)

'My sons, a great treasure lies in the estate and I am about to leave you', said the old man. 'Where is it hidden?' said the sons. 'I'm about to leave you,' said the old man, 'but you must dig for it'

C. Do as directed (any FOUR) of the following: (04)

- (i) The headmaster wants to speak to you. (Change into negative)
(ii) She left the school last year. (Change into interrogative)
(iii) You go into the room (Change into imperative)
(iv) The light went out while I was reading. (Change into negative)
(v) Were we listening to the radio all evening? (Change into affirmative)
(vi) She seems sad. (Change into interrogative)

SECTION - C (Marks 24)

Q. 5 Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper regarding begging on the road signals. (08)

OR

Write an application to the managing director of a firm for the post of an accountant.

Q. 6. Describe a day at school, using appropriate/correct transitional devices (at least six) for connecting your ideas logically in paragraph. (06)

Q. 7. Write an essay on any ONE of the following topics: (200-250 words) (10)

Choice of Future Career

OR

The Role of Social Media in Our Life

OR

Sports and Games