



# ALLEN CAREER INSTITUTE

PRELIMINARY EXAM : 2019-20

Paper Set : SET-I(HT)

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

SSC Board - Sample Paper - 1 Solutions

## SECTION - A (LANGUAGE STUDY)

Q.1 A.

(A1) Do as directed:

- i. The weather was exceedingly cold yesterday.
- ii. Dr. Kalam sat contemplating deeply.
- iii. to relocate : The family decided to relocate to Agra.
- iv. Interrogative sentence.
- v. Kindness, smartness, foolishness, senselessness, goodness.

vi. **Past**

**en** : write – written

rot – rotten

**ed** : refer – referred

travel – travelled

**Present**

Worship – worshipping

Kidnap – kidnapping

(A2) Do as directed :

- i. Book :
  1. I read an interesting book today.
  2. They told me to book the movie tickets for them.
- ii. The Hermit will have been frail and weakened.
- iii. The trees are made to dance with unhindered passion by the wind.
- iv. gets, gress, gest, girl, gist, gets, errs, erst, rite, sees, tees, tree, tris, tire, rise, rets, rigs, trig, site, rute, rest, ries, rees.

Q.1 (B) Do as directed :

- i. Della attended to her cheeks with her powder rag as she finished her cry.
- ii. His no other achievement is as great as the establishment of a free residential education system.

**SECTION-2 (TEXTUAL PASSAGES)**

**(READING SKILLS, VOCABULARY, GRAMMAR)**

**Q.2 A**

**(A1) Correct the following sentences based on the extract.**

- i. Many learned people came to the king's court and gave different answers to the king's questions.
- ii. Some people were of the opinion that one should not let oneself be absorbed in idle pastimes.

**(A2)** The king's question was 'who would teach him what was the right time for every action? The answers given were to know the right time of every action, one must draw up in advance a table of days, months and year and must live strictly according to it. Others declared that it was impossible to decide before hand the right time for every action but one must not let oneself be absorbed in idle pastimes.

- (A3)**
- i. undertake : I wish to undertake this task.
  - ii. pastime : Which is your favourite pastime?

- (A4)**
- i. Being convinced that he was thinking in this way, and had a proclamation made in his kingdom.
  - ii. right : rightful  
advance : advancement.

**(A5)** Yes, all answers given by the learned men were right. As it is not possible to decide any action for things to be done in future. It will lead to waste of time and resources.

**B Read the following passage and answer the questions.**

- (B1)**
- i. Joan said the following words to Robert.
  - ii. Robert said the following words to Poulengey.

- (B2)**
- i. As he thinks nothing is impossible when God is by your side.
  - ii. They are beaten as they only fight to save their skins, the shortest way is to run away which they don't take.

- (B3)**
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| i. raise a siege | ii. plundering       |
| iii. don't cut   | iv. under the escort |

**(B4) Do as directed:**

- i. I don't think it can be very difficult → Principal clause if god is on your side → Adverb clause of condition.
- ii. You do not understand, squire, do you ?

**(B5)** Joan was convinced by squire Robert because he assured her and told her how the English soldiers fight. Their soldiers are never beaten. They never heard them plundering, burning, or turning the countryside into a desert.

**SECTION - III (POETRY)**

**Q.3 (A) Read the following extract and do the activities.**

- (A1)
- The poet's mother was stung by a scorpion.
  - The peasants buzzed the name of God a hundred times.
  - The villagers came with candles and lanterns.
  - They clicked their tongues.
- (A2)
- They buzzed the name of god hundred times and they thought it would paralyse the scorpion.
  - They clicked their tongues and looked for him with candles and lanterns white throwing giant scorpion shadows.
- (A3)
- rain – steady
  - tail – diabolic.

**(B) Read the following poem and write an appreciation of it in a paragraph format.**

Dream

Berlon Braley

The poem 'Dream' written by 'Berlon Braley' is a poem which creates a sense of positivity within us. It tells us how we can actually achieve what we desire by fighting hard for it and keeping a strong belief in the almighty

The rhyme scheme used is different for each paragraph.

Numerous adjectives describing the hardwork and pain have been used.

Figure of speech namely : metaphor and repetition are used in poem.

The central idea of the poem is that one can achieve their goal inspite of all odds if they have determination and dedication towards it.

**SECTION - IV (UNSEEN / NON TEXTUAL PASSAGES)**

**Q.4 (A1) Arrange the following events in the chronological order.**

- The mighty cities of Athens and Troy went to war.
  - King Priam of Troy celebrated with the rest of the family.
  - The Athenians had built the great wooden horse to trick the people of Troy.
  - The city of Troy had fallen by noon.
- (A2) The people of Troy were rejoicing and celebrating that the war was over. The Trojan guards rolled in a massive wooden horse sitting outside the city gates. They considered it to be a gift of apology, however, it was a trap. The Athenian, soldiers hid inside the wooden horse waiting to attack. At dawn while the city slept they began the attack and by noon the city of Troy fell.
- (A3)
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| i. residents – inhabitants     | ii. opponent –rival      |
| iii. deceive – lay siege/trick | iv. supposed – presumed. |

**(A4) Do as directed :**

- i. No sign of ever ending was shown by this decade long war that affected everyone.
- ii. subject – The Athenians.  
Predicals – must have given up.

**(A5)** No, the Athenian tricked the Trojans and this was an unfair means to win the war. It was not a good deed done by them. They showed clever tactics to win the war.

**(B) Summary :**

**The Fall of Troy**

The mighty cities of Athens and Troy were at war since many years and none of them wanted to back off. Everyone was unhappy and affected by this war. It was a decade long war that ended when the Athenians decided to trick the Trojans. They built a great wooden horse and hid themselves in it. When the Trojans started rejoicing the horse was brought inside the city, they assumed it to be a gift from them and a token of apology. However they were wrong. Very soon they were attacked and by noon the city of Troy was devastated. Hence the ten year war came to an end.

**SECTION - V (WRITING SKILLS)**

**Q.5 1. Informal Letter :**

House No. 8,  
Asha Sadan Lane,  
Panchavati,  
Nasik District.  
8<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Dear Sukanya,

Hope this letter finds you in the pink of health. How are your parents? Hope they are fine. I have written this letter to you as I got to know what you won the 400 metre race in inter-state sports competition.

Hearty congratulations my friend. I am very proud of you. I want to share with you that the youth in my locality and the areas around my vicinity have started taking interest in sports activities. They have a keen interest however the required infrastructure is missing. Our district does not have a multi-purpose stadium.

I will soon be writing to the District collector and request him for our need of a multi purpose stadium. I will be obliged if he fulfills our need soon. It will be for the betterment of the district too.

Convey my regards to everyone at home. Hope, to see you soon

Your loving friend,

Lavin.

## 2. Formal Letter

House No. 8,  
Asha Sadan Lane,  
Panchavati,  
Nasik District.

9<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

To,  
The District Collector,  
Ajay Boratne,  
Collector's office,  
Nasik

Subject : Suggestion for need of a multipurpose stadium in the district.

Dear Sir,

I am Lavanya Sampat of Panchavati, Nasik District. I have written this letter to hereby suggest to you the need of a multi-purpose stadium in our district. The youngsters/youth in my locality are very much interested in sports activities. A few from the vicinity around the neighbourhood are also actively involved in sports. However there is a drawback.

Our district lacks a multi-purpose stadium. It would enable more number of people to participate in sports as they will not have to travel to other districts. Our district will also start participating in tournaments and bring fame to the district.

I would be highly obliged if you take our request into consideration. Thanking you in advance for your kind co-operation.

Yours faithfully.

Lavanya Sampat.

### Q.6 (A) Information Transfer :

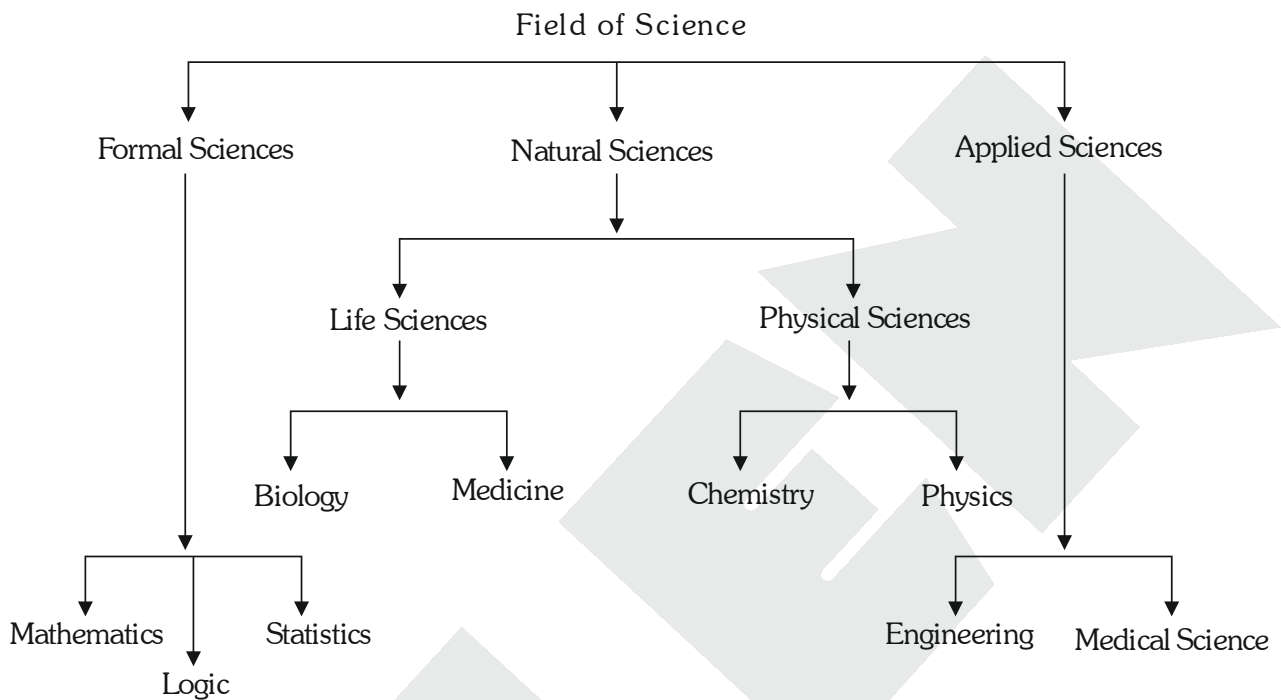
#### Non-Verbal to Verbal

#### A1 Electricity Usage in India.

The usage of electricity in India is found to be highly dominant among television and computers. Around 30% of the entire electricity is spent on these appliances. The next in line are fans and lights which are most of the times unnecessarily used and kept switched on even when they are not needed. Due to advancement in technology many electrical appliances are used in the kitchens as well. Around 20% electricity is spent on kitchen appliances like chimneys, microwave, grinder, food processors etc. As all the our conditioners nowadays are used and made in such a manner that they consume less energy only 15% of it is used by air conditioners. Cleaning machines are used very rarely hence only 10% of energy is used. Electricity must be used very wisely and limitation must be kept on it.

**A2. Verbal to Non-verbal :**

**Tree Diagram**



**B) Speech Writing :**

**B1.** In our country, the gap between the rich and poor is moreover prevalent due to corruption in the country due to which the richer becoming rich are and the poor are becoming poorer.

Therefore in my speech today. I would like to speak on 'Education is the answer to corruption'.

If we are a responsible citizen of our country, we should understand that, corruption is eating into our nations economical growth like a termite and is giving rise to crime in the country. Education plays a very crucial role here. Schools help in moulding a child, inculcate and imbibe values and make the child a responsible citizen of the nation. They teach the difference between right and wrong. However, education is not just limited to schools. Poverty destroys peoples ethics and morals and results in an increase in hatred amongst the people. We should prevent all sorts by social, evil from taking roots in our mind. There should be an equal treatment for all.

If one were to think and evaluate the causes behind corruption, then it could be countless. However, the most glaring reason responsible for the vicious spread of corruption I believe is the people's non serious attitude towards the governments rules.

Therefore by creating awareness and penalising these who practice corruption we can bring down the percentage of corruption in our nation. We need to educate people's minds, only then can we fight corruption as a nation.

**B2. View-Counterview :**

**Indian Industries need to be encouraged**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Make In India' has caught many eyeballs for its potential to reach India's latent manufacturing capability. This can transform India's economy to the next level. However it is pertinent to point out here that in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, imitative manufacturing can yield only limited dividends.

India unfortunately lacks the technical knowledge and money to start businesses run them and make profits.

When it comes to earning patents at the international intellectual, India lags behind than much smaller nations, highlighting the lack of push and encouragement to innovation in this country.

Workshops must be conducted on providing technical knowledge and leadership skills. Innovation has always been the key to economic transformation. The industrial growth should be brought about by adding innovative ideas to practical use. Investment on research and development to help branding and establishment of Indian Industries must be done.

**SECTION - VI (Creative Writing)**

**Q.7 (A) Expand the Theme/News :**

**A1.** Silence is golden.

Speech is Silver, Silence is Golden!

'Silence is golden' is the great idiom used by most nations. It is a very peaceful idiom and a very popular proverb. In common language we say, it is better for everyone to be silent than talk unnecessarily. It creates a bad impression at times.

'Listen' and 'Silent' are the two words which have same letters arranged differently. We humans have a tendency to talk more and to listen less, the main cause of it is that we have forgotten the act of waiting and allowing ourselves to listen to others view points.

When we are silent and waiting, something great inside us keeps on growing and silence gives birth to creativity, moreover the more we keep silent, the lesser the heart can be hurt.

**A2. News Report.**

**Vijayadashmi Celebrations at Yogi Society**

On 10th of October 2019, Vijayadashmi was celebrated at the Yogi Society. It is also known as Dussehra and is widely celebrated across India.

An effigy 10 feet tall was made of Ravana. A streetplay was performed where member of the society did a roleplay and were dressed as various characters. The roleplay ended with the burning of the Ravana effigy. The chief guest who was preceding the function was the student who stood first all over India in the Medical examination. He was felicitated and his parents were also called upon to the stage. The celebration ended with a sumptuous dinner that was organized at the club house of the society.

**B. Developing a story/Narrotng an experience.**

**B1 Winning is not everything !**

Raunak lived in a small town near Nagpur. He was a very kind and humble child although he was very hardworking and determined towards everything that he did.

One day there was wrestling match in his school. Some of his friends provoked him to participate although they were aware that it could hurt him physically.

Raunak decided to participate in the match. He saw many you tube videos on how to use various tactics, attacking and defense styles etc. He kept practicing regularly on a dummy.

On the day of the match he was very confident. Although he fell sick and could not give his best during the match. He tried his best and the audience was stunned by the way he portrayed his stunts. Although he still lost the match, yet was still a hero for all. That's how Raunak came back defeated but not discouraged.

**B2 'The Person who changed my life'**

Of all the subjects in school curriculum, I did well in all except in social studies. I was more eager to learn science and maths but I never was inclined to social studies. I found history to be a dead subject and geography was just not my cup of tea.

Until the day I met my new SST teacher, who actually started teaching history like a story to me. I slowly started enjoying the classes and fell in love with the subject.

It was the way in which my teacher taught me that aroused this interest in me. I studied so well that I got the highest marks in NTSE and now I aspire to crack the civil services exam UPSC. I will put my knowledge of SST to use in my exam and do something fruitful for the nation. I will never forget this change brought about by my teacher in me.