



Federal Board SSC-I Examination English (Compulsory) Question Paper 2020

SECTION – A (Marks: 15)

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Q.1 Encircle the correct option i.e. A / B / C / D. All parts carry equal marks.

- i. I feel the happy quiver of a bird in full song. The underlined word means:
 - A. To act amusingly
 - B. To demonstrate
 - C. To chirp
 - D. To shake slightly
- ii. Punjab Environment Protection Agency recommends _____ decibels of noise level in residential colonies.
 - A. 55
 - B. 65
 - C. 75
 - D. 91
- iii. "We are a nation," the Quaid affirmed three years before the birth of Pakistan. The underlined word means:
 - A. Utterly denied
 - B. Said emphatically
 - C. Told convincingly
 - D. Wished silently
- iv. The sorry engine wheezed its death cough. The sentence is an example of:
 - A. Alliteration
 - B. Metaphor
 - C. Personification
 - D. Simile
- v. The highest military award in Pakistan is given to great patriots who:
 - A. Invent something very useful
 - B. Lay down their lives for their country
 - C. Win Nobel Prize
 - D. Have obtained Tamgha-e-Imtiaz
- vi. He wore a shirt made of cotton. The underlined phrase is a/an:
 - A. Adjective phrase
 - B. Adverb phrase

- C. Noun phrase
D. Prepositional phrase
- vii. Who should be held _____ for this chaos?
- A. Responded
B. Responding
C. Responsible
D. Responsive
- viii. You are free to choose your subjects. The underlined part of the sentence is a/an:
- A. Gerund
B. Infinitive
C. Conjunction
D. Preposition
- ix. It rains heavily in monsoon. The underlined word is a/an:
- A. Intransitive verb
B. Irregular verb
C. Auxiliary verb
D. Transitive verb
- x. She has resolute faith _____ Allah Almighty
- A. At
B. In
C. Of
D. To
- xi. Nobody was there to help the needy. The underlined word is a/an:
- A. Personal pronoun
B. Indefinite pronoun
C. Reflexive pronoun
D. Possessive pronoun
- xii. Work hard _____ you should fail. Choose an appropriate conjunction.
- A. Lest
B. Or
C. Since
D. Till
- xiii. Masses had gathered to have a glimpse of their beloved leader. The underlined word is a/an:
- A. Abstract noun
B. Countable noun
C. Material noun
D. Collective noun
- xvi. May you live long. It is a/an:
- A. Assertive Sentence
B. Optative sentence
C. Imperative sentence
D. Conditional sentence
- xv. Choose the correct spelling:
- A. Inenimate
B. Inanemate
C. Inanimate
D. Inanmate

SECTION – B (Marks: 40)

Q.2 Attempt any **SIX** from the following parts in about 30 to 40 words each with reference to your textbook. All parts carry equal marks. (6 x 3 = 18)

- i. What attributes of Arabs made them prominent in the world?
- ii. What is essence of patriotism? Quote two examples from Pakistani history.
- iii. How is the world a global village now?
- iv. How did Abu Jehl treat Hazrat Asma (RA) and how did she respond to his actions?
- v. What did the Quaid think of the Muslims of the sub-continent? Quote at least one example.
- vi. Why was a heavy iron chain hung at the entrance of the court?
- vii. What is the moral in the lesson "All is not lost"?
- viii. What kind of precaution(s) may reduce noise coming from electronic devices?
- ix. What makes you feel that author is sad and depressed?

Q.3 a. Paraphrase the following stanza: (03)

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

b. Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions given at the end: (06)

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way.
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

Questions:

- (i) Identify the use of personification and imagery used in this stanza.
- (ii) How can the daffodils and stars be compared?
- (iii) Give meanings of the underlined words.

Q.4 a. Change the Voice of any FIVE of the following: (05)

- (i) The judge accepted the application.
- (ii) Maid plucks the flowers from the flowerbed every morning.
- (iii) He will not sell his car.
- (iv) The crowd caught the pick-pocket red handed.
- (v) By whom was the office closed?
- (vi) Did you prepare your speech?
- (vii) I was not informed about the incident by them.

b. Provide correct form of Verb (any FIVE): (05)

- (i) I (play) cricket since 2010.
- (ii) She (help) you with chores if she can.
- (iii) He (give) a lot charity every Ramadan.
- (iv) The boy (jump) before the bus stopped.
- (v) The jury (reach) a conclusion by next week.
- (vi) He (purchase) this car only a month ago.
- (vii) A good athlete (run) for ten minutes without tiring.
- (viii) The sun (set) before we reached home.

c. Punctuate and capitalize the following para/line(s): (05)

are you looking for your patient she said and gave me a bid hug

SECTION – C (Marks: 20)

Q.5 Write a letter to your sister congratulating her on her success in the speech competition. (08)

OR

Write a letter to your friend condoling the death of his/her mother.

Q.6 Write a paragraph of about 70 to 80 words on any one of the following: (06)
 “Allama Iqbal” **OR** “Green Pakistan”

Q.7 Translate any SIX of the following sentences into English: (06)

(ii) پلیٹ فارم پر کوئی مسافر نہ تھا

(i) آج مطلع ابر آلود ہے۔

- (iii) بال میں کتنے امیدوار تھے؟
- (iv) لاہور باغات کے لیے مشہور ہے۔
- (v) کیا ماہی گیر کے پاس ایک مضبوط جال تھا؟
- (vi) وہ جان بچانے کے لیے بھاگ کھڑا ہوا۔
- (vii) وہ جلوس کی قیادت نہیں کرتا۔
- (viii) دروازہ کون کھٹکھٹا رہا ہے۔
- (ix) کلاک چار بج چکا ہے۔

OR

Write a dialogue between a brother and a sister on Mobile Phones.

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Federal Board SSC-I Examination English (Compulsory) Question Paper 2022

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Q.1 Encircle the correct option i.e. A / B / C / D. All parts carry equal marks.

- i. The train had already left. Which tense is used in the sentence?
 - A. Present perfect
 - B. Past perfect
 - C. Present continuous
 - D. Past continuous

- ii. Napoleon's army was finally defeated at waterloo. The underlined word is an example of:
 - A. Common noun
 - B. Abstract noun
 - C. Collective noun
 - D. Proper noun

- iii. I am looking for someone _____ can watch my dog while I am on vacations. Choose the best answer to complete the sentence.
 - A. Who
 - B. That
 - C. Which
 - D. What

- iv. Choose the best answer. I am tired. I _____ for three hours.
 - A. Had studied
 - B. Have been studying
 - C. Will be studying
 - D. Shall study

- v. His body was shaking with fury. Write the antonym of the underlined word:
 - A. Rage
 - B. Earthquake
 - C. Calmness
 - D. Fear

- vi. The cost of living has increased so much that he finds it difficult to make both ends meet. Meaning of the underlined idiom is:
 - A. To live within income
 - B. Buy food

- C. Spend money
D. Live a life of luxury
- vii. He is a chicken and cannot face a difficulty. In this sentence 'chicken' refers to person.
- A. An innocent
B. A cowardly
C. A harmless
D. A foolish
- viii. Which one of the modal verbs used in the given sentences shows the function of likelihood?
- A. My sister can speak three languages
B. She can play the flute and the guitar
C. You must wash your hands before cooking
D. My baby brother should be asleep by now
- ix. He is good ____ Mathematics. Fill in the blank with suitable preposition.
- A. In
B. At
C. With
D. On
- x. We shall meet ____ the airport. Use the correct preposition to complete the sentence.
- A. At
B. In
C. On
D. Into
- xi. Please take the ____ of the two routes. Choose the best answer.
- A. Shorter
B. Short
C. Shortest
D. More short
- xii. Her purse was ____ by me. Choose the correct verb for passive voice.
- A. Found
B. Find
C. Founded
D. Finding
- xiii. A rolling stone gathers no moss. The underlined part is:
- A. Present participle
B. Adverb
C. Infinitive
D. Past participle
- xvi. 'Hockey is the national game of Pakistan'. It is a:
- A. Complex Sentence
B. Compound Sentence
C. Simple Sentence
D. Compound Complex Sentence
- xv. Each hand has five fingers. The underlined part is an adjective of:

- | | |
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| A. Manner | B. Number |
| C. Quality | D. Time |

SECTION – B (Marks: 40)

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer any **FIVE** questions including Question No. (i) appended to it. (6+4x3=18)

Note: Question (i) about summary writing is compulsory carrying 06 marks while rest question carry 03 marks each.

Media helps people to share knowledge of the world, their feelings and opinions are expressed through it. Media attracts the attention of a very large audience. It is through media that the world has become a global village. Media plays a very constructive role for the society. It raises awareness about many social issues like corruption, terrorism, drug addiction and violation of human rights. Media has become a mouthpiece of the down-trodden. It would not be wrong to say that media is the most vigilant institution that keeps an eye on every segment of the society. Through debates, reports and talk shows it makes everyone accountable and answerable. This is why media has become an integral part of our lives. Media can play a positive role and has a corrective impact if it works honestly.

Questions:

- i. Write the summary of the passage. Also suggest a suitable title. (Compulsory) (5+1=6)
- ii. How has media attracted the attention of a large number of audience?
- iii. Do you agree that media has become part of our life? Explain your answer.
- iv. Through media world has become a global village. Discuss.
- v. Why is it important for media to be very vigilant and honest?
- vi. In today's world media plays a very constructive role in the society. Discuss.
- vii. Write down the meanings of the underlined words from the context.

Q.3 a. Paraphrase any ONE of the following stanzas: (03)

- (i) I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd
A host of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze

OR

- (ii) Whose woods are these I think I know
 His house is in the village though;
 He will not see me stopping here
 To watch his woods fill up with snow.

b. Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions given at the end: (06)

- (I) For oft, when on my couch I lie
 In vacant or in pensive mood,
 They flash upon that inward eye
 Which is the bliss of solitude;
 And then my heart with pleasure fills,
 And dances with the daffodils.

Questions:

- (i) What effect does the memory of golden daffodils has on the mood of the poet? (1)
 (ii) Which poetic device has been used in the last line of the stanza? (1)
 (iii) Write down the rhyme scheme of the stanza. (1)
 (iv) Write the meanings of the underlined words. (1)
 (v) What do you understand by the term inward eye? (2)

OR

- (II) My little horse must think it queer,
 To stop without a farmhouse near
 Between the woods and frozen lake
 The darkest evening of the year

Questions:

- (i) Why does the little horse think it improper to stop in the woods? (1)
 (ii) Describe the imagery used in the stanza. (2)
 (iii) Write the rhyme scheme of the stanza. (1)
 (iv) Write the meaning of the underlined word. (1)

(v) Why is the evening dark than the usual? (1)

Q.4 a. Fill in the blanks to complete a crime story. Use the passive voice form of the verbs given in brackets. (05)

Police were _____ (call) to the National Bank yesterday. The bank was _____ (rob). One billion rupees were _____ (steal). No customer was _____ (hurt). But one robber was _____ (shot) by the police.

b. Use the Verbs given in the brackets as present and past participles. (any five) (05)

(i) We met a girl _____ a basket of flowers. (carry)

(ii) Books _____ in the childhood seem like old friends. (read).

(iii) I heard my mother, _____ on the phone. (talk)

(iv) We stood _____ for the taxi. (wait)

(v) Having _____ my passport, I applied for a new one. (lose)

(vi) She hurt her leg while _____ the rope. (skip)

(vii) The letter was badly _____. (write)

c. Punctuate the following para/line(s): (03)

i know every kid in practically the whole school he says some of those guys in schools on TV don't even know the people in their own class

SECTION – C (Marks: 20)

Q.5 Write an email to an American friend telling him/her about attractive tourist destinations in Pakistan briefly. (08)

OR

Write an application to the Principal requesting him/her to hold a 'funfair' in your school.

Q.6 Write a paragraph of about 80 to 100 words on any ONE of the following: (06)
Kindness OR Examinations

Q.7 Translate the following passage into Urdu: (06)

Noise pollution causes not only environmental damage but it also has negative impact on human health. It can cause aggression, hypertension, high stress levels, hearing loss, restlessness, depression and insomnia. Insomnia can further lead to anxiety, bad temper and emotional stress. In addition, noise pollution can seriously affect the learners, it gives them unnecessary mental and physical tension.

OR

Write a dialogue between discussing the importance of tree-plantation.





Federal Board SSC-I Examination English (Compulsory) Question Paper 2023

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Q.1 Encircle the correct option i.e. A / B / C / D. All parts carry equal marks.

- i. Brush your teeth. In this sentence the word 'Brush' has been used as:
 - A. Verb
 - B. Noun
 - C. Adjective
 - D. Adverb
- ii. Which one of the following is a simple sentence?
 - A. Tell me whatever you know.
 - B. Amna likes to play cricket.
 - C. Either take it or leave it.
 - D. He told the details which were in the story.
- iii. Reply soon. The underlined part is an adverb of:
 - A. Place
 - B. Manner
 - C. Time
 - D. Reason
- iv. Which one of the following sentences She burnt the He had contains an example of present participle?
 - A. She Burnt the bread.
 - B. He had finished the project.
 - C. The employee will given a certificate.
 - D. It was raining yesterday.
- v. Identify future continuous tense from the given sentences:
 - A. They will be playing their final match.
 - B. We are moving to texilla.
 - C. The beggars would be beginning.
 - D. Street crimes are on rise in these days.
- vi. Ahmed was playing whereas Amna was studying. The underlined part is transitional Addition device of:

- A. Addition
B. Reason
C. Comparison
D. Sequence
- vii. The moon smiled at the sun. The sentence contains:
A. Simile
B. Metaphor
C. Alliteration
D. Personification
- viii. It is very cold today. The underlined word is an adjective of:
A. Quality
B. Quantity
C. Number
D. Interrogation
- ix. Which of the following is an Interrogative sentence?
A. May God Bless you!
B. Alas! we are ruined.
C. Buy Pakistani Products.
D. Which book is yours?
- x. Slavery is still practised in many parts of Proper noun the world. The underlined word is:
A. Proper noun
B. Countable noun
C. Material noun
D. Abstract noun
- xi. The director will come ____ Monday. Choose correct preposition:
A. On
B. At
C. In
D. With
- xii. Is this ____ way to Faisal Masjid? Insert correct article.
A. A
B. An
C. The
D. No article required
- xiii. Somebody has stolen her diamond ring. The type of underlined pronoun is:
A. Personal
B. Impersonal
C. Indefinite
D. Proper
- xvi. Media can play a very constructive role for society. The underlined word means:
A. Possitive
B. Aggressive
C. Negative
D. Attractive
- xv. A figure of speech which creates mental images of the objects we read is called:
A. Alltiration
B. Imagery
C. Metaphor
D. Personification

SECTION – B (Marks: 40)

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer any **FIVE** questions including Question No. (i) appended to it. (6+4×3=18)

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Arabia is a land of unparalleled charm and beauty, with its trackless deserts of sand dunes in the dazzling rays of a tropical sun. Its starry sky has excited the imagination of poets and travellers. It was in this land that the Holy Prophet ﷺ was born, in the city of Makkah, which is about fifty miles from the Red Sea.

In the fifth and sixth centuries, mankind stood on the verge of chaos. It seemed that the civilization which had taken four thousand years to grow had started crumbling. At this point in time, Allah Almighty raised a prophet from among themselves who was to lift the humanity from their ignorance into the light of faith.

When Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ was thirty-eight years of age, he spent most of his time in solitude and meditation. In the cave of Hira, he used to retire with food and water and spend days and weeks in remembrance of Allah Almighty.

The period of waiting had come to a close. His heart was overflowing with profound compassion for humanity. He had a pressing urge to eradicate wrong beliefs, social evils, cruelty and injustice. The moment had arrived when he was to be bestowed with prophethood. One day, when he was in the cave of Hira, Hazrat Jibril (Gabriel) (عليه السلام) came and conveyed to him the following message of Allah Almighty:

Read in the name of thy Lord Who created; created man from a clot (of congealed blood): Read and thy Lord is most Bountiful, Who taught (the use of) the pen, taught man that which he knew not. (Qur'an. 96:1-5)

The flow of the Divine message which continued for the next twenty-three years had begun, and the Holy Prophet ﷺ had arisen to proclaim the oneness of God (Tauheed) and the unity of mankind. His mission was to destroy the nexus of superstition and ignorance, disbelief, set up a noble conception of life and lead mankind to the light of faith and divine bliss.

Questions:

- i. Write the summary of the passage. Also suggest a suitable title. (Compulsory) (5+1=6)
- ii. What is the religious significance of Makkah for Muslims?
- iii. Why is the cave of Hira so famous?
- iv. What was the condition of mankind before Islam?
- v. Why did Gabriel (عليه السلام) visit the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) in the cave of Hira?
- vi. State briefly the Holy Prophet's ﷺ feelings for humanity before prophethood?
- vii. Give the meanings of underlined words. (Any three)

Q.3 a. Paraphrase any **ONE** of the following stanzas: (03)

- (i) My little horse must think it queer

To stop without a farmhouse near
 Between the woods and frozen lake
 The darkest evening of the year.

OR

- (ii) Continuous as the stars that shine
 And twinkle on the milky way,
 They stretched in never-ending line
 Along the margin of a bay:
 Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
 Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

b. Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions given at the end: (06)

- (I) The waves beside them danced, but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee;
 A poet could not but be gay,
 In such a jocund company!
 I gazed ___ and gazed ___ but little thought
 What wealth the show to me had brought:

Questions:

- (i) Which figure of speech has been used in the first line of the stanza? (1)
 (ii) How does the poet feel in the company of daffodils? (1)
 (iii) Give the rhyme scheme of the given stanza. (1)
 (iv) What kind of wealth did the poet get from the beauty of daffodils? (2)
 (v) What is the meaning of the underlined words? (Any two) (1)

OR

- (II) The woods are lovely, dark and deep
 But I have promises to keep,
 And miles to go before I sleep,
 And miles to go before I sleep.

Questions:

- (i) Which poetic device has been used in the first line of the stanza? (1)
- (ii) Why does the poet not stop for long to enjoy the natural beauty? (1)
- (iii) Write down the rhyme scheme of the stanza. (1)
- (iv) What message does this stanza convey to us? (2)
- (v) Why has the poet repeated last lines? (1)

Q.4 a. Fill in the blanks using the passive voice form of the verbs given in brackets to complete the passage. (05)

A user manual should be _____ (read) in detail before using any device. Step by step all its instructions should be _____ (follow). But care must be _____ (take) while the parts are _____ (assemble). It should be _____ (remember) that none of the steps should be _____ (skip) or be _____ (consider) insignificant.

b. Change the underlined Verbs of the following sentences as directed in the brackets. (05)

- (i) I, once, (see) a man walking on a rope. (Simple Past Tense)
- (ii) I (bring) my camera with me. (Simple Future Tense)
- (iii) She (solve) only two questions. (Present Perfect)
- (iv) The horse (run) fast. (Present Continuous Tense)
- (v) She (work) hard to get her targets in life. (Future Continuous Tense)
- (vi) Hazrat Asma's (رضى الله عنها) life (be) a blend of purpose and motivation. (Past Indefinite Tense)
- (vii) A burnt child (dread) the fire. (Present Indefinite Tense)

c. Punctuate the following para/line(s): (03)

Breathes there the man with soul so dead who never to himself hath said this is my own my native land

SECTION – C (Marks: 20)**Q.5 Write an email to a foreign friend telling him/her about attractive tourist destinations in Pakistan briefly. (08)****OR**

Write an application to the Principal requesting him/her for full-fee concession, with logical reason.

Q.6 Write a paragraph of about 80 to 100 words on any ONE of the following: (06)
Sportsman spirit OR My Favourite Book

Q.7 Translate the following passage into Urdu: (06)

Awareness message can be given to the masses through print and electronic media i.e. radio, TV, newspaper etc. Teachers should also play their positive role by informing their students about dengue disease, and about its control. The students can spread this message to their homes, and family and members of locality. Khatibs of Masajid should spread this message among people through their sermons. Market committees and unions can also be helpful.

OR

Write a dialogue between two friends discussing the dangers of one-wheeling. (Minimum six sets of effective communication excluding greetings)

