

**Model Question of SSC Examination 2018 for All Board
English (Compulsory) 1st Paper**

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Time : 3 hours

Total Marks : 100

[Answer all the questions. Figure in the margin indicate full marks]

Part A – Reading Test (50 Marks)

Read the following text and answer the questions 1, 2 and 3:–

Meherjan lives in a slum on the Sirgajgonj Town Protection Embankment. Her polythene roofed shelter looks like a cage. She is nearly 45 but looks more than her age. In front of her shelter, she is trying to make a fire to cook the day's only meal. Her weak hands tremble as she adds some fallen leaves and straw to the fire. The whispering wind from the river Jamuna makes the fire unsteady. The dancing of the flame reminds her of the turmoil in her life. Not long ago Meherjan had everything — a family, cultivable land and cattle. The erosion of the Jamuna consumed gradually all her landed property. It finally claimed her last shelter during the last monsoon. It took the river only a day to demolish Meher's house, trees, vegetable garden and the bamboo bush. She had a happy family once. Over the years, she lost her husband and her family to diseases that cruel hunger and poverty brought to the family. Now, she is the only one left to live on with the loss and the pain. The greedy Jamuna has shattered her dreams and happiness. There are thousand others waiting to share the same fate with Meherjan. Bangladesh is a land of rivers that affect its people. Erosion is a harsh reality for the people living along the river banks. During each monsoon many more villages are threatened by the roaring of rivers like the Jamuna, the Padma and the Meghna. It is estimated that river erosion makes at least 100,000 people homeless every year in Bangladesh. River erosion is one of the main dangers caused by climate change. If we can't take prompt actions to adapt to climate change, there will be thousands of more Meherjans in our towns and villages every year.

[Unit-5, Lesson-1]

1. For each phrase below choose the meaning that is closest to the meaning used in the text above. $1 \times 7 = 7$

a. **roaring rivers** —

- i) rivers that flow strongly making wild sounds
- ii) rivers having many rowing boats in them
- iii) rivers that make people cry out
- iv) rivers that have noisy fishes

b. **landed property** —

- i) a rented piece of land
- ii) a piece of land on the bank of a river
- iii) property in the form a source of income to its owner
- iv) property used only as an agricultural farm

c. **whispering wind** —

- i) wind that blows from across the river
- ii) wind that blows with a hissing sound
- iii) wind that helps someone make a fire
- iv) wind that blows in summer

d. **dancing of the flame** —

- i) a traditional form of folk dance
- ii) a flame that makes people dance around it
- iii) a flame that is made unstable by the blast of air
- iv) a flame made by people to remember their pasts

e. **Over the years** —

- i) eventually
- ii) consequently
- iii) over the passage of time
- iv) slowly

f. **finally claimed** —

- i) won
- ii) gained
- iii) demolished
- iv) having right

g. **There will be thousands of more Meherjans in our towns and villages every year** —

- i) people will come and visit her every year
- ii) many people will render homeless
- iii) Meherjan will have her siblings beside her
- iv) the population will be increased

2. Answer the following questions:—

$2 \times 5 = 10$

(a) Who is Meherjan?

- (b) What does the following expression mean in line no 4 "The dancing of the flames reminds Meherjan of the turmoil in her life"?
- (c) What happened to Meherjan after the erosion of Jumuna?
- (d) What is the cause of river erosion? Are we responsible too? Explain in 3-4 lines.
- (e) How can we protect ourselves from this very natural disaster?

3. Write a summary of the passage in not more than 100 to 110 words. 1×5=5

4. Read the following passage and complete the table below with information from the passage. 1×5=5

The Renaissance was a period in European history, from the 14th to the 17th century, regarded as the cultural bridge between the Middle Ages and modern history. It started as a cultural movement in Italy, in the Medieval period and later spread to the rest of Europe, marking the beginning of the Modern age. The intellectual basis of the Renaissance was its own invented version of humanism, derived from the concept of Roman Humanitas and the rediscovery of classical Greek Philosophy, such as that of Protagoras, who said that "Man is the measure of all things." This new thinking became manifest in art, architecture, politics, science and literature. Early examples were the development of perspective in oil painting and the recycled knowledge of how to make concrete.

Although the invention of metal movable type sped the dissemination of ideas from the later 15th century, the changes of the Renaissance were not uniformly experienced across Europe. As a cultural movement, the Renaissance encompassed innovative flowering of Latin and vernacular literatures, beginning with the 14th century resurgence of learning based on classical sources, which contemporaries credited to Petrarch; the development of linear perspective and other techniques of rendering a more natural reality in painting, and gradual but widespread educational reform. In politics, the Renaissance contributed to the development of the customs

and conventions of diplomacy, and in science to an increased reliance on observation and inductive reasoning. Although the Renaissance saw revolutions in many intellectual pursuits, as well as social and political upheaval, it is perhaps best known for its artistic developments and the contributions of such polymaths as Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo, who inspired the term "Renaissance man".

Name of the Events	Place	Year/ Time	What/ Contribution
The Renaissance was a period		in European history	(i) —
This new thinking became manifest	(ii) —		
The invention of metal movable type sped		(iii) —	were not uniformly experienced across Europe
	in politics		(iv) —
It is perhaps best known			(v) —

5. From your reading of the above passage, fill in the blanks with suitable words. Use one word only in each blank. 0.5×10=5

The Renaissance known as, (i) — immediately following the Middle Ages in (ii) — saw a great revival of interest in the classical learning and values of ancient Greece and Rome. Against a backdrop of political stability and growing prosperity, the (iii) — of new technologies-including the printing press, a new system of astronomy and the discovery and exploration of new continents - was accompanied by a flowering of philosophy, (iv) — and especially (v) —.

6. Match the parts of sentences given in column 'A' and column 'B' to write five complete sentences. There are more parts of sentences in column 'B' than required. $1 \times 5 = 5$

Column A	Column B
(a) A hybrid vehicle uses	i. human and motor torques are mechanically coupled at the pedal or one of the wheels.
(b) Some means to store energy include	ii. the user pedals a generator, charging a battery or feeding the motor, which delivers all of the torque required.
(c) In a parallel hybrid bicycle	iii. being simple in theory and manufacturing.
(d) In a series hybrid bicycle	iv. such as internal combustion engine to drive a generator that powers an electric motor.
(e) They are commercially available	v. in diesel-electric trains using diesel engines
	vi. pressurized fluid in hydraulic hybrids.
	vii. two or more distinct types of power.

7. Put the following parts of the story in correct order to rewrite the whole story. $1 \times 8 = 8$

- i) What did you learn?"
- ii) Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we are."
- iii) Dad said, "Did you see how poor they are?"
- iv) We have lantern at night, they have stars.
- v) The son said, "we have one dog, they have four, we have pool, they have rivers.
- vi) One day, a rich father wanted to show his son how poor someone can be.

- vii) We have walls to protect us, they have friends.
viii) They spent time on the farm of a poor family.

Part B – Writing Test (50 Marks)

8. Answer the following questions to write a complete paragraph on “Global Warming”. 10

(a) What is global warming? (b) What are the causes of global warming? (c) Which countries are going to be the worst effected for this natural phenomenon? (d) How is the environment behaving for this cause? (e) How can we get rid of this problem?

9. Read the beginning of a story. Write ten new sentences to complete the story. 10

I had a long desire for a cotton doll. I saw once one in my neighbour’s house. But surprisingly they didn’t even let me touch the doll

10. The pie chart shows the sources of air pollution in a city. Describe the chart in 150 words. You should highlight the summaries, the information given in the chart. 10



- Vehicles 50%
- Industry 20%
- Power plant 12%
- Heating on airconditioning 8%
- Waste disposal 10%

11. Suppose, you are Runa, for last few days you are not in good health. You visited doctor and he advised you to take good care of your health. Now, write a letter to your younger brother who stays in hostel to keep in good health. 10

12. Write a dialogue between you and your neighbour about mending a fence that you shared for years. 10