

**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 passage carefully and answer the following questions:–

What do you want to be when you grow-up? How many times have we been asked this question? I can only speak for myself but I would have to say at least one hundred times. As children we have dreams of becoming Superheroes, Ballerinas, Cowboys, Police Officers and any other fun thing that comes to mind. But then somewhere along the line everything changes. Often times we are coached by dear old Mom and Dad. Just ask around, most people will say that they want their kids to be doctors or lawyers. With these types of results, is it any wonder why people abandon their dreams and settle for more pedestrian careers. But who's to say that you can't make a living doing something you love? Why does working at a desk equal a sane and rational decision, while dreams of being a comedian or actress are seen as an absurd fantasy?

One of the more fascinating career paths to consider is working in the field of entertainment. Work in this field is fun and diverse! Actors, singers, dancers, and clowns are making a living following their passion. If you enjoy performing this might be the job for you. The salaries can be quite attractive and the work can provide you with a sense of creative fulfillment.

As an entertainer there are endless possibilities for where you can perform. There are travelling stage productions, cruise ships, corporate events, sound stages, weddings & bar programs just to name a few. But let's not forget the people who work behind the scenes. Their jobs are equally important and can be just as much fun. Makeup artists, hairdressers, choreographers, producers and directors get to enjoy highly creative work that is constantly evolving. While this work can sometimes be hard to come by, it can be exceptionally rewarding. Just prepare yourself for periods of work scarcity and lots of rejection. Building your resume could take some time, but if you manage to find enough work you can join the union and get medical benefits.

So if you find yourself reading this at work or on your way to a job that doesn't fuel your passion, you may want to reconsider to quote Confucius:

"Choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life."

1. **Choose the best answer from the alternatives:—** $1 \times 7 = 7$

a. **The word 'Ballerinas' means:**

- i) Singer
- ii) Beautician
- iii) Coiffeur
- iv) Ballet dancer

b. **"Often times we are coached by dear old Mom and Dad" means:**

- i) Employed by Mom and Dad
- ii) Instructed by Mom and Dad
- iii) Modernized by Mom and Dad
- iv) Followed by Mom and Dad

c. **'Pedestrian careers' refers to —**

- i) Cutting down the logs of trees
- ii) Job of Doctors
- iii) Activities to start a device
- iv) Ordinary professions

d. **The word 'Diverse' in the passage means:**

- i) Different
- ii) Illogical
- iii) Diverted
- iv) Device Based

e. **A Choreographer's job is to:**

- i) Videotape dance programs
- ii) Assist the production manager
- iii) Synchronize and teach dancers
- iv) Play music

f. **'Evolving' means:**

- i) Decaying
- ii) Progressing
- iii) Outgoing
- iv) Smart

g. **The passage is about:**

- i) Rudeness of Parents.
- ii) Modern life.
- iii) Corporate jobs.
- iv) Unconventional jobs.

2. **Answer the following questions:—**

$2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) Why our dreams fade away?
- (b) What do most of the parents want their child to be?

- (c) How can you follow your passion while having a job?
- (d) What are the benefits of having a job you love?
- (e) 'Unconventional jobs are less paying' what is your stand about this saying?

3. Write a summary of the passage in not more than 90-100 words. 10

Read the following passage on renowned rulers of Bangladesh.

In ancient period, we had a number of famous kings and their kingdoms in Bengal region. Shashanka was the first powerful king of Bengal in the seventh century. He tried to expand his kingdom beyond Bengal to North India. He was successful to keep the sovereignty of Bengal. In the eighth century king Gopal came to rule Bengal as the founder of Pal Dynasty. Gopal is the king who put an end to the disorder at that time and united Bengal again. Shamsuddin Ilyas Shah was the first Muslim ruler who brought the entire Bengal under his rule in the thirteenth century. He was the founder of 'Ilyas Shahi' Dynasty. He maintained the sovereignty of Bengal from the Sultans of Delhi. The term 'Bangalah' was first introduced during his time.

4. Complete the table below with information from the above passage. 5

Name of the ruler	Time	Founder of the dynasty	Contribution
Shashanka	(i) —		(ii) —
King Gopal	(iii) —	(iv) —	United Bengal
Shamsuddin Ilyas Shah	13 th Century	(v) —	

5. From your reading of the above passage, fill in the blanks with suitable words. Use only one word in each blank. 1×5=5

Shashanka was the first powerful (a) — of Bengal who kept the (b) — of Bengal. King Gopal as the (c) — of Paul dynasty reunited Bengal from a chaotic situation. Shamsuddin Ilyas Shah was recognized as the (d) — Muslim ruler who was also (e) — for introducing the term 'Bangalah'.

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) The people of Japan are very	(i) during the home-stay program they look after the guests very hospitably
(b) It appears from experience that	(ii) gentle and hospitable
(c) If you are a foreigner and a Muslim	(iii) to carry your pair of shoes you stay in
(d) Then they prepare food for you	(iv) they know from you what your food is
(e) They are so modest that they do not hesitate	(v) strong and industrious
	(vi) and entertain you accordingly
	(vii) respectful to one another

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

- But in line with the modern world, things are now changing there.
- Many of them have given up their pastoral lives and have become wage earners in cities.
- This often poses a dilemma for them.
- The old custom of polygamous marriage is yielding to the new practice of monogamy, although many polygamous families can still be found in the rural areas of Kenya.
- But they can hardly give up their extended family and lineage connections back in their village.
- In the past, the common form of marriage among the various cultural groups in Kenya was polygamy and the polygamous families were embedded in extended family units consisting of a man, his several wives and their married sons and children.
- Some families have to maintain two households, one in their extended-family home in the village and the other in the city.
- Many monogamous Kenyans are now living in nuclear families with their single spouses and their children.

Part B – Writing Test (50 Marks)

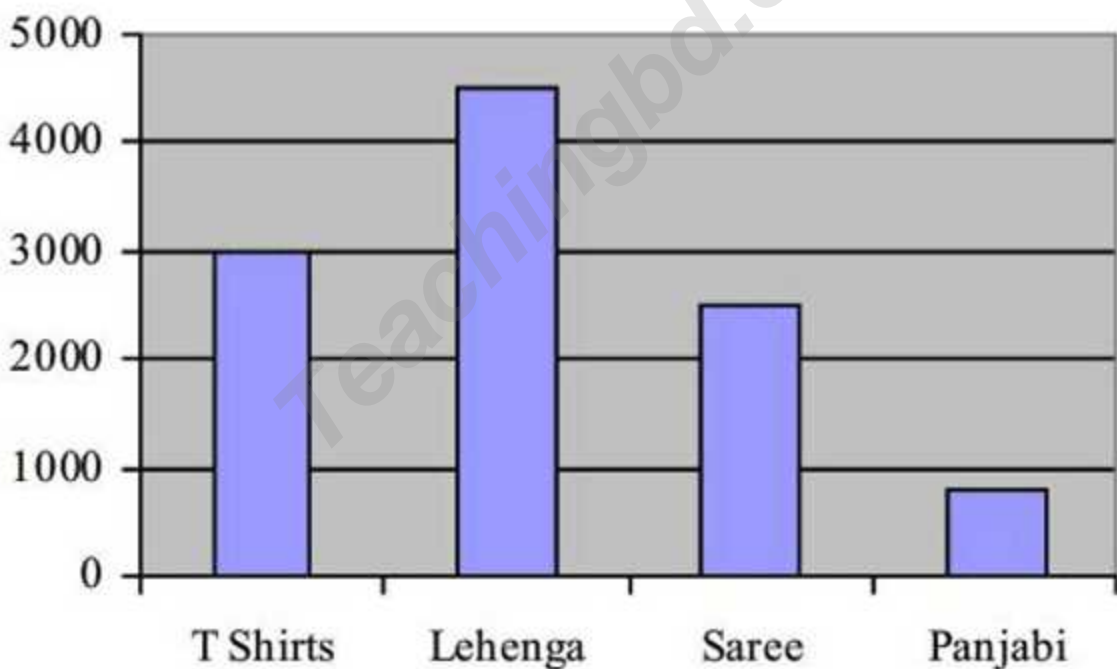
8. Imagine that you work for an NGO that works for establishing and protecting 'Human Rights'. Read the questions below and write a paragraph in 250 words by answering them. 10

- What is 'Human rights'?
- Who are eligible for having Human rights?
- What are the basic Human rights one should have?
- What is the role of the Govt. regarding Human rights?
- What is its condition in Bangladesh?

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

Mr. Riyaz is a bachelor multi-millionaire who owns three mega apartments in Joypurhat city. Recently, a bunch of boys have rented one of the apartments. Suddenly, in one rainy morning Mr. Riyaz discovers that....

10. Look at the following graph. It shows comparative selling rates of four types of dresses in the last Eid. Now describe/analyze the graph in your own words. 10



11. Imagine, you borrowed a book from one of your friends and had failed to return it when he needed it the most. Now, write an apologising letter to him by mentioning the reasons behind the failure. 10

12. About 50% of population of Bangladesh is women. They are the mothers of future generations. They are neglected, discriminated and oppressed. But no nation can develop keeping aside half of the population. So, the women should be empowered. Now, write a dialogue between you and Munni Saha on "Women Empowerment". 10