

**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. Then answer the questions below (1-3):

Olympic Games are held every four years, with the Summer and Winter Games alternating, meaning they each occur every four years but two years apart. Their creation was inspired by the ancient Olympic Games, which were held in Olympia, Greece, from the 8th century BC to the 4th century AD. Athletics has been contested at every Summer Olympics since the birth of the Modern Olympic Movement at the 1896 Summer Olympics. There were many memorable moments and athletes so far.

The latest additions to this are Michael Phelps and Usain Bolt. Michael Fred Phelps was born on June 30, 1985 in Baltimore, Maryland. He is an American Swimmer and he holds world records in several events. Phelps won eight medals in 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens. Six of those were gold. These medals made him tie the record for medals in a single Olympics. In the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, Phelps won four gold medals and two silver medals. He has won 22 medals including 18 gold medals in three Olympics in a row that have made him the most successful athlete in the Games.

Usain St. Leo Bolt was born on 21 August, 1986. He is a Jamaican sprinter widely regarded the fastest man ever. He is the first man to hold both the 100 metres and 200 metres world records. He is the reigning Olympic champion in these three events, -the first man to win six Olympic gold medals in sprinting, and a five-time world champion. He was the first to achieve a "double double" by winning 100 m and 200 m titles at consecutive Olympics (2008 and 2012), and topped this through the first "double-triple" (including 4x100 m relays).

Both Usain Bolt and Michael Phelps are great world champions and deserve every gold medal and honour they've earned. However, if I were forced to choose between the two, I'd give US swimmer Michael Phelps an edge over Jamaican runner Usain Bolt.

1. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives: $1 \times 7 = 7$
- a. Which of the following has the closest meaning of the word 'occur' used in line 2?
- i) participate
 - ii) take place
 - iii) take part
 - iv) part take
- b. What does the expression "There were many memorable moments and athletes" mean?
- i) The Olympic Games are worth mentioning.
 - ii) Many moments and athletes deserve mentioning.
 - iii) Many moments and athletes are unforgettable.
 - iv) The games and athletes deserve little mention.
- c. Which of the following describes the best similarity between Michael Phelps and Usain Bolt?
- i) both of them are pole apart
 - ii) both of them are rival to each other
 - iii) both of them are uncompromising
 - iv) both of them are athletes
- d. Which of the following word describes Bolt best?
- i) slowest
 - ii) sluggish
 - iii) fastest
 - iv) sober
- e. Which of the following statement is true about Michael Phelps?
- i) He is remarkable for medals
 - ii) He is famous for swimming
 - iii) He is great for sprint
 - iv) He is celebrated both for swimming and sprint.
- f. "He is a Jamaican sprinter widely regarded the fastest man ever." What does the expression mean?
- i) He is the most sluggish person
 - ii) He is the quickest person
 - iii) He is very prompt
 - iv) He is the most agile person

g. What is the passage about?

- i) About Olympic Games
- ii) About Michael Phelps
- iii) About Usain Bolt
- iv) About Michael Phelps and Usain Bolt and their achievement

2. Answer the following questions: 2×5=10

- (a) From your reading of the first paragraph give an account of the history of Olympic Games in two sentences.
- (b) Who are the latest additions to this?
- (c) What do you know about Michael Phelps?
- (d) What is the nationality of Usain Bolt?
- (e) Why is it said that both Usain Bolt and Michael Phelps are great world champions and deserve every gold medal and honour they've earned?

3. Write a summary of the passage in no more than 90 to 100 words. 1×5=5

Read the passage and answer the questions no 4 and 5:

The battle of Palassey is one of the most notable incidents in the history of Bengal. It took place in 1757 and Nawab Sirajuddaula was defeated and consequently the British established their rule in India. In 1763 Meer Kashim tried to bring back the freedom of Bengal but failed. Robert Clive became the governor of Bengal for the second time in 1765. After seven years, Warren Hastings came to Bengal and their British ruler make the Nawab powerless. In 1786 Lord Cornwallis was appointed the governor of Bengal. He tried to make settlement of land. In 1773 Bengal went under the British rule fully. Then many governors came to Bengal and exploited the people living here. There rose a great Sepoy Mutiny in 1857 but ended in smoke. Thousands of people were killed and hanged brutally. Finally we got back our independence in 1971 through a bloody war.

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

The Event	Time/ Year	Results/ Consequences
The battle of Palassey	1757	(a) —
Warren Hasting	(b) —	Governor of Bengal
(c) —	1857	ended in smoke
Lord Cornwallis	1786	(d) —
(e) —	1971	we became independent

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

Once Bangladesh was not an independent country. Then it was (a) — by the British. Bengal lost its (b) — in the battle of Palassey in 1757. The (c) — independent Nawab Siraj was defeated because of conspiracy. The British ruled this country (d) — 190 years. But the people of Bengal are very daring ones and they (e) — back their independence in 1971 after a bloody war.

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. 1×5= 5

Column A	Column B
(a) Punctuality is a great virtue	(i) gets late his work.
(b) It helps us	(ii) we will surely succeed in life.
(c) A punctual person	(iii) is loved by all.
(d) He who is punctual never	(iv) on time.
(e) If we become punctual	(v) to become accurate in timing.

	(vi) respected and admired.
	(vii) which can make us successful in future

7. **Read the following sentences and put them in correct order.** 1×8=8

- In 1271 he set out from Venice to China. He was then 15 years old.
- They had travelled by land and sea.
- For transport they had used ships, camels, horses and donkeys.
- He was accompanied by his father and uncle.
- They also travelled over mountains and across deserts.
- Marco Polo was born in 1256 in Venice. He was one of the greatest adventurous men.
- It took the Polos over three years to reach China.
- Actually at that time journey was very difficult because of no speedy vehicles.

Part B – Writing Test (50 Marks)

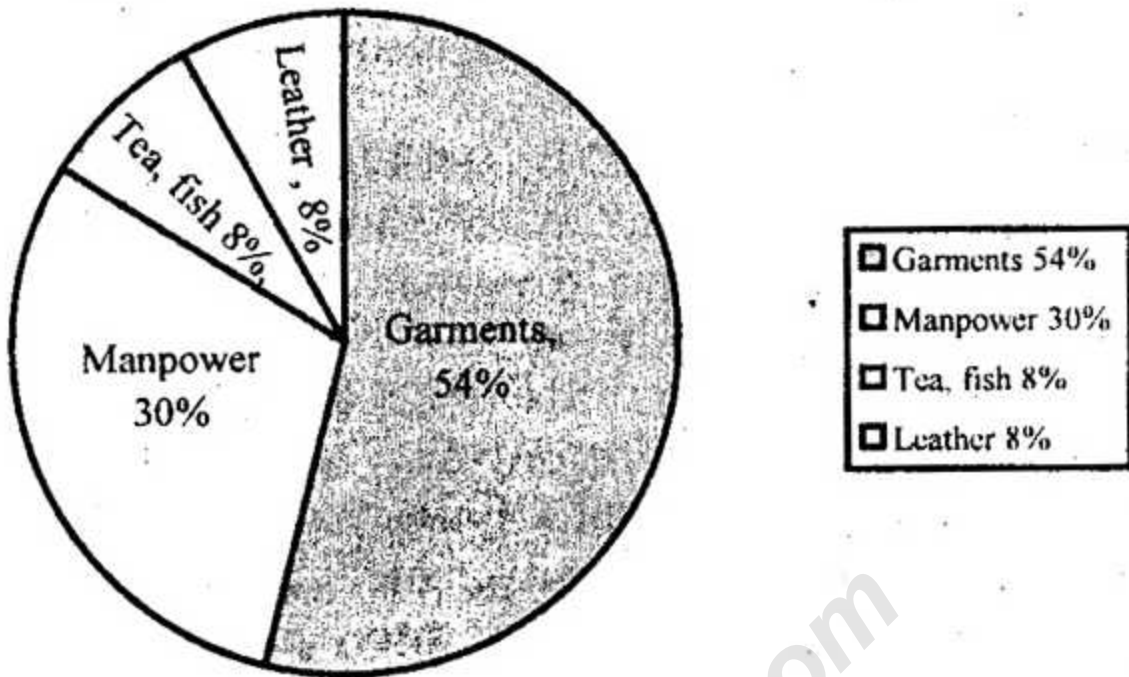
8. **Answer the following question to write a paragraph on 'Our National Flag'. You should write about 250 words.** 10

- What does it symbolize?
- What are its size and colours?
- What do the colours indicate?
- Where is it hoisted occasionally?
- How do we look upon Our National Flag?
- How can we uphold its honour?

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

Once upon a time there was an honest and pious man. His name was Abu Ben-Adhem. He was once sleeping peacefully.....

10. Look at the chart. It shows the export sectors in Bangladesh that earn foreign currency. Write a paragraph describing the chart. 10



11. Write a letter to your younger brother, Munna who lives in Rajbari **describing the importance of physical exercise.** 10
12. Suppose, you have a friend named Abir who is always using Facebook. Although Facebook has some merits, it has some demerits too. Now, **write a dialogue between you and your friend about the good and bad side of Facebook.** 10