



EDUTECH ACADEMY

Preliminary Examination 2 [MODEL ANSWER]

Std: SSC (E.M)

Subject: English (H.L)

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Max Marks: 80

SECTION 1 : LANGUAGE STUDY

Q.1 (A1) Do as directed: (Any 4) (4)

(1) Write two compound words of your own: 1

Ans. Goodnight, Grandchild

(2) Make a meaningful sentence by using the given phrase: 1

Ans. Cut in- A red car cut in ahead of me and nearly caused me to run off the road.

(3) Identify the type of sentence based on the form: 1

Ans. Lotus is a beautiful flower- Assertive sentence

(4) Punctuate the following: 1

Ans. The Dauphin will give me, all I need, to free Orleans.

(5) Complete the following word chain: 1

Ans. Grow, warm, magnet

(A2) Do as directed: (Any 2) (4)

(1) Make a word register of 4 words related with the following word: 2

Ans. Fashion design: Designing, label, fashion week, dress, Paris, planner, blueprint, aesthetics, layout.

(2) Change the speech: 2

(i) Ans. She said, "My father came yesterday."

(ii) Ans. He asked me whether I enjoyed the music that day.

(3) Find out the principal clause and subordinate clause or clauses in the following sentences. 2

Ans. I gave her a book.- Main clause

That I usually read.- Subordinate clause

(B) Do as directed: (Any One) (2)

(i) Make two separate sentences of your own, using the word as a Noun in one and as a Verb in the other. 2

Ans. Noun : The manager asked a detailed account of what has been achieved.

Verb : Her visit could not be accounted a success.

(ii) Change the degree of the following sentence into superlative degree 2

(1) Ans. He is the most intelligent of all.

(2) Ans. Raju is the smartest of all the boys in the class.

SECTION II : TEXTUAL PASSAGES

Q.2 (A) Read the following passage and do the activities: 10

Ans. 1. (a) True (b) True (c) True (d) False

2. (a) The author learned calligraphy at Reed College.

(b) The author's knowledge of calligraphy was useful for designing the first Macintosh computer.

3. (a) Dorm: Dormitory

(b) Calligraphy: Decorative handwriting

(c) Intuition : The ability to understand something instinctively

(d) Typefaces: A particular design of type

4. (a) into- preposition

(b) Mac was just copied by Windows.

5. One day my mother had gone to take care of my aunt and there was no one to cook lunch for us.

So we went to school without our lunch box. The hunger pangs started at noon and I felt weak. That's when I understood what it was like to go without food and empathised with the poor people who rarely manage to have a meal a day and go without food for several days bearing their misery with patience. That's when I realised the need to help the poor.

(B) Read the following passage and do the activities:

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Ans. 1. a. legend, Idol b. eighteen c. Kangthei d. boxing
2. (d) Dingko Singh returned from Bangkok Asian games.
 (b) Mary Kom won a Silver medal at the AIBA championship.
 (a) Mary Kom started competing at the international level
 (c) Mary Kom apologized to the whole nation for not being able to win the Gold.
3. (a) Komqueror - Conqueror (b) Komrade – Comrade (c) Apoligized – Apologised
4. (a) She is the first Indian woman boxer to win a bronze medal in the 51 Kg flyweight Category.
 (b) She is a five time World Boxing Champion, and the only one to have won a medal in all six consecutive world championships.
5. Mary Kom excelled in her profession because she had a goal and focused on achieving it. She must have had the dream of becoming the best amongst her competitors. So armed with her goals and her dreams she would probably have been more focused than others like her who had no goal. I also think that since it is possible that she had a goal, she must have put all of her strength in realizing that goal. In addition I think Mary worked really hard and she must have loved her profession, this would have made it easy for Mary to be focused and give boxing her all.

SECTION III : POETRY

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

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Ans. 1. Complete the following
(a) "dreary desert sand"
(b) Narrow loyalties of caste, creed and religion
(c) Homeland
(d) Inferior
2. (a) God.
 (b) The poet wants "Thee" (God) to awake his country into a heaven of freedom he describes.
3. Line 1 (head is held high), 3 (where the world), 5 (where words), 6 (striving stretches), i.e. alliteration.
Line 7 (stream of reason). Assonance (repetition of sound).

(B) Read the following poem and write an appreciation of it with the help of the given points in paragraph format:

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Title Poet Rhyme Scheme Figure of speech Theme or central Idea

Ans. The poem "The height of the ridiculous" by Oliver Wendell Holmes, an American poet, is a funny poem. The poet wrote some lines while he was in a happy mood. While reading them he found them so funny, that he thought that he would actually die of laughing. Even though by nature he was a sober man, the lines were so funny that he was sure that people would appreciate them.

The central idea of the poem is an irony which talks about how too much of anything can have an adverse effect. On reading the poem, both its creator and its reader suffered in different ways due to the ridiculous nature of the poem. In short, it 'laughs' at the laugh that the direct characters had on reading the poem. The poem highlights the vanity of the poet when he declares that his composition is 'exceedingly good'. This is confirmed when the servant 'gets into a fit' after reading the poem. The poem is very simply created in narrative style, using humour as its soul.

This eight verse poem follows the rhyme scheme abcb dccc aaca. The Figures of speech that beautify the poem include Alliteration, Transferred Epithet, Tautology, Repetition, Simile, Hyperbole, Onomatopoeia, Inversion, and Synecdoche.

The author used lexical repetitions to emphasize a significant image; I is repeated.

The poet used anaphora at the beginnings of some neighbouring lines. The same words they, the are repeated. The author used the same word he at the beginnings of some neighboring stanzas. The figure of speech is a kind of anaphora.

SECTION IV : NON-TEXTUAL PASSAGES

Q.4(A) Read the following passage and do the activities:

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Ans. 1. (i) True.
(ii) False.
(iii) True.
(iv) True.

2. (iv) The author's geography teacher had asked the students to make a globe for the geography project.

(ii) The author and her friend worked hard for endless hours to make one.

(i) The girls were crestfallen when, at the end, Mrs Nesamam geography teacher, told them that it wasn't what she'd expected.

(iii) Then the teacher clarified that the standard of their project was only expected from graduate students.

3. (i) (a) excited and happy – crestfallen
(b) very strict – lenient

(ii) (a) realise - realisation.
(b) believe - belief.

4. (i) Main clause: Two teachers are Mrs Cynthia Nesamani and Sister Monica.

Subordinate clause: Whom I remember in particular.

(ii) I was taught by both in school.

5. According to me, besides imparting knowledge, a teacher should play the roles of mentor and friend in a student's life. The teacher should encourage a student to think for himself or herself and to be independent. Also the teacher should instill in the student the importance of regularity and hard work in order to achieve success.

(B) My Dear School Teachers

The writer talks about two of her teachers - Mrs Cynthia Nesamani, and Sister Monica. While one was lenient; the other, Sister Monica was controlling and insisted on regularity. The writer says that Mrs Nesamani's spacious approach moulded her to be much better than she ever thought. Sister Monica's lessons made the writer realize that success was like genius – 99% perspiration and 1% inspiration.

SECTION V : WRITING SKILL

Q.5(A) Letter Writing:

Read the following information and Attempt any one of the following activities:

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Q.6(A) Information Transfer

Information Transfer : Non-verbal to Verbal

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OR

Information Transfer : Verbal to Non verbal

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(B) Speech Writing

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Ans. Books are our best friends and we can always rely on them when we are sad, depressed, lonely or annoyed. We grow up studying books for gaining knowledge on different subjects and they are the primary and major source of knowledge.

They are beneficial in every aspect of life. As a child we read books to learn languages and we grow up we read books to learn skills, make a living and for our leisure time. They play an important role in improving communication skill as one can get command over the language by reading and improving vocabulary. They are also helpful in self improvement. There are books that help to boost up your confidence and morale. Positive mental attitude books helps to keep us positive and achieve

whatever we want to. There are books on sports, on famous personalities, biographies, autobiographies, children's books, about freedom fighters, on countries and places to which we have not travelled ever and whatnot. Not only they provide knowledge but also sharpen our brains. No advancement in technology can replace books. Reading books is an important part of our life and they are a trusted source of information unlike internet. They take you to the world of imagination and creativity. It helps you to develop your thoughts and improve your imagination.

OR

View - Counter View

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Q.7

SECTION VI : CREATIVE WRITING

(A) Expand the following:

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Ans. There is nothing impossible in this world; it is only want of determination that brings about failures. With a strong will one can do wonders. The power of human will is extraordinary. At first sight many tasks may appear impossible of accomplishment and many are frightened away. Only a few have the necessary strength of will to pursue their goal; only they know what it is to struggle towards their ideal.

Occasionally, even very small things like getting up early in the morning, studying for a specified number of hours, keeping to time, writing prompt letters, call for determination and strength of will. Most of us are often tempted to postpone too many things and the result is that we complain we do not have time to do them. In most cases, this is just an excuse.

Many of us are also discouraged by apparent failures. We know the story of Bruce and the spider but we do not have the patience to wait for final results. Quick, if not immediate result, is what we want. Failure is a stepping stone to success but we wish to keep to success avoiding the steps. There is no short cut to success and the earlier we realise this, the better it is for us. Great achievements in various fields have been possible because of men who did not mind initial failures. The pioneers who wanted to fly got their limbs broken in their attempts to fly; but this did not prevent their trying again. The result is today we have supersonic planes which can take us from one continent to another in a matter of hours.

Many of us know how to swim or to ride a bicycle. When we took the first plunge, may be we did not like the feel of the cold water; the first fall from the bicycle may have caused bruises. But we did not allow these to stop us from trying again. Probably we failed the second time too; but very soon we mastered the technique and today we do not have any regrets for persisting in our attempts.

Impossible is a world to be found in. the dictionary of fools - is what Napoleon, the Great, is reported to have declared. It is good to remember this whenever we feel like giving up.

All of us possess the will-power. Only some of us use it. The others do not use it and put the blame for their lures on others. This is what we should never do. If we wish to realize our ambition, it is not enough to have one; we should always strive towards it unmindful of the inevitable failures on the way. Where there is a will, there is a way.

OR

Report Writing

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Story or Narrating an experience : Attempt any one of the following activities.

(B) Writing a story :

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OR

Narrating an experience :

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