TELANGANA STATE – SSC (CLASS 10) MODEL PAPER

ENGLISH – Model Paper 1

Class X | English — Time: 3 Hrs 15 Min | Max. Marks: 80

Instructions: Part A: 60 marks. Part B (objective): 20 marks. Write neatly and within the word limit.

Section I – Reading Comprehension (5 × 2 = 10) Read the passage and answer.

Water is the most precious natural resource on Earth. Without it, no plant, animal or human being can survive. Yet we often waste it carelessly. Taps are left running, pipes leak for weeks, and clean water is used to wash cars and pavements. In many cities the groundwater level is falling every year because more water is drawn out than nature can put back. Fresh water is becoming scarce, and millions of people walk long distances to fetch a single pot. We can change this. Simple habits such as closing taps tightly, repairing leaks and reusing water for plants can save thousands of litres. Collecting rainwater from rooftops also helps refill the ground. If every family takes small steps, our rivers, wells and tanks will not run dry.

1. Why is water called the most precious resource?
2. What is happening to the groundwater level in many cities?
3. Mention two ways of saving water suggested in the passage.
4. Find a word in the passage that means 'not enough'.
5. Suggest a suitable title for the passage.

Section II – Vocabulary & Grammar (10 × 2 = 20)

1. Give one synonym and one antonym of 'brave'.
2. Fill in with a suitable preposition: The train arrived ___ the station ___ noon.
3. Choose the correct form: She (write/writes/wrote) a letter yesterday.
4. Change into passive voice: The teacher praised the students.
5. Change into reported speech: Ravi said, 'I will help you.'
6. Add a suitable question tag: They have left, ___?
7. Combine using 'although': He was ill. He attended the class.
8. Correct the error: He don't like coffee.
9. Use the idiom 'break the ice' in a sentence of your own.
10. Fill in the blank with an article: She bought ___ umbrella and ___ book.

Section III – Writing (10 + 10 + 5 + 5 = 30)

1. **Letter (10):** Write a letter to your Principal requesting a science exhibition in your school.
2. **Essay (10):** Write an essay in about 150 words on 'The Importance of Reading Habit'.
3. **Dialogue (5):** Complete the conversation between a customer and a shopkeeper about buying a notebook (4 exchanges).
4. **Notice (5):** As School Captain, write a notice about an inter-house quiz competition.

Part B – Objective (20 × 1 = 20)

1. Synonym of 'rapid':
   (a) slow (b) quick (c) weak (d) late
2. Antonym of 'ancient':
   (a) old (b) modern (c) huge (d) rare
3. She ___ to school every day.
   (a) go (b) going (c) goes (d) gone
4. I have lived here ___ 2010.
   (a) for (b) since (c) from (d) at
5. Passive of 'They are painting the wall':
   (a) The wall was painted. (b) The wall is being painted by them. (c) The wall has been painted. (d) The wall painted them.
6. Reported form of: He said, 'I am tired.'
   (a) He said that he is tired. (b) He said that he was tired. (c) He said he has been tired. (d) He said I was tired.
7. ___ honest man
   (a) A (b) An (c) The (d) No article
8. Plural of 'child':
   (a) childs (b) childes (c) children (d) childrens
9. Correct spelling:
   (a) neccessary (b) necessary (c) necesary (d) nesessary
10. 'A piece of cake' means
    (a) a dessert (b) very easy (c) expensive (d) a gift
11. He is good ___ Maths.
    (a) in (b) at (c) on (d) for

12. 'She has finished her homework' is in
    (a) simple past (b) present perfect (c) past perfect (d) present continuous
13. You are coming, ___?
    (a) are you (b) aren't you (c) don't you (d) isn't it
14. Adverb of 'quick':
    (a) quickness (b) quicker (c) quickly (d) quickest
15. Antonym of 'generous':
    (a) kind (b) miserly (c) rich (d) brave
16. Neither of the boys ___ present.
    (a) were (b) are (c) was (d) be
17. Synonym of 'assist':
    (a) hinder (b) help (c) ignore (d) forget
18. He was tired ___ he kept working.
    (a) so (b) yet (c) because (d) or
19. 'Give up' means
    (a) quit (b) donate (c) carry (d) increase
20. Homophone of 'write':
    (a) wright (b) right (c) rite (d) white

Answer Key – Part B

1-b 2-b 3-c 4-b 5-b 6-b 7-b 8-c 9-b 10-b 11-b 12-b 13-b 14-c 15-b 16-c 17-b 18-b 19-a 20-b

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