



ENGLISH COMPULSORY HSSC-II

Time allowed: 2:35 Hours

Total Marks Sections B and C: 80

NOTE: Sections 'B' and 'C' comprise pages 1-2 and questions therein are to be answered on the separately provided answer book. Answer all the questions from Section 'B' and Section 'C'. Use supplementary answer sheet i.e. Sheet-B if required. Write your answers neatly and legibly.

SECTION – B (Marks 40)

Q. 2 Attempt ALL the questions in about 40 to 50 words each.

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- (i) People are liberal and open – minded today. They are ready to welcome new truths, than to assume that what has been considered true for ages will always be true". Prove this statement with reference to the lesson 'Using the Scientific Method'.
- (ii) Why is birth-rate so high in under-developed countries? (Refer to the lesson 'Hunger and Population Explosion')
- (iii) "Friday Thank God" expresses David Daiches's feelings of excitement to the arrival of the weekend. Explain.

-OR-

According to David Daiches "wishes don't come true in this life". What were the things he longed for but could not have?

- (iv) Churchill was taught English at Harrow and not Latin and Greek. Was it a gain or loss?

-OR-

What are planets and how did they come into existence? Refer to the lesson 'The Dying Sun'

- (v) Write a note on Penicillin as a wonder drug.
- (vi) After his misadventure in the bank where did Leacock keep his money?
- (vii) There are two opposite worlds --- that is the rigid world of figures of west, and China's world of faith. What does Galeazzo Santini mean by this statement?

-OR-

How does a 16 years old Chinese girl spend her day?

Q. 3 Answer the following questions on "Good-bye, Mr. Chips" in about 60 to 75 words each:

- (i) Write down the contribution of Brookfield to the English nation.

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-OR-

Describe the most romantic and thrilling scene in "Good-By- Mr Chips"

- (ii) Draw a character sketch of Katherine Bridges.

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SECTION – C (Marks 40)

Note: Attempt ALL the questions.

Q. 4 Suppose you are a newspaper reporter. In view of floods in Pakistan, the Editor has asked you to write a report on flood-hit areas of Pakistan. Your report should cover the following aspects: **08**

- (i) Areas hit by floods in Pakistan.
- (ii) Estimated devastation during the floods.
- (iii) Role of government, army and other organizations in rescue operation.

Q. 5 a. Correct the following paragraph for the kinds of errors listed in the bracket. There are six errors in all. Re-write the paragraph as you have revised it (Errors in the use of articles, verb, spelling, tense, singular – plural use of noun) **06**

Karachi being largest city of our country at the Arabian seacoast, its importance can not be belittle. The saddest fact about this city is over-population which is badly effecting the situations. If we loved this city, all the problem should be seriously attended.

b. Use any **FOUR** of the following Phrasal Verbs / Idioms in sentences: **04**

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| (i) Turn turtle | (ii) To and fro |
| (iii) Proud of | (iv) Face the music |
| (v) In need of | (vi) Call at |
| (vii) Turn a deaf ear | |

Q. 6 Read the following passage and answer the questions appended to it:

In some parts of the world malnutrition is due rather to unbalanced diets and badly prepared food than to actual shortages. Because the value of proteins is not understood by some people, their diet is often grossly unbalanced. As a result, they suffer from deficiency diseases. This reduces their ability to work efficiently. The whole thing is a vicious circle because the people are unfed or ill-fed, they have no reserves of physical strength; so they are easily weakened by disease and lack energy; thus they can not work efficiently and agricultural productivity suffers; inadequate production completes the circle, for the people must then go hungry.

Questions:

- (i) Write down the meaning of the following terms: **02**
 - a. Grossly unbalanced
 - b. Deficiency diseases
- (ii) What is the reason behind the loss in agricultural productivity? **02**
- (iii) Write a précis of the given passage in about one third of its original length and suggest a suitable title. **06**

Q. 7 Write an essay in about 250 – 300 words on ONE of the following topics: **12**

(i) **My Dreams**

Outline:

Introduction – pleasant as well as unpleasant – reflect desires, feelings and experiences – conclusion.

(ii) **Science and its Uses**

Outline:

Introduction – we're living in the world of science and technology – benefits in all the fields of life – disadvantages – conclusion.

- (xii) "Open this window and close that door". The underlined words of the sentence are _____.
- A. Nouns
B. Objects
C. Adverbs
D. Adjectives
- (xiii) Choose the **CORRECT** spelling:
- A. Staggered
B. Steggard
C. Steggerd
D. Stagard
- (xiv) Choose the **CORRECT** sentence:
- A. He is taller than his brother.
B. He is more taller than his brother.
C. He is much taller than his brother.
D. He is the most taller than his brother.
- (xv) "Sunshine brightens the dew drops". The underlined part of the sentence is _____
- A. Predicate
B. Object
C. Subordinate clause
D. Noun phrase
- (xvi) "She likes giving her children a warm hug every night". The underlined word is a _____.
- A. Verb
B. Participle
C. Gerund
D. Present continuous
- (xvii) "If you run faster you can reach in time" The underlined word is a / an _____
- A. Adverb
B. Adjective
C. Noun
D. Irregular Verb
- (xviii) "After house went up for sale, we decided that we could not afford to let it go unless we receive better offers". The sentence is _____
- A. Simple
B. Compound
C. Complex
D. Mutiple
- (xix) **Sagacity** means _____.
- A. Insanity
B. Helplessness
C. Wisdom
D. None of these
- (xx) "When you are getting on in years, it is nice to sit by the fire and drink a cup of tea". Select the right synonym for the underlined phrase.
- A. Living well with others
B. Feeling the passage of time
C. Getting older
D. Passing life at ease

For Examiner's use only:

Total Marks:

20

Marks Obtained:



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Q. 2 Attempt ALL the questions in about 40 to 50 words each.

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- (i) What are the sanitary conditions like in our villages today and how would you improve them?
- (ii) Describe some of the nervous habits common in college boys. (Refer to the lesson "Why Boys Fail in College").
- (iii) Describe the dramatic escape of Abdul Rehman from the Abbasids.

-OR-

What did Al-Hakam do to promote learning and scholarship in his kingdom?

- (iv) What are leucocytes and what is their use?

-OR-

Why and how was Louis Pasteur honoured for his works?

- (v) What was Mustafa Kamal's reply to Sultan Mehmet's order to return to Istanbul?
- (vi) What is meant by birth-rate and death-rate, and how do they affect the population of a country?
- (vii) How are the Chinese women contributing to the progress of their country?

-OR-

"The heart of the matter is the need to root out selfishness". Discuss with reference to the lesson 'China's way to Progress'.

Q. 3 Answer the following questions on "Good-bye, Mr. Chips" in about 60 to 75 words each:

- (i) Katherine Bridges had a strong personality than that of Mr. Chips. Do you agree? **06**

-OR-

Describe the first encounter between Mr Chips and Katherine Bridges.

- (ii) What was the inherent conflict between Mr. Chips and Raiston? **06**

SECTION – C (Marks 40)

Note: Attempt ALL the questions.

Q. 4 As a resident of locality ABC write a report to the Editor of a Newspaper on load-shedding crisis in your locality. Your report should cover the following aspects: **08**

- (i) How load shedding is a major problem.
- (ii) How your locality suffers more.
- (iii) Emergency steps to overcome this problem.

- Q. 5 a.** Correct the following paragraph for the kinds of errors listed in the bracket. There are six errors in all. Re-write the paragraph as you have revised it (Errors in the use of article, adjective, singular – plural use of noun, helping verbs, spelling)

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We visited northern areas of our country last summer and were extremely happier to see the beautiful sceneries. Dir, Chitral and Gilgit was visited one after another. The mountainous areas of our country is no less beautiful than the Alpine country side of Europ.

- b. Use any FOUR of the following Phrasal Verbs / Idioms in sentences:**

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| (i) Fair weather friend | (ii) Cut down |
| (iii) Come off | (iv) Give in |
| (v) Bring to book | (vi) Pass away |
| (vii) Set out | |

- Q. 6 Read the following passage and answer the questions appended to it:**

It is one of life's choicest blessings to have a few sincere friends. This is not easy, as it may seem. To attract friends, one must oneself be attractive. For this, the first thing necessary is to have trustful nature. Confidence alone begets confidence. One must open one's heart to a friend, holding back nothing. Secrecy is the poison that always destroys lasting friendship and so one must have no secret from a real friend. Secondly, one must always avoid fault-finding; it will produce a feeling of natural irritation. This leads to estrangement. It is only when friendship is tested by the trials of life that faults may be pointed out without creating ill will. Thirdly, there can be no true or lasting friendship between men of unequal status. Real friendship is possible between equals. There must be no intention on one side or the other to make friendship a matter of gain or convenience. But real friendship is a very rare thing in the world. There are many people who seem to be incapable of it. Suspicious natures and those who are credulous are easily influenced by reports and can never make good friends.

Questions:

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| (i) What spoils lasting friendship? | 02 |
| (ii) What produces irritation? | 02 |
| (iii) Write a précis of the passage in about one third of its length and suggest a suitable title to it. | 06 |

- Q. 7 Write an essay in about 250 – 300 words on ONE of the following topics:**

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- (i) The Importance of English**

Outline:

Introduction – as the common language – as an official language – as a language of trade and commerce – conclusion.

- (ii) Terrorism**

Outline:

Introduction – a form of disease – part played by social system – how to check – conclusion.