



ENGLISH
COMPULSORY SSC-I
SECTION – A (Marks 15)

Time allowed: 20 Minutes

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Deleting/overwriting is not allowed.
Do not use lead pencil.

Fill the relevant bubble against each question according to curriculum:

Question	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
1. Which of the following sentences illustrates the use of an adverb ?	She cooked food.	He quickly completed his work.	He is a brave boy.	She is watching TV.	☐	☐	☐	☐
2. Choose the correct sentence:	Sara goes to the park yesterday.	The sun is shined brightly.	I enjoy hiking in the mountains.	She baked a cake tomorrow.	☐	☐	☐	☐
3. Identify the Present Participle :	The dancing parrots look good.	The kid likes to jump.	She went to the store.	He was tired.	☐	☐	☐	☐
4. <u>Yikes!</u> I'm late for class. The underlined word is:	Adjective	Noun	Interjection	Adverb	☐	☐	☐	☐
5. Which of the following sentences is the example of " Oxymoron "?	The movie was a tragic comedy.	He fought like a lion.	The leaves danced in the wind.	He was as excited as a kid.	☐	☐	☐	☐
6. He is a man <u>without a friend</u> . The underlined phrase is:	Gerund phrase	Infinitive phrase	Adverbial phrase	Adjectival phrase	☐	☐	☐	☐
7. Sarah can speak both English and Spanish. This sentence illustrates the use of:	Subordinate conjunction	Correlative conjunction	Adversative conjunction	Coordinating conjunction	☐	☐	☐	☐
8. Choose the option which illustrates the use of an abstract noun :	Always speak the truth.	We saw a fleet of ships.	The cow is grazing in the field.	My room is big.	☐	☐	☐	☐
9. Choose the sentence which illustrates the use of compound preposition :	She went home.	Her name was on top of the list.	They will meet after lunch.	The book is on the table.	☐	☐	☐	☐
10. "Kindly wait for a moment". This sentence is:	Interrogative	Negative	Exclamatory	Imperative	☐	☐	☐	☐
11. It was <u>prudent</u> of her to save money. The positive connotation of underlined word is:	Foolish	Wise	Cunning	Naive	☐	☐	☐	☐
12. Choose the correct subordinate conjunction. We stayed indoors _____ it was raining.	so	if	whether	as	☐	☐	☐	☐
13. He said, "Man is mortal". The correct indirect speech for this is:	He said man was mortal	He said that Man was mortal.	He said that Man is mortal.	He will say to Man is mortal.	☐	☐	☐	☐
14. She wore _____ comfortable sweater. Choose the correct article :	A	The	An	No article	☐	☐	☐	☐
15. Choose the correct synonym for the word "Furious":	Very happy	Joyful	Very angry	Very tired	☐	☐	☐	☐



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Time allowed: 2:40 Hours

Total Marks Sections B and C: 60

SECTION – B (Marks 40)

Q. 2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions appended to it.

Note: Question (i) about summary writing is carrying 06 marks while rest of the questions carry (6+4x3=18) 03 marks each.

Health and well-being are the buzzwords that we hear a lot about today. They are two different things but are connected to each other. Health can be thought of as the state of being free from injury or illness. Physical health means living in a body that is strong, capable, and free of disease. Mental health, meanwhile, means having a mind that is strong and free of disease. If we are mentally healthy, we can navigate daily life and its setbacks without excessive or debilitating stress, frustration, anxiety, or sadness. Taken together, physical and mental health affects everything we do.

If you consult the dictionary, health and well-being might be described as the absence of "negative" things like mental distress and physical illness. A more positive well-being definition might be the maintenance of physical, mental and emotional stability and balance – not just the absence of illness. One significant impediment to health and well-being that most of us experience is stress. When stress affects us, it bleeds into every aspect of our lives, including our relationship and personal lives.

Stress is a factor that impacts well-being. When people experience excessive stress, it increases the risk that they will also develop depression. Developing depression drastically decreases a person's well-being. Once this happens, a person's physical health also begins to suffer. While depression is technically a mental disorder, it has real impacts on the body. For some people, depression causes weight changes, gastrointestinal upset, forgetfulness, difficulty with short-term memory, and much more. The bottom line is this: it's impossible to perform well or stay physically or mentally healthy when well-being is lacking.

QUESTIONS:

- (i) Write down the summary of the passage. Also suggest a suitable title. (5+1=6)
(ii) What does physical health mean according to the text?

OR

- How are health and well-being connected to each other?
(iii) How does the passage explain mental health and its importance in daily life?

OR

- What is stress? How does it affect different aspects of our lives?
(iv) How does depression decrease a person's well-being?
(v) Which activities would you include to improve well-being? Give three suggestions.

OR

Write the contextual meaning of any three of the underlined words.

- Q. 3 a. Paraphrase any ONE of the following stanzas: (03)
(i) Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;
(ii) Remember, no men are strange, no countries foreign
Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes
Like ours: the land our brothers walk upon
Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie.

OR

- b. Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions given at the end: (06)

- (I) He gave his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake:

QUESTIONS:

- (i) Write the rhyming scheme of the stanza. (2)
(ii) Explain the phrase "of easy wind and downy flake". (2)
(iii) Which poetic device is used in this stanza? Explain with example. (2)

OR

- (II) Transportation, the thread that binds,
A way to travel, that's fast and kind,
From planes to ships, and every other ride,
We're connected, to every corner of the world, wide.

QUESTIONS:

- (i) Write the rhyming scheme of the stanza. (2)
(ii) Which poetic device is used in this stanza? Explain with example. (2)
(iii) Write the central idea of this stanza. (2)

Q. 4 a. Fill in the blanks in the passage cited below using appropriate transitional devices given in the bar. (Any Four) (04)

Ultimately	Not only	However	But also	Therefore	Furthermore
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Education is considered very important _____, for the personal development of an individual _____, for the development of any society. _____, it is not feasible for everyone to get education from universities, especially top universities, not even for those who live in developed countries. _____, some educators conceived the brilliant idea of online courses. These courses are designed for large-scale participation and open access through the internet. _____ they include video lectures, reading materials and quizzes _____, they help learners improve their knowledge effectively.

b. Attempt any six of the given sentences as per the direction given in the bracket. (06)

- (i) She is a well known author. (Insert hyphen)
(ii) The event will take place _____ the park. (Insert correct preposition)
(iii) I am reading a storybook. (Change into simple past tense)
(iv) They had been living in London for many years. (Change into present continuous tense)
(v) I shall give you a box of chocolates. (Change into present perfect tense)
(vi) They have done their job. (Change into negative tense)
(vii) They have bought a new house. (Change into interrogative)
(viii) Somebody has stolen my watch. (Change into passive voice)

c. Spot any six mistakes for punctuation and rewrite the para/lines after correcting the mistakes. (03)

as night fell they gathered around the campfire they shared interesting stories suddenly they heard a rustling sound in the bushes across from them

SECTION – C (Marks 20)

Q. 5 Write a letter to the Principal requesting him/her for provision of new books in school library. (08)

OR

Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper highlighting the need of sports facilities in your town.

Q. 6 Write a paragraph of about 80 to 100 words on any ONE of the following: (06)

An excursion

OR

Can video games be used for educational purposes?

Q. 7 Write a dialogue between two friends on "The impact of social media on our lives". (06)

OR

Write a dialogue between a father and a son on Traffic Rules and Road Safety.
(At least **SIX** sets of conversation relevant to topic other than the opening and closing)