

GENERAL ENGLISH (SSLC Standard)

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Part-A Grammar

1. Match the following words and phrases given in Column A with their meanings in Column B.
2. Choose the correct 'Synonym' for the underlined word from the options given.
3. Choose the correct 'Antonym' for the underlined word from the options given.
4. Select the correct word (Prefix, Suffix).
5. Fill in the blanks with suitable Article.
6. Fill in the blanks with suitable Preposition.
7. Select the correct Question Tag.
8. Select the correct Tense.
9. Select the correct Voice.
10. Fill in the blanks (Infinitive, Gerund, Participle).
11. Identify the sentence pattern of the following sentence (Subject, Verb, Object...).
12. Fill in the blanks with correct Homophones.
13. Find out the Error (Articles, Preposition, Noun, Verb, Adjective, Adverb).
14. Select the correct sentence.
15. Find out the odd words (Verb, Noun, Adjective, Adverb).
16. Select the correct Plural forms.
17. Identify the sentence (Simple, Compound, Complex Sentence).
18. Identify the correct Degree.
19. Form a new word by blending the words.
20. Form compound words (eg.: Noun+Verb, Gerund+Noun).
21. British English – American English.

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Part-B Poetry

a. Figures of Speech (Alliteration – Simile – Metaphor – Personification – Onomatopoeia – Anaphora – Rhyme Scheme – Rhyming Words – Repetition, etc.) b. Poetry Appreciation c. Important Lines

List of Poems

1. Life - Henry Van Dyke
2. I am Every Woman - Rakhi Nariani Shirke
3. The Secret of the Machines - Rudyard Kipling
4. The Ant and The Cricket - Adapted from Aesop's fables
5. No Men are Foreign - James Falconer Kirkup
6. The House on Elm Street - Nadia Bush
7. Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening - Robert Frost
8. A Poison Tree - William Blake
9. On Killing a Tree - Gieve Patel
10. The Spider and the Fly - Mary Botham Howitt
11. The River - Caroline Ann Bowles
12. The Comet - Norman Littleford
13. The Stick-together Families - Edgar Albert Guest
14. Special Hero - Christina M. Kerschen
15. Making Life Worth While - George Elliot
16. A Thing of Beauty - John Keats
17. Lessons in Life - Brigette Bryant & Daniel Ho
18. My Computer Needs a Break - Shanthini Govindan
19. Your Space - David Bates
20. Sea Fever - John Masefield
21. Courage - Edgar Albert Guest
22. Team Work - Edgar Albert Guest
23. From a Railway Carriage - Robert Louis Stevenson
24. Indian Seasons - Nisha Dyrene
25. A Tragic Story - William Makepeace Thackeray

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Part-C Literary Works

I. LIST OF PROSE

1. His First Flight - Liam O'Flaherty
2. The Tempest - Tales From Shakespeare
3. The Last Lesson - Alphonse Daudet
4. The Little Hero of Holland - Mary Mapes Dodge
5. The Dying Detective - Arthur Conan Doyle
6. Learning the Game (Book Extract) - Sachin Tendulkar
7. The Cat and the Painkiller (An Extract from The Adventures of Tom Sawyer) - Mark Twain
8. Water - The Elixir of Life - Sir C.V.Raman
9. The Story of a Grizzly Cub - William Temple Hornaday
10. Sir Isaac Newton - Nathaniel Hawthorne
11. My Reminiscence - Rabindranath Tagore
12. The Woman on Platform 8 - Ruskin Bond
13. The Nose Jewel - C.Rajagopalachari
14. A Birthday Letter - Jawaharlal Nehru

II. Biographies of -

Mahatma Gandhi - Jawaharlal Nehru - Subash Chandra Bose -
Helen Keller - Kalpana
Chawala - Dr.Salim Ali - Rani of Jhansi - Nelson Mandela -
Abraham Lincoln

III. General Comprehension

General Studies

General Science

a. Nature of Universe – Measurement of Physical Quantities – General Scientific Laws in Motion – Force, Pressure and Energy – Everyday application of the basic principles of Mechanics, Electricity, Magnetism, Light, Sound, Heat and Nuclear Physics in our daily life.

b. Elements and Compounds, Acids, Bases, Salts, Petroleum Products, Fertilizers, Pesticides, Metallurgy and Food Adulterants.

c. Main concepts of Life Science, Classification of living organisms, Evolution, Genetics, Physiology, Nutrition, Health and Hygiene, Human diseases.

d. Environmental Science.

Current Events

a. Latest diary of events – National symbols – Profile of states – Eminent personalities and places in news – Sports – Books and Authors.

b. Welfare Scheme of Government – Political parties and Political system in Tamil Nadu and India.

c. Latest inventions in Science and Technology – Geographical Land Marks – Current Socio – Economic issues.

General Studies

Geography

- a. Earth Location – Physical Features – Monsoon, rainfall, weather and climate– Water resources–Rivers –Soil, Minerals and Natural resources– Forest and Wildlife–Agriculture pattern
- b. Transport Communication.
- c. Population density and distribution in Tamil Nadu and India
- d. Calamities – Disaster Management – Environment – Climate change.

History and Culture of India

- a. Indus Valley Civilization – Guptas, Delhi Sultans, Mughals and Marathas – South Indian History.
- b. Characteristics of Indian Culture, Unity in Diversity – Race, Language, Custom.
- c. India as a Secular State.

General Studies

Indian Polity

- a. Constitution of India – Preamble to the Constitution – Salient features of the Constitution – Union, State and Union Territory.
- b. Citizenship, Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy.
- c. Union Executive, Union Legislature – State Executive, State Legislature – Local Governments, Panchayat Raj.
- d. Spirit of Federalism: Centre - State Relationships.
- e. Election – Judiciary in India – Rule of Law.
- f. Corruption in public life – Anti-Corruption measures – Lokpal and Lokayukta – Right to Information – Empowerment of Women – Consumer Protection Forums – Human Rights Charter.

Indian Economy

- a. Nature of Indian economy–Five year plan models – an assessment – Planning Commission and NitiAyog.
- b. Sources of revenue – Reserve Bank of India – Finance Commission – Resource sharing between Union and State Governments – Goods and Services Tax.
- c. Economic Trends – Employment Generation, Land Reforms and Agriculture – Application of Science and Technology in Agriculture – Industrial growth – Rural Welfare oriented programmes – Social Problems –Population, Education, Health, Employment, Poverty.

General Studies

Indian National Movement

a. National Renaissance –Early uprising against British Rule– Indian National Congress – Emergence of Leaders – B.R.Ambedkar, Bhagat Singh, Bharathiar, V.O.Chidambaranar, Thanthai Periyar, Jawaharlal Nehru, Rabindranath Tagore, Kamarajar, Mahatma Gandhi, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Rajaji, Subhash Chandra Bose, Muthulaksmi Ammaiyar, Muvalur Ramamirtham and other National Leaders.

b. Different modes of Agitation of Tamil Nadu and movements.

History, Culture, Heritage and Socio-Political Movements of Tamil Nadu

a. History of Tamil Society, related Archaeological Discoveries, Tamil Literature from Sangam age till contemporary times.

b. Thirukkural:

- i. Significance as a Secular Literature.
- ii. Relevance to Everyday Life.
- iii. Impact of Thirukkural on Humanity.
- iv. Thirukkural and Universal Values – Equality, Humanism etc.
- v. Relevance to Socio – Politico –Economic affairs.
- vi. Philosophical content in Thirukkural.

c. Role of Tamil Nadu in freedom struggle – Early agitations against British Rule – Role of women in freedom struggle.

d. Various Social reformers, Social reform movements and Social transformation of Tamil Nadu.

General Studies

Development Administration in Tamil Nadu

- a. Social Justice and Social Harmony as the cornerstones of Socio-Economic Development.
- b. Education and Health systems in Tamil Nadu.
- c. Geography of Tamil Nadu and its impact on economic growth.

Aptitude and Mental Ability Tests

- a. Simplification – Percentage – Highest Common Factor (HCF) – Lowest Common Multiple (LCM).
- b. Ratio and Proportion.
- c. Simple Interest– Compound Interest – Area – Volume – Time and Work.
- d. Logical Reasoning – Puzzles – Dice – Visual Reasoning – Alpha Numeric Reasoning – Number Series.