# SSC Paper Practice Paper For Board Exam

With Answersheet

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Sub. English Marks 80

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#### **Answer sheet**

- 1. Complete the words by using correct letters:
- (i) often
- (ii) royal
- (iii) engage
- (iv) design
- 2. Put the words in alphabetical order:
- (i) bottom, cotton, legend, settle
- (ii) department, discover, disfigured, doctorate
- 3. Punctuate the following:

| <ul><li>(i) He asked me, "What is my fault?"</li><li>(ii) "What is wrong with it?"</li></ul>  |
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| <ul><li>4. Make four words (minimum 3 letters) using the letters in the word 'substances':</li><li>(i) sun</li><li>(ii) base</li><li>(iii) scan</li><li>(iv) case</li></ul> |
| 5.  |
| Carefully, Quickly, Cautiously, Swiftly, Slowly, Effortlessly, Smoothly, Hurriedly, Gracefully, Recklessly, Calmly, Rapidly   |
| 6.  |
| King, Grapes, Sun, Nest, Tiger  |
| Q. 2 B.   |
| 1.  |
| (a) The thief tried <b>to run away</b> when he saw the police approaching.  |
| OR  |
| (b) I wanted to know why she was upset with me.   |
| 2.  |
| <ul><li>(a) Add a prefix or suffix to make new words:</li><li>(i) Possible: Impossible</li><li>(ii) Safe: Safely</li></ul>  |
| (b) Make meaningful sentence:   |

(i) **Possible:** It is possible to achieve success with hard work.(ii) **Safe:** Always wear a helmet to stay safe while riding a bike.

**SECTION II: TEXTUALPASSAGES - 20 Marks** 

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

# A1. Choose correct alternative and complete the following sentences:

- 1. Nathu was a **sweeper**.
- 2. The Pipalanagar bank was owned by **Seth Govind Ram**.
- 3. Nathu used the **small** broom to sweep the steps.
- 4. Sitaram was a son of washerman.

# A2. Complete the following table.

**Sentence** Who said To whom

1. Don't raise such dust! Sitaram Nathu

1. I don't wish to talk about it. Nathu Sitaram

# A3. Find out the words for the following from the passage:

1. Showed one's critical attitude: Grumbled

2. Long handle sweeping brush: **Broom** 

3. Distribute: **Deliver** 

4. Striking or putting down forcefully and noisily: **Banging** 

#### A4. Do as directed:

#### 1. Frame a WH-question:

What did he have balanced on his head?

2. Change the voice:

Such dust should not be raised.

#### A5. Answer:

Yes, I like to clean my home. To clean it, I sweep and mop the floors, dust the furniture, and organize everything properly.

#### Q.2 (B) Read the following passage and do the activities. (10 Marks)

#### **B1**.

1. Mother langur simply sat quietly because **she was convinced that no harm was being done to her child.** 

- 2. The baby langur started to sob and cry **because he sensed the presence of his mother.**
- 3. The baby found comfort and peace in his mother's caring arms.
- 4. Mother langur gave a thorough inspection of the baby langur's body because she wanted to **check his injuries and ensure he was safe from further assault.**

# **B2.** Arranged the events in proper sequence:

- 1. The narrator turned away from the coop and looked up.
- 2. The mother langur moved downward and picked up the baby in her arms.
- 3. The baby found great solace in the caring arms.
- 4. The narrator allowed the mother access to her baby.

#### **B4.** Do as directed:

- 1. I turned away from the coop and looked up, didn't I?
- 2. The baby **not only** sensed the presence of his mother **but also** started to sob and cry a little louder.

#### **B5**.

When I am ill, my mother cares deeply for me. She makes sure I am comfortable, gives me medicines, and provides nutritious food to help me recover. She stays by my side, checks on me often, and does everything to make me feel better. Her love and care give me comfort and strength during such times.

#### **SECTION III: POETRY - 10 Marks**

# Q.3 (A) Read the following stanzas and do the activities. (5 Marks)

# A1. Complete the following sentences with the help of the extract:

- 1. The child wants to sow small moons of light from the city to the village on the sides of the path.
- 2. According to the child, the route of his village is tough and full of **snakes and scorpions**.
- 3. When his father returns home, the child is **asleep**.
- 4. The poet wishes to get **moonlight in baskets to sow on the path**.

#### A2. Why is the road from the city to the village dangerous?

The road from the city to the village is dangerous because it is tough and full of snakes and scorpions, making it unsafe for travelers.

# A3. Identify and explain the Figure of Speech used in the extract:

- 1. "Basketful or two baskets full"
  - Figure of Speech: Metaphor
  - **Explanation:** The poet compares moonlight to seeds that can be carried in baskets to spread along the path, symbolizing hope and illumination.

# (B) Appreciation of the poem. (05)

Read the given poem and write an appreciation of the poem using the points given below of the poem.

#### Answer.

- 1) Title of the poem: The title of the poem is "You Start Dying Slowly".
- **2) Name of the poet**: The poet's name is Pablo Neruda.
- **3) Rhyme scheme:** The rhyme scheme is: Free-verse.
- **4) Figures of Speech:** Figures of Speech: Antithesis
- 5) Theme/Central Idea:

The poem tells us how to live life fully. To truly enjoy life, we should keep learning new things, trying different experiences, feeling new emotions, and taking on challenges. If we live a dull, repetitive, or ordinary life, we stop truly living and start fading away.

#### **SECTION IV: NON-TEXTUALPASSAGE - 15 Marks**

#### Q.4 (A) Read the following passage and do the activities. (10 Marks)

#### A2. State whether the following sentences are True or False.

- 1. The king's temperament also changed.
  - True
- 2. The king was happy with the prediction of the astrologer.

#### **False**

3. The courtiers sought an audience with Tenali Raman.

#### True

4. Courtiers advised the king to regulate his diet.

**False** 

#### A2. Complete the web.

### The king grew fat and heavy because:

- 1. He stopped exercising.
- 2. He stopped horse-riding.
- 3. He adopted a sedentary lifestyle.
- 4. He overate and neglected his diet.

# A3. Find out describing words from the passage for the words given below.

- 1. Exercise Heavy
- 2. **Lifestyle** Sedentary
- 3. Side Risks
- 4. **Physician** Royal

#### A4. Do as directed.

1. King Krishnadeva Raya would perform heavy exercises every morning. (Use 'used to')

King Krishnadeva Raya **used to** perform heavy exercises every morning.

2. They advised the king to regulate his diet.

(Pick out the infinitive)

To regulate

# A5. What are the benefits of daily exercise?

- 1. It helps maintain physical fitness and a healthy body.
- 2. It improves mental health and overall temperament.
- 3. It prevents obesity and related health risks.
- 4. It boosts energy levels and productivity.

#### **(B) Summary Writing**

# "The Importance of Fitness and Clever Advice"

King Krishnadeva Raya maintained a healthy lifestyle through regular heavy exercises and a disciplined routine. However, after adopting a sedentary lifestyle and neglecting his diet and exercise, he gained weight and his temperament changed. Despite advice from physicians to regulate his habits, the king ignored it. Finally, Tenali Raman came up with a clever plan involving a false prediction by an astrologer, motivating the king to return to a healthier routine.

#### **SECTION V: WRITINGSKILLS - 20 Marks**

Q.5 (A) Letter Writing (5 Marks)

Al or A2 Do any one of the following.

Suppose you are Rahul / Roshani Bane. Read the advertisement given below and attempt any one of the letters given below it.

# A1. Letter to a Friend Inviting Them to Join the Camp

#### **Rahul Bane**

304, Om Sai Residency, M. G. Road, Ratnagiri 415612. 20th Sept, 2024.

#### Dear Raj,

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to tell you about a Winter Camp organized by Mr. Shashank Pandit in Gulmohar Colony, Chiplun. It's from November 1 to November 15, and I think it would be great for us to join together.

The camp includes fun activities to build confidence, improve personality, and explore talents. It's also a chance to make new friends and enjoy a good social activity. The fee is ₹2000, which is guite reasonable for all the experiences we will get.

Let me know if you are interested so we can plan together.

Yours lovingly,

#### Rahul

# A2. Letter to Mr. Shashank Pandit for Joining the Camp

Rahul Bane. 304, Om Sai Residency, M. G. Road, Ratnagiri 415612. 20<sup>th</sup> Sept,2024.

To, Mr. Shashank Pandit Gulmohar Colony, Chiplun

Subject: Inquiry about Joining the Winter Camp

# Dear Sir,

I recently came across the advertisement for the **Winter Camp** that you are organizing, and I am highly interested in joining it. The activities mentioned, such as personality development, confidence building, and exploring hidden talents, are truly inspiring and align perfectly with my interests.

I would like to confirm my participation and request more details about the things I need to carry for the camp. Additionally, if there are any specific guidelines or preparations required beforehand, please do let me know.

Thank you for organizing such a valuable camp. I look forward to your response and an enriching experience.

Yours sincerely, Rahul.

# Q.5 B. B1 or B2. Do any one of the following. (5 Marks)

# (B1) Dialogue Writing

1. Prepare a dialogue from the jumbled sentences. (01)

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- 1. Do you believe in God?
- 2. Yes, I do, but don't totally depend on his blessing.

- 3. Why so?
- 4. I believe in hard work more.

# (2) Complete the following dialogue:

**A:** Where do you spend your holidays?

B: I usually spend my holidays at my grandparents' village.

**A:** Why do you like the place?

B: I like it because it is peaceful, surrounded by nature, and I get to spend quality time with my family.

(3) Write a dialogue of minimum six meaningful exchanges on 'Moral Education in School Subjects':

#### **Moral Education in School Subjects**

**Student 1:** Why do you think moral education is important in schools?

**Student 2:** It helps us understand the difference between right and wrong.

**Student 1:** But shouldn't moral values be taught at home?

**Student 2:** Yes, but schools reinforce these values and teach us how to apply them in society.

**Student 1:** Can you give an example of how it's taught?

**Student 2:** Subjects like history and literature teach us about honesty, kindness, and respect through stories and events.

Student 1: Do you think every school should have a dedicated moral education class?

**Student 2:** Absolutely. It will help students grow into responsible and ethical citizens.

**Student 1:** I agree. Moral education is as important as academics.

(OR)

#### (B2) Drafting a Speech. (5)

Prepare a speech on the need for tree plantation. You may use the following points:

**Speech: The Need for Tree Plantation** 

Good morning everyone,

Pollution is a big problem today. Air, water, and soil are getting polluted because of cutting down trees, factories, and too many vehicles. This is harming our planet and our health.

One easy way to fight pollution is by planting trees. Trees give us oxygen, clean the air, and stop soil erosion. They also help in keeping the water cycle running smoothly.

I request all of you to plant more trees. Let's celebrate **Vanmahotsava** and encourage everyone to join in tree plantation drives. Trees not only reduce pollution but also make our surroundings green and beautiful.

Let's promise to plant and protect trees to make our Earth a better place for everyone.

Thank you.

Q.6 (A) Information Transfer (5 Marks)

A1 OR A2. Do any one of the following.

(A1) Non-verbal toVerbal: (05)

**Title: Advantages and Disadvantages of Computers** 

Computers have become an essential part of our lives, offering many advantages. They can store a large amount of information and enable us to send messages instantly. Computers provide information on any topic we need and help reduce the use of paper. They are also an excellent tool for teaching and learning activities. However, computers have their disadvantages too. They contribute to rising unemployment and can harm our health, especially our eyes and posture. People, especially children, can get addicted to playing games, chatting, or visiting inappropriate sites. Moreover, excessive use of computers can make people lose the human touch, becoming like machines, and lead to a sedentary lifestyle. While computers are useful, it's important to use them wisely.

#### (A2) Verbal to Non-verbal:

Title: Choosing the Right Trees for Different Areas

| Kinds of trees                | Where to plant | Uses                       |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 1) Shade-giving (short trees) | Schools        | a) Children climb and play |

| Kinds of trees                        | Where to plant       | Uses   |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--|
|                                       |                      | b) Enjoy shade of a tree                     |
| 2) Pollution-controlling (tall trees) | Residential colonies | a) Control pollution                         |
|                                       |                      | b) Trap dust                                 |
| 3) Native trees                       | Highways             | a) Withstand the wind                        |
|                                       |                      | b) Provide shade in summer                   |
| 4) Sacred native trees                | Villages, roadside   | a) Birds and animals interact more with them |
|                                       |                      | b) Villagers consider them sacred            |

(B) Expand the theme. (5 Marks)

B1 or B2 Do any one of the following.

(B1) News Report (05)

Read the following headline and prepare a news report with the help of given points:

Tiger Attacks 8-Year-Old in Sanjay Gandhi National Park

By Staff Reporter,

Mumbai, 25th January 2025.

An 8-year-old boy was attacked by a tiger in Sanjay Gandhi National Park yesterday. The incident shocked visitors and raised concerns about safety in the park.

The boy and his family had gone near a restricted area despite warning signs. A tiger, disturbed by their presence, attacked the child. Park staff quickly rescued him and gave him first aid. He was then taken to the hospital and is now safe and recovering. Park officials have closed the area and reminded visitors to follow safety rules while visiting the park.

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| (B2) Complete the story with the help of given ending. Suggest a suitable title. (05) |
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| Everyone praised Amol's courage and presence of                                       |

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Title: Amol's Brave Act

Amol was a 12-year-old boy who lived in a small village near a forest. One day, while walking home from school, he heard someone crying from the forest. He stopped and listened carefully. It sounded like a child in trouble.

Without wasting time, Amol ran into the forest. After looking around, he found a little girl stuck near a deep ditch. She was scared and could not climb out. Amol stayed calm and quickly thought of a way to help. He found a strong stick, tied his scarf to it, and lowered it into the ditch. He told the girl to hold on tightly, and with all his strength, he pulled her out.

The girl was safe but still scared. Amol walked her back to the village, where her parents were searching for her. They were so happy and thankful to see their daughter safe. Amol told everyone what had happened, and the villagers praised him for his courage and quick thinking.

Everyone praised Amol's courage and presence of mind.

**SECTION VI: SKILLDEVELOPMENT - 05 Mark** 

#### Q.7 Translation (5 Marks)

| (a) Translate the following words into your medium of instruction (Ar |
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| 1. | <b>Peace</b> - [[[[[[[ |
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| 2. | Habit - □□□            |

- 3. **Bosom** □□
- 4. **Troop** | | | | |
- 5. **Local** חחחחחח
- 6. **Shock** □□□□□

# (b) Translate the following sentences into your medium of instruction (Any two):

| 1. | A will will find a way.                              |
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|    | <b>Marathi:</b> 000000000000000000000000000000000000 |
| 2. | My favourite colour is blue.                         |

**Marathi:** 0000 00000 000 0000 000.

3. I like to read stories.

| 4.            | Lilavati likes flowers.   |
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|               | Marathi: 0000000 0000 000000.   |
| (c) T<br>one) | ranslate the following idiom/proverb into your medium of instruction (Any : |
| 1.            | Necessity is the mother of invention.                                       |
|               | Marathi: 000 00 00000 000.  |
| 2.            | Practice makes man perfect.   |
|               | Marathi: 0000 0000000 00000000000000000000000                               |
|               |   |

**Marathi:** 000 000000 000000 000000.