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SSLC Half Yearly Examination - 2012 - 13

Time : 2-30 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

Language Part B - ENGLISH - Paper I

Instruction : Check the question paper for fairness of printing. If there is any lack of fairness, inform the Hall Supervisor immediately

Note : This question paper contains Five Sections.

Section-I (Vocabulary : 20 marks)

Part- 1

1. Choose the appropriate synonyms of the underlined words : $5 \times 1 = 5$
 There are certain (i) indispensable qualities one has to nurture in order to emerge (ii) triumphant in life, overcoming our hardships, exhibiting our (iii) valour and mental strength. We have to think of plans to shape our career and give importance to the (iv) implementation of those plans. We should work in (v) earnestness to succeed in life.
 i) a) essential b) indifferent c) ineffective d) excellent
 ii) a) talented b) significant c) victorious d) wealthy
 iii) a) victory b) riches c) vanity d) bravery
 iv) a) length b) honour c) effecting d) imagination
 v) a) cooperation b) seriousness c) faith d) endlessness
2. Choose the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words : $5 \times 1 = 5$
 It was a (i) rare opportunity for Shyam. At a meeting (ii) organised by Police Officers he would have the (iii) privilege of receiving a medal from the Chief Guest. It indicated a bright (iv) future for him and would bring him (v) considerable fame.
 i) a) wonderful b) frequent c) forgotten d) slow
 ii) a) scattered b) dispersed c) disorganised d) deviated
 iii) a) dishonour b) prize c) crime d) wrong
 iv) a) old b) previous c) infancy d) past
 v) a) less b) great c) small d) rare

Part-2

Answer any ten of the following :

$10 \times 1 = 10$

3. Which of the following is the right expansion of INSAT ?
 a) International Satellite b) Integrated Space and Technology Work
 c) Indian National Satellite d) Independent Satellite Track
4. Choose the sentence that is correct in its meaning :
 a) We heard loud peals of laughter. b) We heard loud peels of laughter.
5. Replace the underlined word with its equivalent American English word :
 The shop assistant showed me a variety of models.
6. Which of the words given below can be placed before the word 'post' to form a compound word ? a) gate b) out c) late d) quick
7. What is the plural form of the words ' pants' ?
 a) pant b) pantes c) pants d) pante
8. Add a prefix to the word polite from the list given below to complete the sentence:
 His behaviour was rude and
- a) un b) in c) dis d) im
9. Replace the underlined word in the sentence with one of the phrasal verbs given below to convey the same meaning : I cannot understand your handwriting.
 a) make for b) make up c) make out d) make in
10. Separate into syllables any one of the following words :
 a) sentiment b) compulsive c) metropolis

11. Choose the appropriate word to make a meaningful sentence :
This is the the Jack built.
a) house b) home
12. Construct a sentence using one of the following words given below :
a) ferocity b) ferocious c) furiously
13. Reframe the sentence using the underlined word as a noun :
a) This is a proud moment.
14. Which of the two sentences given below conveys the following meaning ?
Some children are exceptionally talented
a) Not many children are exceptionally talented
b) Only a few children are talented

Section-II (Grammar : 25 Marks)

Part - 1

Answer all the the following questions :

10 × 1 = 10

15. Which of the options given below will suit the following sentence ?
If you are late,
a) you would be punished b) you would have been punished c) you will be punished
16. Identify the pattern of the following sentence :
He slept for a long time last night
a) S V A C b) S V O C c) S V A A
17. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement :
She rarely absents herself, ?
a) doesn't she b) does she c) will she
18. Complete the following sentence :
Very few buildings in this street are this one.
a) taller than b) as tall as c) the tallest of
19. Choose the sentence which correctly conveys the meaning of the sentence given below :
He denied his guilt
a) He admitted that he was guilty b) He refused to admit his guilt c) He hid his guilt
20. Complete the following sentence :
..... you don't receive the information within two days, call this number.
a) In case b) In the event of c) In spite of
21. Choose the correct verb form to complete the sentence :
She enjoys the piano.
a) play b) in playing c) playing
22. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence :
The child started crying its way.
a) lost b) on losing c) in losing
23. Choose the appropriate article to complete the sentence :
..... unexpected gift makes one happy.
a) A b) An c) The
24. Choose the appropriate preposition to complete the sentence :
I do it force of habit.
a) in b) at c) by

Part-2

Answer all the following questions.

Rewrite as directed :

5 × 2 = 10

25. From the context of the two sentences given below form a single sentence :
The tap is leaking. It has to be repaired.
26. Rewrite the sentence using the passive voice :
The boy realised that he had committed a mistake.
27. Rewrite the sentence in indirect speech :
Shreya said to Swarna, "Give me your book. I shall return it tomorrow".
28. From the context of the two sentences given below form a single sentence using the 'if' clause : He did not run fast. He lost the race.
29. Read the following sentences describing the heights of some towers and write an observation in a single sentence using any one of the degrees of comparison :
a) Tower A is 90 feet high b) Tower B is 120 feet high c) Tower C is 160 feet high
d) Tower D is 220 feet high

Part-3

30. Punctuate the following sentence : 5
 what is it that you like most i asked

Section - III (Prose : 15 Marks)

Part-1

Answer briefly any five of the following questions : 5 × 2 = 10

31. What made the old man look a typical beggar ?
32. How is Music different from astronomy ?
33. What requires whole-hearted devotion ?
34. What forced Chaya to 'hurry' ?
35. List out the states in India that have shown concern for domestic workers.
36. Explain the phrase 'carrying winter on their back' in connection with bird migration.
37. Who built the palace at Thanjavur ? By whom was it renovated ?

Part-2

Answer in a paragraph any one of the following questions : 1 × 5 = 5

38. a) What lesson does Messiaen teach mankind through his attitude towards music while he was in the concentration camp ?
- b) Mention the Labour laws passed by the government.
- c) What makes the Brihadeswara Temple unique and outstanding ?

Section - IV (Poetry : 20 Marks)

Part-1

Quote from memory one of the following extracts : 1 × 5 = 5

39. a) The first five lines of the poem "The Cry of the Children"
 - b) Five lines of the poem "Manliness"
- From : "If you can force..... To : the unforgiving minute"

Part-2

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer the questions given below each set: 5 × 1 = 5

40. "..... till the heart of me weeps to belong
 To the old Sunday evenings at home, with winter outside."
 a) Whose heart weeps to belong to the past ? b) Describe the situation at home, then.
41. "Not both to have excuse to go,
 Because the autumn eve was fair."
 Why was the 'autumn eve' fair ?
42. "I care not where the skies begin;
 I spread my wings through all the din."
 Does the bird stop its flight due to the noise and din ?
43. "The world in gloom and splendour passes by."
 Bring out the contradiction of words in this line.

Part-3

Read the following lines from the poems you have studied and answer the questions given below : 5 × 1 = 5

44. "And thou in the midst of it with brows that gleam.
 A creature of that old distorted dream"
 Pick out the rhyming words in the above lines.
45. "Now drops that floated on the pool
 Like pearls, and now a silver blade."
 Name the figure of speech used in the above lines.
46. "Softly in the dusk, a woman is singing to me;
 Taking me back down the vista of years, till I see
 A child sitting under the piano, in the boom of the tingling strings
 And pressing the small, poised feet of a mother who smiles as she sings."
 Bring out the rhyme scheme used in these lines.
47. "The reddest flower would look as pale as snow."
 Name the figure of speech used in the above line.
48. "In stark evidence
 The knocking softens, fades"
 Pick out the words in alliteration in the above lines.

Part-4

Answer in a paragraph any one of the following questions :

1 × 5 = 5

49. a) How does Lampman picture a millionaire ?
 b) Bring out the experience of the children who went to fetch water from the woods.
 c) Bring out the efforts of the Shilpi in his attempt at shaping a raw stone into a sculpture.

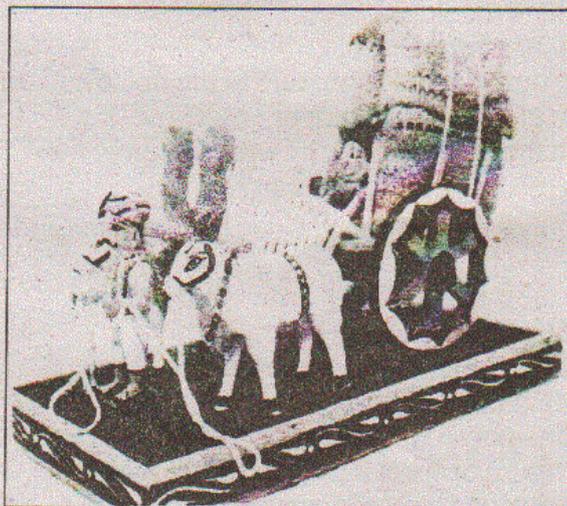
Section-V (Language Functions : 20 Marks)

50. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 5 × 2 = 10

There is always some controversy over whether it is important to spend large sums of money on medical research or whether more of this money should be directed towards treating patients. Obviously some medical research is essential. Without it, we would have no vaccinations against diseases such as Polio, no drugs such as antibiotics and no treatments like X-rays or radiotherapy. Nevertheless, the field of medical research is very competitive and this has financial disadvantages. On the current research conducted on the HIV virus, it is arguable that money is being wasted as scientists throughout the world are working independently towards the same goal - a cure for AIDS - with the same aim of becoming famous in the process. Surely it would be more productive and less costly if these scientists joined forces and an international research team was set up with joint international funding.

Questions :

- a) The word 'controversy' means (i) opposite (ii) dispute (iii) problem
 b) What is the controversy discussed in this passage ?
 c) What are the advantages of medical research ?
 d) What is the goal of the scientists working independently throughout the world ?
 e) How can the financial strain on medical research be reduced ?
51. Identify and correct the errors in the following sentences : 5 × 1 = 5
- a) The exam will be conducted from 2 pm and 5 pm.
 b) One of the chairs are broken.
 c) I am late by a hour.
 d) He asked me where I am going.
 e) She prefers reading than swimming.
52. Look at the picture given below and answer the following questions in one or two sentences of your own : 5 × 1 = 5



- a) What mode of transport do you see in the picture ?
 b) Are the persons seen in the picture happy ? How can you say so ?
 c) Why are the articles and human beings in the picture filled with designs ?
 d) Where do you normally find such depictions ?
 e) During which festival do you find a display of such items in houses.



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Section-I (Non-Detailed : 35 marks)

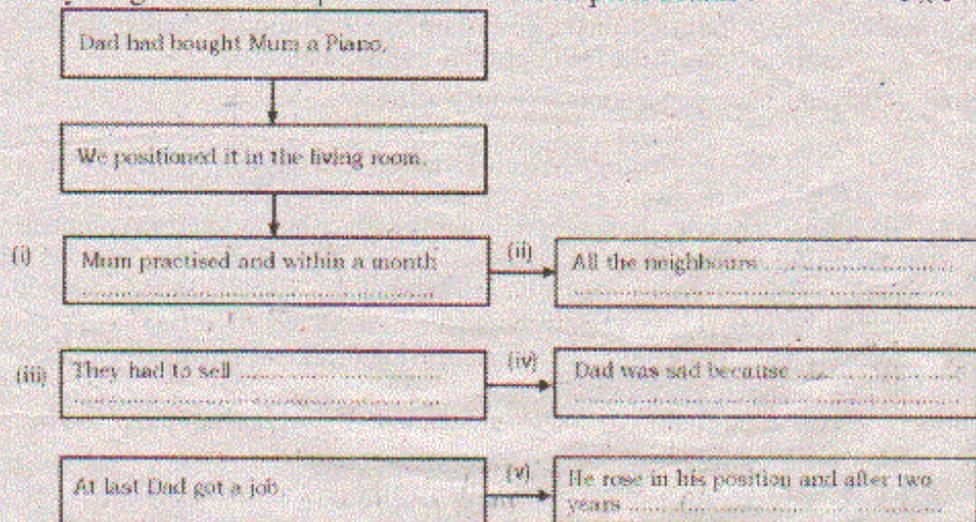
Part- I

- Fill in the blanks with the appropriate phrases given below to form a complete meaningful paragraph : $5 \times 1 = 5$
 On a rainy morning, Shelly went out (i) Shelly found a Labrador, who was whining (ii) Shelly could not find out whom he (iii) because he had no collar. Shelly brought his First-Aid kit, the one with which he played (iv) Shelly nursed his paw (v)
 i) as best as he could ii) doctor and patient iii) with a hurt paw iv) belonged to v) on the front porch
- Read the following sentences and identify the character / speaker : $5 \times 1 = 5$
 i) "Can I keep him, Mom?"
 ii) "I've been in search of a model to pose a Judas Iscariot."
 iii) "I bought you mum a Piano."
 iv) "Ring Serge, tell him I am alive. He thinks I am dead."
 v) "More snuff" he said in a hushed voice.
- Match the following appropriately : $5 \times 1 = 5$
 a) Sam - a fling officer in World War II
 b) Dad - a little boy of fourteen
 c) Kumar - a 45 year old teacher
 d) Hubert - a tinker
 e) Jack Poderoso - the real name of the dog
 - young and enterprising
- Complete the following sentences choosing the correct answer from the options given below : $5 \times 1 = 5$
 i) The boy called the dog
 a) Sweety b) Goldy c) Brownny d) Puppy
 ii) Finally Dad got a job
 a) at a doctor's clinic b) as a clerk c) as a teacher d) with an accounting firm
 iii) The artist was painting a) the life of Judas Iscariot
 b) the life of a young man c) the life of an aged man d) the life of Jesus
 iv) The apartment of Kumar was in
 a) New York b) Chennai c) Japan d) Russia
 v) The three thieves hid in a
 a) boat b) cup board c) house d) hut
- Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : $5 \times 1 = 5$
 My brother saddled on his beast of an invention, put his bike helmet on along with his leather gloves. He threw his leg over the contraption and held his thumb up for contact just like in those old war movies where the guy on the ground spins the propeller of the plane. I gave him the thumbs up also and he pushed off to get the bike up to speed before throwing the switch.
 "We have lifted off." I yelled! My brother put his hand down and threw the switch. The beast came to life and the bike hurried off into the distance. I tried to keep up with him, but the bike was much too fast. Standing there out of breath with my hands on my knees. I could see my brother was having a little trouble turning the bike around. He turned it sharply around the corner and disappeared around the block. When he

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reappeared minutes later he was headed straight for me at a high rate of speed. Tired as I was I had to run for my life to keep ahead of the invention. Darting through the double gate of the back yard I managed to escape under the clothes line to the back fence.

- What do the words 'beast of an invention' refer to?
 - In what way was the brother's behaviours like that of the character in the movie?
 - Why was the boy out of breath?
 - What danger befell the boy watching the rider?
 - How did the boy escape from the danger?
6. Study the given mind map and fill in the incomplete details : 5 × 1 = 5



7. Answer in a paragraph on any one of the following questions : 1 × 5 = 5
- Narrate the story 'Sam' in your own words.
 - Narrate the story 'The Face of Judas Iscariot' in your own words.
 - How did Kumar's attitude towards his family members change after he reached the States?

Section-II (Language Functions : 15 Marks)

8. Make notes of the following passage and prepare a summary using the notes : 5+5=10

Potatoes can be cooked in different ways. The four main methods are boiling, baking, roasting and frying. When we boil potatoes, we cut them and cook them in a sauce pan with boiling water and a little salt. They usually take twenty to thirty minutes to cook. When we bake potatoes, we put them in an oven for half an hour. Usually they are not peeled. Roasting is like baking because it is usually done in an oven. The main difference between baking and roasting is that when baking we do not use fat. But in roasting we do. For their Sunday lunch many English people have roasted beef with roasted potatoes. Frying is like roasting because fat or oil is used, but we do not use an oven. There are two main ways of frying potatoes. We can cut them into slices and fry them in a special shallow pan called a frying pan. The other way is called deep frying. The slices of potatoes are put into deep pan or metal box full of oil. This is like boiling except that we use oil instead of water.

9. Complete the following dialogue appropriately : 5 × 1 = 5

- i) Policeman : Where do you want to go?
Tourist : I want to go to the Big Temple.
Does this road lead to the Big Temple?
- ii) Policeman : Yes,
- Tourist : How far is it from here?
- iii) Policeman : it is just 5 km from here to the temple.
- iv) Tourist :
- v) Policeman :

Section-III (Communicative Skills : 15 Marks)

10. Write a dialogue with at least five utterances between a shopkeeper and a customer who wishes to buy a new mobile phone. 5
11. Rajesh, the School Pupil Leader, wanted to write to the Manager of a factory requesting his permission to visit the factory. He had the format of his letter ready but had yet to write the content. Complete the content of his letter in about 100 words. 5

B City
3rd January, 2012

From
J. Rajesh,
School Pupil Leader,
XYZ Higher Secondary School,
B City, PIN : XXX XXX.

To
The Manager,
ABC Factory,
K City, PIN : YYY YYY.

Dear Sir,
Sub : Requisition of Permission to visit the factory.

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.....
.....
I thank you in anticipation of a favourable reply.

Yours Sincerely,
J. Rajesh
(SPL)

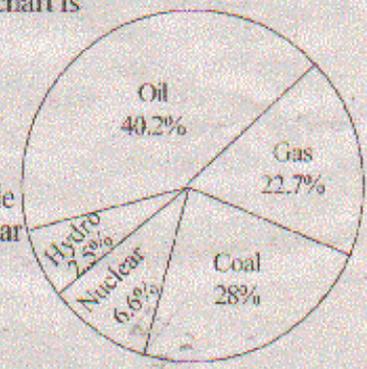
12. Prepare an advertisement on the information given below :
- a) New car of the year - strong seat and anchorage - tubeless tyre - analogue speedometer - fuel - efficient - Eco-friendly affordable price, - Rush and book.
 - (or)
 - b) School Fancy Fete - stalls - eatables - craft items - lucky dip - games - contests - entrance fee - rupees 20/- per head - collections towards charity - come with family - friends.

Section - IV (Expansion of Ideas : 35 Marks)

13. Expand the following headlines : 5 × 1 = 5
- a) Mobile phones banned in schools.
 - b) Scientists discovers new planet.
 - c) PM to inaugurate National Games.
 - d) Jewels stolen from house in Mylapore.
 - e) Cricket - CSK beats Mumbai Indians.

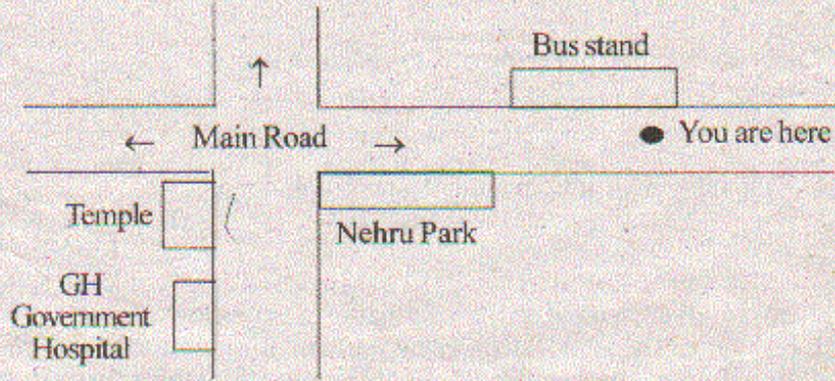
14. Study the pie-chart and answer the questions given below : 5 × 1 = 5

- i) The number of sources of energy given in this pie-chart is
a) 3 b) 4 c) 5 d) 2
- ii) State whether the following statement is true :
Hydrogen is the lowest energy product in quantum that of Hydro energy.
- iii) The availability of nuclear energy is.....hydro energy.
a) equal to b) higher than c) lower than d) double
- iv) The difference between the availability of Nuclear and Hydro energy is
a) 6.1 b) 4.1 c) 4.01 d) 1.04
- v) The highest source of energy is
a) gas b) coal c) nuclear d) oil



15. Write a paragraph using any one of the following outlines in about 100 words : 5
- a) Books - Man's friends - educated - entertain - get pleasure - profit - not lonely - Gandhi, Nehru read in Jail preserve ideas of great minds - in their company. Many read for exams - have a small library - today computers - virus kills - but books last - carried everywhere.
 - b) Population - a serious problem to our country - three babies born every second - maximum death rate in the past - thanks to medical science - death rate reduced - The span of human life increased - people have to think seriously - Co-operate with the government programmes - rate of population can be reduced.

16. Match the following products and slogans appropriately : 5 × 1 = 5
- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| a) Tooth paste | - Add taste |
| b) Pen | - A new style in cooking |
| c) LPG Stove | - Cool and pleasant |
| d) Air-Conditioner | - A sparkling smile |
| e) Salt | - The magic of words |
| | - wear and tear |
17. Observe the map given below and write the instructions required : 5
You are near the Bus Stand. An old lady asks you to direct her to the nearby G.H. (Government Hospital). Guide her with your directions in about 50 words.



18. Read the poem given below and complete its paraphrase with suitable phrases in the given blanks : 5 × 1 = 5

The School Boy

I love to rise in a summer morn,
When the birds sing on every tree;
The distant huntsman winds his horn,
And the sky-lark sings with me,
O! what sweet company!
But to go to school in a summer morn,
O! it drives all joy away,
Under a cruel eye outworn,
The little ones spend the day,
In sighing and dismay

- William Blake

I like to wake upon a (i) when the birds (ii) The distant (iii) has already gone on his hunting. The skylark sings happily. Everything is happy around me. The thought of going to (iv) in the class room, supervised by an old teacher. They are dismayed at the instructions that do not give them joy.

19. a) Translation : 5
A North Indian passenger on the bus you travel has lost his luggage and purse. He wishes to lodge a complaint with the Police. Someone gives him the instruction in Tamil. As he is new to Tamil Nadu, he does not understand the language. Translate the instruction into English to help him :

நேராகச் செல்லவும் பாரத வாங்கி இடப்பறம் உள்ளது. அதற்கு எதிரே உள்ள சாலையைக் கடக்கவும். கணைஷ் உணவகத்தின் அருகிலுள்ள சந்தில் நுழையவும் வலது புறம் திரும்பவும், வலது புறத்தில் தபால் நிலையம் உள்ளது. அருகில் காவல் நிலையம் உள்ளது. (Or)

- b) Look at the picture given below :

Express your views on it in about five sentences.

Marvel in Marble



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1. i) essential ii) victorious iii) bravery iv) effecting v) seriousness
2. i) frequent ii) disorganized iii) dishonour iv) past v) less
3. Indian National Satellite 4. We heard loud peals of laughter
5. Sales clerk 6. Out post 7. Pants 8. Impossible 9. Make out
10. a) sen/ti/ment-3 syllables, b) com/pul/sive-3 syllables c) met/ro/polis-3 syllables 11. House
12. a) I was frightened at his ferocity b) The tiger is a ferocious animal
 c) The tiger attacked him ferociously.
13. This is the moment of pride (or) We take pride of this moment
14. a) Not many children are exceptionally talented
15. c) you will be punished 16. c) SVAA 17. a) doesn't she ? 18. b) as tall as
19. b) He refused to admit his guilt 20. a) In case 21. c) Playing 22. b) on loosing
23. b) An 24. c) by
25. a) The leaking tap has to be repaired
 b) As the tap is leaking, it has to be repaired
 c) The tap is leaking (and) so it has to be repaired.
26. A mistake has been committed by the boy and it was realized by him.
27. Shreya asked Swarna to give her her book and assured that she would return it the next day.
28. a) If he had run fast, he wouldn't have lost the race.
29. a) Tower D is the highest. b) Tower C is higher than Tower A/B.
30. "What is that you like most ? "I asked.
39. a) The first five lines of THE CRY OF THE CHILDREN.
 "For oh, " say the children, "we are weary
 And we cannot run or leap
 If we cared for any meadows, it were merely
 To drop down in them and sleep
 Our knees tremble sorely in the stooping.
 b) Five lines of the poem "Manliness"
 If you can force your heart, and nerve, and sinew
 To serve your turn long after they are gone;
 And so hold on when there is nothing in you
 Except the will which says to them, "Hold on".
 If you can fill the unforgiving minute.
40. a) The poet's (D.H.Lawrence) heart b) It was a Sunday evening and there was winter outside.
41. Because it was equitable between bright and dark. 42. No, it doesn't.
43. a) It depicts both the darker and the brighter sides of the world (or)
 b) On one side, the poor suffer a lot and their life is gloomy. On the other side the rich live luxuriously.
44. Glean – dream 45. Simile 46. aabb 47. Simile 48. Stark – softens
50. a) dispute b) Spending large sums of money on medical research.
c) Vaccination against diseases such as Polio, Antibiotics, X – rays, Radiotherapy, etc., are the advantages of
Medical research. d) A cure for AIDS is the goal. e) It can be reduced by organizing a team of
scientists with joint international funding.
51. a) ~~from~~ - between
 b) ~~are~~ - is
 c) ~~a~~ - an
 d) ~~am~~ - was
 e) ~~than~~ - to
52. a) Bullock - cart
 b) They are happy. I see smile on their faces.
 c) Because it is a handicraft
 d) At art galleries and handicraft sales depots.
 e) During "Navarathiri" Festival.

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STD. 10

ENGLISH PAPER II

Key

Section -I

1. i) on the front porch
ii) with a hurt paw
iii) belonged to
iv) doctor and patient
v) as best as he could
2. i) Shelly
ii) Painter
iii) Dad/ Father
iv) Celine
v) Hubert
3. a) Sam- the real name of the dog
b) Dad- a flying officer in World War II
c) Kumar- young and enterprising
d) Hubert- a little boy of fourteen
e) Jack Poderoso – a 45 year old teacher
4. i) b) Goldy ii) d) with an accounting firm iii) d) the life of Jesus iv) a) New York
v) b) cup board
6. i) She was belting out a tune ii) gathered around and sang iii) the piano
iv) he had no job v) Dad bought a new piano for cash

Section- II

9. i) I want to go ii) This road leads to the Big Temple. iii) It is ... km from here / near by
iv) Can I get an auto? / thank you. v) sure / welcome

Section- IV

13. a) Mobile phones are banned in the school campus by the Govt. of Tamilnadu.
b) Indian scientists have discovered a new planet.
c) The Prime Minister is going to inaugurate the National Games in Delhi.
d) The jewels were stolen from a house in Mylapore.
e) Chennai Super Kings has beat Mumbai Indians in the T20 Cricket match.
14. i) c) 5 ii) true iii) b) higher than iv) b) 4.1 v) d) oil
16. a) Tooth paste- A sparkling smile
b) Pen- The magic of words
c) LPG Stove- A new style in cooking
d) Air- Conditioner- Cool and pleasant
e) Salt- Add taste
18. i) summer morning ii) sing iii) huntsman iv) school v) in sighing and dismay