

ENGLISH COMPULSORY SSC-I

Time allowed: 2:40 Hours

Total Marks Sections B and C: 60

NOTE: Sections B and C comprise pages 1-2. Answer all the questions from Sections 'B' and 'C' on the separately provided answer book. Write your answers neatly and legibly.

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 03 marks each. (6+4x3=18)

Noise pollution is defined as any form of noise that disrupts the normal functioning of life. If left unchecked, it can have serious effects on the mind and body of humans as well as animals.

Noise pollution is one of the biggest sources of discomfort, stress and nuisance in Pakistan. In urban areas and big cities, noise pollution has reached dangerous level. For instance, a survey by the Punjab Environmental Protection Agency claiming that the level of noise in Lahore has reached 91 decibels whereas a maximum of 75 decibels is acceptable. This means that mental and physical health of so many people is already at risk.

The major causes of noise pollution in Pakistan are road traffic, construction sites, careless use of electronic appliances and loud speech patterns. Noise coming from different modes of transport i.e. vehicles, airplanes, trains, ships proves to be highly stressful for human communities with the population growth and development in urban areas, the vehicular traffic has also multiplied. This has given rise to immense noise pollution, largely in the form of unwarranted honking by drivers. Also, the mushroom growth of residential colonies near airports and railway stations has exposed residents to permanent and unavoidable source of noise pollution.

Another source of noise pollution in urban areas is the work on construction sites. Construction work in urban areas is usually slow and time consuming. The use of transport and equipment at construction sites, its grilling and piercing sound is a big source of noise pollution. It not only disturbs the general public but also affects construction workers by causing mental fatigue.

QUESTIONS:

(i) Write down the summary of the passage. Also suggest a suitable title. (5+1=6)

(ii) What is noise pollution? How is it a source of disruption?

OR

Explain the condition of noise pollution in urban areas of Pakistan.

(iii) Illustrate any three causes of noise pollution.

OR

How is population growth is one of the source of noise pollution?

(iv) How is construction work a cause of noise pollution?

(v) Suggest some measures to avoid noise pollution

OR

Write down the meanings of underlined words. (Any three)

Q. 3 a. Paraphrase any ONE of the following stanzas:

(03)

(i) For oft when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bless of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

(ii) Hope is the thing with feathers—
That perches in the soul—
And sings the tune without the words—
And never stops at all—

OR

b. Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions given at the end:

(06)

(I) He gives 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 rhyme scheme of the stanza. (2)

(ii) Explain any two poetic devices used in the stanza. (2)

(iii) Illustrate the meanings of 'easy wind' and 'downy flake'. (2)

OR

- (II) And sweetest—in the gale—is heard
And sore must be the storm
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm

QUESTIONS:

- (i) Discuss the main theme of the given stanza. (2)
(ii) What type of imagery is used in the stanza? (2)
(iii) What is rhyme scheme of the stanza? (2)

Q. 4 a. Fill in the blanks using the passive voice form of the verbs given in brackets to complete the passage.(Any five) (05)

Last week, someone had_____ (steal) Ali's bike. It was _____ (leave) by him outside the house. The police had_____ (report) by Ali. His bike was_____ (find) today by the police. Ali was_____ (call) by police to the Police station. The thief was_____ (catch) and duly_____ (punish).

b. Change the following sentences as directed in the brackets. (any five) (05)

- (i) He hits the ball. (Change into simple past tense)
(ii) I received the letter, last week. (Change into past perfect tense)
(iii) She is singing. (Change into present perfect tense)
(iv) The match starts at 7'o clock. (Change into simple future tense)
(v) She left school last year. (Change into interrogative sentence)
(vi) The Sultan hurried to the capital. (Change into negative sentence)
(vii) The soup tasted good. (Change into simple present sentence)

c. Punctuate the following para/line(s): (03)

i think of transportation in the same light as food clothing and shelter

SECTION – C (Marks 20)

Q. 5 Write an email to your friend and discuss sports day at your school. (08)

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your school for adding new books to school library.

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

“Abuses of Drugs”

OR

“Cleanliness is Half Faith”

Q. 7 Translate the following passage into Urdu: (06)

The importance of technology in our daily life is undeniable. Technology plays a vital role in our life and it has added to our lives. From kitchen, bedroom, living room, bath room, to any other place of our home or office, technological equipment is present in different form and manifestation. In today's dynamic world, life without technology is very difficult if not impossible.

OR

Write a dialogue between a brother and sister on the Advantages and Disadvantages of mobile phone.