



SEVEN ELEVEN SCHOLASTIC SCHOOL (ICSE)
II Preliminary Exam
2020 – 2021

Name : _____
Grade : X
Subject : English Language

Date : 17th Feb, 2021
Marks : 80
Duration : 02 hrs.

Attempt all **five** questions. The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets []. You are advised to spend not more than 20 minutes in answering Question 1 and 15 minutes in answering Question 2

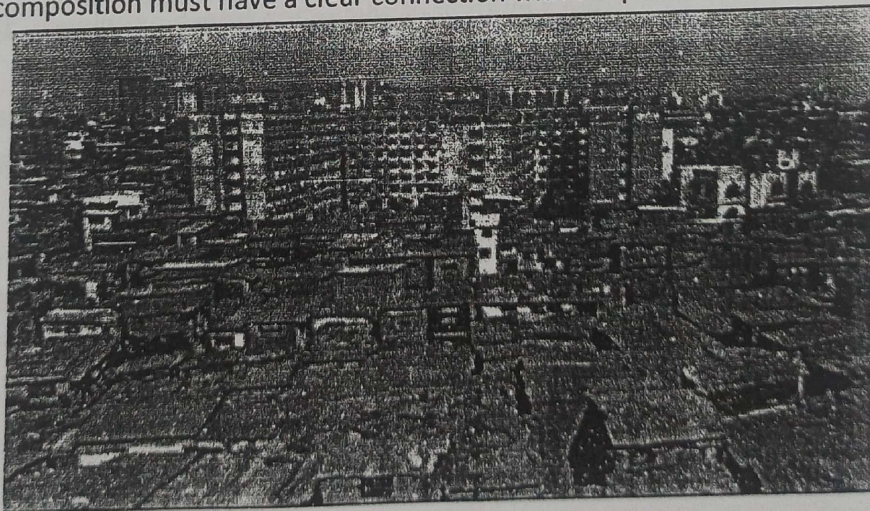
Question 1

[20]

(Do not spend more than 30 minutes on this question).

Write a composition (250 - 300 words) on **any one** of the following:-

- You took your younger brother to a local fair. Describe the scene in your own words. (hint: different kinds of shops, food stalls, children's rides, eatables, crowds).
- Money causes more harm than good. Express your views either for or against this statement.
- Write a short story that begins with the words: "Me and my busy schedule....."
- Elaborate the significance of the proverb "All's well that ends well" .
- Study the picture given below. Write a short story or description or an account of what the picture suggests to you. Your composition may be about the subject of the picture however your composition must have a clear connection with the picture.



Question 2

(Do not spend more than 20 minutes on this question).

[10]

Select **any one** topic of the following :

- a) You are the Secretary of the School Science Club. Write a letter to the dean of the Science College requesting him to be a judge at the science feast in your school.
- b) You went on vacation where you saw a Dolphins. Write a letter to your friend describing the experience.

Question 3

[10]

- (a) You are the Head boy/girl of St. Mary High School, Bandra(W). Your school is coming up with a new library in your school. Write a **notice** announcing the students to help in setting up a new library in your school.
- (b) Write an **email** informing teachers about the school administration's decision to set up a disciplinary panel against ragging and bullying.

Question 4

Read carefully the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

In the days of King Louis, there lived a poor juggler by the name of Barnabas, a native of Compiegne, who wandered from city to city performing tricks of **proWess**.

During the fair would lay down in the public, square a worn and aged carpet, and after having attracted a group of children and idlers by certain amusing remarks which he had learned from an old juggler, and which he invariably repeated in the same fashion without **altering** a word, he would assume the strangest postures, and balance a pewter plate on the tip of his nose. At first the crowd regarded him with indifference, but when, with his hands and head on the ground he threw into the air and caught with his feet, six copper balls that glittered in the sunlight, or when, throwing himself back until his neck touched his heels, he assumed the form of a perfect wheel and in that position, juggled with twelve knives, he **elicited** a murmur of admiration from his audience, and small coins rained on his carpet.

Still, Barnabas like most of those who exist by their accomplishments had a hard time making a living. Earning his bread by the sweat of his brow, he bore rather more than his share of those miseries we all are heir to, through the fault of our father Adam.

Besides, he was unable to work as much as he would have liked, for, in order to exhibit his wonderful talents, he required – like trees – the warmth of the sun and the heat of the day. In winter time he was no more than a tree stripped of its leaves, in fact, half-dead. The frozen earth was too hard for the juggler. He suffered during the bad season from hunger and cold. But, since he had a simple heart, he suffered in silence.

He had never thought much about the origin of wealth nor about the inequality of human condition. He firmly believed that if this world was evil, the next could not but be good, and this faith upheld him. He was not like the clever fellows who sell their souls to the devil; he never took the name of God in vain, he lived the life of an honest man, and thought he had no wife of his own, he did not covet his neighbour's, for woman is the enemy of strong men, as we learn by the story of Samson, which is written in the Scriptures.

(a) Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage. One word answers or short phrase will be accepted. [3]

- (i) prowess (line 2) (ii) altering (line 5) (iii) elicited (line 19)

(b) Answer the following question briefly, in your own words : [3]

- (i) Who was Barnabas? What did he do? [2]
 (ii) How did he attract the attention of the children? [2]
 (iii) Why was he unable to work as much as he would have liked to? [3]
 (iv) Describe Barbanas condition in bad season? [2]
 (v) What thought kept him going in spite of his miserable condition?

(c) (i) In not more than 50 words describe how the people's indifference slowly turned admiration [5]

Question 5

a) Fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Do not copy the passage, but write in correct serial order the word or phrase appropriate to the blank space. [4]

Example: We were not(0)(allow) to talk during the lecture. Answer:(0) allowed.
 The children (1) _____ (sit) in a neat circle and (2) _____ (begin) (3) _____ (copy) their multiplication tables. Most(4) _____ (scratch) in the dirt with sticks they Had(5) _____ (bring) for that purpose. The more fortunate (6) _____ (has) slate boards that they (7) _____ (write) on with sticks (8) _____ (dip) in a mixture of mud and water.

b) Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word: [4]

- (i) It has been a long time _____ I saw her.
 (ii) Anita received an invitation _____ dinner.
 (iii) Good food is necessary _____ good health.
 (iv) Can you cure me _____ this ailment?
 (v) He is too miserly to part _____ money.

(vi) The outgoing manager will hand _____ charge to his successor.

(vii) Her request for a transfer was turned _____.

(viii) A man is known _____ the company he keeps.

c) Join the following sentences to make one complete sentence without using *and* , *but*

or *so*:

[4]

(i) Seema took her brother out. He kept crying.

(ii) You helped me finish my homework. I am glad.

(iii) We heard you scored well in the exam. We came to congratulate you.

(iv) It was raining heavily. We could not go out.

d) Rewrite the sentences according to the instructions given after each. Make other

Changes that may be necessary, but do not change the meaning of each sentence

[8]

1) Ali returned the book to Soham. (Begin : The book was)

2) He had injured his foot but he still ran the marathon.(Begin : Despite.....)

3) The news is too good to be true. (Remove 'too')

4) The Govt. has approved the new drug for sale. (Change the voice)

5) Shankar is so intelligent that he doesn't need any advice (Use 'too')

6) As soon as Rama completed her performance people began to applaud.(Begin : No sooner.....)

7) Since her childhood Meera has been good in mathematics. (End : childhood)

8) Ashoka was the greatest king of India. (Change into Passive voice)