

**Model Question of SSC Examination 2018 for All Board
English (Compulsory) 1st Paper**

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Time : 3 hours

Total Marks : 100

[Answer all the questions. Figure in the margin indicate full marks]

Part A – Reading Test (50 Marks)

Read the text and answer the questions below:–

To succeed in life we must have some good qualities in us. These are ability, determination, sincerity and willingness to work hard. Any shortcoming of the above virtues will spoil our aims and objects of life. So, to attain success in life we should cultivate the above good qualities in us. Our life is a prolonged test examination. Success in this examination absolutely depends on hard work. By dint of hard work we can overcome all the impediments and hindrances on our way to success. To succeed in life strong determination is of great importance because strong determination inspires us to work hard. Again success in life depends on how we make the best use of our time, energy and money. Time is the most valuable factor in our life. Without making the best use of time, we will not be able to complete our works in our short span of life. Time once lost is lost forever. Energy is the life force behind all endeavors. It is fugitive like time and money. So when we are in possession of it, we should make the best use of it. Money is another vital factor in achieving success in life. To execute any scheme of life, we need money. Today we may have money but the day after tomorrow we may not have it. So, definite planning for using money to attain the cherished goal is highly necessary. Anything contrary to it will lead us to the path of sorrows and sufferings. If we succeed in life, we will be happy. Our parents, relatives and friends will be happy and also feel proud of us.

- 1. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives:** 1×7=7
- a. Which of the following has the closest meaning of the word ‘determination’ in the passage?**
- i) commitment ii) resolution
iii) inspiration iv) command
- b. What does the expression ‘time once lost is lost forever’ mean?**
- i) there is no end of time
ii) lost time can be regained

- iii) lost time cannot be regained
- (iv) time never waits for anyone
- c. How can we get success from any challenge?**
 - i) Using power
 - ii) By working hard with determination
 - iii) Earning more money
 - iv) Being polite and gentle
- d. Success in life depends on —**
 - i) sincerity
 - ii) ability and determination
 - iii) proper use of time, energy and money
 - iv) hard work
- e. The expression 'short span of life' means —**
 - i) a prolonged life ii) an ordinary life
 - iii) an extraordinary life iv) a brief life
- f. What does the word 'endeavour' mean in the passage?**
 - i) render ii) hope
 - iii) life iv) earnest try
- g. What have you learnt by reading the passage?**
 - i) How to attain success in life
 - ii) How to earn money
 - iii) How to become a great man
 - iv) How to earn name and fame

2. Answer the following questions. 2×5=10

- (a) Read the passage and describe the qualities necessary for success in life.
- (b) 'Our life is a prolonged test examination. Success in this examination absolutely depends on hard work' — explain the idea.
- (c) What does strong determination do to us?
- (d) In what way time, money and energy are similar? Explain.
- (e) How will you feel if you succeed in life? Write in 2 or 3 sentences.

3. Write summary of the passage in no more than 90 to 100 words. 10

Nelson Mandela was born in Transkei, South Africa, on 18

July, 1918. He joined the African National Congress in 1944 and was engaged in resistance against the ruling National Party's apartheid policies. In November 1962 he was sentenced to five years in prison and started serving his sentence at Robben Island Prison in 1963. From 1964 to 1982, he was again imprisoned at Robben Island Prison and then later moved to Pollsmoor Prison, during which his reputation as a potent symbol of resistance to the anti-apartheid movement grew steadily. Released from prison in 1990, Mandela won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 and was inaugurated as the first democratically elected president of South Africa in 1994. He is the author of the international best seller book 'Long Walk to Freedom and Conversations with Myself'. Nelson Mandela was the first black president of South Africa. He was in prison from 1962 to 1990. He became President of South Africa in 1994 and retired in 1999. He spent 27 years in prison for trying to overthrow the pro-apartheid government. After he left prison, he worked to achieve human rights and a better future for everyone in South Africa. Nelson Mandela died on 5 December 2013 following a lung illness.

4. Complete the following table with the information given in the passage. 1×5=5

Who/What	Event/ Activity	Where/ Place	When
Nelson Mandela	born	(i) —	1918
He	joined	The African National Congress	(ii) —
He	(iii) —		1993
He	was president	(iv) —	1994 – 99
He	died	in Africa	(v) —

5. From the reading of the above passage fill in the blanks with suitable words. Use one word only in each blank. 1×5=5

Nelson Mandela was a South (a) —. He was sent to Robben Island Prison for five years of imprisonment (b) — the Government in 1962 for going against the ruling National Party's apartheid policies. Then again, he had to go there for the same reason. He was the (c) — democratically elected President of the country & also the first (d) — President. He worked for human rights & better (e) — for South Africa. He died of lung cancer in 2013.

6. Match the parts of sentences given in column 'A' and column 'B' to write five complete sentences. There are more parts of sentences in column 'B' than required. 1×5 =5

Column A	Column B
(a) Truthfulness is the greatest of	(i) it comes to light.
(b) We must cultivate the habit	(ii) win the respect of others.
(c) Otherwise, we will never	(iii) of the liar is revealed.
(d) A lie never lies	(iv) all human virtues.
(e) Today or tomorrow	(v) hidden for long.
	(vi) of speaking the truth.
	(vii) the real character.

7. Re-arrange the following sentences in correct order:

1×8 = 8

- a) So one day he painted the word 'dumb' on a board.
- b) So he thought how he could add to his income.
- c) He could not earn much by begging.
- d) Once there lived a beggar in a city.
- e) One day an idea crossed of him.
- f) Another beggar also lived in the city and he wanted to teach him a good lesson.
- g) He hung it round his neck.
- h) He thought that he would have more money if pretended to be dumb.

Part B – Writing Test (50 Marks)

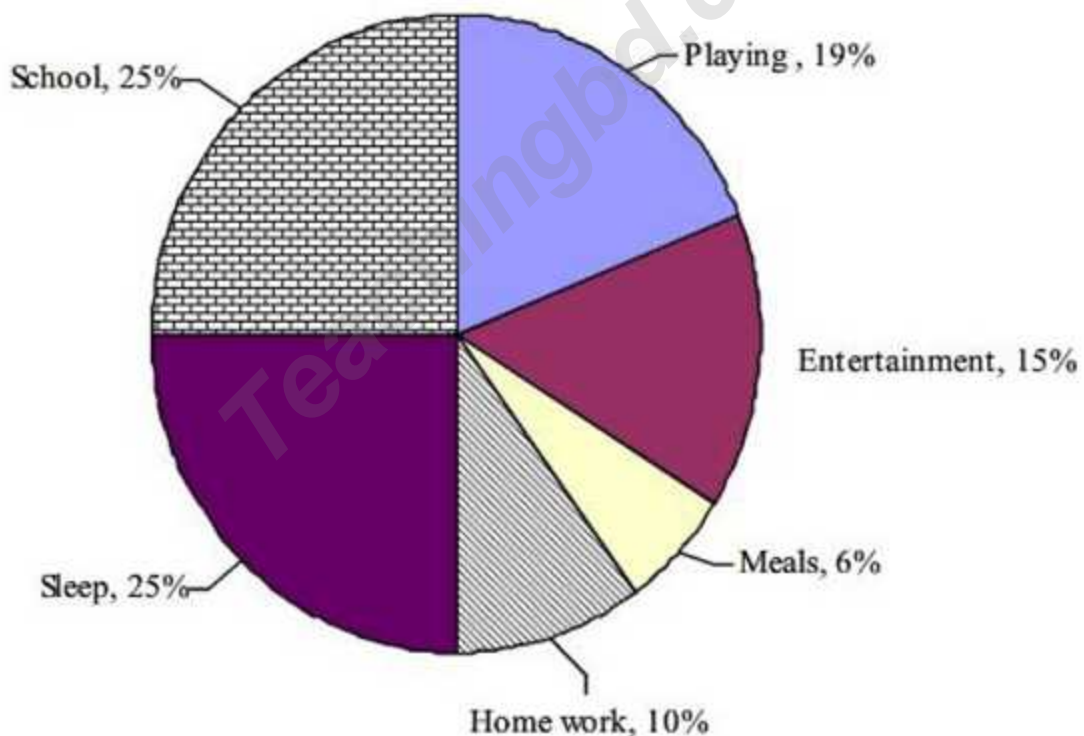
8. Write a paragraph on 'A Rickshaw Puller' by answering the following questions. 10

- Who is a rickshaw puller?
- Where is he seen?
- How long does he work everyday?
- How tiresome is his job?
- How does he behave with the passengers?
- What is his social status?

9. Read the beginning of the story. Write ten new sentences to complete the story. Give a suitable title to the story. 10

Once upon a time there lived a boy named Bayezid. His mother was ill. One night he was studying by the side of the bed of his mother. All on a sudden,

10. The graph below shows Shelly's time spending on various activities. Describe the chart in 150 words. 10



11. Suppose you are Arif/Arifa of 7 Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Recently you went on a picnic at a historical place. Now, write a letter to your friend describing the picnic. 10
12. You are Mahmood. You met your friend Rijol. Nowadays, he feels tired and looks weak. You advise him to walk in the morning regularly. Now make a dialogue between you and Rijol about 'The good effects of morning walk'. 10