



## ENGLISH COMPULSORY SSC-II

Time allowed: 2:40 Hours

Total Marks Sections B and C: 60

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

### SECTION – B (Marks 36)

Q. 2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions appended to it.

Note: Question No. (i) about summary writing is carrying 06 marks while rest of the questions carry 03 marks each. (6 + 4×3= 18)

The alarming and incessant growth of population is causing serious economic problems in almost all continents. Great pressure is being placed on arable land, water energy and biological resources. As the world population grows, the food problem will become increasingly severe. Certainly, with a quarter million people being added to the world population each day, the need for grains and all other food will reach unprecedented levels. More than 99 percent of the world's food supply comes from the land. At present, fertile agricultural land is being lost at an alarming rate.

Water is another critical item for cultivation. Massive amount of water is required during the growing season for cultivation. Competition for water resources among individuals, regions, countries and associated human activities are already occurring with the current world population. Water resources are under great stress as populated cities, states and countries require and withdraw more water from rivers, lakes, and resources used for food production. The developed countries use massive amounts of fossil energy for fertilizers, pesticides, irrigation and for machines as a substitute for human labour, because fossil energy is a finite resource, its depletion accelerates as population needs for food and services escalate.

Strategies for the future must be based on the conservation and careful management of land, water, energy and biological resources needed for food production. Yet none of these measures will be sufficient to ensure adequate food supplies for future generations unless the population growth is simultaneously curtailed.

Questions:

(i) Summarize the given passage. Also suggest a suitable title to it. (5+1=6)

(ii) Why is over population a big challenge of today's world?

OR

What strategies should be adopted for safe future of our planet?

(iii) Explain how the agriculture land is being lost?

(iv) How is fossil energy a finite resource?

OR

How are water resources under great pressure?

(v) Give the synonyms of the words that are underlined in the passage. (Any three)

OR

Give the antonyms of the words that are underlined in the passage. (Any three)

Q. 3 A. Paraphrase any ONE of the following stanzas: (02)

I. Once or twice though you should fail,  
If you would at last prevail,  
Try again  
If we strive, 'tis no disgrace'  
Though we did not win the race—  
What should you do in that case?  
Try again

OR

II. Figure it out for yourself, my lad  
You've all that the greatest of men have had  
Two arms, two hands, two legs, two eyes  
And a brain to use if you would be wise  
With this equipment they all began  
So start for the top and say "I can"

B. Read the following stanzas carefully and answer the questions appended to it:

I. I hear leaves drinking rain;  
I hear rich leaves on top  
Giving the poor beneath  
Drop after drop;  
'Tis a sweet noise to hear  
These green leaves drinking near

Questions:

(i) What do the rich and poor leaves symbolize? (02)

(ii) Identify two examples of personification in the above stanza. (02)

OR

- II. Continuous as the stars that shine  
And twinkle on the Milky way,  
They stretched in never-ending line  
Along the margin of a bay:  
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,  
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance

**Questions:**

- (i) Write two poetic devices used in the stanza. (02)  
(ii) What is the implied message of the stanza? (02)

**Q. 4 A. Do as directed (any four) of the following:** (04)

- (i) We have heard a strange story. (Change into interrogative sentence)  
(ii) Nobody was absent. (Change into affirmative sentence)  
(iii) What a delicious meal! (Change into assertive sentence)  
(iv) I bought a new bicycle yesterday. (Change into negative)  
(v) The teacher advised the boys to work hard. (Change into interrogative sentence)  
(vi) It is a horrible night. (Change into exclamatory sentence)

**B. Change the following sentences into indirect narration of speech. (Any four)** (04)

- (i) The girl said, "The sun rises in the East".  
(ii) He said to me, "I do not believe you".  
(iii) He said to Abid, "Go away".  
(iv) She said, "I am very busy now".  
(v) They said, "Bravo! You have done well".

**C. Fill in the blanks with appropriate degrees of adjective given in the bracket. (Any four)** (04)

- (i) Silver is \_\_\_\_\_ (plenty) than gold.  
(ii) The water of this well is \_\_\_\_\_ (sweet)  
(iii) Which is the \_\_\_\_\_ (dangerous) animal in the world?  
(iv) Prevention is \_\_\_\_\_ (good) than cure.  
(v) Your composition is the \_\_\_\_\_ (bad) of all.  
(vi) She is a \_\_\_\_\_ (wise) woman.

**SECTION - C (Marks 24)**

- Q. 5** Write an application to the Principal for proper arrangement of clean drinking water in your school. (08)

**OR**

Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper highlighting the need of park in your area.

- Q. 6. Use appropriate transitional devices in any SIX of the blanks to complete the process. Use each transitional device only once.** (06)

Thus	Firstly	Moreover	In conclusion	Thirdly	Secondly	However	Most importantly	Or
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I am getting to discuss a few reasons why practice is important to mastering skills. \_\_\_\_\_ the only way to truly learn a skill is by actually doing what you will have to do in the real world. \_\_\_\_\_ I think practice can be a fun way of putting in the necessary hours. There are, \_\_\_\_\_, some people who will disagree. \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, it is said that people tend to remember 10-20% of what they read \_\_\_\_\_, hear. \_\_\_\_\_, that number rises to as much as 90% when you put theory to practice. \_\_\_\_\_, following up explanation with practice is key to mastering a skill. \_\_\_\_\_ it can be said that practice makes a man perfect.

- Q. 7. Write an essay on any ONE of the following topics: (200-250 words)** (10)

Travel as part of Education

**OR**

Benefits of digital technology

**OR**

My Favourite Hobbies