

MODEL EXAMINATION-DECEMBER 2019

ISC ENGLISH PAPER 1

(LANGUAGE)

(Maximum Marks: 100)

(Time allowed: Three hours)

(Candidates are allowed additional 15 minutes for only reading the paper.
They must NOT start writing during this time.)

Attempt all **four** questions.

The intended marks for questions or parts of questions are given in brackets [].

(You are advised to spend not more than 50 minutes on Question 1, 40 minutes on
Question 2, 30 minutes on Question 3 and 1 hour on Question 4.)

(You should begin each answer on a fresh page.)

Question 1

Write a composition (in approximately 450-500 words) on any **one** of the following subjects:

[25]

(You are reminded that you will be rewarded for orderly and coherent presentation of material, use of appropriate style and general accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar.)

- (a) Learning new skills can be difficult as well as rewarding. Think about a skill that was not easy to learn. Narrate the learning process you went through to develop the new skills, the challenges you faced and how you felt when you finally mastered the skill
- (b) A new year usually starts with new promises and resolutions. Describe someone you know who started his/her year with a set of new resolutions but fell prey to his/her old habits after a few days.
- (c) With the easy accessibility of the internet and the news channels on television, newspapers are slowly losing their importance. Argue either for or against the statement.
- (d) Reading helps in shaping character. Give your views.
- (e) Happiness
- (f) Write an original short story that begins with the words
Looking out of the restaurants' window, Ajay noticed a man watching him intently.....

Question 2

- (a) Heavy rains in your city has led to the rise in water levels in certain localities. Some parts of your locality have been submerged. Write a report in about 300 words, using the notes given below: [20]
- Duration and areas affected-damage to property-immediate and subsequent rescue work-temporary shelter-chances of widespread disease -reaction at the national level-visit of dignitaries -aid for the victims.
- (b) As a member of the Student Council of your school you planned to conduct an inter school art competition. Write a proposal in about 150 words stating the steps you will take to conduct this event. [10]

Question 3

Answer sections (a), (b) and (c).

- (a) In each of the following items, sentence A is complete, while sentence B is not. Complete sentence B, making it as similar as possible to sentence A. Write down sentence B in each case.

Example:

- (0) (A) On seeing the rat, she shrieked.
(B) As soon as

Answer: (0) As soon as she saw the rat, she shrieked.

[10]

- (1) (A) Meena was wrong to have lost her patience.
(B) Meena ought.....
- (2) (A) He did not know that he had won the lottery.
(B) Little.....
- (3) (A) She said to me , "Are you going home now?"
(B) She asked.....
- (4) (A) Although he was offended, he did not speak a word.
(B) Despite
- (5) (A) The stranger ran away as soon as he saw Mr.Saxena.
(B) On.....
- (6) (A) Ellen wrote the poem and recited it at the competition.
(B) Not only.....
- (7) (A) No sooner did the Principal announce the holiday than a loud cheer went up.
(B) As soon as.....
- (8) (A) Manu is the most affectionate child in our family.
(B) No other.....
- (9) (A) The doctor took her up to the laboratory.
(B) She
- (10) (A) She will not act unless she is compelled to do so.
(B) Only under.....

b) Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (Do not write the sentence.)

[5]

- (1) Would you care _____ a cup of tea?
- (2) I do not care _____ what people think of me.
- (3) It was impossible to make _____ what he was saying.
- (4) You should make _____ your mind about your career.
- (5) They were friends, but now they have fallen _____.
- (6) He has fallen _____ love with his new school.
- (7) Shaila rushed up the stairs and burst _____ the room.
- (8) He burst _____ laughing at the joke.
- (9) We are determined to stand _____ for our rights.
- (10) We should stand _____ our friends in need.

c) Fill in the blanks in the passage given below with the appropriate form of the verb given in brackets. Do not write the passage, but write the verbs in the correct order. [5]

When I _____ (1) (open) the door, I _____ (2) (see) a little boy on his knees and knew he _____ (3) (eavesdrop) on our conversation. I _____ (4) (wonder) how much he _____ (5) (hear). When I _____ (6) (ask) him what he had been doing, he _____ (7) (say) he _____ (8) (drop) a hundred rupee note and _____ (9) (look) for it. By the time I recovered from the shock of this, he had disappeared from the spot. Curiously enough, when I moved my foot, I found I _____ (10) (stand) on a hundred rupee note.

Question 4

Read the passage given below and answer the questions (a), (b) and (c) that follow:

1. Robin Everden was a manager on Molloy island, a tiny haven at the convergence of the Blackwood and Scott rivers in Western Australia. Quite often, he would leave his maintenance duties and ferry cars across the river to and from the mainland, the only means of public access to the island.
2. One morning, a car driven by an elderly islander approached the ferry. Rob waved him on. The stillness of the area was broken by the sudden roar of the car's engine. The car accelerated *fast*, sped across the entire length of the ferry and snapped the chains on the other side of the ramp before taking out the gate and shooting 15 metres into the Blackwood river.

3. Rob watched in shock, as the car spun 180 degrees on impact with the water, its bonnet now facing him as he stood on the ferry. The car remained upright, but it was rapidly taking on water and sinking fast.
4. The driver, who was in his late 70s, could not swim and appeared terrified. Rob thought quickly. The car was sinking fast, and he knew he would have no chance of opening the doors once the car was under water. The only option would be to pull the driver out of the window before the car's electronics stopped working. "Leave the windows open" I'm going to get you out," he shouted. However, the frantic driver had already closed the windows by then to stop the water from flowing into the car any further.
5. Rob rushed to the ferry controls, pressed the button and the ferry jerked off the jetty, in the direction of the car which was almost entirely submerged, nose down in the water. The rear passenger window was visible. Rob searched for signs of the driver. There was none. He grabbed a hammer and lay down on the ramp alongside the car. Next, he smashed the rear passenger window and shoved his *arm* through. "Grab me!" he shouted, unsure if the driver could hear him through the swirling water. A hand grabbed his arm. The driver had managed to scramble over the seat into the back of the car. Rob wrenched him up. "Take a big breath," he told him. "Don't panic, I've got you. When I start to pull, give the car a push with your legs." The driver did exactly as he was told. He shot out of the window, like a cork out of a bottle and Rob pulled him up onto the ferry.
6. He was shivering with cold, and not able to speak at first. But soon he cried, "My puppy still in the car!"
7. By now, the car had been under water for 10 minutes. All that was visible was the rear window. Surely there could be no hope.
8. Rob rushed back down the ramp and smashed the rear window with the hammer, feeling through the glass for any sign of life. His heart leaped when his fingers came in contact with fur. Somehow, the pup had found an air pocket up against the window and was alive. Rob pulled the puppy out.

(a) (i) Given below are four words and phrases. Find the words which have a similar meaning in the passage:

- (1) meeting point
- (2) was under the water's surface
- (3) to climb quickly
- (4) broke violently

(ii) For each of the words given below, write a sentence of at least ten words using the same word unchanged in form, but with a different meaning from that which it carries in the passage: [4]

- (1) fast
- (2) water
- (3) rear
- (4) arm

(c) Answer the following questions in your own words as briefly as possible:

- (i) What were the duties performed by Robin Everden at Molloy island? [2]
- (ii) How did the car fall into the river? [2]
- (iii) What prompted Rob to act quickly? [3]
- (iv) How was the puppy rescued? [2]

(d) Summarize, in not more than 100 words, how Rob rescued the elderly islander from downing?

Failure to keep within the word limit will be penalised. You are required to write the answer in a grid. [8]
