

(SSC) Combined Higher Secondary Level
(10+2) Examination

Held ON: 11-12-2011

2nd Sitting

Time Allowed: 2 Hours

Maximum Marks: 200

Part – II
English Language

Direction: In question Nos. 51 to 55, part of the sentence have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and blacken the rectangle [□] corresponding to the appropriate letter (A, B, C). If there is not error, blacken the rectangle [□] corresponding to (D) in the Answer-Sheet.

51. I told him / that I availed / the
(A) (B)
opportunity. / No error.
(C) (D)
52. I think / he owns an expensive /
(A) (B)
painting by Hussain. / No error.
(C) (D)
53. It is time / we should have done /
(A) (B)
something useful. / No error.
(C) (D)

54. He will tell / you about it when / he

(A) (B)

well come back. / No error.

(C) (D)

55. A large sign near / the entrance warns

(A) (B)

the visitors / no beware about bears.

(C)

/ No error.

(D)

Directions: In question Nos. 56 to 60, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by blackening the appropriate rectangle [] in the Answer-Sheet.

56. The Chairman is ill and we'll have to _____ the meeting for a few days.

(a) put on (b) put of
(c) put away (d) put off

57. He told me that he _____ watching to movie.

(a) is finished (b) was finished
(c) had finished
(d) not finished

58. I do my work _____ carefully to make mistakes.

(a) so (b) very
(c) too (d) more

59. The cat and the dog have a _____ enemy in the rat.

(a) same (b) common

(c) mutual (d) similar

60. He is very good _____ making stories.

(a) in (b) about
(c) at (d) for

Directions: In question Nos. 61 to 65, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word and mark it in the Answer-Sheet.

61. Request

(a) ask (b) please
(c) suggest (d) offer

62. Foreboding

(a) alarm (b) forecast
(c) failure (d) foresight

63. Change

(a) alter (b) renew
(c) review (d) repeat

64. Genuine

(a) good (b) real
(c) attractive (d) lovable

65. Acquaint

(a) arouse (b) introduce
(c) appoint (d) acquire

Direction: In question Nos. 66 to 70, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word and mark it in the Answer-Sheet.

66. plausible

(a) implausible (b) unplausible
(c) implausible (d) displeasible

67. genial
(a) stupid (b) stingy
(c) boorish (d) unkind
68. demolish
(a) shift (b) build
(c) repeat (d) hide
69. frailty
(a) energy (b) intensity
(c) vehemence (d) strength
70. prevent
(a) protect (b) block
(c) hinder (d) induce

Directions: In question Nos. 71 to 75, four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase underlined in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase and mark it in the Answer-Sheet.

71. He knows the ins and outs of the case.
(a) entry and exit
(b) separate ways
(c) route
(d) full details
72. The news of the President's death spread like wild fire.
(a) spread rapidly
(b) caused a major confusion
(c) was a wild rumour
(d) set the nation on fire
73. Negative arguments generally end up

in smoke when team members sit together to discuss important strategies.

- (a) create hard feelings
(b) lead the bad habits
(c) spoil good understanding
(d) become useless finally
74. When my friend was in Kolkata, he ran into an old friend at the theatre.
(a) hit
(b) met accidentally
(c) planned to meet
(d) invited
75. Going abroad for a holiday was out of the question.
(a) undesirable
(b) impossible
(c) unpleasant
(d) irresistible

Directions: In question Nos. 76 to 80, a part of the sentence is underlined. Below are given alternatives to the underlined part at (A), (B) and (C) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed your answer is (D).

76. The price cannot be quoted except we are allowed to examine the sample.
(a) if
(b) unless
(c) because
(d) no improvement

77. If I hadn't seen the car coming, I might have been killed.
(a) If I had seen the car coming
(b) When I hadn't seen the car coming
(c) Since I hadn't seen the car coming
(d) No improvement
78. If you can afford a new car, your business must be looking up.
(a) flourishing (b) improving
(c) increasing
(d) no improvement
79. The police would be employed at all places to beef up security.
(a) deployed (b) appointed
(c) encouraged (d) no improvement
80. "Gulliver's Travels" are an interesting novel.
(a) were (b) was
(c) is (d) no improvement

Directions: In question Nos. 81 to 85, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence and indicate it by blackening the appropriate rectangle [] in the Answer-Sheet.

81. A general pardon of offenders.
(a) Parley (b) Amnesty
(c) Parole (d) Acquittal
82. One who practices one of the fine arts:
(a) painter (b) artist
(c) designer (d) architect

83. Scale used for measuring the strength of an earthquake.
(a) Celsius (b) Newtons
(c) Richter (d) Linear
84. Something kept as a reminder of an event.
(a) Trophy (b) Souvenir
(c) Prize (d) Antique
85. Found all over the world.
(a) International
(b) Universal
(c) Regional
(d) Provincial

Directions: In question Nos. 86 to 90, groups of four words are given. In each group, one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word and mark your answer in the Answer-Sheet.

86. (a) privilege (b) privilege
(c) previlege (d) previlage
87. (a) dilemma (b) dailemma
(c) dilema (d) dillemma
88. (a) irreparable (b) irreparrable
(c) irreparable (d) irepairable
89. (a) generator (b) generator
(c) generater (d) genorator
90. (a) homogeneous
(b) homoganeous
(c) homageneous
(d) homogenus

Directions: In the following passage in question Nos. 91 to 100, some of the words have been

left out. First read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Mark your answer in the Answer-Sheet.

Ants play an important part in the 91 of nature. They eat a large 92 of insects and so help keep them 93 becoming too plentiful. In the tropics, ants eat more 94 half the termites hatched each year. Ants, in 95, are an important 96 source for birds. Frogs, lizards and many other animals also feed 97 ants.

Ants are 98 helpful and harmful to farmers. Some kinds of ants aid farmers by killing insects that 99 crops. Ants that dig underground nests 100 the soil. They break up, loosen and mix the soil.

91. (a) destruction (b) creation
(c) formation (d) balance
92. (a) quantity (b) number
(c) size (d) weight
93. (a) from (b) to
(c) at (d) in
94. (a) less (b) or
(c) than (d) rather
95. (a) environment
(b) tress (c) nature
(d) ground
96. (a) food (b) energy
(c) treasure (d) land
97. (a) our (b) up
(c) for (d) on
98. (a) once (b) largely
(c) both (d) really
99. (a) fertilise (b) nourish
(c) damage (d) cause
100. (a) impoverish (b) improve
(c) ruin (d) indulge