

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 + 4x3= 18)

Water is the driving force of nature. Imagining life without water is like imagining a tree without roots. The essence of water is known to even those creatures who can't speak. Humans, who presume themselves as the lords of this planet, too can't live without water for more than three days. If we unfold the pages of history, it won't be surprising to find that ancient civilizations always settled near rivers or coasts.

It is of vital importance, both socially and economically, to ensure the distribution of water all across the country. Many people don't have access to clean water, so they survive by drinking contaminated water which can cause sickness, even death, as some people can't afford hospital and healthcare facilities. Due to excessive pumping of underground water, the quality of water is being contaminated rapidly with heavy metals which can pose serious health hazards.

The problem of water shortage in Pakistan has gained the momentum, and the Pakistan has the 4th highest rate of water use in the world. The problems faced by the water sector in the country are many, acute and serious. Therefore, building of more reservoirs and effective management strategy are the needs of the hour. We should use distillation technique to remove salt from sea water, converting it into fresh drinking water, we can further collect rain in the dams. This will not only increase water supply, but also increase hydro power generation and lower the sea-level, thus reducing flood threats.

Questions:

- (i) Summarize the given passage. Also suggest a suitable title to it. (5+1=6)
(ii) Why did most of the ancient civilization grow near rivers?

OR

- What is the importance of Water on Earth?
(iii) What measures can be taken to overcome the water shortage in Pakistan?
(iv) How does contaminated water affect humans?

OR

- Describe the water shortage problem in Pakistan.
(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. And when the sun comes out,
After this rain shall stop,
A wondrous light will fill
Each dark, round drop;
I hope the sun shines bright;
It will be a lovely sight.

OR

II. 'Tis a lesson you should heed---
Try again
If at first you don't succeed,
Try again
Then your courage should appear;
For if you will persevere,
You will conquer, never fear,
Try again

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

I. The wind is now
A roaring, smashing
Monster of destruction,
raking all man's work
from the valleys,
from the vales,
And sends them spinning,
broken flying

Questions:

- (i) Give the rhyming scheme of the stanza. (02)
(ii) With what the wind is compared? What does the wind do? (02)

OR

II. Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken winged bird
That cannot fly.

Questions:

- (i) List the alliterative words from the stanza. (02)
(ii) How important do you think dreams are? (02)

Q. 4 A. Use correct form of verb (Any four) (04)

- (i) He _____ (join) the college next year.
(ii) I _____ (not see) you since Eid.
(iii) Last summer, we _____ (visit) many places.
(iv) Look! the sun _____ (rise) over the hills.
(v) I will call you when he _____ (come) back.
(vi) He _____ (feel) happy that he had bought a new dress.

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

- (i) Girls said, "It has been raining since morning".
(ii) He said to me, "What are you doing?"
(iii) She said to me, "Tell the truth".
(iv) He says, "I want to speak to you".
(v) He said, "Alas! I am ruined".

C. Fill in the blanks with appropriate degrees of adjective as per direction 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 to start "Sports Week" in school. (08)

OR

Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper making an appeal to the readers to help the victims of flood.

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

Secondly	Furthermore	Therefore	And	For example	However	Firstly	Otherwise	Additionally
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Uniforms are beneficial in many ways. _____, they create team spirit. _____ uniform save a lot of precious time. _____, we may spend hours speculating what to wear _____ what not to wear. _____ we don't have to choose any thing. Uniforms are specific clothing worn by a group of people. _____, they can be worn by doctors, nurses, pilots, school and college students etc. _____, uniforms can be uncomfortable at times. _____, for better or worse, most schools and some jobs do require uniforms. _____, as the name suggests, 'uniforms' give a feeling of uniformity.

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

Environmental Pollution

OR

My Ambition in Life

OR

Importance of planting trees