S.S.C PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS, MARCH, 2013

PRACTICE PAPER, ENGLISH, Paper II [ENGLISH MEDIUM], 30E.

Time : 2 ½ hours Max Marks : 50

Section I

(1-5) Read the passage given below and then answer the questions that follow it. Write the answe in your answer book. 5 x 1 = 5

"Hm! some one seems very interested in your movements". Saying this

Holmes took from the envelope a half sheet of foolscap paper folded into four. He opened it and spread it flat on the table. Across the middle of it, a single sentence had been formed by pasting printed words. It said 'As you value your life or your reason keep away from the moor." The word 'moor' was the only one printed in ink.

(Sir Henry Baskerville)

1. What is the content of the letter?

2. Why the word "moor "was printed in ink?

3. When was this letter posted?

4. What was the size of the letter?

5. What is the address written on the envelope ?

(6-10) Read the following passage given below. Then answer the questions that follow it .Write th answers in your Answer book. 5 x 1 = 5

I turned to flee as fast as I could motioning to Omar, who was ten yards behind me, to d likewise, I don't know what he made of his gesture, but I have not seen anything react mor quickly. He spun round with the agility of cat and sprinted as fast as his long legs could carry hin looking neither to right nor left. The baron soon out distanced me by a hundred yards and looked as if he would never stop running. He did so finally another hundred yards further and was only when I got up to him lot and panting that he breathlessly ejaculated in suppresse undertones. What was it?

(the thrills of bird watching)

6. Where did this incident take place? What was Salim Ali doing there?

7. Why did he turn to flee?

8. Who was Omar?

9. Why was Omar accompanying Salim Ali?

10. Did Omar know why he was running? Why do you think so?

Section II

(11-19) Answer FIVE questions choosing at least two from each set. 5 x 2 = 10

SET – A

11. What is the official version of Sir Charles death?

12. Why does Mortimer feel; that "the thing is supernatural?

13. What reason did Homes give for not going to Baskerville Hall with Sir Henry?

14. Who was stapleton? Why did he come to Devonshire?

15. How does Holmes realize that Stapleton is a Baskerville?

SET- B

16. Why did Thoreau go to Weldon? (Henry David Thoreau)

17. What do you think of Gopal finally? (The day the viceroy came)

18. Why had M.N. Srinivas to stay in the village? What was the nature if his work?

(the villagers curiosity)

19. In what ways can bird watching be a thrilling experience?

(the thrills of bird watching)

(20-21) Rearrange the scrambled sentences in each set (A & B) to form meaningful paragraphs. Don't copy the actual sentences in your answer book. Write only the letters of corresponding to the sentences in the proper Order. 2 x 2 ½ = 5

SET –A

20. a. A liquid retuning to the solid state is said to freeze or solidify.

b. when a liquid is converted to gas it is add to vaporize.

c. most substances have three states solid, liquid and gas.

d. when a gas liquefies on cooling it is said to condense.

e. when a solid liquefies it is said to melt.

SET – B.

21. (A) He was on his way home from work.

(b)The victim was identified as Mallesh -23.

(c) The V.P .North police reported the following accident.

(d)A young cyclist was fatally knocked down in a hit- and –run case on Monday evening.

(e) The vehicle a two wheeler, did not stop after the mishap

22. Given below is an announcement by the Headmaster of your school about an educational tou to Hospet and Hampi vijayanagaram.

Rewrite the announcement in the from of a letter to your friend informing him/her about the trip you made. Make the necessary changes to show the new relationship and purpose. Changes are necessary in the words, clauses et.c.,Which have been indicate by numbers. 5-

1)Dear students,

A tour to the famous historical remains at Hampi – Vijayanaga near Hospet 2)Is being organized during the summer vacation this year .3)The tour will be for three days .Each student 4)Is expecte to contribute Rs-1000/- towards the cost of travel, lodging, food e.t.c. At Hampi there 5)Will be a lecture by one of our teachers on the history of the vijayanagara Empire of Srikrishna devaraya.

6)Head Master

ABC School.

23. Read the following conversation. Then write a paragraph expressing your views on the topic discussed.

Geetha : I think students should not participate in politics.

Bindu : why not? Should not students have any ideas about what's happening around them?

Geetha: may be in the real sense.....

Bindu : what do you mean? Are you saying that students should have political ideas but not show them publicly? Don't we as individuals and citizens, have a right to protest and demonstrate against wrong doing?

(24-25) Read the following carefully. Then attempt questions 24 And 25.

Santosh was waiting for a bus at the city bus station. When he saw some college boys teasing a girl, Santosh tried to stop them but they abused him and even tried to beat him up. However some people intervened and Santosh was saved.

24. Imagine that you are Santosh write a letter to the local English news paper complaining about teasing girls at public places like bus stations 5

25/. Imagine that you are santosh, write to your friend in another city describing your experienc at the bus station. you should highlight your concern for respect towards women. 10.