

# Model Question of SSC Examination-2017 (All Board)

English (Compulsory) 1st Paper

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Time - 3 hours

Marks - 100

*[Answer all the questions. Figures in the margin indicate full marks]*

## Part B: Reading Test (50 Marks)

**Read the passage carefully and then answer the questions below (1-3).**

Newspaper is the people's parliament. The newspaper plays a vital role in modern civilization. It is said to be the mirror of the world. We must have the habit of reading newspaper daily. It helps us acquire general knowledge which is essential for our education. Nobody can keep contact with the outside world without reading newspaper. Mere bookish knowledge is insufficient in the struggle of life. A man who does not read the newspaper daily, is like a frog in a narrow well. Being ignorant of current topics, he can not take part in the talks and discussions of the enlightened society and it seems like a fish out of water in it. The newspaper is a dainty in a dish of varieties, such as the news of current affairs, trade and commerce, films, games and sports etc. Moreover, the views of scholars on different subjects are discussed. All these have some educative values and we must have the habit of reading newspapers regularly as it is blessing of modern science. But one should bear in mind that sometimes newspapers bear comments of diverse nature and interests by the reporters and critics from various angles. We should not be blindly influenced by these comments but should keep an open mind to the facts and problems.

1. **Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.  $1 \times 7 = 7$** 
  - a. **Which of the following has the closest meaning of the word "vital" used in the passage?**
    - i) unimportant
    - ii) large
    - iii) big
    - iv) important
  - b. **The phrase 'fish out of water' indicates —.**
    - i) comfortable
    - ii) uncomfortable
    - iii) unsustainable
    - iv) out of order
  - c. **"Diverse" is related to —.**
    - i) all the same
    - ii) similar
    - iii) different
    - iv) multiple



- d. **Newspaper helps us to acquire —.**  
i) bookish knowledge    ii) religious knowledge  
iii) general knowledge    iv) scientific knowledge
- e. **The word “views” are related to —.**  
i) experiences    ii) ideas  
iii) opinions    iv) all the above
- f. **What is the motto of the author of this passage?**  
i) To show the role of the parliament  
ii) To show the blessing of modern science  
iii) To show the importance of reading newspaper.  
iv) To show the demerits of newspaper.
- g. **In the passage the author says, “A man who does not read the newspaper daily, is like a frog in a narrow well”. What does he mean by this?**  
i) A man who does not read newspaper is a frog in a small well.  
ii) A man who does not read newspaper is nothing but frog of a well.  
iii) A man who reads newspaper daily is unaware of the happening of the whole world.  
iv) A man who does not read newspaper daily is ignorant and unaware of the happening around the world.

2. **Answer the following questions in your own words.  $2 \times 5 = 10$**

- (a) Why should one read newspaper daily?  
(b) Why is newspaper called the mirror of the world?  
(c) ‘Newspaper is a dainty in a dish of varieties’- who says this and why?  
(d) What is your idea of a man who does not read newspaper?  
(e) How can newspaper influence us in a wrong way?

3. **Write a summary of the passage in no more than 90 to 100 words.** 10

**Read the passage below and answer the questions (4-5).**

Galileo was born in 1564 at Pisa in Italy. He was the eldest of seven children. His father was a musician and a scholar.



Galileo himself played the organ and the flute, but it was his contribution to science that made him famous. At first young Galileo had a tutor at home in Pisa. Then he went to school in monastery at Florence. His father later sent him to the University of Pisa to study medicine but he was more interested in mathematics and physics. He left Pisa without finishing the medical course. But in 1589 at the age of 25 he became a professor of Mathematics. In 1609, he made a small telescope. When he turned the telescope on the sky, he gradually discovered four moons circling the planet Jupiter, crater on the moon, spots on the sun, and rings around the Saturn. Galileo discovered that the earth and all the other planets orbit the sun. At that time Christian church thought that any idea that the earth was not the center of the universe went against the Bible. Galileo's views got him into a serious trouble with the Church. Then he was forced to declare that the earth was the centre in the universe. But Galileo never changed his belief. Galileo died at the age of seventy seven in 1642.

4. complete the table below with information from the above passage. 1×5=5

Name of event	Place	Year/ Time	Achievement
Born	i) —		
ii) —	Florence		
		in 1609	iii) —
		in 1589	iv) —
Died		v) —	

5. From your reading of the above passage fill in the blanks with suitable words. Use one word only in each blanks. 1×5=5

Galileo is known as the (a) — of telescope. His father wanted him to be a (b) —, but he did not finish the course. He (c) — teaching as his profession. He knew that the sun is the (d) — of all planets. But his view went (e) — the Bible.



6. Match the parts of sentences given in column 'A' and column 'B' to write five complete sentences. There are more parts of sentences in column 'B' than required.  $1 \times 5 = 5$

Column A	Column B
(a) Man	(i) irrational by nature
(b) Peace and amity are	(ii) of his duties and rights
(c) We should be	(iii) self centered
(d) Education makes a man conscious	(iv) his livelihood
(e) Man himself earns	(v) prerequisite for living in society
	(vi) is social being
	(vii) respectful to others

7. Put the following parts of the story in correct order to rewrite the whole story.  $1 \times 8 = 8$

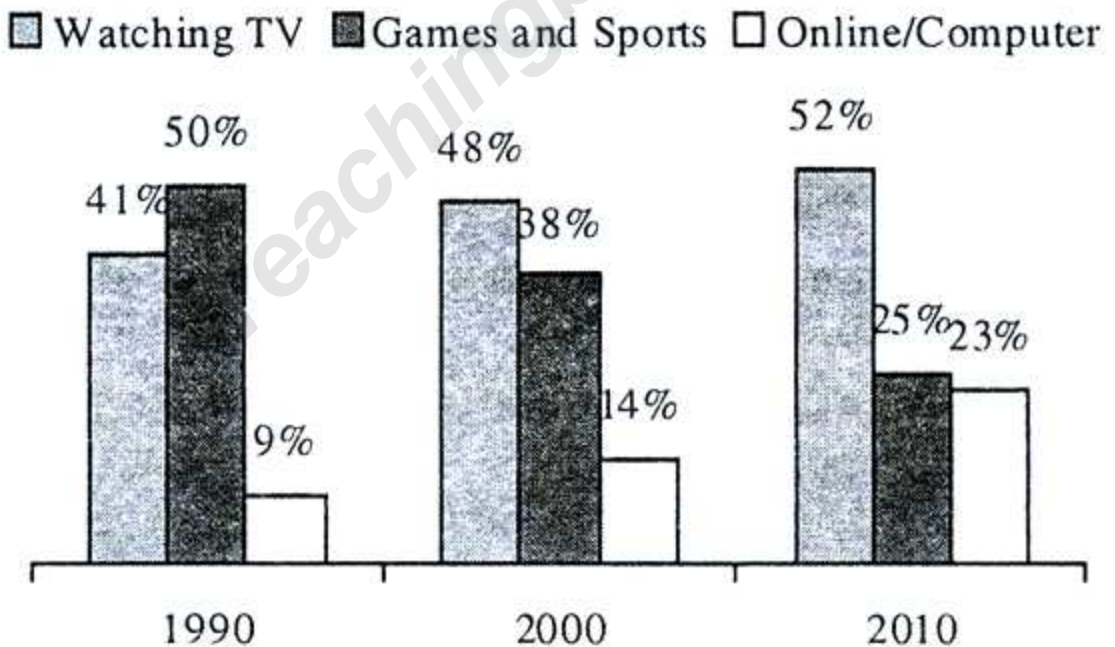
- Next day the wise man went to the king and begged seven years.
- The wise man went home sadly because the king threatened him to kill if he failed.
- Once there was a foolish king who had a white horse.
- His daughter advised him to go to the king and beg seven years to teach the horse.
- The king also had a wise friend whom everyone liked.
- The king was angry because he wanted that people should like him instead of the wise man.
- One day he called the wise man and asked him to teach his white horse to speak.
- When he reached home, he told everything to his daughter.

## Part B: Writing Test (50 Marks)

8. Answer the following questions to write a paragraph on "Global Warming". 10
- What is global warming?
  - What are the causes of global warming?
  - What are the effects of it?
  - How can we prevent global warming?
  - If we fail to prevent it, what may happen in near future?
9. Read the beginning of the following story and complete it in your own way and give a title. 10

One day a lion was sleeping in a cave. A mouse was playing nearby. While playing, the mouse got on the body of the lion. At this, the lion woke up and became angry.....

10. The bar chart below shows young people's changing attitude to pastimes. Describe the chart in 150 words. You should highlight and summaries the information given in the chart. 10



11. Suppose you are Niloy. You live at a hostel. Now write a letter to your father about your preparation for the SSC Exam. 10
12. Suppose, you are Palash and your friend is Shimul. Write a dialogue between you and your friend about the uses and abuses of mobile phone. 10



## Key To Exam Questions

1. a. iv) important; b. ii) uncomfortable; c. iii) different; d. iii) general knowledge; e. iii) opinions; f. iii) To show the importance of reading newspaper; g. iv) A man who does not read newspaper daily is ignorant and unaware of the happening around the world.
2. (a) One should read the newspaper daily as it helps us to learn what is happening around the world. This knowledge helps us in study and career as well.  
(b) Newspaper is called the mirror of the world because it reflects the happenings of the whole world.  
(c) The speaker of the passage says this. It's because newspaper provides us with the views of current affairs, trade and commerce, films, sports and many other aspects of life.  
(d) A person who does not read newspaper is like a frog in a dark narrow well. As he is ignorant of the happenings of the world, he cannot participate and associate with the enlightened people of the society.  
(e) Newspaper can influence us in a wrong way by publishing false and distorted news and views.
3. The passage deals with the importance of newspaper in our life and civilization. It reflects all the happenings of the world. In fact, it has become a part and parcel of modern civilization. We cannot think of even a day without it. Our education will be incomplete without it. It makes us aware of the news of home and abroad. But newspaper is sometimes accused of yellow journalism. So we should read newspaper with a logical mind.
4. (i) at Pisa in Italy; (ii) Studied at a monastery school; (iii) invented a telescope; (iv) Became a professor of Mathematics; (v) in 1642.
5. (a) inventor; (b) doctor; (c) chose; (d) centre; (e) against.
6. (a + vi) Man is social being.  
(b + v) Peace and amity are prerequisite for living in society.  
(c + vii) We should be respectful to others.  
(d + ii) Education makes a man conscious of the duties and rights.  
(e + iv) Man himself earns his livelihood.
7. c + e + f + g + b + h + a