

# 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 A: Reading Test (50 Marks)

**Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.**

In the modern world, communication is a key factor. Students, teachers, business community and other professionals and most people in the world need to communicate with each other for multiple reasons. Communication through postal mail has become redundant and phone calls are not always viable for many users. To each communication for all, e-mail is the best possible solution in the current world.

An email is an electronic mail. It is a computer aided way of exchanging digital text messages from one sender to one or multiple recipient. Email operated through a network of computers linked by the Internet. There are commercial server agencies such as yahoo, gmail, ymail, hotmail, etc. that accept the text message from the sender, forward it and deliver instantly to the digital mailbox of the recipient. If the recipient is not online, the message is stored and delivered the letter when the recipient is online. It works instantly just with the click of your mouse. It has been a powerful communication tool in modern life. Let's imagine a citizen's ordinary day at work. The morning probably starts with a cup of tea/coffee, followed by greeting the colleagues. Then comes to the inevitable, which is the logging in the computer. For many of us the third step has become an automatic behavior and it dominates the rest of our work day, receiving and sending dozens of emails.

1. **Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.  $1 \times 7 = 7$**

a. "It works instantly just with the click of the mouse." What does the word 'click' mean in the above statement?

- i) A short sharp sound
- ii) Make a light sharp sound
- iii) Pressing one of the buttons of the mouse
- iv) A door latch

b. **The text is about —.**

- i) logging in the computer
- ii) digital operation of the computer
- iii) modern communication system
- iv) digital system



- c. **'Logging in' refers to —.**  
i) cutting down the logs of trees  
ii) making logs  
iii) activities to start a device  
iv) pushing a long into a computer
- d. **What has become automatic behaviour?**  
i) Receiving emails      ii) Sending emails  
iii) Working with emails   iv) Writing emails
- e. **What is an email?**  
i) Mails stored in a box  
ii) Mail exchanged electronically  
iii) Mail received from a postman  
iv) Mail received from a post office
- f. **What does a person need to have to send an email?**  
a. Computer  
b. Some commercial server agencies  
c. Internet connection

**Which of the following answer is correct?**

- i) a & b                              ii) b & c  
iii) a & c                             iv) a, b & c
- g. **Look at the following statements.**  
a. It takes just a few minutes to send an email  
b. If the recipient is online, the messages sent to him will be stored in the digital mailbox.  
c. A modern citizen daily spends a considerable amount of time sitting in front of a computer.

**Which of the following is correct?**

- i) a & b                              ii) b & c  
iii) a & c                             iv) a, b & c

2. **Answer the following questions.** 2×5=10

- (a) What is an email?  
(b) How do emails work?  
(c) How do the commercial servers serve in the process of an email?  
(d) What has become inevitable?  
(e) What is Gmail? What are its functions?

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



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

Have you ever seen a desert? It looks like a sea of sand. The camel which takes a traveller across the desert is rightly named as 'ship of the desert'. It trudges along through the waves of sand called 'sand dunes.' Mustafa, a camel rider was a good man who had a bad camel. It was stubborn and always bore a grudge against his master. "Why should he ride on me sitting comfortably on my back when I have to wade through the hot sand under the scorching heat of the sun?" the camel grumbled. Really it was very hard to live in a desert as it is either very hot or very cold. Suddenly these two travellers were caught in a sand storm. When the storm stopped, Mustafa found that they had lost the track. Neither an oasis nor a caravan was found at that place. So, he decided to spend the night on that place. He put up his tent and slept comfortably inside it. The camel stayed outside munching a thorny bush that grew nearby. It was a moonlit night and the desert looked extremely beautiful. But the camel had no eye for such scenic beauty. It was shivering in the cold. The sand beneath had turned icy cold.

Who	Action	Where
Ship of the desert	trudges along through the 'sand dune'	(a) —
(b) —	was sitting comfortably	(c) —
Mustafa's camel	(d) —	outside the tent
Mustafa	slept comfortably	(e) —

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

A desert looks like a sea of sand. People use ships for (a) — by the sea. In the same way for the travelling through the desert, (b) — is used. For this reason, the camel is called 'ship of the desert'. It is very hard to walk on the desert (c) — of excessive hot sand and bitter cold sometimes. As a gentle animal, camel never minds to carry the people on its (d) — and walk through the desert. But Mustafa had the camel that always felt jealous of its master as he sat (e) — on its back.



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) Elderly population has been	(i) on their families for care are emotionally abused.
(b) The traditional society of Bangladesh does not offer any	(ii) growing for centuries all over the world.
(c) Their long experiences of life and their wealth of knowledge	(iii) their physical and financial inability.
(d) Many older people who depend	(iv) are not given much importance.
(e) But they remain powerless to stop it because of	(v) becomes a boring thing to us.
	(vi) commendable role to the old aged people.
	(vii) do not write answer to the point and fairly.

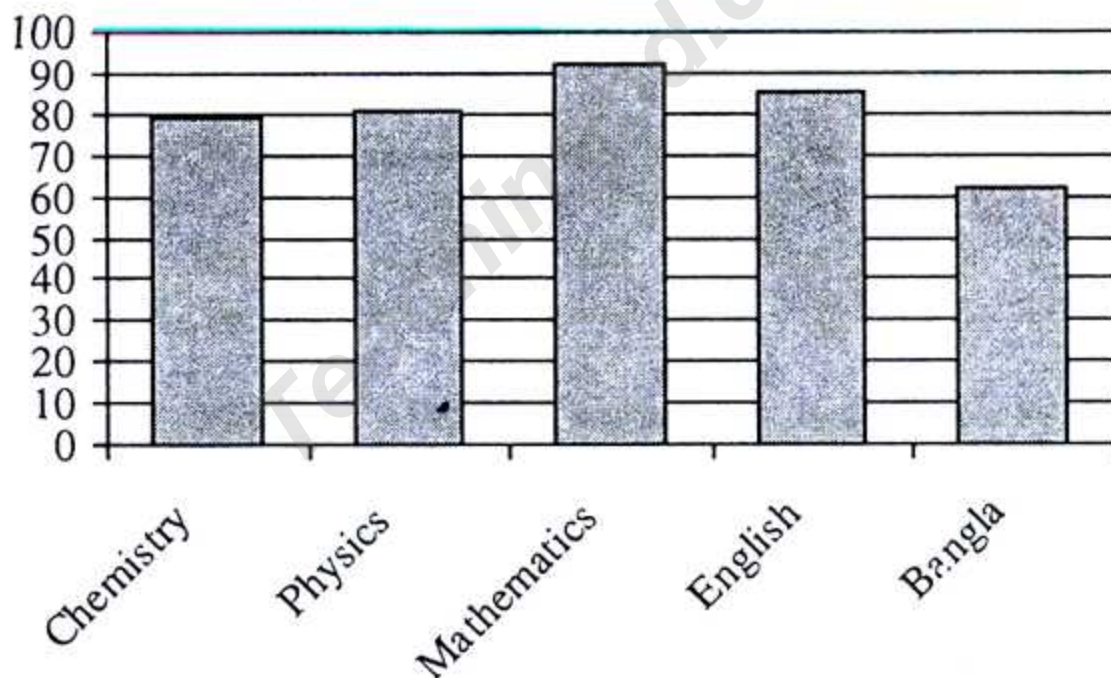
7. Put the following parts of the story in correct order to rewrite the whole story.  $1 \times 8 = 8$

- When asked, Cordelia said, "Nothing." Lear was shocked and said, "Nothing will come of nothing."
- He was tired of ruling and needed rest.
- Lear was satisfied. He called for the map of his kingdom and drew a finger round one-third of it.
- Then it was the turn of Cordelia, the youngest and most beloved daughter.
- At first Lear asked his eldest daughter, "How much do you love me?" Goneril declared, 'Sir, I love you more than I can say.'
- When asked, his second daughter, Regan said, "My love for you shall never change."
- Long ago there was a mighty old king of England named Lear. He had three daughters – Goneril, Regan and Cordelia.
- He made up his mind to step down the throne and divide his kingdom. At first he wanted to know how much they loved him.



## Part - B : Writing Test (50 Marks)

8. Answer the following questions to write a paragraph on 'International Mother Language Day' within 250 words : 10  
(a) What is International Mother Language Day? (b) When did the incident take place? (c) Who oppressed the Banglees? (d) Who were killed to save our mother tongue? (e) What do we do to pay tribute to the language martyrs?
9. Read the beginning to complete the whole story. 10  
Once upon a time there was a king called Midas. He was extremely fond of gold. Though he had a lot .....
10. The graph below shows the information about a student's obtained marks in five specific subjects. Now describe the graph in 150 words. 10



11. Write a letter to your friend describing the co-curricular activities of your school. 10
12. Write a dialogue between you and your friend, Monir/Monica on how to eradicate the illiteracy problem from Bangladesh. 10



# Key To Exam Questions

1. a. iii) Pressing one of the buttons on the mouse; b. iii) modern communication system; c. iii) activities to start a device; d. iii) Working with emails; e. ii) Mail exchanged electronically; f. iii) a & c; g. iii) a & c.
2. (a) An e-mail is an electronic mail which is a computer generated way of exchanging digital text messages from a sender to one or multiple recipients.  
(b) E-mails operate through a network of computers linked by the internet.  
(c) The commercial servers firstly receive the text message from the sender and then they deliver it instantly to the digital mailbox of the recipient.  
(d) Logging in the computer in the morning has become inevitable now.  
(e) G-mail is a commercial server agency. Its function is to receive the text message from a sender and deliver it to the digital mailbox of the recipient.
3. The passage deals with modern communication system. Of all communicating systems, e-mail is the easiest and most popular system of communication in the present world. An e-mail is an electronic mail, a computer generated way of exchanging digital text messages. It is operated through a network of computers linked by the internet. There are commercial server agencies like Yahoo, Gmail, Ymail and Hotmail which work in the process of e-mail. So it has become an inevitable part of our daily life. In fact, e-mail has brought about a radical change in our modern life.
4. (a) across the desert; (b) Mustafa; (c) on his camel's back; (d) shivering in the cold; (e) inside the tent.
5. (a) travelling; (b) camel; (c) because; (d) back; (e) comfortably.
6. (a + ii) Elderly population has been growing for centuries all over the world.  
(b + vi) The traditional society of Bangladesh does not offer any commendable role to the old aged people.  
(c + iv) Their long experiences of life and their wealth of knowledge are not given much importance.  
(d + i) Many older people who depend on their families for care are emotionally abused.  
(e + iii) But they remain powerless to stop it because of their physical and financial inability.
7. g + b + h + e + c + f + d + a.