

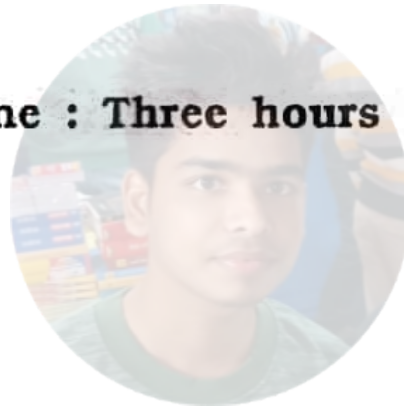
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## ENGLISH

*Full Marks : 80*

*Pass Marks : 24*

*Time : Three hours*



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**HSLC Question Paper**

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- (a) Choose the meaning of the underlined word in the following sentence from among the alternatives given in brackets : 1

Send me the rest, since I need it very much.

(relax / remaining part / be buried)

- (b) State whether the following are true **or** false : 1+1=2

(i) On the day of inauguration Mandela was accompanied by his daughter Zenari.

(ii) Thabo Mbeki was sworn in as the second deputy president.

- (c) Choose the correct answer from among the alternatives given and complete the sentence : 1

Coorg or Kodagu, the smallest district of Karnataka, is home to

- (i) thick grass land, camels and indigo plantations.  
(ii) evergreen rainforests, spices and coffee plantations.  
(iii) dark clouds, thick fog and tea plantations.

Where was Lencho's home situated ?

Who was the first chief of the Indian Army ?

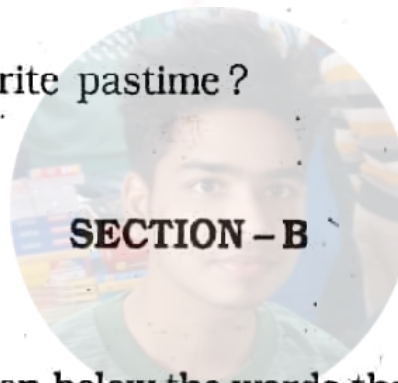


5. What are the sports that Coorg offers to tourists ? 2
6. "But don't send it to me through the mail because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks."

What made Lencho think that the post office employees were a bunch of crooks ? 2

7. Give a description of Dhckiabari tea-garden as seen by Pranjal and Rajvir when they were driven through it. 3

8. What was Valli's favourite pastime ? 2



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9. Choose from the box given below the words that rhyme with the following : 1×2=2

rage, house

taste, rest, cage, loud, fresh, mouse, vague

10. Choose the meaning of the underlined words from the alternatives given in the brackets : 1×2=2

(a) They do not sweat and whine about their condition.

(sing loudly / complain in an annoying voice / cry in joy)

11. What does Sandburg think the fog is like?

1

12. How does the fog come?

1



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13. What would the tiger have been doing if it were in its natural habitat?

2

14. How old, do you think Amanda is? How do you know this? 1+1=2

### SECTION - C

15. (a) Briefly describe how Ausable defeated Max's scheme to take away the report.

5

Or

(b) How did the young lady trick Horace Danby?

5

16. (a) Briefly describe the extraordinary behaviour of Mrs. Hall's furniture.

5

Or

(b) Give a brief description of the first meeting between Bill and the young lawyer.

5



17. Fill in the blanks with the right determiners :

$\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

- (a) Ramen comes home twice \_\_\_\_\_ month.
- (b) Mr. Bell rang \_\_\_\_\_ bell of alarm and I woke up.
- (c) A busy person has \_\_\_\_\_ time to waste.
- (d) Only \_\_\_\_\_ of the applicants were found suitable.

18. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions from the choices given in the brackets :

$\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

- (a) The cow lives \_\_\_\_\_ grass. (by / from / on)
- (b) He lives \_\_\_\_\_ hand to mouth. (on / from / by)
- (c) He is appointed \_\_\_\_\_ the post. (in / to / at)
- (d) She is junior \_\_\_\_\_ me by three years. (to / from / than)



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19. Use correct tense forms of the verbs given in brackets and rewrite the sentences :

$1 \times 2 = 2$

- (a) It is time we (go) to bed.
- (b) She behaves as if she (know) everything.

(a) "Can you drive a car?" I said to Rahim.

(b) The stranger asked me if I could tell him the way to the Post office.

21. Change the voice of the following sentences :

(a) The students elected him secretary.

(b) The stage was decorated by the students.



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22. Combine each of the following pairs of sentences into a single sentence

(a) The moon is round. It has been proved.

(b) Where does he live? Do you know it?

23. Choose the correct alternative from the choices given in the bracket and fill in the blank :

(a) My warning had no \_\_\_\_\_ on the boy. (affect / effect)

**Or**

(b) He \_\_\_\_\_ to accept the money. (refused / denied)

bring up, look for, give up, look after.

25. Correct the errors in the following sentences : **(any two)** 1x2=2

(a) The sceneries of Arunachal Pradesh is charming.

(b) I am feeling cold.

(c) Bread and butter make a good breakfast.

(d) The news are true.



SECTION - E



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26. (a) Translate into English : **(any one group)** of the following

1x5=5

### Assamese

(1) এইখন কিতাপ মোৰ আৰু সেইখন তোমাৰ।

(2) সোন এবিধ মূল্যবান ধাতু।

(3) অনুগ্রহ কৰি তেওঁক দৰ্জাখন খুলিব কোৱা।

(5) আলিবাট পাৰ হওঁতে সাবধান হবা।

### **Bengali**

(1) এই বইটি আমার এবং ঐটি তোমার।

(2) সোনা এক মূল্যবান ধাতু।

(3) অনুগ্রহ করে তাঁকে दरजाটি খুলতে বলুন।

(4) তিনি যখন এসেছিলেন, আমি খবরের কাগজ পড়ছিলাম।

(5) রাস্তা পার হবার সময় সাবধান হবে।

### **Bodo**

(1) বে. বিজাৰা আনি আরো বৈয়ো নোনি।

(2) সনায়া রোখোমসে বেসেন গোসা ধাতু।

(3) অননানৈ বিখ্রৌ দরজাখ্রৌ খুলিনো বুং।

(4) বিয়ো জেব্লা ফৈদোঁমোন আং রাদাৰ বিলাই ফরাযগাসিনো দঁমোন।

(5) লামা বারনায সমাব সাংগ্ৰাং জা।



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(1) यह पुस्तक मेरा है और वह तुम्हारी।

(2) सोना एक कीमती धातु है।

(3) कृपया उसे दरवाजा खोलने को कहो अथवा खोलने का आग्रह करो।

(4) वह जब आया था मैं समाचार पत्र (अखबार) पढ़ रहा था।

(5) रास्ता पार होते समय सावधान होना।

### **Garo**



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(1) Ia ki-tap angnin aro uara nangnin.

(2) Sona rokomsa gamchat gipa sil ong-a.

(3) Ka-rapai uko do-ga ochina aganbo.

(4) Uni re-bao anga songbad porai enga chim.

(5) Ramakao batsotengon sim-sakbo.

- (1) Hi lekhabu hi ka ta a na, kha lekhabu kha i t a nih.
- (2) Rangkachak chu thil tlang hlu tak a nih.
- (3) Lunginsiet takin kautkhar hawing dingin ama (pasal) hril rawl
- (4) Ama (nuhonei) hung lai chanchinbu ku lo tiem mek.
- (5) lam i kân pha fimkhur rawh.

### **Khasi**



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- (1) Kane ka dei ka kot jangnga bat katai ka jongphi.
- (2) Ka Ksiar ka long ka mar bakordor.
- (3) Sngewbha ong ia u ban plie ia ka jingkhlang.
- (4) Nga dang pule kot khubor haba ka wan.
- (5) sumarbha haka por ba phi.

(1) লাইরিক অসি ঐগীনি অমসুং মদুনা নহাকীনি।

(2) সনা হায়বসি অতাংবা ধাতু অমনি।

(3) চানবীদুনা থোং অদু মঙোন্দা হান্দোরুবা হায়বীয়ু।

(4) মহাক্লা লাকপা মতমদা ঐহাক খবর পাদুনা লৈরম্মী।

(5) লম্বী লাহোকপদা চেকশিল্লু।

### Mizo

(1) He lehkhabu hi ka ta a ni a, kha kha ita.

(2) Rangkachak hi thil hlu a ni.

(3) Khawngaihin Kawngkhar hawag turin hrilh rawh.

(4) A lo kal lai khan chanchin pheik ka lo chhiar a.

(5) kawng i kân lai in fimkhar.

### Nepali

(1) यो किताब मेरो हो अनि त्यो तिमी हो।

(2) सुन एउटा मूल्यवान धातु हो।

(3) कृपा गरी उनलाई दोका खोलीदिन धन।



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(5) बाटे कट्टा होसियार हुनू।

Urdu

- یہ کتاب میرا ہے اور وہ تمہارا -
- سونا ایک قیمتی معدہ ہے -
- مہربانی کر کے انکو یہ دروازہ کھولنے کو بولیں -
- جب وہ آیا تھا تب میں اخبار پڑھ رہا تھا -
- راستہ پار ہوتے وقت پوشیاریا رہنا

Or

(b) Give the substance of the following passage :

It is very difficult to get rid of bad habits. So, one should be very careful that one does not form bad habits during the early years of life. Idleness is one of such bad habits. Every boy and girl should be diligent. They should avoid idleness like poison. Some of the children love to remain in bed long after day break and get out of bed only unwillingly. Even after that they waste time over trifles and spend as little time as they can in reading. As a result, they cannot learn as much as they should. What is worse, they become so accustomed to such a bad habit that they cannot shake it off — even with the greatest efforts. This bad habit then holds them hard in its clasp like a large snake.



- (a) The festival you like most.
- (b) Television as a source of knowledge.

**Or**

Write a story in about **150** words using the outline given below and add a title to it. 6

A hungry fox sees a crow with a piece of meat — wishes to have the piece of meat — praises the crow — asks the crow to sing — the crow sings — the piece of meat falls down from her beak — the fox picks it up and runs away.

28. Answer **either** (a) **or** (b) : 5

- (a) Write a letter to your friend telling him about your daily life.
- (b) Write a report for a newspaper on the basis of the information given below :

(i) 20-11-2015

(ii) Guwahati

(iii) The Guwahati Book Fair commenced.



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(v) Publishers from the State and outside it participated.

(vi) Nice opening function — large gathering and good sale expected.

29. (a) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Paper is one of the most important articles that we use in our day to day life. If there had been no paper our civilization would not have progressed so fast. Great scientists write their thoughts on paper first and then carry out their experiments. Great engineers draw their plans on paper first and then build houses, bridges, dams and so on. Great thoughts are written or printed on paper for everyone to read. If there were no paper we would not have all the good books that are available in the world. Without paper it would be difficult for the people of one country to know about the people of another country.

- (i) Mention *three* uses of paper. 1
- (ii) Why is paper a most essential thing for mankind? 2
- (iii) What would have happened if there were no paper? 2

- (b) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow :

It was a new bus, its outside painted a gleaming white with some green stripes along the sides. Inside, the overhead bars shone like silver. Directly in front of Valli, above the windshield, there was a beautiful clock. The seats were soft and luxurious.

Valli devoured everything with her eyes. But when she started to look outside, she found her view cut off by a canvas blind that covered the lower part of her window. So she stood up and peered over the blind.

The bus was now going along the bank of a canal. The road was very narrow. On one side there was the canal and beyond it, palm trees, grassland, distant mountains, and the blue, blue sky. On the other side was a deep ditch and then acres and acres of green field — green, green, green, as far as the eye could see.

- (i) What was the inside of the bus like? 2
- (ii) Why did Valli stand up on the seat? 1
- (iii) What could be seen outside as the bus was going along the bank of a canal? 2



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