

## S.S.L.C. SECOND LANGUAGE- ENGLISH- GRAMMAR SECTION

### LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS

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The purpose or aim of a language is to communicate. We express our ideas through words and sentences. In the examinations, you are supposed to find out the purpose or function of a given sentence.

The common functions of a language are:

greeting, requesting, asking directions to a location, offering help, giving directions, expressing one's opinions, expressing likes or dislikes, making suggestions, apologising, predicting, expressing obligations, expressing satisfaction or dissatisfaction, introducing self or others, making inquiries, giving information, giving instructions, etc.

#### **Some examples:**

##### **Greeting:**

Hello, Good Morning.

Hi, How are you?

Hi, nice to meet you.

##### **Requesting:**

Please help me to unlock this box.

Could you please turn off the fan?

Would you mind passing the salt?

##### **Asking directions to a location:**

How can I reach the Post Office?

Which way should I move to reach the railway Station?

What is the shortest route to Kudremukh resort?

##### **Offering help:**

Shall I carry your bag, Granny?

May I lift your bag, uncle?

I will give you a lift up to the Bus Station.

Please get into the car, I'm going that way.

##### **Giving Directions:**

Sir, you take the next left turn, and you will find the G.I. office to your right.

Take the Bus No. 410 A. It will take you to Kengeri.

Go along this road till you reach the L.D. Bank. Just behind it you will find the Mayor's Office.

##### **Expressing one's opinions:**

I don't think this plan will work.

You'd better choose the other one.

This dress might make you appear more beautiful.

##### **Expressing one's likes or dislikes:**

I prefer coffee to tea.

I like classical dances.

I have no taste for western music.

##### **Making suggestions:**

Why don't you meet Dr. Agarwal?

Better to go for a second opinion.

You'd better meet an orthopaedic surgeon.

##### **Apologising:**

Please excuse me, it was my mistake.

Sorry, I should not have done it.

Oh, sorry. I'm really sorry that I've misused your ATM.

**Predicting:**

I think, it will rain this afternoon.

India is sure to win today's match.

She will certainly bring a rank to our school.

**Expressing obligations:**

She must have obeyed her parents' suggestions.

We ought to respect our constitution.

It's everyone's duty to respect elders.

**Expressing satisfaction or dissatisfaction:**

Why haven't you scored a first class?

Really, great that you have passed this test.

You could have won the match, but .....

**Introducing people: (Self and others)**

Sir, I'm Sunil Kumar, a medical representative.

Meet Mr. Sandesh, a promising businessman.

Madam, this is my father, Mr. Kiran Desai.

**Questions from old question papers:**

A dialogue will be given with a sentence underlined. You are to read the line and find out the 'function' the line does. They come under 'Multiple Choice Questions'.

[Here only the underlined sentences are given to save time and space.]

1. If you don't mind, could I use your pen?  
(March 2020)

(A) Giving direction (B) Offering help  
(C) Seeking Permission (D) Expressing agreement

**Ans: (C) Seeking permission**

2. Could you please teach me some grammatical structures in English? (Sept 2020)

(A) request (B) advice (C) offering help (D) accepting

**Ans: (A) request**

3. Come, I will drop you. (March 2022)

**Making inquiries:**

Sir, how can I get a new Driving Licence?

Do you provide complimentary breakfast here?

Can I have an A/C room?

**Giving information:**

This temple does not provide food at night.

The last bus to Tumkur is at 9.30 p.m.

Mr. Govardhan is a P.E. Teacher in a school near Moodbidri.

**Giving instructions:**

Answer all the questions.

Children, don't pluck any flowers from the garden.

Visitors are requested to deposit their cameras here.

Smoking is strictly prohibited.

(A) Request (B) Seeking direction (C) Offering help (D) Agreeing

**Ans: (C) Offering help**

4. Why don't you consult an expert doctor? (Sept 2022)

(A) Giving suggestion (B) Offering help (C) Seeking permission (D) Expressing sympathy

**Ans: (A) Expressing suggestion**

5. Shall I drop you to the hospital? (March 2023)

(A) Agreeing (B) Offering help (C) Requesting (D) Seeking direction

**Ans: (B) Offering help**

6. Go to the sixth row and the book is on the third shelf. (Aug 2023)

- (A) Advice (B) Giving directions (C) Order  
(D) Suggestion

**Ans: (B) Giving directions**

7. Can you please send me the videos of yesterday's presentation? (March 2024)

- (A) Agreeing (B) Offering help (C) Seeking direction  
(D) Requesting

**Ans: (D) Requesting**

8. Sir, when can I meet the principal? (March 2024)

- (A) Giving information (B) Enquiring (C) Offering help  
(D) Giving suggestion

**Ans: (B) Enquiring**

9. Chandan: Will you join my birthday party today?

Sunil: Sorry, I am busy with my work, so I can't attend. (March 2024)

- (A) Agreeing (B) Requesting (C) Disagreeing  
(D) Offering help

**Ans: (C) Disagreeing**

10. Anu: I studied hard, yet I got less marks in the exam. (Model 2025)

Teacher: Don't worry. Prepare a good time table and follow it.

- (A) Apologising (B) Seeking information (C) Giving advice  
(D) Request

**Ans: (C) Giving advice**

11. Sir, could you please teach us Reported Speech as we find it very difficult? (Model 2025)

- (A) Requesting (B) Ordering (C) Suggesting  
(D) Agreeing

**Ans: (A) Requesting**

12. Would you please give me your science record book? (March 2025)

- (A) Agreeing (B) Requesting (C) Seeking direction  
(D) Offering help

**Ans: (B) Requesting**

13. Sir, May I know the bus fare from Belagavi to Bangalore? (March 2025)

- (A) Giving suggestion (B) Giving direction  
(C) Offering help (D) Making enquiry

**Ans: (D) Making enquiry**

14. Go straight and take a right turn after the circle. (March 2025)

- (A) Offering help (B) Giving directions (C) Suggesting  
(D) Requesting

**Ans: (B) Giving directions**

15. Baleshwar: I'm new to Mumbai. I have noticed that people here are afraid.

Roma: Yes, you are right. (Model 2026)

- (A) Expressing agreement (B) Giving information  
(C) Suggesting (D) Requesting

**Ans: (A) Expressing agreement.**

16. Teacher: Let me briefly explain you those concepts again. (Model 2026)

- (A) Offering help (B) Seeking information  
(C) Giving permission (D) Expressing agreement

**Ans: (A) Offering help**

17. Advik: Hello, Sir, can I give you a lift? (Model 2026)

- (A) Seeking help (B) Offering help (C) Making request  
(D) Giving direction

**Ans: Offering help**

18. Student: Would you please provide me the details of geographical features of India? (Model 2026)

- (A) Giving direction (B) Making request (C) Expressing agreement  
(D) Offering help

**Ans: (B) Making request**

19. Teacher: Keep all your belongings like bag, books, paper, etc out of the room. (Prep 2026)

(A) Making request (B) Seeking help (C) Giving warning (D) Giving instruction

**Ans: (D) Giving instruction**

20. Headmaster: Good morning, Sir. I would like to invite you as a Chief Guest for the Annual day Function of our school.

Chairman: It's my pleasure. I'll definitely come.

(A) Inviting (B) Disagreeing (C) Agreeing (D) Suggesting

**Ans: (C) Agreeing**

