

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

### ANSWERS TO THE PREPARATORY EXAMINATIONS 1, 2, and 3

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Dear students, you have already faced three Preparatory Examinations conducted by the State Examination Board. It is expected that the final Public Exams will be almost similar to these Preparatory Examinations. So, go through the Preparatory Exams question papers carefully and try to solve them. You will surely succeed in the Final Exams.

In this session, we shall try to solve the grammar questions that appeared in the Preparatory Exams. Some clues will also be provided then and there. Discuss with your friends, why those particular answers are chosen.

While answering the Multiple Choice Questions (No.I) and 'Do as directed' questions (No.II) note that it is better to write the answers continuously, that is, Q.No. 1 to 16 one after the other. This will make your answer paper look beautiful and neat. Don't go for overwriting. Think twice or three times before you write your answers. While answering the MCQ, write the answers as the following example.

1. (C) school

2. (D) would have

Write the alphabetical letters in brackets and write the answers after leaving a little space. The teachers will find easy to evaluate. If possible, underline your answer with a zigzag line.

e.g.: 3. (B) decide

**Now let's solve the question papers.**

#### Preparatory Examination 1.

I. M.C.Questions.

1. Choose the appropriate question tag for the following statement.

They are good people, .....

[Here, 'are' is the Auxiliary verb and the sentence is a positive one. We have to use the negative form of the Auxiliary verb.]

(A) are they? (B) aren't they? (C) weren't they? (D) were they?

Ans: **(B) aren't they?**

2. Read the following conversation and choose the infinitive.

[Usually the 'to' form of a verb will be given here. The 'to' form of a verb is called an infinitive.]

Pratheeksha: Laxmi, why do you prefer to eat nutrient food?

Laxmi: Because I want to grow well.

[In these lines we can see that there are two infinitives. 'to eat' and 'to grow'. But they have given only one infinitive as the distracter or choice.]

(A) do (B) want (C) to grow (D) prefer

Ans: **(C) to grow**

3. Read the following conversation and choose the language function for the underlined sentence.

Teacher: I'm going to conduct a test for you. Keep all your belongings like bag, books, paper etc out of the room.

Students: Okay Sir.

[Here the teacher is giving an instruction]

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

Ans: **(D) Giving instruction**

4. Read the following conversation and fill in the blank choosing the most appropriate words.

Mother: Swathi, did you complete reading the novel?

Swathi: No, mom. I didn't complete yet. I had no time. If I had got it earlier, I .....read it.

[This is a positive condition]

(A) will have (B) shall have (C) wouldn't have  
(D) would have

Ans: (D) would have

## II. Do as directed.

5. Which one of the following words has two syllables?

ago, school, general, good

[Check the vowels in each word. ago – 2, school – 1, general – 3, good – 1.]

Ans: ago

[If possible, divide the word into syllables and write them: a-go]

6. Combine the following sentences using 'so .....that':

He is very young. He cannot drive a car.

Ans: He is so young that he cannot drive a car.

7. Fill in the blank using the correct article:

Cow is .....useful animal.

[We are speaking about a cow in general. The word after the blank does not begin with a vowel sound. So, we cannot use 'an'.]

Ans: Cow is a useful animal.

8. Identify the part of speech of the underlined word:

Strength is life; weakness is death.

[Here the word 'strength' answers the question 'what?'. It is the subject of the sentence.]

Ans: NOUN

9. Fill in the blank with appropriate linker:

I respect both farmers .....soldiers.

Ans: I respect both farmers and soldiers.

10. Fill in the blank with appropriate preposition:

I have been learning music .....2022.

[The line is peaking about the starting point of a continuous action.]

Ans: I have been learning music since 2022.

11. Fill in the blank with the correct tense form of the verb given in brackets.

When I came home, I saw that mother .....(be + cook).

[ be= am/is/are/was/were. Cook = cook/cooks/cooked/cooked/cooking.]

[As this sentence speaks about a past event, and as 'mother' is a singular noun, we have to choose 'was'. It is not a passive sentence. So it has to be 'was + cooking'.]

Ans: When I came home, I saw that mother was cooking.

12. Write the correct form of the word given in brackets:

The computer is a wonderful .....(invent) of Charles Babbage.

['wonderful' is an adjective. So, the next word should be a noun.]

Ans: The computer is a wonderful invention by Charles Babbage.

13. Use the word 'call' as verb in your own sentence:

Ans: The teacher said to me, "Call the Headmaster."

14. Change the following into comparative degree.

No other artist in India is as great as Satish.

Ans: Satish is greater than any other artist in India.

15. Change the following sentence into passive voice.

Gopi is preparing tea.

[This sentence is in the Present continuous tense. Hence 'being' is to be used here as the verb 'to be'.]

Ans: Tea is being prepared by Gopi.

16. Read the following conversation and change the underlined sentence into reported speech:

Mother: Rajesh, will you do this work now?

Rajesh: I'm sorry, mom. I'll do it tomorrow.

Mother asked Rajesh .....

### Preparatory Examination 2.

#### I. Multiple choice questions:

1. Choose the appropriate question tag for the following statement:

Swami's father returns home in the evening, .....

(A) doesn't he? (B) hasn't he? (C) didn't he? (D) hadn't he?

[Note that in this sentence the auxiliary verb is 'does'. (returns = does return). This is a positive sentence. We have to use the negative form of the auxiliary verb]

**Ans: (A) doesn't he?**

2. Read the following conversation and choose the infinitive:

Arman: Aslesh, where are you going now?

Aslesh: I am going to the stadium to play badminton.

[The 'to' form of a verb is called the infinitive.]

(A) are (B) to play (C) going (D) am

**Ans: (B) to play**

3. Read the following conversation and fill the blank with the appropriate word / words.

Father: David, did you get the bus?

David: No, dad. I narrowly missed it.

Father: If you had left home a bit early, you .....the bus.

[Note that a positive phrase is required here. Remember the formula: would (not) have + past participle]

(A) get (B) would get (C) would have got (D) will get

**Ans: (C) would have got**

[This is a 'yes/no' question and so we have to use 'whether' or 'if' as the linker. The question form has to be changed into the answer format. 'Will you' becomes 'you will'. Necessary changes of pronouns and tense are to be made.]

**Ans: Mother asked Rajesh whether he would do that work then.**

4. Choose the language function for the underlined sentence:

(At the Panchayath Office)

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.

[Here we see that the Chairman agrees to attend the function]

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

**Ans: (C) Agreeing**

#### II Do as directed:

5. Which of the following words has one syllable?

returning, safer, desperately, speak

**Ans: speak**

6. Combine the following sentences using 'so.....that'.

I am very tired. I cannot continue my work.

Ans: I am so tired that I cannot continue my work.

7. Fill in the blank with the correct article:

Kashim is .....N.C.C. Cadet.

[He is one among many cadets. So, we have to use 'a' or 'an'. But, as the word 'N.C.C.' begins with a vowel sound (en) we have to use 'an'.]

**Ans: Kashim is an N.C.C. Cadet.**

8. Identify the part of speech of the underlined word.

I always prefer homely food.

[What type of food? The word 'homely' describes the noun 'food'.]

**Ans: ADJECTIVE**

9. Fill in the blank with appropriate linker:

I am hungry. I want to eat either a biscuit .....a fruit.

[Here a choice is intended.]

**Ans: I want to eat either a biscuit or a fruit.**

10. Fill in the blank with appropriate preposition:

Ananth died .....cancer.

**Ans: Ananth died of cancer.**

11. Fill in the blank with the appropriate tense form of the verb given in brackets.

Arun .....(be + watch) TV yesterday when I visited his house.

[This is a Past event. The correct form of 'be' will be *was / were*. As 'Arun' is singular, we have to use 'was'. As it refers to a continuous action, the correct form of 'watch' will be 'watching'.]

**Ans: Arun was watching TV yesterday when I visited his house.**

12. Write the correct form of the word given in brackets.

Anant was already able to compose his own tunes to the ..... (astonish) of his Guru.

[Note that usually an article is followed by a Noun.]

**Ans: Anant was already able to compose his own tunes to the astonishment of his Guru.**

13. Use the word 'question' in a sentence of your own:

**Ans: We should not question the orders of our parents.**

14. Change the following sentence into Superlative Degree.

Baleshwar was quicker than any other commuter in the train.

**Ans: Baleshwar was the quickest commuter in the train.**

[\*\*\*\*\*Don't forget to use 'the' in your answer.]

15. Change the following sentence into Passive Voice.

Satish hugged his father tightly.

**Ans: His father was hugged tightly by Satish.**

16. Read the conversation and change the underlined sentence into reported speech:

Vani: Sharada, are you free today?

Sharada: Yes, I am.

[This is a 'yes/no' question. We have to use 'whether' or 'if' as the linker. Interchange the positions of the auxiliary verb and the subject. 'are you' becomes 'you are'. Make necessary changes of pronouns and tenses.]

Ans: Vani asked Sharada whether she (Sharada) was free that day.

[\*\*\*\*\*It is better to write 'Sharada' in brackets to avoid confusion.]

**Preparatory Examination 3.**

**I. Multiple choice questions:**

1. Choose the appropriate question tag and fill in the blank:

Keerthi and Preethi are good friends, .....

(A) are they? (B) aren't they? (C) do they? (D) don't they?

[Here the statement is positive, and the auxiliary is 'are'. So we have to use the negative tag.]

**Ans: (B) aren't they?**

2. Read the following and choose the infinitive:

Americans are good people and that is why Don Anselmo has agreed to sell the land.

[The 'to form' of a verb is called an infinitive.]

(A) are (B) is (C) agreed (D) to sell

**Ans: (C) to sell**

3. Read the following conversation and choose the language function for the underlined sentence:

Traffic Police: Take the girl to Airoli. There is a hospital there.

Baleshwar: No, There is a closer place I know of.

(A) Asking direction (B) Giving direction (C) Giving suggestion (D) Making request

**Ans: (C) Giving suggestion**

4. Read the following conversation and fill in the blank choosing the most appropriate words:

Vasant: Did you attend the KCET examination?

Vishal: No, I did not attend. If I had attended, I ..... scored well.

[Here a positive phrase is needed.]

(A) would have (B) should have (C) will have (D) shall have

**Ans: (A) would have**

**II. Do as directed:**

5. Which one of the following has only one syllable?

ugly, mutiny, deck, hated

**Ans: DECK**

6. Combine the following sentences using 'so.....that':

The milk is very hot. The child cannot drink it.

**Ans: The milk is so hot that the child cannot drink it.**

7. Fill in the blank with appropriate article:

Ravi is .....MBA student.

[ There are many MBA students and Ravi is one among them. The word 'MBA' begins with a vowel sound, 'em']

**Ans: Ravi is a MBA student.**

8. Identify the part of speech of the underlined word.

It is a costly ornament.

[Here the word 'costly' describes the noun 'ornament'.]

**Ans: ADJECTIVE**

9. Fill in the blank using appropriate linker:

Both C.V. Raman .....Vikram Sarabhai are great scientists.

**Ans: Both C.V. Raman and Vikram Sarabhai are great scientists.**

10. Fill in the blank with appropriate preposition:

There had been an accident when Satish went for hiking .....his father and brother Inder.

**Ans: There had been an accident when Satish went for hiking with his father and brother Inder.**

11. Fill in the blank with appropriate tense form of the verb given in brackets:

When I went to the hospital, the doctor .....(be + treat)an old woman.

[This refers to a past event. So, 'was' has to be used. As it refers to a continuous action, 'treating' has to be used.]

**Ans: When I went to the hospital, the doctor was treating an old woman.**

12. Write the correct form of the word given in brackets:

The children should be given good ..... (educate).

[Usually, after an adjective (here 'good'), we put a noun.]

**Ans: The children should be given good education.**

13. Use the word 'present' as verb in your own sentence:

**Ans: We decided to present a watch to our teacher on her birthday.**

14. Change the following into Positive degree:

Munshi Premchand is more popular than any other writer in Hindi literature.

**Ans: No other writer in Hindi literature is as popular as Munshi Premchand.**

15. Change the following into Passive Voice:

The President distributed the awards.

[Past action. 'awards' is a plural noun.]

**Ans: The awards were distributed by the President.**

16. Read the following conversation and change the underlined sentence into reported speech:

Prakash: Hi, Jyothi, are you going to school today?

Jyothi: Hi, Praksah, yes, I am going.

Prakash asked Jyothi .....

[This is a 'yes/no' question. Hence we have to use 'if' or 'whether' as the linker and invert the positions of the auxiliary verb and the subject. 'are you' becomes 'you are'.]

**Ans: Prakash asked Jyothi whether she was going to school that day.**