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Answer Sheet No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Section - A is compulsory. All parts of this section are to be answered on this page and handed over to the Centre Superintendent. Deleting/overwriting is not allowed. Do not use lead pencil.

**ENGLISH**  
**COMPULSORY SSC-II**  
**SECTION - A (Marks 15)**  
**Time allowed: 20 Minutes**

حصہ اول لازمی ہے۔ اس کے جوابات اسی صفحہ پر دے کر ناظم مرکز کے حوالے کریں۔ کاٹ کر دوبارہ لکھنے کی اجازت نہیں ہے۔ لیزو پینسل کا استعمال ممنوع ہے۔

Fill the relevant bubble against each question:

ہر سوال کے سامنے دیے گئے درست دائرہ کو پر کریں۔

- \_\_\_\_\_ word to the wise is sufficient. The correct option is:  A  An  The  No article is required
- Owning two cars is a luxury in most countries. Which type of pronoun is the underlined?  Concrete  Abstract  Proper  Collective
- When I saw him, he \_\_\_\_\_ chess. Choose the correct form of verb.  Is playing  Was playing  Were playing  Play
- The foolish crow tried to sing. The underlined word is:  Noun  Verb  Adjective  Adverb
- The ship \_\_\_\_\_ rapidly. Choose the correct verb to complete sentence.  Sinking  Sank  Sunk  Sinked
- He works carefully. The underlined word is an adverb of:  Manner  Quantity  Degree  Frequency
- Salman enjoys playing cricket. The sentence is an example of:  Assertive sentence  Interrogative sentence  Exclamatory sentence  Imperative sentence
- I am doing it now. This sentence is an example of \_\_\_\_\_ sentence.  Simple  Compound  Complex  Compound complex
- Which of the following sentences has an adjective?  She is an excellent player  I shall definitely play  She is here  She walks too slowly
- The cat jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the chair. Choose the correct preposition to complete the sentence.  About  Off  Beneath  Through
- I had written the letter. Which tense is used in the given sentence?  Simple past  Past progressive  Past perfect  Past perfect continuous
- I ate some rice. The underlined is adjective of:  Quality  Quantity  Manner  Demonstration
- Our friend \_\_\_\_\_ writing to us before he left the city. Choose the correct option to complete the sentence.  Is  Will be  Have  Had been
- 'Cat' is to 'kitten' as 'lioness' is to:  Lion  Puppy  Cub  Baby
- He says, "I am unwell". Choose the correct indirect speech.  He said that I am unwell  He said that he is unwell  He says that he is unwell  He says that he was unwell



# ENGLISH COMPULSORY SSC-II

04

Time allowed: 2:40 Hours

Total Marks Sections B and C: 60

NOTE:- Answer all the questions from Sections 'B' and 'C' on the separately provided answer book. Use supplementary answer sheet i.e. Sheet-B if required. Write your answers neatly and legibly.

## SECTION - B (Marks 36)

Q. 2 Read the following passage carefully and answer any FIVE questions including Question No.(i) appended to it.

Note: Question No. (i) about summary writing is compulsory carrying 06 marks while rest of the question carry 03 marks each. (6 + 4x3= 18)

More than 99 percent of the world's food supply comes from the land, while less than 1 percent is from oceans and aquatic habitats. The continued production of an adequate food supply is directly dependent of ample fertile land, fresh water and energy. As the human population grows, requirements for these resources also grow. Even if these resources are never depleted, on a per capita basis they will decline significantly because they must be divided among more people. At present, fertile agricultural land is being lost at an alarming rate. The shortage of productive fertile land and combined with decreasing land productivity is the major cause of current food shortages.

Water is another critical item for all crops. Massive amount of water is required during the growing season for cultivation. In fact, agricultural production consumes more fresh water than any other human activity. In many countries, people are facing shortage of fresh water. Competition for water resources among individuals, regions, countries and associated human activities is already occurring with the current world population. Water resources, critical for irrigation, are under great stress as populous cities, states and countries require and withdraw more water from rivers, lakes and aquifers every year. A major threat to maintaining future water supplies is the continuing over-use of surface and ground water resources.

### Questions:

- (i) Summarize the given passage. Also suggest a suitable title to it. (Compulsory)
- (ii) Explain the food resources of the world.
- (iii) What happens to the available food resources if the population of the world continues to increase?
- (iv) What is the condition of fertile land at present?
- (v) What are the effects of shortage of water in agriculture sector?
- (vi) Do you also face shortage of water in your locality? Why? or Why not?
- (vii) Write down the synonyms of any three of the underlined words.

Q. 3 A. Paraphrase any ONE of the following stanzas: (02)

I. The pines where they stood;  
The wind will miss them ---- the rain,  
When its silver blind is down.  
They have stripped the bark from the wood----  
The needy boughs, and the brown  
Knobby nuts trodden into the ground.

OR

II. But all of that is  
Not its core,  
Its center is in truth  
Eternal stillness  
Bright blue skies  
And all you hear  
Are gentle whispers  
Far away  
And unimportant.

B. Read the following poem/stanza carefully and answer the questions appended to it:

I. Figure it out for yourself, my lad,  
You've all the greatest of men have had,  
Two arms, two hands, two legs, two eyes,  
And a brain to use if you would be wise,  
With this equipment they all began,  
So, start for the top and say 'I can'

### Questions:

- (i) Explain the theme of the stanza. (02)
- (ii) What is the rhyme scheme of the given stanza? (02)

OR

II. I hear leaves drinking rain;  
I hear rich leaves on top  
Giving the poor beneath  
Drop after drop;  
'Tis a sweet noise to hear  
These green leaves drinking near.

**Questions:**

- (i) What do the rich and the poor leaves stand for? (02)  
(ii) Explain the 'sweet noise' mentioned in the stanza. (02)

**Q. 4 A. Fill in blanks with appropriate form of the verbs given in the brackets. (04)**

- (i) It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) all night.  
(ii) Ali fell off the ladder when he \_\_\_\_\_ (mend) the roof.  
(iii) This time tomorrow I \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) on the beach in Karachi.  
(iv) Don't disturb me, I \_\_\_\_\_ (do) my work.

**B. Change the FOUR bold sentences into indirect speech: (04)**

He said, "**Who are you to speak to me like this**". He added, "**I am the master**". "**Why should I help you?**" The man replied. "**It is your work to draw the cart**".

**C. Do as directed (any FOUR) of the following: (04)**

- (i) The sun rises in the east. (Change into interrogative)  
(ii) Piper, piped that song again. (Change into negative)  
(iii) The girl closed the door quickly. (Change into imperative)  
(iv) Ahmed spoiled the project in a hurry. (Change into interrogative)  
(v) Did the plane arrive at 3:30. (Change into affirmative)  
(vi) I bought a new bicycle last week. (Change into negative)

**SECTION – C (Marks 24)**

**Q. 5 Write an application to the 'Director of Education' for the grant of scholarship. (08)**

**OR**

Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about price hike.

**Q. 6. Describe your weekend, using appropriate/correct transitional devices (at least six) for connecting your ideas logically in paragraph. (06)**

**Q. 7. Write an essay on any ONE of the following topics: (200-250 words) (10)**

We Live in Deeds Not in Years

**OR**

Importance of Tree Plantation

**OR**

Hard Work is the Key to Success