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S.S.C. Preliminary Examination – 1**ENGLISH****Model Answer Paper****SECTION A (Prose)****Q.1. (A) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below:**

- 1) Gases fill up in lung spaces instead of oxygen because of bad breathing habits. [1]
- 2) Five-sixths of the lungs' capacity lies idle because normally, we take only one pint of air in the lungs. [1]
- 3) Breath is strength [1]
- 4) a. Chest, lungs, inhale, lung capacity [1]
- b. If you can't blow out a paper much, you need help. [1]
- 5) a. i. calls for
ii. in a jiffy [1]
- b. you need help – Main clause
If you can't blow out a paper much – Subordinate Adverb clause of condition [1]
- 6) We do not fully utilize the capacity of our lungs. The gases fill our lungs with a little oxygen and we get a false feeling that our lungs are full of oxygen. Thus, our tissues are deprived of oxygen which is invaluable to life. [2]

(B) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below:

- 1) Some women in the SHG got special subsidy because they were below the poverty line. [1]
- 2) If all the members had bought cattle, they would have had grazing problems as there was very little land in their village. [1]
- 3) The women now have a new sense of confidence. Besides, they have learnt how to collectively anticipate challenges and work them out at the community level. [1]
- 4) a. i. precedent ii. lone [1]
- b. What do they plan? [1]
- 5) a. i. She will not only make a profit but establish her reputation
ii. One of those who underwent the special training programme had shown her courage. [1]
- b. i. No. Meaning in the text: to put up or stand up against
ii. No. Meaning in the text: granted/approved [1]

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- 6) From this text, we can learn that women in rural areas are trying very hard, through self-help groups and NGOs, to improve the quality of their lives. It is the duty of city dwellers to see what they can do in order to encourage these women. [2]

Q.2 (A) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

- 1) On July 15, Mumbai's BEST had completed 75 years of city bus service. [1]
- 2) The maximum bus fare in those days was less than a rupee. [1]
- 3) The passengers usually faced the problem of lack of change which resulted in arguments with the bus conductor. [1]
- 4) a. Perfect Present Tense [1]
b. I saw a bus leaving for Ville Parle – Main Clause [1]
As I got down – Subordinate Adverb Clause of Time
- 5) a. i. travel ii. Repay [1]
b. i. forget ii. Unusual [1]
- 6) Once when I was travelling by bus, I realised that I had forgotten my wallet at home and had no money to buy the ticket. I was scared to face the bus conductor. I thought about getting down from the bus immediately, but realized that I was getting late for my exam. I finally mustered the courage to explain the situation to the bus conductor. He was about to lose his temper, when a man, who had overheard our conversation, bought the ticket for me. [2]

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

- 1) According to Rakesh, grandfather was older than some of the Oak trees. [1]
- 2) Some blossoms fell off the tree as tiny birds pecked at the blossoms and broke them off. [1]
- 3) Rakesh enjoyed the pleasures of running, jumping, climbing trees and listening to grandfather's tales. [1]
- 4) a. Some of the oak trees were not as old as grandfather. [1]
b. Won't they be better next year? [1]
- 5) a. tiny birds - bigger birds b. nectar [2]
- 6) The tree that I had planted in the garden was growing very fast. The following year there were more blossoms. And suddenly the tree was taller than me, even though it was less than half my age. Soon it was taller than grandfather, who was older than some of the Oak trees! Often, bees came to feed on the nectar in the blossoms, and tiny birds pecked at the blossoms and broke them off. But the tree kept blossoms right through the spring, and there were always more blossoms than birds. That summer there were small cherries on the tree. I tasted one. But it was too sour and so I spat it out. [2]

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Q.3. Do as directed:

- 1) Allow your friends to be themselves, would you? [1]
- 2) He was focussed on nothing else except success. [1]
- 3) Keryn went to her bedroom mirror in a hurry. [1]
- 4) Jones wished Mr. Smith a good morning and informed that he had only come up for business for few hours. [1]

SECTION B (Poetry)

Q.4. (A) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

- 1) The truth some people express is to ‘eat right, get fit and die any way’. [1]
- 2) All the efforts to reduce weight by the poet failed and the weighing machine didn’t show any sign of change in his weight. Thus, he decided to give up exercise. [1]
- 3) The pivotal theme of the poem ‘Exercise!’ has been treated in a lighter vain by the poet, the last stanzas bearing out the humourous treatment to the theme. [1]
- 4) The right approach to physical fitness is to work hard, play sports and eat a balanced diet. Slimness isn’t as important as being fit. Fitness can be achieved through walking, climbing stairs or practicing yoga etc. This is the real key to good health. [1]
- 5) “But the scale hasn’t budged an inch”. It means, in spite of all the efforts at various exercises, the poet couldn’t reduce his weight and the same thing has been reflected in the machine which hasn’t shown even the slightest reduction in his weight. [1]

(B) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below:

- 1) No one except the shining harmless eye of the moon sees the snail’s shining track. [1]
- 2) The cat is lean-flanked and hungry eyed. [1]
- 3) The moon-white owls are compared to phantoms. [1]
- 4) Yes, I think once the darkness falls, all the nocturnal creatures become active, they are wakeful. Therefore, the title is appropriate. It is a classic example of “Transferred Epithet”. [1]
- 5) **Interrogation:** A rhetorical question is asked instead of using a mere statement. [1]

SECTION C (Rapid Reading)

Q.5. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below:

- 1) Dondre Green, an 18-year old high-school senior from Monroe, Louisiana, was the honoured guest for the evening. [1]

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- 2) The Caldwell Parish Country Club in Columbia allowed only whites to play. [1]
- 3) This story is obviously about incidents of racial discrimination in the U.S.A. [1]
- 4) Yes. Once I was kept out of a match played by our college cricket team because I had not paid the fees in time. I felt very depressed during the match. [2]

SECTION D (Writing Skills)

Q.6. (A) Write any one of the following letters: [5]

Write a letter to your sister/brother telling her/him about your best friend and how much you trust her/him and how you share your secrets with her/him.

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Dear Ramesh,

A few days ago, I was reading 'How to win friends and influence people' and Mohan's name came to my mind. Six years ago, I had met him at an Inter School Athletics Meet and he stood second in 100 m sprint. That performance and his personality impressed me greatly. So, as advised by Carnegie, I got interested in him and indeed, since that day we have been very close friends.

Though we study in different schools, we always share our knowledge about common subjects. The past six years have resulted in a very close bond of mutual trust and integrity. Mohan is a very down to earth boy, outspoken, but at the same time loving and caring. He doesn't like putting on airs and for this very quality, I felt an inner urge to make our friendship stronger.

I recall one incidence when we were at Dadar station. A slovenly looking boy tried his sleight of hand at my pocket. Mohan darted for the boy and slapped him under the temple. I feel indebted to him and I am very fortunate to have such a friend. I trust him completely and share all my secrets with him.

Wishing you a very good time ahead,

Yours affectionately,

XYZ