

Sample Question Paper

(SSLC Examination 2025)

ADDITIONAL ENGLISH

By
Meghalaya Board of School Education (MBOSE)

| Answer to Question No. | ADDITIONAL ENGLISH (2024) |
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| | Full marks – 80 Pass marks – 24 Time – 3 hours General Instructions: |
| 1. | Please check that this Question paper contains 51 questions. |
| 2. | 15 minutes time is given for the candidates to read the Question Paper. The Question Paper will be distributed 15 minutes before the scheduled time of the examinations. In these 15 minutes, the candidates should only read the instructions and questions carefully and should not write answers on the Answers sheet. |
| 3. | The Question Paper contains 4 sections, Section A, B, C and D |
| 4. | Section – A contains Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ). Choose the most appropriate answer form the given options. The answers to his section must be provided in the boxes provided in the Answer sheet. Answers provided anywhere else will not be counted for marking. |
| 5. | Section – B contains Short Answer Question |
| 6. | Section – C contains Long Answer Questions. |
| 7. | Section – D Composition and Creative Writing Skills. |

Subject: Additional English

| A. | The Scheme of Examination | | |
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| | | Maximum marks | Marks |
| | Theory Examination | 80 | 24 |
| | Internal Assessment | 20 | 06 |
| | Total | 100 | 30 |
| B. | Scheme of Theory Examination | | |
| | Section | Topics | Marks |
| | Section – A (Multiple choice questions) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prose • Poetry • Play • One-word substitution | 30 |
| | Section – B (Short questions) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prose • Poetry • Play | 13 |
| | Section – C (Long Answer Questions) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prose • Poetry • Play | 15 |
| | Section – D (Composition & Creative writing skills) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertisement • Amplification • Summary Or • Diary Writing • Essay | 4 5 5 8 |
| | | TOTAL | 80 |
| C | Scheme of Internal Assessment | | |
| | The Internal Assessment can be done through any one of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project work. 2. Written tests. 3. Assignments (Class work or home work) | | |

| | SECTION A | Marks allotted |
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| | Multiple choice questions. Attempt all questions. | 1x30 = 30 |
| 1. | The semi – barbaric king had a daughter who was A. Known for her foolish nature. B. Very civilized. C. Passionate and commanding. D. Weak but kind. | |
| 2. | What message does the story ‘war’ portray? A. It portrays the depth of human sorrow during a war. B. It portrays bloodshed of one particular country. C. It portrays lack of respect towards each other. D. It portrays that only boys of twenty devoted their life to their country. | |
| 3. | The story ‘The lady or the tiger’ was written by: A. Frank R. Stockton B. Roald Dahl. C. Luigi Pirandello D. L.P. Hartley. | |
| 4. | Occasionally, the postmaster would sit on _____ in a corner of his large hut. A. A wooden chair. B. A low wooden bench. C. A low wooden stool. D. The floor. | |
| 5. | What was Rama Rao’s source of income after losing his job? A. The prize money from winning the puzzles. B. The rent from the extension. C. The money he had inherited as security. D. The loans he got from his friends. | |
| 6. | The stranger claimed that he could dive from a height of A. Forty feet. B. Eighty feet. C. Sixty feet. D. Thirty feet. | |
| 7. | If country exists, if country is a natural necessity, somebody _____ A. Must go to defend it. B. Must go to attack it. C. Must keep it clean. D. Must develop it. | |
| 8. | In the story, ‘The Postmaster’, the tendency of human nature is A. To always have high hopes. B. To cling to false hopes. C. To use logic and reason whenever there is a problem. D. To cling to wealth. | |
| 9. | Why was the princess in great agony? A. She failed to possess the secret of the doors. B. She could not come to the conclusion whether to guide or misguide her lover. C. Her lover was indifferent to her. D. Her lover had never truly loved her. | |

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| 10. | The poem 'Swimmers' was written by A. William Wordsworth. B. Edwin Markham. C. Rudyard Kipling. D. Louis Untermeyer. | |
| 11. | The Lord God made and gave man: A. Dominion over sea and land. B. Dominion over the stars and the heavens C. The power over lesser men. D. The power to mark his ways upon the ancient deep. | |

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| 12. | Beat the great wave that _____ exults A. Rapidly B. Endlessly C. Tirelessly D. Continuously | |
| 13. | Kipling says that if we are being lied about, A. We should also lie about them. B. We should not deal in lies. C. We should not avoid the people who lied about us. D. We should confront the people who lied about us. | |
| 14. | The river carried away one pregnant woman expecting: A. Fraternal twins. B. Triplets. C. Quadruplets. D. Identical twins. | |
| 15. | After Lucy died, the poet is left with: A. Only memories of her. B. No memories of her at all. C. Suicidal thoughts. D. Regretful memories. | |
| 16. | If neither foes nor _____ friends can hurt you: A. Loyal. B. Trustworthy. C. Helpful. D. Loving. | |
| 17. | What will be dear to Lucy? A. The stars of midnight. B. The motions of the storm. C. The bending branches D. The willow tree | |
| 18. | Why did Oberon want to use the magical flower on Demetrius? A. To make him fall in love with Helena. B. To punish him for loving Hermia. C. To make him fall out of love with Hermia. D. To make him hate Hermia. | |

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| 19. | Nick Bottom was to play the part of Pyramus who killed himself for the sake of _____ A. Friendship. B. Love. C. Family. D. Happiness. | |
| 20. | What did snout fear about the lion's role in the play? A. That the costume would be too heavy. B. That it would frighten the ladies. C. That it would not look realistic enough. D. That Snug could not play the role. | |
| 21. | Robin Starveling was a _____ A. Taio. B. Bellows – mender. C. Tinker. D. None of the above. | |
| 22. | What was Puck's final message to the audience? A. He promised to dance for them if they applaud. B. He promised to sing for them if they applaud. C. He promised to sprinkle field – dew on them if they applaud. D. He promised to do good for them if they applaud. | |
| 23. | The Duke told Hippolyta that he felt sorry because: A. He did not want to marry her. B. He had been unfaithful to her. C. He had hurt her and her people in the war. D. All of the above. | |
| 24. | 'Athens did seem a paradise to me', who spoke these words? A. Helena. B. Hermia. C. Hippolyta. D. Titania. | |
| 25. | What were Titania and Bottom doing when Oberon found them? A. They were singing with the fairies. B. They were preparing for their wedding. C. They were quarrelling. D. They were asleep on the bed of flowers. | |
| 26. | Puck said that he could girdle round the earth in only _____ minutes. A. Forty. B. Thirty. C. Fifty. D. Twenty. | |
| 27. | A residence for monks or priests: A. Convent. B. Dormitory. C. Monastery. D. Refectory. | |

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| 28. | To look at someone in an angry or threatening way: A. Glower. B. Gnaw. C. Gnash. D. Grind. | |
| 29. | A doctor who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of heart diseases: A. Dermatologist. B. Urologist. C. Cardiologist. D. Neurologist. | |
| 30. | The feeling that something unpleasant is going to happen. A. Premonition. B. Imagination. C. Phobia. D. Delusion. | |
| SECTION - B | | |
| | Short Answer Questions. Answer any five: | 2x5=10 |
| 31. | What had the princess seen or imagined she had seen the beautiful damsel do? | |
| 32. | Why did the circus manager's chest muscles twitch under his thin shirt? | |
| 33. | How would Rama Rao try to pacify the news – agent? | |
| 34. | What decision did the postmaster make after he recovered from his illness? | |
| 35. | Why did Queen Titania not want to part with the boy? | |
| 36. | Who was Hippolyta? | |
| 37. | Where did Lysander's aunt live? | |
| 38. | Why did the craftsmen of Athens want to stage a play during the Duke's wedding festivities? | |
| | Read and extracts and answer the questions that follow (any one): | 1x3 = 3 |
| 39. | And on his back the burden of the world who made him dead to rapture and despair, A thing that grieves not and that never hopes, Stolid and stunned, a brother to the ox? i. Whom do these lines refer to ? ii. What is the burden he is carrying on his back? iii. Why has he been called a 'brother to the ox'? OR 'He was there for a day' | |
| 40. | i. Who is 'he' referred to here? ii. Where is he for a day? iii. What did he see? | |

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| | SECTION – C | |
| | Long Answer Questions. | |
| 41. | “She had lost him, but who should have him?” What do you think that she would like the youth to meet – the lady or the tiger? Give reasons to justify your answer. OR | 5 |
| 42. | “It’s a first – rate act, that, and will put money in our pockets.” What made the speaker consider it a first – rate act’ and why did he desperately need it for his circus? | 5 |
| 43. | Describe the swimmer’s struggle in the sea. OR | 5 |
| 44. | ‘And treat those two imposters just the same’. Who or what are these two imposters and why should we treat them the same? | |
| 45. | Why were Oberon and the Queen of Fairy land quarrelling and how did their quarrel affect nature? OR | |
| 46. | ‘Believe me, King of shadows, these mistakes are accidental’. What was the speaker talking about and what were the consequences of his mistakes? | |
| | SECTION – D COMPOSITION | |
| 47. | You have lost your bag on your way to the market. Draft an advertisement to be published in a local newspaper giving all the relevant details. | 4 |
| 48. | Amplify any one of the following: | 5 |
| | a. Self help is the best help. b. Procrastination is the thief of time. c. A hungry man is an angry man. | |

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| 49. | Summarize the given passage: | 5 |
| | <p>Education is a powerful tool that shapes the minds and futures of individuals and societies. It's like a bright light that chases away the darkness of ignorance, opening doors to knowledge and understanding. From the moment a child learns to read and write, education begins its transformative work, expanding horizons and fostering curiosity. In the modern world, education is a bridge to better job opportunities and a key factor in economic growth. It's an investment in the future, one that yields returns in the form of healthier societies, innovation and progress. Moreover, education equips us to face challenges, adapt to change and solve the complex problems of our times. In essence, education nurtures the potential within every human being to live a life of dignity and purpose. It's not just about securing a diploma or degree; It's a lifelong journey that continuously enriches our existence. With education, we don't just live; we thrive, dream and achieve.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> | |
| 50. | <p>Write a diary entry on the following: Your school had celebrated Teachers' Day with great enthusiasm and you had participated. Jot down your experience and everything you did.</p> | 5 |
| 51. | <p>Write an essay on any on any one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The worst nightmare you have ever had. Youths are nations builders. | 8 |

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