

SSLC MODEL EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY- 2017

ANSWER KEY – ENGLISH

1. The speaker loves to get up in a pleasant summer morning.
2. Birds singing on every tree and skylark singing with him. The entire flora and fauna give the speaker sweet company.
3. ABABB
4. Horn of the huntsman/ song of birds/ singing of the skylark...etc
5. Vanka is writing a letter to his grandfather Konstantin Makarich.
6. He has no boots and he was afraid of the frost.
7. Flog
8. He will grind snuff for him and he asks the steward to let him clean the boots or he will go as a shepherd-boy instead of Fedya.
9. He will look after his grandfather and he will not let anyone hurt him and when he dies he will pray for his soul.

10. Appreciation of the lines from the poem ‘The Ballad of Father Gilligan’

The poem ‘The Ballad of Father Gilligan’ by W.B Yeats is a touching narrative that illustrates god’s everlasting benevolence and how he intervenes in the life an earnest priest at a time of immense need.

Father Gilligan was so despondent for neglecting his religious duty to offer the last communion to the sick man. The priest cried in dismayed fear for not going to the sick man’s bed to perform his last rites. Shocked at his failure to perform his religious duty, he rode recklessly to the sick man’s house without caring for his own safety. He reached the house and the sick man’s wife opened the door. On seeing him she was surprised because her husband had already received the last sacrament from the priest and he had passed away happily. But the priest had come again. So the widow couldn’t understand why the priest had come again. When the priest asked whether the sick man was dead, she told him that he died happily after the priest had left. Her words filled him with grief and he swayed to and from.

The poem is a ballad. The poem is stanzaic in structure with twelve stanzas of four lines each. It is simple and pertaining to oral tradition. The poem is rich with many images. The poem follows the rhyme scheme ABABB.

11. (d) The pigeon makes nest with a few twigs laid across a branch.
12. A garden honey comb is built with great mathematical precision and superb workmanship.

13. It uses wet mud mixed with tiny fragments of dried grass, roots and hair to act as reinforcement. It needs several hammer blows to destroy an oven bird's nest.
14. (a) industrious (b) precision
15. A badger's burrow is so complicated that is easy to get lost among the many passages and rooms.
- 16. Narrate Martha's story /Review of the story 'The best Investment I ever Made'.**
- 17. Letter**
- 18. Notice**
- 19. Character sketch of the grandfather.**
- 20. Diary entry of Martha.**
- 21. Profile of Rabindranath Tagore.**
- 22. A. don't you?**
B. who was it?
C. Did it bite you?
D. it would have attacked me.
E. what did you do? / How did you manage to escape?
- 23. The Jungle Book**
- 24. Princess Jasmine**
- 25. King Louie**
- 26. A complacent black panther.**
- 27. Rajah**
- 28. (a) about (b) after (c) for (d) in**
- 29. (a) making (b) asks (c) herself (d) rural childhood**
- 30. (a) set out (b) came across (c) make out (d) went on**
- 31. (i) Rahul bought a car (Subject+ Verb+ Object)**
(ii) They are busy (Subject + Verb+ Complement)
(iii) Roshan put the letter in the pocket. (Subject+ Verb+ Object + Adverbial)
- 32. (a) Mother asked father what he was going to do with the wild rabbit.**
(b) Father replied that their children would take care of it.

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