

TOPICS FOR PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
(Interview Posts and Non-Interview Posts)
GROUP-II & IIA (SYLLABUS - GENERAL ENGLISH)
S.S.L.C. Standard (Objective Type)

Part-A: Grammar

1. Match the following Words and Phrases given in Column A with their meanings in Column B.
2. Choose the correct 'Synonym' for the underlined word from the options given.
3. Choose the correct 'Antonym' for the underlined word from the options given.
4. Select the correct word (Prefix, Suffix).
5. Fill in the blanks with suitable Article.
6. Fill in the blanks with suitable Preposition.
7. Select the correct Question Tag.
8. Select the correct Tense.
9. Select the correct Voice.
10. Fill in the blanks (Infinitive, Gerund, Participle).
11. Identify the sentence pattern of the following sentence (Subject, Verb, Object...).
12. Fill in the blanks with correct Homophones.
13. Find out the Error (Articles, Preposition, Noun, Verb, Adjective, Adverb).
14. Select the correct Sentence.
15. Find out the odd words (Verb, Noun, Adjective, Adverb).
16. Select the correct Plural forms.
17. Identify the Sentence (Simple, Compound, Complex Sentence).
18. Identify the correct Degree.
19. Form a new word by blending the words.
20. Form compound words (E.g., Noun + Verb, Gerund + Noun).
21. British English – American English.

Part-B: Poetry

- (a) Figures of Speech
(Alliteration – Simile – Metaphor – Personification – Onomatopoeia – Anaphora – Rhyme Scheme – Rhyming Words – Repetition, etc.)
- (b) Poetry Appreciation.
- (c) Important Lines.

LIST OF POEMS

1. Life – *Henry Van Dyke*.
2. I am Every Woman – *Rakhi Nariani Shirke*.
3. The Secret of the Machines – *Rudyard Kipling*.
4. The Ant and The Cricket – *Adapted from Aesop's fables*.
5. No Men are Foreign – *James Falconer Kirkup*.
6. The House on Elm Street – *Nadia Bush*.
7. Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening – *Robert Frost*.

8. A Poison Tree – *William Blake*.
9. On Killing a Tree – *Gieve Patel*.
10. The Spider and the Fly – *Mary Botham Howitt*.
11. The River – *Caroline Ann Bowles*.
12. The Comet – *Norman Littleford*.
13. The Stick-together Families – *Edgar Albert Guest*.
14. Special Hero – *Christina M. Kerschen*.
15. Making Life Worth While – *George Elliot*.
16. A Thing of Beauty – *John Keats*.
17. Lessons in Life – *Brigitte Bryant & Daniel Ho*.
18. My Computer Needs a Break – *Shanthini Govindan*.
19. Your Space – *David Bates*.
20. Sea Fever – *John Masefield*.
21. Courage – *Edgar Albert Guest*.
22. Team Work – *Edgar Albert Guest*.
23. From a Railway Carriage – *Robert Louis Stevenson*.
24. Indian Seasons – *Nisha Dyrene*.
25. A Tragic Story – *William Makepeace Thackeray*.

Part-C: Literary Works

I. List of Prose

1. His First Flight – *Liam O’Flaherty*.
2. The Tempest – *Tales From Shakespeare*.
3. The Last Lesson – *Alphonse Daudet*.
4. The Little Hero of Holland – *Mary Mapes Dodge*.
5. The Dying Detective – *Arthur Conan Doyle*.
6. Learning the Game (Book Extract) – *Sachin Tendulkar*.
7. The Cat and the Painkiller (An Extract from *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*) – *Mark Twain*.
8. Water – The Elixir of Life – *Sir C.V. Raman*.
9. The Story of a Grizzly Cub – *William Temple Hornaday*.
10. Sir Isaac Newton – *Nathaniel Hawthorne*.
11. My Reminiscence – *Rabindranath Tagore*.
12. The Woman on Platform 8 – *Ruskin Bond*.
13. The Nose Jewel – *C. Rajagopalachari*.
14. A Birthday Letter – *Jawaharlal Nehru*.

II. Biographies of -

Mahatma Gandhi - Jawaharlal Nehru - Subash Chandra Bose - Helen Keller -
Kalpana Chawala - Dr. Salim Ali - Rani of Jhansi - Nelson Mandela – Abraham
Lincoln.

III. General Comprehension.