

S.Y.J.C Prelims Exam. Jan-2020.  
ENGLAND / English



SYJC

80 Marks

Duration: 3 Hrs..

**SECTION I**

(Reading Skill, Vocabulary, Grammar, Note-Making and Summary)

Q1 (A) Read the first activity, read the extract and then do all the activities. (12 Marks)

State whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE : (2 Marks)

1. Dell has wholly owned subsidiaries in 16 countries.
2. Dell's companies do not encourage productivity.
3. The other computer companies gave up because of Dell's success.
4. Dell always wanted to be the best.

By the day Michael Dell would have graduated from college, his company was selling \$70 million worth of computers a year. Dell quit dealing in his improved versions of other companies' products and started designing, assembling and marketing his own,

Today Dell Computer has wholly owned subsidiaries in 16 countries, including Japan. The company has revenues of over \$2 billion, employs some 5500 persons, and Dell's personal fortune is between \$250 million and \$300 million. To encourage even greater productivity, Dell computer gives its employees awards for ideas worth trying, even if they don't work out. "Our success has forced the giants to become more competitive." Dell says, "That's good for the consumer."

Dell, his wife and their two-year-old daughter lead a pretty normal life. His charity is generous but quiet. He also regularly lectures on entrepreneurship to MBA students at the University of Texas.

Back when his firm was two people in one room, Dell told his friends his dream was to become the world's largest personal computer maker. He was unrealistic, they said.

"Why would anyone want to be second or third or tenth?" he replied. His message to us all why not at least try to realize your dream, what deep down you would truly love to achieve?

A 2 Describe Dell Computers' present status. (2 marks)

A 3. "His charity is generous but quiet." Explain. (2 marks)

A 4. Find out the Antonyms from the extract for : (2 marks)

- (a) Worsened \_\_\_\_\_ (b) partly \_\_\_\_\_ (c) miserly \_\_\_\_\_  
(d) smallest \_\_\_\_\_

A 5. What is your dream? Are you doing your best to realize it? (2 marks)

A 6 Rewrite the following sentences in the ways instructed: (2 marks)

1. That's good for the consumer. (Rewrite as an Interrogative sentence)
2. His charity is generous but quiet. (Rewrite using not only.....but also)

Q i (B) DO AS DIRECTED :

(3 Marks)

- (1) I will lodge \_\_\_\_\_ F I R about \_\_\_\_\_ theft of my scooter.  
(Fill in the blanks using appropriate Articles)
- (2) The swimmer dived \_\_\_\_\_ river and swam \_\_\_\_\_ the boat which was sinking. (Use suitable Prepositions and fill in the blanks)
- (3) He said to me, "Please lend me some money today." (Change to Indirect Speech)

Q II (A) Write the following statements in their sequential order.

(12 Marks)

- (a) The writer experienced the cell phone revolution in his friend's country farm in Kerala.(2)
- (b) Before 1975, the telephone was not common.
- (c) The writer's book " The Elephant, the Tiger and the Cell phone" is about the transformation of India.
- (d) Today the local toddy tapper can afford a cell phone.

Recently I visited the country farm of a friend in Kerala. It was in a rural area near the Trivandrum backwaters, some 20 kilometres away from anything you'd consider urban. My friend asked if I wanted fresh coconut water. I said yes, and he pulled out his cell phone and dialled a number. A voice replied " I'm here." We looked up and there was the local toddy tapper, on top of the nearest coconut tree, with his lungi tied up at his knees, a hatchet in one hand and a cell phone in the other. He brought the coconuts down, we had a refreshing drink, and I marvelled once again as what the cell phone revolution has wrought in our country.

As some readers know, my recent book is called 'The Elephant, the Tiger and the Cell phone.' It is a book about the transformation of India, and two-thirds of the title is perhaps self-explanatory. I begin the book with a Panchantantra type fable about India as a lumbering, slumbering, ponderous elephant, mired in its own dust and mud, covered in flies, slow to move, slow to change, which in recent years has appeared to be acquiring the stripes of an agile, lithe and sinewy tiger. But the third element of the title comes in because to me the cell phone is the instrument that most epitomizes this change.

I grew up in an India in which telephones were both rare and virtually useless. When I left India in 1975 to go to the US for graduate studies, we had perhaps 600 million residents in the country and just two million land-line telephones. Having a telephone was a rare privilege, if you weren't an important government official, or a doctor, or a journalist, you might languish in a long waiting list and never receive a phone. Telephones were such a rarity (after all, 90% of the population had no access to a telephone line) that elected members of Parliament had amongst their privileges the right to allocate 15 telephone connections to whomever they deemed worthy.

A 2. FIND OUT :

( 2 Marks)

Telephones were a rare privilege because: (1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

A 3.. Write from the extract the qualities these animals symbolize : (2 Marks)

1. The Elephant symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Tiger symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_

A 4.. Pick out from the extract any (FOUR) 4 expressions related to the telephone. (2 marks)

A 5.. Suggest the uses of a smart phone/cell phone in self study. (2 Marks)

A 6.. GRAMMAR : (2 marks)

Rewrite the following sentences in the ways instructed:

1. Choose the correct Active Voice form of the given sentences:- (✓)

“ My book was called ‘ The Elephant, the Tiger and The Cell phone.’ ”

- 1) I called my book ‘The Elephant, The Tiger and the Cell phone’
  - 2) I call my book, ‘The Elephant, The Tiger and the Cell phone.’
  - 3) I am calling my book, The Elephant, The Tiger and The Cell phone.’
3. I spent my high school years in Calcutta. (Rewrite the sentence using the Present Perfect Continuous Tense)

Q II (B) NOTE MAKING :- (3 Marks)

Read the following extract and complete the note given below:

The small village of Somnathpur contains an extraordinary temple, built around 1286 A.D. by the Hoyasalas of Karnataka -- one of the most prolific temple builders. Belur and Helebid are among the better-known works. While these suffered during the invasion of the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the Somnathpur temple stands more or less intact in near-original condition. The small temple captivates with the beauty and vitality of its detailed sculpture, covering almost every inch of the walls, pillars and even ceilings. It has three Shikars and stands on a star-shaped raised platform with 24 edges. The outer walls have a profusion of detailed carvings” the entire surface run over by carved plaques of stone. There were vertical panels covered by exquisite figures of Gods and Goddesses, with many incarnations being depicted. There were nymphs too, some carrying an ear of maize, a symbol of plenty and prosperity. The elaborate ornamentation, very characteristic of Hoyasala sculptures was a remarkable feature. One closer look----and it is worth it---- the series of friezes on the outer walls revealed intricately carved caparisoned elephants, charging horsemen, stylized flowers and warriors.

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SOMNATH TEMPLE

- (1) Location: \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Year: 1268 A.D.
- (3) Built by : \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) Captivated with : \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) Structural features:

Three Shikars

- (i) Star-shaped platform with 24 edges
- (ii) Outer wall carvings \_\_\_\_\_, charging horsemen and \_\_\_\_\_ warriors.
- (iii) Nymphs -- symbol of \_\_\_\_\_

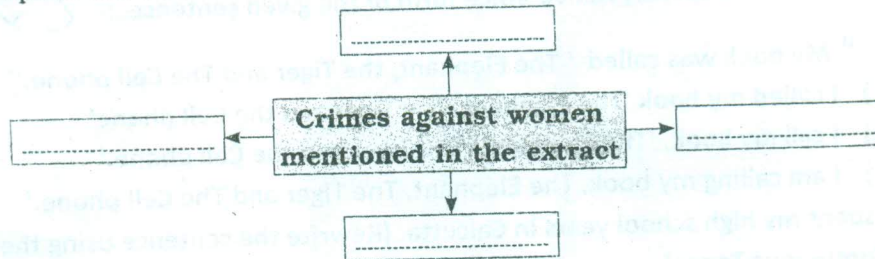
Q. III (A) UNSEEN PASSAGE :

(12 marks)

Read the first activity, read the extract and do all the activities :

(2 marks)

A1. Complete the web :



Co-education is a system of education where boys and girls study together. In a country as conservative as India, co-education helps boys and girls break popular misconceptions existing between both since time immemorial.

Co-education encourages familiarity between boys and girls and they start breaking misconceptions about each other. Their general outlook changes and they develop a healthy normal relationship with more mature personalities. There is no discrimination based on sex. It has often been seen that students who come from a co-educational background are better communicators than students who study in the same sex institutions. Co-education also helps students in their later life when they become professionals and interact with the opposite sex. As these boys and girls lose their shyness, they develop a broader outlook and are devoid of a narrow mentality. It is necessary to have more co-educational institutions, to nurture good, normal, healthy citizens who in turn can help remove social evils like dowry through joint efforts. Co-education can also reduce eve teasing, rape, ragging and other crimes against women. With more understanding a mutual respect is developed and the mind is free of any unsavoury thoughts. Thinking maturity comes at an early age and goes a long way in developing well-rounded personalities in both.

What needs to be done immediately nationwide is to introduce co-education right from primary school. At this stage itself parents and teachers should take precautions in ensuring a proper balance between education and moral values.

A 2. Enumerate the positive effects of co-education on boys and girls. (2 marks)

A 3. Suggest a few measures for the effective implementation of co-education. (2 marks)

A 4. Give the Antonyms of the following: (2)

a) Conservative : \_\_\_\_\_ b) encourage; \_\_\_\_\_

Give the adjective forms of the following:

a) Familiarity : \_\_\_\_\_ b) crime: \_\_\_\_\_

A 5 According to you, what facilities should be given to women at their work places? (2)

A 6 Rewrite the following sentences in the ways instructed: (2)

(1) Co-education encourages familiarity. (Rewrite the sentence beginning with "Familiarity.....")

(2) Parents and teachers should take precautions in ensuring a proper balance between education and moral values. (Rewrite it using the infinitive form of the underlined word)

III B Write a Summary of the above extract with the help of the points given below and suggest a suitable title. (Write the Summary in 4 or 5 sentences ONLY) (3 Marks)

Points: Co-education---defined as --- advantages --- removes social ills ---- develops personalities --- role of parents and teachers.

SECTION II (POETRY) (8 marks)

Q IV Read the given extract and do the activities that follow:

How do you know – Peace is a woman?

I know, for I met her yesterday, on my winding way , to the world's fare.

She had such a wonderful face just like a golden flower faded before her prime.

I asked her why she was so sad? She told me her baby was killed in Auschwitz, her daughter in Hiroshima and her sons in Vietnam, Ireland, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Bosnia, Rwanda, Kosovo and Chechnya...

All the rest of her children she said, are on the nuclear blacklist of the dead, all the rest. Unless the whole world understands that peace is a woman.

A thousand candles then lit in her starry eyes, and I saw angels bearing a moonlit message:

6. . . .

Peace is indeed a pregnant woman. Peace is a mother.

A 1. Complete the following sentences:

(2 marks)

Peace was looking so sad because:

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

A 2. POETIC DEVICE:

(2)

"A thousand candles then lit in her starry eyes." (Name and explain the figure of speech)

A 3. Suggest TWO ways in which we can rid the world from wars.

(2)

A 4. Compose (TWO) lines of your own on "Peace"

(2)

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SECTION III (RAPID READING & COMPOSITION)

(8 Marks)

Q V (A) Read the extract and do all the activities that follow:

The two girls made their plans. There were many thieves on the roads in those days, and it was dangerous for rich and beautiful young women to travel alone. So they stained their faces with a brown juice to make them look sunburned, and wore simple country clothes. Rosalind, who was much taller than Celia, dressed herself as a young man, and took the name of Ganymede. Celia decided to call herself Aliena. They took with them a kind old servant called Touchstone, who served as Court Jester or "Fool" to Duke Frederick. (A Jester's duty was to keep the court amused with merry jokes and songs and to make his master laugh when he felt sad or dull.)

Touchstone had always been very fond of Celia, and he had gladly agreed to accompany her and Rosalind into the Forest of Arden. He still wore his Jester's clothes of red and black, with little bells hanging from his cap; and he was a great comfort to the two lonely girls, making them laugh with his merry jokes, and cheering them when they were tired and frightened.

As you can imagine, Duke Frederick was very angry when he was told that Celia had gone with Rosalind. He knew how much they had admired the young Orland de Boys, and he suspected that the two girls had joined the young man and that they had all run away together. "Send at once to Oliver's house," he said angrily, "and if Orlando is not there, bring his brother to me. I'll make him find him. Everything must be done to bring back these foolish runaways."

But when the Duke's servants came to Oliver's house, they found that their bird had flown. Orlando was no longer there. His faithful old servant Adam, had overheard Oliver planning to kill his younger brother by setting fire to his room that night and burning him to death. "And if he fails in that, he will find another way to murder you," old Adam had said, and he begged his young master to leave the place and take him with him.

(I) Match the characters and their attributes : (2 marks)

(A)	(B)
(a) Rosalind and Celia	(1) kind
(b) Touchstone	(2) rich and beautiful
(c) Adam	(3) cruel
(d) Duke Frederick	(4) faithful

(II) Write an imaginary Beginning Para (in about 50 words ONLY) for the given extract, Of the above. (2 marks)

(II) Extract: Yes, there was a skeleton in the cupboard, and although I never saw it, it played a small part in the events that followed its discovery. I was fifteen that year, and I was back in my boarding school in Simla after spending the long winter holidays in Dehradun. My mother was still managing the old Green's hotel in Dehra – a hotel that was soon to disappear and become part of Dehra's unrecorded history. It was called Green's not because it purported the spread of any greenery (its neglected garden was choked with lantana) but because it had been started by an Englishman, Mr. Greenback in 1920, just after the great war had ended in Europe. Mr. Green had died at the outset of the Second World War. He had just sold the hotel and was on his way back to England when the ship on which he was travelling was torpedoed by a German submarine. Mr. Green went down with the ship.

The hotel had already been in decline, and the new owner a Sikh businessman from Ludhiana, had done his best to keep it going. But post-war and post-Independence, Dehra was going through a lean period. My stepfather's motor workshop was also going through a lean period a crisis, in fact – and my mother was glad to take the job of running the small hotel while he took a job in Delhi. She wrote to me about once a month, giving me news of the hotel, some of its most interesting guests, the pictures that were showing in town.

"I know you're interested in detective stories." She wrote during the summer term, "and that you fancy yourself a Sherlock Holmes or Elley Queen. So what do you make of this strange happening? Last week we decided to clear out an old store-room that hadn't been opened for years. The keys were missing, so we had to break open the lock—inside there was a lot of furniture, rotting carpets, dusty files, broken flowerpots, even a mounted tiger's head. There were two or three locked cupboards which had to be forced open. Nothing much in the first two, but the third cupboard gave everyone a fright. As Triloki, our billiard marker, pulled open the door, a skeleton tumbled out! I mean a complete human skeleton.

**I** Read the above extract and do the activities that follow :- (2 marks)

State whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE :

- 1) Mr. Green died in a plane crash. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) The narrator was a teenage student. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) The writer's mother knew the exact cause of death. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) A skeleton tumbled out of the first cupboard. \_\_\_\_\_

**II** Write a gist of the extract in about 50 – 75 Words ONLY. (2 marks)

Q VI (A) WRITTEN COMMUNICATION :- (12 Marks)

Write any ONE (1) of the following Letters;- (4 marks)

- a) The condition of roads in your city/town/locality is extremely bad resulting in increasing road mishaps and inconvenience to people. Write a letter to the Editor of "The Times of India, D. N. Road, Mumbai 400001, drawing his attention to the authorities to take prompt action.

OR

Write a letter of appreciation to the Municipal Commissioner, Mumbai for the good work done by his garbage collection team in your area.

Q VI (B) Write any ONE (1) of the following: (4 marks)

Prepare a short Tourist Leaflet for a place of religious importance in India. Indicate the following in the Leaflet:

- 1) How to get there;
- 2) Where to stay;
- 3) What to see;
- 4) When to visit:                      5) Add your own points :

OR

REPORT WRITING :

Your college celebrated the 'World Environment Day' You are the Class Representative.

Write a Report on the celebration with the help of the following points :

- (1) Inauguration of the function
- (2) Address by the Chief Guest
- (3) Various activities carried out
- (4) Exhibition arranged
- (5) Vote of thanks

Q VI (C) Write any ONE (1) of the following: (4 marks)

COUNTER-VIEW

Read the following View Section and develop a Counter View Section in about 120 words on the following Topic:



' Can the use of Internet enhance Student's learning?'

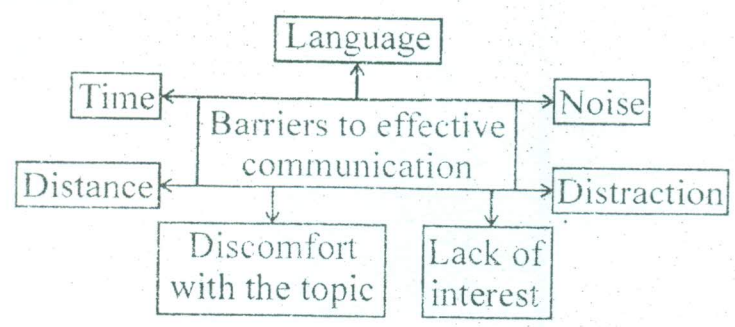
VIEW SECTION

- a) It is easier to find out all the information.
- b) It makes learning interesting.
- c) It provides easy access to resource material.
- d) It gives various explanations/view points about any Topic
- e) It gives latest updated knowledge.

OR

INFORMATION TRANSFER :

Look at the following Web-Chart and write a short paragraph based on it in about 120 words. Suggest a suitable Title.



Q VII (A) INTERVIEW QUESTIONS :- (4 marks)

You have to interview a young girl who has been selected to represent India at the Asian Games (Swimming Championship). Ask her about her early childhood, inspiration, coach etc. Prepare a set of EIGHT (8) to (10) Questions ( only) that you would like to ask her.

(B) SPEECH WRITING : (3 Marks)

Your college has organised an elocution competition. One of the topics therein is "Importance of Health." Prepare a Speech in about 100 words ONLY with the help of the following points:

- 1) Importance of exercise
- 2) Importance of Yoga
- 3) Importance of Diet.