

MODEL QUESTION
MADHYAMIK EXAMINATION (SE) 2017
ENGLISH (SECOND LANGUAGE)

[New Syllabus]

Time ---3 Hours 15 Minutes
(First 15 mins. for reading the question
paper only)

F.M - 90 (For Regular Candidates)
F.M - 100 (For External Candidates)

SECTION - A
READING COMPREHENSION (SEEN)

1. **Read the following paragraphs and answer the questions that follow:**

As he entered the school gate, an idea occurred to him. He would deliver the letter to the headmaster at the end of the day. There was a chance Samuel might do something during the course of the day to justify the letter.

Swami stood at the entrance to his class. Samuel was teaching arithmetic. He looked at Swami. Swami hoped Samuel would scold him severely.

“You are half an hour late,” Samuel said.

“I have a headache, Sir.” Swami said.

“Then why did you come at all?”

This was an unexpected question from Samuel.

Swami said, “My father said I shouldn’t miss school, Sir.”

Samuel looked impressed. “Your father is quite right. We want more parents like him.”

“Oh, you poor man!” Swami thought, “You don’t know what my father has done to you.”

“All right, go to your seat.”

Swami sat down, feeling sad. He had never met anyone as good as Samuel.

The teacher was inspecting the home lessons. To Swami’s thinking, this was the time when Samuel got most angry. But today Samuel appeared very gentle.

“Swaminathan, where is your homework?”

“I have not done my homework, Sir,” Swami said.

“Why---headache?” asked Samuel.

“Yes, Sir.”

“All right, sit down,” Samuel said.

A) **Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences in the given spaces:**

1 × 5 = 5

- a) Swami decided to deliver the letter to the headmaster---
- at the beginning of the day
 - during the arithmetic class
 - at the end of the day
 - during tiffin break

MCQ Model Answer:

Ques. No. 1 a) (iii) at the end of day

Answer: _____

b) Samuel was teaching---

- i) geometry
- ii) algebra
- iii) trigonometry
- iv) arithmetic

Answer: _____

c) According to Samuel, Swami was late by---

- i) half an hour
- ii) one hour
- iii) two hours
- iv) quarter of an hour

Answer: _____

d) Swami said that he had a---

- i) fever
- ii) headache
- iii) toothache
- iv) stomach ache

Answer: _____

e) To Swami's thinking, Samuel used to get most angry when he inspected---

- i) home lessons
- ii) class work
- iii) project work
- iv) examination copies

Answer: _____

B) Complete the following sentences with information from the text:

1 × 3 = 3

- a) As Swami entered the school gate _____
- b) There was a chance Samuel might _____
- c) Samuel said they wanted more parents like _____

C) a) State whether the following statements are True or False. Write 'T' for 'True' and 'F' for 'False' statements. Provide sentences/phrases/words in support of your answer:

2 × 2 = 4

- i) Swami expected that Samuel wouldn't scold him.
Supporting statement(s): _____
- ii) Swami left that he had never met a person as good as Samuel.
Supporting statement(s): _____

Or

b) Fill in the chart with information from the text:

2 × 2 = 4

Statement	Reason
	Swami felt sad
Swami could not do the homework	

2) Read the extract of the poem given below and answer the questions that follow:

Once I crept in an oakwood---I was looking for a stag.
I met an old woman there---all knobbly stick and rag.
She said: 'I have your secret here inside my little bag.'

Then she began to cackle and I began to quake.
She opened up her little bag and I came twice awake---
Surrounded by a staring tribe and me tied to a stake.

They said: 'We are the oak-trees and your own true family.
We are chopped down, we are torn up, you do not blink an eye.
Unless you make a promise now--- now you are going to die.'

A) Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences:

1 × 4 = 4

- a) The poet was looking for a---
i) lamb
ii) stag
iii) goat
iv) dog
- b) The woman whom the poet met in the oakwood was---
i) young
ii) middle aged
iii) very young
iv) old
- c) As the woman began to cackle the poet began to---
i) shout
ii) sing
iii) quake
iv) sweat

- d) The oak-trees wanted the poet to make a---
i) promise
ii) prayer
iii) wish
iv) contract

B) Answer the following questions:

2 × 2 = 4

- a) What did the old woman say?

- b) Who introduced themselves as the poet's own true family?

READING COMPREHENSION (UNSEEN)

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Kolkata: On reaching Hatkhola, off Shobhabazar, a drive down Hara Chandra Mullick Street leads the visitor to a narrow lane, cramped even for two persons to walk together. The whitewashed walls abound with paintings of freedom fighters, Swami Vivekananda, Sister Nivedita and scenes from the 'Ramkrishna Kathamrita'.

Where this old-world north kolkata alley ends is the entrance to Hatkhola Byayam Samiti. At 106, it is the city's oldest gymnasium. Established by freedom fighters in 1910, it is still going strong.

Manohar Aich and many other legends would regularly work out there with 'kusti' and 'mugur' at the feet of mammoth-sized wall paintings of Lord Hanuman, the resident deity of the samity.

The Mitra family of Hatkhola donated the plot of land to freedom fighters Upendranath Bandyopadhyay and Pushpalal Chakraborty who were associated with Anushilan Samity. Bandyopadhyay was also a co-accused with Barin Ghosh and Arobindo Ghosh in the Alipore Bomb case.

Body building and exercise were part of the regimen that the revolutionaries of the samity followed. With the sympathy of the Mitras, the samity naturally teemed with freedom fighters at that time.

A) Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences:

1 × 6 = 6

- a) The lane leading to the Hatkhola Byayam Samity is---
i) very dirty
ii) broad enough
iii) reeking with bad smell
iv) very narrow
- b) The walls along the lane are abound with---
i) paintings of freedom fighters
ii) film posters
iii) political slogans
iv) advertisements

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- c) The entrance to Hatkhola Byayam Samity is—
i) Hara Chandra Mullick Street
ii) at the end of a north kolkata alley
iii) near Shobhabazar
iv) on Vivekananda Road
- d) The Samity was established in—
i) 1926
ii) 1906
iii) 1910
iv) 1920
- e) At present Hatkhola Byayam Samity—
i) has been shut down
ii) is still patronised by body-builders
iii) has been shifted to a new address
iv) is in a dilapidated condition
- f) The wall paintings of Lord Hanuman—
i) are extremely large in size
ii) look dull and unattractive
iii) are very small in size
iv) are gaudy and colourful

B) Each of the following sentences is either 'True' or 'False'. Write 'T' for 'True' and 'F' for 'False' in the right hand side. Also pick out suitable line from the text in support of your answer:

$(1+1) \times 3 = 6$

- i) The Hatkhola Byayam Samity is said to be the city's oldest gymnasium.
Supporting Sentence: _____

- ii) A group of stage actors thronged at the Hatkhola Byayam Samity.
Supporting Sentence: _____

- iii) The age of most of the members ranges between 20 and 70.
Supporting Sentence: _____

C) Answer the following questions:

$2 \times 4 = 8$

- a) Who donated the plot of land?

- b) Name the two revolutionaries connected with the Alipore Bomb Case.

c) How many members does the samity have at present?

d) Tick the most appropriate title for the passase:

- i) Gymnasium and freedom fighters
- ii) Hatkhola Byayam Samity—the city’s oldest gymnasium
- iii) Old world of North Kolkata

SECTION - B
GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

4. Write the correct alternative to fill in the blanks: 1 × 3 = 3

Four persons _____ (kill / was killed / were killed) when a matador van _____ (collides / collided / was colliding) with a scooter last night. The river of the matador van _____ (is ar rested / have arrested / has been arrested).

5. Do as directed : 1 × 9 = 9

a) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions: 1 × 3 = 3

_____ great deal has been said and written _____ the gypsies. The gypsies attracted many people _____ their magic shows.

b) 1 × 3 = 3

(i) She is the best student in the class. (Rewrite the sentence using ‘better’)

(ii) Can you do this exercise? (Change the Voice)

(iii) I said to him, “May you be happy.” (Change the mode of narration)

c) Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the list given below to replace the words underlined. Write the correct phrasal verbes in the boxes on the right hand side, changing the form, where necessary. There is one extra phrasal verb in the list: 1 × 3 = 3

i) The brave never surrenders to evil.

ii) The rains will begin soon.

iii) His proposal was rejected.

[List of phrasal verbs: turn down, give in, bear away, set in]

6. Given below are the meanings of four words which you will find in Question No. 3. Find out the words and write them in the appropriate boxes on the right hand side:

$2 \times 4 = 8$

- a) not having enough space to move freely
- b) a narrow passage between buildings
- c) a god or goddess
- d) a set of rules about food or exercise

SECTION - C
WRITING

- 7) Write a story (within 100 words) using the given hints. Give a title to the story: 10

Hints: A soldier---prisoner of war for some years---war ends---returns home---sees a bird seller on the way---buys all the birds and sets them free

Space

- 8) Use the following flow-chart to write a paragraph (within 100 words) on how a School magazine is published: 10

Essays, stories, poems, sketches collected from students and teachers---edited by the editor---sent to press---proofs corrected---final printing---cut into book forms---books bound---distributed among students, teachers and others.

Space

- 9) Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper (within 100 words) about the problems faced by common people due to uncontrolled use of loudspeakers and soundboxes during different programmes and festivals. You may use the following points: 10

Points: Loudspeakers and soundboxes used day in and day out --- government norms frequently violated --- aged persons, patients and students suffer severely --- permanent remedy required

Space

SECTION - D
(SUPPLEMENTARY)
(FOR EXTERNAL CANDIDATES ONLY)

1. Give antonyms of the following words (any four):

1 × 4 = 4

- i) rise: _____
- ii) heavy: _____
- iii) virtue: _____
- iv) beautiful: _____
- v) slow: _____

2. Replace the following expressions by single words formed by using prefixes listed below (any three):

2 × 3 = 6

- i) not even: _____
 - ii) not satisfied: _____
 - iii) to give courage: _____
 - iv) not sufficient : _____
- [dis _____, en _____, in _____, un _____]