ENGLISH
COMPULSORY HSSC-I
SECTION – A (Marks 20)

Time allowed: 25 Minutes

Section – A is compulsory. All parts of this section are to be answered on this page and handed over to the Centre Superintendent. Deleting/overwriting is not allowed.

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Fill the relevant bubble against each question according to curriculum: **Candidate Sign.** _____

	Question	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
1.	It is amazing, how well he managed all this! The underlined word illustrates the use of:	Interrogative Pronoun	Interrogative Adverb	Interjection	Demonstrative Pronoun	○	○	○	○
2.	They were least aware of what to do further in that regard. This sentence is:	Simple	Compound	Complex	Compound complex	○	○	○	○
3.	The minister was invited to _____ prison to hold a session with the prisoners. Choose the correct article:	a	an	the	No article needed	○	○	○	○
4.	It was a wonderful display of craftsmanship. The underlined word is a/an:	Common noun	Proper noun	Material noun	Abstract noun	○	○	○	○
5.	You must prepare yourself well for this task. The underlined word illustrates the use of:	Reflexive pronoun	Emphatic pronoun	Indefinite pronoun	Relative pronoun	○	○	○	○
6.	There was enough margin for improvement in this case. The type of adjective used in this sentence is:	Quality	Quantity	Degree	Frequency	○	○	○	○
7.	Finding that place in such a foggy weather was not easy. The underlined word is a/an:	Transitive verb	Intransitive verb	Gerund	Participle	○	○	○	○
8.	We could have least expected such an outcome. The underlined part is:	Adverb phrase	Adjective phrase	Noun clause	Noun phrase	○	○	○	○
9.	The people have been hit hard by the escalating prices. The underlined part is:	Participle phrase	Adverb phrase	Gerund phrase	Participle clause	○	○	○	○
10.	The authorities must take immediate measures before the situation gets out of control. The underlined part is:	Adverb phrase	Adverb clause	Noun phrase	Noun clause	○	○	○	○
11.	It turned out to be an open secret with everyone knowing its pros and cons. The underlined part is:	Euphemism	Irony	Oxymoron	Metaphor	○	○	○	○
12.	In *'I saw you toss the kites on high'* while addressing wind the poet has used:	Metaphor	Simile	Anaphora	Personification	○	○	○	○
13.	An inoffensive or indirect word or phrase used in place of a more offensive or harsh term is called:	Euphemism	Oxymoron	Irony	Symbolism	○	○	○	○
14.	*'That I could think there trembled through'*. This poetic line illustrates the use of:	Personification	Alliteration	Metaphor	Anaphora	○	○	○	○
15.	He was so desperate to achieve his goal. The type of verb used in this sentence is:	Transitive verb	Intransitive verb	Linking verb	Auxiliary verb	○	○	○	○
16.	The correct synonym for the word 'abandoned' is:	Occupied	Renovated	Banned	Deserted	○	○	○	○
17.	The opposite in meaning to 'sprawling' is:	Confining	Spreading	Extending	Sweeping	○	○	○	○
18.	He made every possible effort but could not succeed. The type of conjunction used is:	Correlative	Coordinating	Subordinating	Illative	○	○	○	○
19.	We felt the earth shake during the earthquake. The underlined word is a/an:	Linking verb	Auxiliary verb	Bare infinitive	Simple infinitive	○	○	○	○
20.	Choose the option with correct spelling:	Condascend	Condescand	Condiscend	Condescend	○	○	○	○

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Time allowed: 2:35 Hours **Total Marks Sections B and C: 80**

SECTION – B (Marks 40)

Q. 2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions appended to it.
Note: Question No. (i) about summary writing is carrying 08 marks while rest of the questions carry 04 marks each (8 + 5 x 4 = 28)

Access to safe water, sanitation and **hygiene** is the most basic human need for health and well–being. Billions of people will lack access to these basic services in 2030 unless progress **quadruples**. Demand for water is rising owing to rapid population growth, **urbanization** and increasing water needs from agriculture, industry and energy sectors. The demand for water has **outpaced** population growth, and half of the world's population is already **experiencing** severe water **scarcity** at least one month a year. Water scarcity is projected to increase with the rise of global temperatures as a result of climate change. Investments in infrastructure and sanitation facilities; protection and restoration of water-related ecosystems; and hygiene education are among the steps necessary to ensure universal access to safe and affordable drinking water for all by 2030, and improving water-use efficiency is one key to reducing water stress.

There has been positive progress between 2015 and 2022, the proportion of the world's population with access to safely managed drinking water increased from 69 percent to 73 percent. Why? Access to water, sanitation and hygiene is a human right. To get back on track, key strategies include increasing sector–wide investment and capacity–building, promoting innovation and evidence–based action, enhancing cross–sectorial coordination and cooperation among all stakeholders and adopting a more integrated and **holistic** approach to water management. Water is essential not only to health, but also to poverty reduction, food security, peace and human rights, ecosystems and education.

Nevertheless, countries face growing challenges linked to water scarcity, water pollution, degraded water related ecosystems and cooperation over trans–boundary water basins.

(i) Write down the summary of the given passage and suggest a suitable title. (7+1=8)

(ii) How is there every likelihood that billions of people will lack access to safe water by 2030?

OR

What has been the impact of the demand for water having outpaced the population growth?

(iii) What measures can be taken to minimize the adverse impact of water scarcity?

OR

Do you think, we can really preserve a lot of water by improving water-use efficiency?

(iv) What are some of those key strategies which we must adopt to safeguard the basic human right of access to water, sanitation and hygiene?

(v) What does it mean 'to adopt a more integrated and holistic approach to water management' as suggested in the passage?

(vi) How is water essential not only to health but also to 'poverty reduction' and 'food security'?

OR

Give the contextual meanings of any four of the words highlighted/underlined in the passage.

Q. 3 A. Read the following poetic extract carefully and answer the questions appended to it: (2+2+2=06)

I. I saw the different things you did,
But always you yourself you hid.
I felt you push, I heard you call,
I could not see yourself at all.

Questions:

(i) How did the poet feel the presence of the wind?
(ii) How did the wind always hid itself?
(iii) Illustrate with an example the use of two poetic devices in this stanza.

OR

II. I tire so of hearing people say,
Let things take their course.
Tomorrow is another day.
I don't need my freedom when I'm dead.
I cannot live on tomorrow's bread.

Questions:

(i) What was the poet so tired of to hear from the fellow people?
(ii) Do you agree with the poet that it is of no use to have freedom when you are dead?
(iii) Point out the use of poetic devices in this stanza. (at least two examples of different devices)

B. Attempt any **ONE** of the following questions: **(06)**

(i) How is characterization an important element of a play? Elaborate your answer with reference to various characters of any one act play.

(ii) How does a conflict in a story or play often turn out to be the main source of keeping the interest of the reader intact till the last moment? Illustrate in the light of a short play of your choice.

SECTION – C (Marks 40)

Note: Attempt ALL the questions.

Q. 4 Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper to create an awareness of road safety among the drivers and the people in general to avoid traffic accidents. **(08)**

OR

Write a job application in response to the advertisement for the vacancy of a hotel receptionist.

Note: The candidates are advised not to mention their real names and addresses.

Q. 5 A. Choose the correct meanings of ANY SIX of the following idioms used in the sentences: (06)

(i) He was at his wit's end after that collapse in business. (not liked being witty, completely puzzled)
(ii) The boss did not like his below the belt remarks. (comments on the belt, indecent comments)
(iii) Their evil intention will soon come to grief. (fail to harm someone, to go through a grief)
(iv) You should not feather your nest with the public money. (build a house, take to corrupt practices)
(v) He is the one who can hold all the team together. (keep in contact, keep united)
(vi) Many soldiers had to lick the dust in the war. (get obscured by dust, surrender before the enemy)
(vii) She will move heaven and earth to achieve her goal. (try to conquer the universe, do every possible effort)
(viii) Their business is now out of the woods. (away from any forest, in a state of safety)

B. Change the narration of the following passage. (06)

"Why are you always glued to your phone?" implored the father. The son shrugged, "What else can I do?" "Don't you have any other hobbies?" questioned the father. "Put that device away and go play outside," he persisted. "If you go on like this, it'll ruin your health and hamper all your abilities," he reiterated further.

C. Punctuate the following lines/paragraph: (04)

Look out the window dear, at the last leaf on the wall Didnt you wonder why it never moved when the wind was blowing Oh my dear it is behrmans great masterpiece–he painted it there the night that the last leaf fell.

Q. 6 Suppose you are a member of an NGO working to eliminate the menace of domestic violence against women in our society. Make a survey report to be presented to the CEO of your organization based on the points cited below: **(08)**

a) Introduction/mind-set behind this menace
b) Its impact/manifestation
c) The role of officials/media
d) Remedies/solution

Q. 7 Write a paragraph of about **100 to 120 words** on **ANY ONE** of the following topics: **(08)**

i) Role of AI in education
ii) Pakistan and the way forward